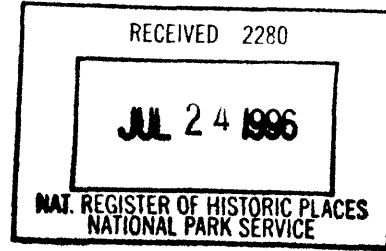


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1. Name of Property

historic name: Hallville Mill Historic District

other name/site number: Hallville

2. Location

street & number: Hallville Road, Hall's Mill Road and Route 2A on Hallville Pond

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Preston vicinity: N/A

state: CT county: New London code: 011 zip code: 06365

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private-multiple

Category of Property: District

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>23</u>	<u>6</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>		sites
<u>2</u>		structures
		objects
<u>26</u>	<u>6</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: _____

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

Property name Hallville Mill Village Historic District

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

John W. Shannahan
John W. Shannahan, Director, Connecticut Historical Commission 07/22/96
Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register ___ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall 8-22-96

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Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic:	<u>Industry/Processing</u>	Sub:	<u>manufacturing facility</u>
	<u>Domestic</u>		<u>single dwelling</u>
			<u>multiple dwelling</u>
Current:	<u>Industry/Processing</u>	Sub:	<u>manufacturing facility</u>
	<u>Domestic</u>		<u>single dwelling</u>
			<u>multiple dwelling</u>

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7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Mid-19th Century
Late Victorian

Other Description: _____

Materials: foundation stone roof asphalt
walls brick, wood other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: state

Applicable National Register Criteria: A, C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): NA

Areas of Significance: Architecture
Engineering
Industry
Social History

Period(s) of Significance: 1850-1950

Significant Dates: NA

Significant Person(s): NA

Cultural Affiliation: NA

Architect/Builder: NA

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

X See continuation sheet.

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Description

Hallville Mill and the associated mill village of workers' housing are located on approximately 30 acres to the south of Route 2 (Norwich-Westerly Highway) on both sides of Indiantown Brook and Hallville Mill Pond. Both sides of the mill village are connected via a pony truss bridge over a stone masonry spillway. The west side of the village lies along Route 2A (Hallville-Poquetanuck Road). The current access to the mill complex and the east side of the village is by way of Hall's Mill Road on the east side of Indiantown Brook.

The impoundment of Indiantown Brook created a millpond (Hallville Pond) extending south of the mill complex. The stone masonry dam which impounds Indiantown Brook extends about 150 feet, creating a terraced platform for the mill complex to the north. From the dam, a channelized brook and tailrace run north, flanked on the east side by the complex's principal, long, multi-bay, mill building which is constructed of brick in an L-shaped plan and features two stories and a flat roof. To the east of the mill building is a single-story brick power plant, an early 20th-century single-story metal-clad storage building, and the former millworkers' boarding house, which contribute to the complex. Ranging to the northeast off Hall's Mill Road are three mid-to late 19th-century and early 20th-century single dwellings once utilized as mill management housing. The block of double dwellings for mill workers' families is located west of the mill in a linear arrangement along Route 2A (Hallville-Poquetanuck Road) facing the mill and the millpond. A total of 11 mid-to late 19th-century single and double dwellings are extant along Route 2A. Many of these buildings are located in a row on a bank to the west of the road, facing the mill and forming a village cluster with the mill buildings. All of the workers' housing is within walking distance of the mill.

Architecturally, the buildings of the mill complex and the mill housing reflect mid-to late 19th-century taste in conventional building traditions and the chaste Greek Revival and Italianate styles. A large percentage (26/32 or 81%) of contributing buildings and structures are contained within the district.

The principal structures of the Hallville Mill are built of brick on stone foundations with multiple windows in segmental-arched bays divided by brick pilasters. Windows have rock-faced stone sills and brick lintels, and are wood-framed with 12/12 lights in wooden sash. Many of the windows are original. The mill was enlarged over the period of significance and rebuilt several times following major fires. Extension of the mill in the late 19th and early 20th centuries included building additions to the

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north, lengthening the structure. Rehabilitation after a fire in the 1940s included removal of the third and attic floors of the southern portion of the building and the attached upper floors of a crenelated tower. A fire in 1978 significantly damaged the southernmost section of the building, including the steam room and the sorting room. This section of the mill was rebuilt with structural concrete block infill and a new wood-framed roof.

A wood and steel water tower and a brick chimney stack were removed recently from the southeastern portion of the mill complex.

Most of the workers' housing reflects a common thread in New England textile mill village architecture of the period in the utilization of conservative stylistic traditions. The workers' housing on the west side of Indiantown Brook exhibits simple and vernacular Greek Revival details, including small rectilinear attic windows, small flat-roofed porch roofs, and attic end-gable lunettes. Single dwellings have front-door enframements with side lights and transoms. Mill-associated housing on the east side of the complex is characterized by more picturesque and exuberant mid-to late 19th-century architectural styles. Two end-gable single dwellings arranged on adjoining lots on Hall's Mill Road have Italianate and Carpenter Gothic decorative details. One of these dwellings has a characteristic end-gable lunette. Nearby is an early 20th-century Bungalow-style single dwelling. These dwellings housed mill management, including the boss weaver and the mill engineer. The workers' boarding house is a combination of two late 19th-century bracketed Italianate houses which were originally constructed for occupation by the owners of the mill in the 1870s, Joseph Hall, Jr., and his brother Benjamin Hall. The connection of these two structures consists of a plain two-story hyphen, unsympathetic to the original character-defining architecture, but constructed in the 1880s and enlarged after 1940.

Connecting the two residential districts of the mill complex which are separated by Indiantown Brook is a riveted steel pin-connected metal truss bridge. The wooden bridge deck is missing. The bridge spans the dam and connects an internal road system which originally was the primary access to the mill complex from Hallville Road to the west. Later this circulation connected with Hall's Mill Road to create a loop to Route 2 (Norwich-Westerly Highway).

There are few mid-to late 20th-century intrusions within the Hallville Mill District. Several single dwellings have been constructed north and south of the mill workers' housing on Route 2A. The village tavern and store was demolished in the late 20th century. The form of the mill complex has been

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altered by fire damage. In 1944 the original roof profile of the 1880s principal mill building was destroyed and replaced with a flat roof at the two-story ceiling level. A crenelated stair/water tower known to have been seven stories in height on the east side of the complex was badly damaged in the fire and was partially demolished to a single story. The power house chimney has been removed and the boarding house partially sheathed in asphalt shingles. The mill buildings on the west side of the brook, used for finishing, were severely damaged in a fire in 1978 and have been cleared except for their foundations. All of the mill machinery has been removed, except for the water turbines and a large pre-World War II diesel generator. Despite these changes, the complex retains sufficient integrity of form, historical materials, and context to convey its significance.

The following is an annotated list of buildings within the Hallville Mill Historic District:

<u>Map #</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Name/Style/Date</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>C/NC</u>
1	23/11	11 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Hse/Gothic/ ca.1870	Alfred & Natalie Lamont	C
2	23/13	13 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Hse/Italianate/ ca.1870	Eileen R. Tonon	C
3	23/15	15 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Hse/Bungalow/	Charles & Noreen Barry	C
4	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Boarding Hse/ Italianate/ca.1870	Piela Electric PO Box 908 Preston, CT 06365	C
5	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Power Hse/ Early 20th-cent./ 1912	Piela Electric	C
6	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Storage Bldg/ Early 20th-cent./ ca.1918	Piela Electric	C
7	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Storage Bldg/ Early 20th-cent./ ca.1918	Piela Electric	C
8	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Hallville Mill/ Late 19th-cent./ ca.1880	Piela Electric	C
9	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Mill Dam/ 18th-cent./rebuilt	Piela Electric	C

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<u>Map #</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Street/address</u>	<u>Name/Style/Date</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>C/NC</u>
9 (cont.)			early 20th-cent.		
10	23/16	16 Hall's Mill Rd	Bridge/early 20th-cent.	Piela Electric	C
11	23/16	Hallville Rd	Mill foundations	Piela Electric	C
12	23/1	1 Hallville Rd	House/ 20th-cent.	Michael & Donna Mattos	NC
13	23/3	3 Hallville Rd	House/ Late 20th-cent.	Joseph S. & Ruth Ann Ankiewicz	NC
14	23/6	6 Hallville Rd	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Juackino & Jutta Cipriano	C
15	23/18	18 Route 2A	House/ 1961	Warren Arpaia	NC
16	23/25	25 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Homer & Beverly Ezell	C
17	23/27	27 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	John W., Jr. & Sharon Youket	C
18	23/30	30 Route 2A	House/ 20th-cent.	Roger C. & Jeanne M. LeBlanc	NC
19	23/32	32 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Vernacular/ ca.1870	Susan Rizzuto	C
20	23/34	34 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Vernacular/ ca.1870	Gail Burton	C
21	23/36	36 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Vernacular/ ca.1870	Mary Pike	C
22	23/38	38 Route 2A	Barn/ Vernacular/ 1880	Frank J. & Bonnie Cipriano 103 Branch Hill Rd.	C

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<u>Map #</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Address/street</u>	<u>Name/Style/Date</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>C/NC</u>
				Preston, CT 06365	
23	23/40	40 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Bonnie & Frank J. Cipriano, Jr. and F. Shea & Doris Gaudett 103 Branch Hill Rd. Preston, CT 06365	C
24	23/42	42 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Philip & Anna B. Ales	C
25	23/44	44 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Fred L. & Arlene C. Rodman 175 Route 2 Preston, CT 06369	C
26	23/46	46 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Karl Albert & Michele M. Monty	C
27	23/48	48 Route 2A	Mill Hse/ Greek Revival/ ca.1860	Frederick Rodman 175 Route 2 Preston, CT 06365	C
28	23/54	54 Route 2A	Hse/Vernacular/ 19th-century	Wilfred C. Nickerson	C
29	23/67	67 Route 2A	Hse/Late Victorian	John A. Worrall 27 Moore Ave. Old Lyme, CT 06371	C
30	23/69	71 Route 2A	Hse/20th-century	Claire E. Greene	NC
31	23/73	73 Route 2A	Union Club/ Vernacular/19th- century	Roger C. and Christina Pfeifer	C

Photographs List:

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- 1) Hallville Mill Dam, Hallville Mill (Resource # 9)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) December 1994
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) View looking northeast

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Photograph 2 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill (Resource # 8)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) December 1994
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) View looking east

Photograph 3 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill Spinning Room (Resource # 8)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) February 1995
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) Interior view looking north

Photograph 4 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill and Mill Dam, Hallville Mill (Resources # 8 & 9)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) February 1995
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) View looking south

Photograph 5 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill Boarding House (Resource # 4)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) February 1995
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) View looking west

Photograph 6 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill Housing (Resource # 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) December 1994
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) View looking south

Photograph 7 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill House (Resource # 25)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT

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- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
 - 4) December 1994
 - 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
 - 6) View looking southwest

Photograph 8 of 8

- 1) Hallville Mill Bridge (Resource # 10)
- 2) Preston, New London County, CT
- 3) Richard C. Youngken, photographer
- 4) February 1995
- 5) Negative located at Preston Historical Society, Preston, CT
- 6) View looking southwest

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Significance

The Hallville Mill Historic District is significant as an intact representative small-scale 19th-century mill village containing a high concentration of contributing buildings and structures built as components of a company-owned town based initially upon the so-called Rhode Island system of manufacturing. (Criterion C). During the period of significance, Hallville Mill became one of the town of Preston's major employers and significant source of local tax revenue and economic development. The mill was one of three significant woolen manufacturing concerns in the town of Preston and the only one to have survived in operation into the early 20th century. Hallville Mill represents the shift in the town's economy to industrial production during the period of significance and as a mill village is a physical reminder of the industrialization of the southern New England region which augmented or displaced the local agrarian economy in the 19th century and created a new socio-economic order (criterion A). The artifacts of the mill, the landscape setting, and the structures convey the industrial history of the area.

History

Hallville Mill and its mill village were developed by the Kimball and Hall families in the late 18th and 19th centuries and continuing into the early-to-mid-20th century. Manufacturing-related activity had been undertaken at the site from before the Revolution when Robert Kennedy bought the property on Indiantown Brook and erected a fulling mill in 1752. In 1814 William Kimball owned the property and was engaged in custom and roll wool carding. During this period the area was known as Kimball's Mills. Joseph Hall, Sr., an immigrant from England trained in wool manufacturing, took over the mill in 1857. Further development of the mill and the mill village occurred under the active and successful management of the company by Hall and by his sons following the former's death in 1858. The Hall brothers, including Joseph Hall, Jr., and Benjamin Hall, succeeded in developing an expertise in wool processing, and it is their investment in the company beginning in 1863 that led to the development of the mill housing surrounding the complex. In 1866 the Hall brothers enlarged the mill buildings and waterpower to a three-set mill manufacturing woolen yarn. They rebuilt the mill following a disastrous fire in 1873 which destroyed the original building. In 1873 the Hall brothers built a small, two-story, brick mill in its place. In 1874 they began cleaning and scouring California wool. A wool scouring and rinsing machine was patented by the firm in 1876. In 1879 the complex was enlarged to weave ladies' woolen dress materials. The principal mill building, ranging south of the dam, was rebuilt in 1880 to specialize in the manufacture of colored flannels for women's wear. In this year a five-set woolen mill was added. Later,

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high-grade woolen cloth for men's suiting was manufactured. Additions to the complex were made as late as 1912, including a new power house and boilers. The waterwheels and the dam were upgraded in 1919 and again in the 1940s. A fire in 1944 apparently destroyed the third floor and attic of the principal portion of the mill and the structure was reroofed at the second-floor ceiling level. Wool manufacturing at the site ceased in the mid-20th century and the complex was stripped of its machinery in 1963-64, ending 200 years associated with the processing and production of woolen goods.

The initial developer of the Hallville complex, Joseph Hall, Sr., was a weaver by trade who migrated to the United States from Leicester, England, in 1842. He arrived in nearby Montville from New York State in 1853 to manage a woolen mill. He was also associated with Isaac Cook in the Cooktown woolen mill in Preston prior to investing in the Hallville mill in 1857. During the period of significance the Hall brothers not only owned the mill, millpond, and dam, but they also owned the entire village of Hallville. In the late 19th century Hallville, under the Hall brother's management, became part of a larger textile manufacturing enterprise which they owned, including a mill in Norwich known as the Thames Valley Mills (purchased by the Hall brothers in 1885). By this time, the Hall brothers had moved their offices and residences to Norwich. In 1888 it was reported that the Hallville Mill consumed 720,000 pounds of wool a year, employing 175 workers who were paid a total of \$60,000 a year to produce an annual quantity of 860,000 yards of flannel cloth. In Preston, Hallville became the largest manufacturing operation of its kind, surpassing in output the Lucas Mill in Poquetanuck and other local competitors.

Architecture and Engineering

The structures of the mill complex and the village display the organization and material elements common to small New England manufacturing complexes of the period based upon the Rhode Island system. The Rhode Island system was an employment and production system utilized in Rhode Island based upon English precedents in which mill owners recruited families as workers and provided company-owned housing, food and social services in small village or hamlet settings. In Hallville, the mill was expanded and rebuilt in consecutive phases of development as a linear facility. The portions of the building built closest to the primary access road and the dam were devoted to power production and the sorting, scouring and picking of wool. The spaces north of these areas were devoted to carding and yarn-spinning mules and later frames. The lower level of the building was devoted to woolen cloth weaving. The interiors of the spaces retain the spacial character of these operations, although the machinery has been removed. Of

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significance is the existence of the water turbines and early hydro-electric machinery which were installed in 1919 to complement a three-part system of electrical power generation for mill operations composed of steam, diesel, and water.

The mill workers' housing built in the mid-to late 19th century close to the mill exemplifies conventional taste in architectural styles of the period, including the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, and Italianate styles. The earliest extant housing, built in Greek Revival and mid-19th-century vernacular styles has the form of single and double dwellings for mill workers' families. Many of these dwellings are ornamented by small round attic windows, doors with sidelights and transoms, and end-gable round attic windows. They are arranged in a row along the western side of Hallville Pond and Indiantown Brook, separated and connected to the mill complex by a metal vehicular and pedestrian pony truss bridge. These dwellings represent the original orientation of the mill owners to the Rhode Island system of manufacturing in which a small village was created to attract workers and family labor. The dwellings built in this period provided comfortable, uncrowded and attractive housing.

Closer to the mill, on the eastern side of Brook adjacent to the mill complex, housing for the mill owners and mill managers was built. Two matching Italianate villas were built for the Hall brothers (ca.1870) in a prominent position overlooking Hallville Pond in proximity to the mill dam and primary mill buildings. To the north were located two single dwellings for managers, including a Carpenter Gothic-style cottage.

Conversion of the owners' housing to a large boarding house in the late 19th century and the location of a large boarding house on the east side of Indiantown Brook (no longer extant) signify a transition of operations to the so-called Waltham system typified by larger enterprises which hired single men or women workers, instead of families, and housed them in large boarding houses.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: approximately 50 acres, including Hallville Pond

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	<u>18</u>	<u>747660</u>	<u>4598275</u>	B	<u>18</u>	<u>747790</u> <u>4598000</u>
C	<u>18</u>	<u>747660</u>	<u>4597250</u>	D	<u>18</u>	<u>747500</u> <u>4597175</u>

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Reference: See attached Sketch Map: Hallville Mill Historic District, Preston, CT for a detailed boundary description.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

The boundaries of the district have been drawn to include the contiguous contributing resources of the mill village including and surrounding the mill complex. In addition, the mill pond formed by a dam south of the mill and the mill sluiceway north of the complex are included as defining elements of the village setting.

11. Form Prepared By

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 Reviewed by: John Herzan, National Register Coordinator, Connecticut Historical Commission
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The Hallville Mill Historic District boundaries have been drawn to include all of the contributing properties of the mill village which are located in proximity to the mill complex and Hallville Pond.

The Hallville Mill Historic District extends southward from the intersection of Route 2 and Route 2A generally along both sides of Route 2A to the end of Hallville Pond. To the east, the district includes property on both sides of Hall's Mill Road. To the west, the district is bounded by the westerly property lines of former mill housing on the west side of Route 2A. The district includes the following Tax Assessor's maps/lots:

Assessor's Map/lots: 23/1, 6, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 42, 44, 46, 48, 54, 67, 71, 73.

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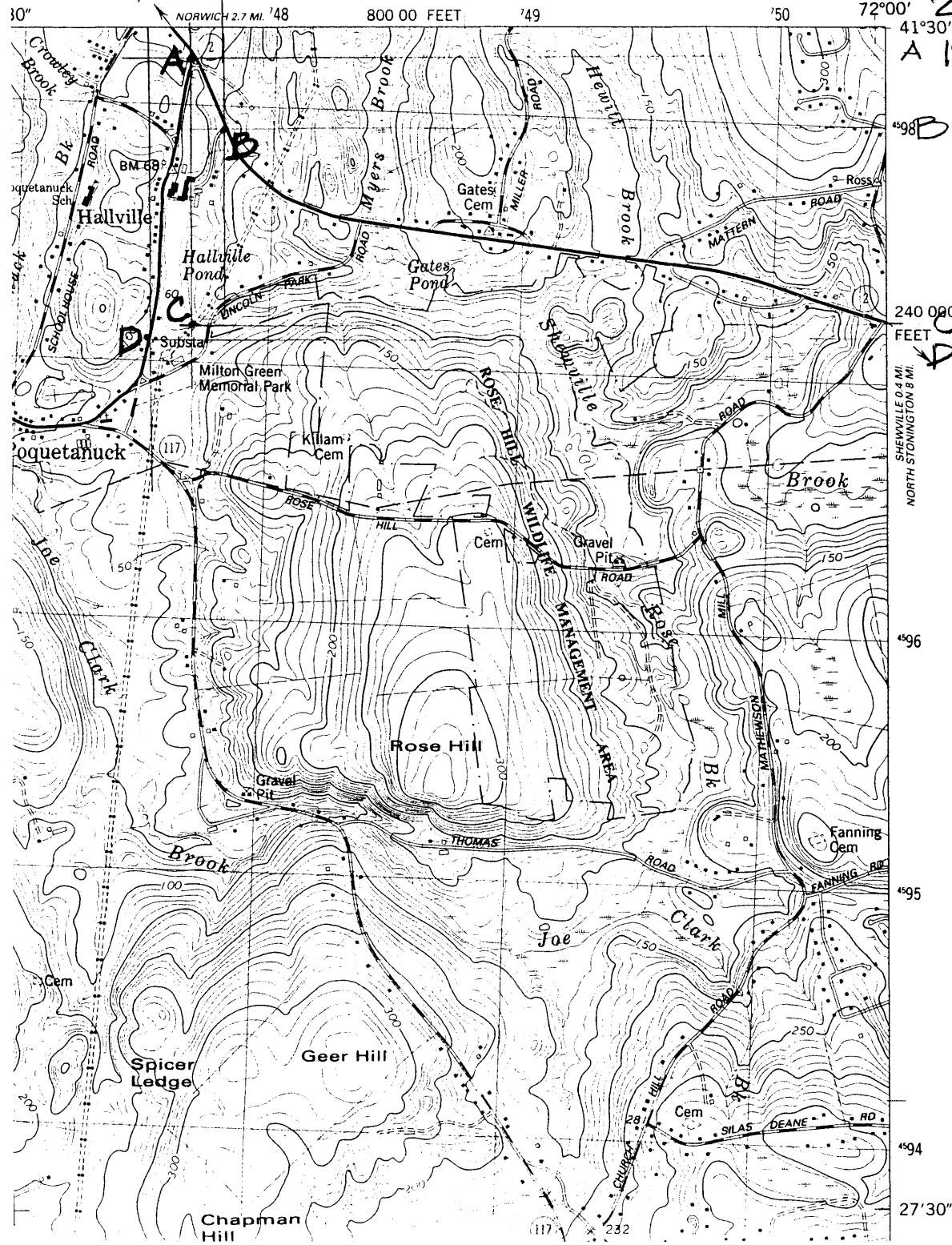
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