

FORM A - AREA SURVEY

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Form numbers in this area

387
399

Area no.

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NP-4

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

1. Town Taunton

✓ Name of area (if any) Hopewell Mills

Area dist.

3. General date or period c. 1818-c. 1865

4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? No - Cape-Type through Greek Revival
in condition? No - Fair to Good
in type of ownership? Yes - Mixed Private
in use? No- Residential, Commercial

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 7/18/79

(over)

UTMS: A 19/326130/4642370
B 19/326290/4642420
C 19/326340/4642220

7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

The Hopewell Mills Area consists of the archaeological remains of one of Taunton's first and longest-operating cotton mills, adjacent duplex and multi-family tenements, and several commercial structures that once served the mill community. This complex represents one of the most visible and easily recognizable of the city's 19th century industrial villages, retaining a virtually unaltered street pattern and building arrangement.

The origins of the village date back to 1818 when Charles Richmond, landowner and industrialist, purchased an old cutting mill, dam and privilege on a Mill River site used for iron manufacturing in the 17th century. In partnership with two other associates--Samuel Crocker and Silas Shepard--Richmond built two mills from 1818 to 1821, housing machine and nail works and cotton manufacturing facilities.

Five years later, echoing the growing interest in New England in forming large, stock-holding industries, the Hopewell Mills became part of a huge corporate experiment, the "Taunton Manufacturing Company." The goal of this corporation was to amalgamate all of Taunton's Mill River industries, housing and water rights, and to share their profits. In addition, the directors wished to specialize production. Hence, the last remnants of iron manufacturing machinery were removed from the Hopewell Mills in the 1820's, and cotton machinery was introduced.

While the Taunton Manufacturing Company was successful at first, its profits declined by 1840, and in 1844, it was dissolved. Hopewell Mill's holdings were transferred to Cyrus Lothrop, who died accidentally in 1854, and then to Superintendent Charles Albro.

It is under Albro's directorate (1854-1888) that much of the mill village as it appears today took form. The large, multi-family brick tenements at 148 and 150 Bay St. and 2-6 Jefferson St. were built to expand the housing capabilities of pre-existent duplex houses on Albro Ave. and Bay St. A company store was (cont.)

8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Photos, Notes, Collection of Charles Crowley

Walling, 1850

Beers, 1871

Walker, 1881

Sanborn, 1937

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Taunton	Form No: NR-4
Property Name: Hopewell Mills	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

7. Historical Data (continued)

operated by Albro's cousin, J.D. Albro, at 129-131 Bay St., and a machine shop established at the corner of Jefferson and Bay Streets.

In 1888, Albro sold the mill to an investment firm. L. Beebe & Co. of Boston, who continued to operate it until 1904, when the mill structure burned.

Description: The Hopewell Mills Area consists of 18 brick and frame structures arranged in a linear pattern along Bay Street and Albro Ave. and the archaeological remains of the Hopewell Mill itself, which originally stood on the bank of the Mill River just west of Hopewell Ave. Eight of the structures are 1½-story brick duplexes, concentrated along Albro Ave. (Inventory #'s 392-397), and also represented on Bay Street (Inventory #'s 388 & 399). The other major components are two brick 2½-story tenements with Greek Revival details at the corner of Albro and Bay (Inventory #'s 390 and 398), a connected rowhouse block and appended 1-story at 2-6 Jefferson St. (Inventory #391), and former grocery store at 129-131 Bay St. (Inventory #387). Five properties in the district have been determined to be non-contributing. See property owners list: non contributing properties NR-4: Hopewell Mills. These properties have been altered and lost their architectural integrity.

The Hopewell Mills possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and historical association with the development of Taunton as a major manufacturing center during the 19th century. The district retains most of its mill housing and represents a virtually intact industrial village. The Hopewell Mills meet criteria A, B and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

Boundaries were selected to include the extent of this well preserved 19th century mill village; boundary lines follow lot lines.

Acreage: Approximately 12; large assessors maps (2).

OWNERS LIST

Hopewell Mills District NR-4

Form #388	128 Bay Street	Francis W. Parry	128 Bay Street, Taunton	1820
Form #390	142 Bay Street	Raymond Coderre	142 Bay Street, Taunton	1860
Form #391	151 Bay Street	Ronald Harnois	151 Bay Street, Taunton	1865
Form #392	3-5 Albro Avenue	William H. Silbur	3-5 Albro Avenue, Taunton	1840
Form #393	4-6 Albro Avenue	Armand Courcy	4-6 Albro Avenue, Taunton	1818-1860 1840
Form #394	7-9 Albro Avenue	Justin J. Lopes	7-9 Albro Avenue, Taunton	1820
Form #395	11-13 Albro Avenue	George Alves	11-13 Albro Avenue, Taunton	1820
Form #396	14 Albro Avenue	Orlando B. Barber	14 Albro Avenue, Taunton	1840
Form #397	15-17 Albro Avenue	Michael Stefanik	15-17 Albro Avenue, Taunton	1820
Form #398	150 Bay Street	George Doherty	150 Bay Street, Taunton	1860
Form #399	160 Bay Street	Stella Crossman	160 By Street, Taunton	1940
	*8 Albro Avenue	Abraham & Emma Tavares	8 Albro Avenue, Taunton	
	*16 Albro Avenue	Charles & Carol Lacerda	16 Albro Avenue, Taunton	
	*120 Bay Street	Francis & Eleanor McGowan	120 Bay Street, Taunton	
	*136 Bay Street	Daniel M. Rodriques	21 South Avenue, Taunton	1865
Form #387	*129-131 Bay Street	John S. Lopes	11 South Street, Taunton	
Form #389	*139 Bay Street	Francis B. Lukasewski	139 Bay Street, Taunton	

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Corn 7/5/84

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 50 1. Roseland Substantive Review Keeper Rejct
Attest _____
2. Old Colony Iron Works-Nemasket Mills Complex Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
3. Reed and Barton Complex Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
4. St. Mary's Complex Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
5. Whittenton Mills Complex Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
6. Hopewell Mills District Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
7. Taunton Green Historic District Substantive Review for Keeper Bruce M. Dwyer 3/1/85
Attest _____
8. Atwood, Charles R., House Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
9. Barnum School Entered in the National Register for Keeper Delores Byers 7/5/84
Attest _____
10. Bartlett, J. C., House Substantive Review for Keeper Bruce M. Dwyer 7/5/84
Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hopewell Mills District (Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.86

Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/5/84

Entered in the National Register
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7-5-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



BAY ST STREETSCAPE
LOOKING SOUTH

Hepwell Mills District
Taunton MRA, Ma

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey



#390

Hopewell Mills District

Taunton NRA, Ma

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MAY 1980



by Berkey

MAY 1980



#391

Hopewell Mills District
Taunton NRA, Ma

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

by Berkey



ALBRO AVE STREETSCAPE
NORTH SIDE

Hopewell Hills District
Taunton MRA 114

AUG 1979



by Berkey

AUG 1979



by Berkey



#420

Wpenell Mills District
Taunton NRA, Ma

MAY 1980



by Esthaz

MAY 1980



by Esthaz



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Hoxwell Mills District

Taunton NRA, MA

MAY 1980

Prestige Prints

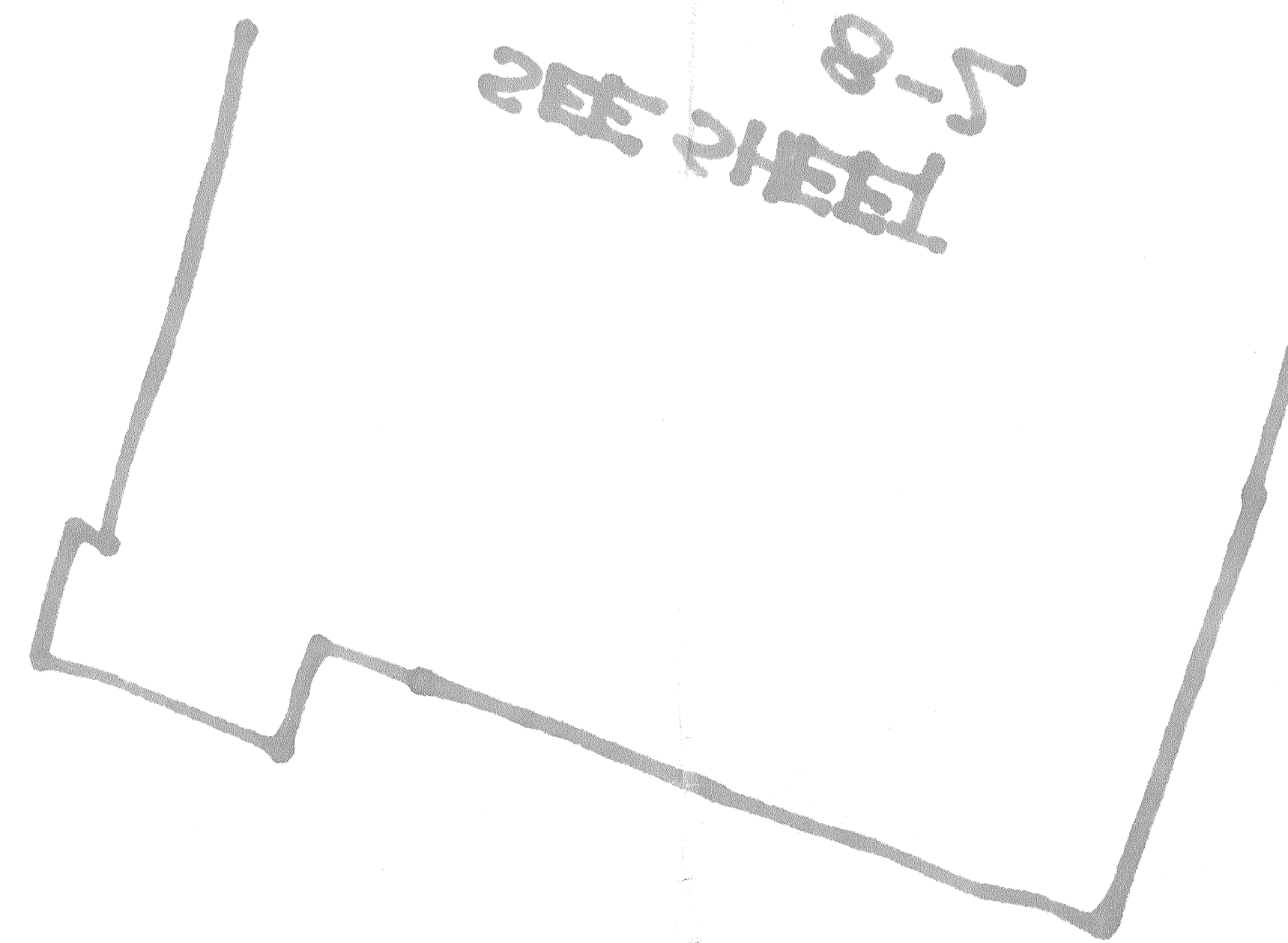
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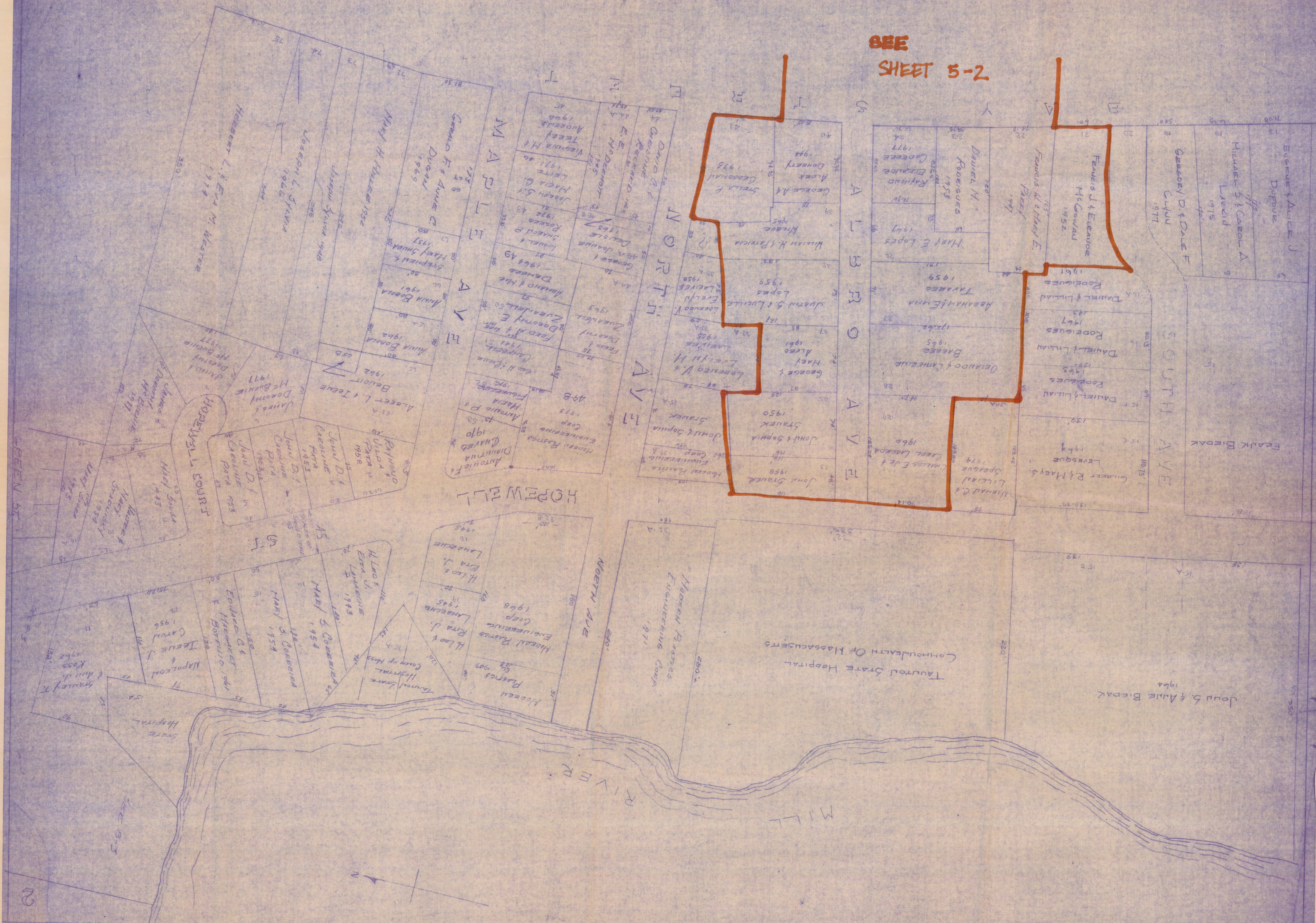
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Taunton, Mass.
MRA
NR-4
Hopewell Mills

BEE
SHEET 5-2

AREA L-NR-4



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297