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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:
Massachusetts
 COUNTY:
Berkshire
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE
MAY 11 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Beaver Mill
 AND/OR HISTORIC:
Beaver Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Beaver Street
 CITY OR TOWN:
North Adams
 STATE:
Massachusetts
 CODE:
025
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First
 COUNTY:
Berkshire
 CODE:
003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Sprague Electric Company
 STREET AND NUMBER:
87 Marshall Street
 CITY OR TOWN:
North Adams
 STATE:
Massachusetts
 CODE:
025

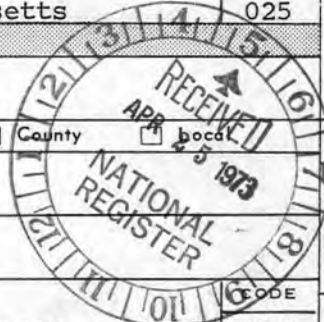
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Berkshire County Registry of Deeds
 STREET AND NUMBER:
65 Park Street
 CITY OR TOWN:
Adams
 STATE:
Massachusetts
 CODE:
025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Massachusetts Historical Commission
 STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street
 CITY OR TOWN:
Boston
 STATE:
Massachusetts
 CODE:
025

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 COUNTY: Berkshire
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beaver Mill is located on Beaver Street in the valley of the North Branch of the Hoosic River. A wooded hillside rises behind the mill to the west, and an even steeper hill rises to the east, beyond the river. Across Beaver Street from the mill are the original company store and a one-story wooden storage building. North along Beaver Street is a line of company-built workers' housing, mostly double houses and rows.

The principal elements of the mill are three attached structures parallel to the street. The total length of this range of buildings is 418 feet; the predominant height, four stories; the predominant material, brick. In addition, there are a few subsidiary structures, such as an Engine Room Building to the west.

Of the three principal buildings, Number 1, at the southern end of the range, is the oldest. Its foundations go back to 1833, when a two-story-plus-basement stone mill measuring 40 by 80 feet was constructed on the site. After a fire in 1850, this original building was rebuilt as a three-story-plus-basement stone mill measuring 40 by 102 feet. Between 1894 and 1896, the top story was removed and three additional stories were constructed in brick. Building Number 1 today, therefore, is part stone and part brick; the lower part dates from 1851, the upper part from 1896. The low-pitched gable end is toward Beaver Street.

Building Number 2, measuring 170 by 50 feet, is an amalgam of two structures from the third quarter of the nineteenth century, brought together and enlarged in 1894-1896. Its long side is parallel to Beaver Street, its material is brick, and its varied fenestration reflects its origin in two earlier buildings.

Building Number 3, at the north end of the range, was built in its present form in 1896-1896. Measuring 208 by 75 feet, it extends the Beaver Street facade of the mill to the full 418 feet. Like Building Number 2, it is four stories high, but its stories are somewhat taller. Its brick walls are articulated by regularly spaced recessed window bays, each the full height of the facade and subsumed under segmental arches. The effect is that of a pilastered facade, although no classical elements of a pilaster are used. The roof is an extremely low-pitched gable with protruding wooden eaves.

Included in the National Register submission are the main mill and the wooden storage building and former company store across Beaver Street.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1833, 1851, 1894-1896

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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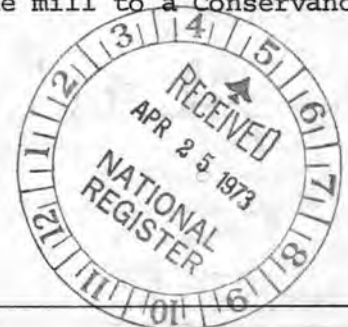
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Beaver Mill is significant to the industrial history of North Adams in its age, its architectural evolution, and its association with the founding father of the city, A.C. Houghton.

The original section of the Beaver Mill (built in 1833; rebuilt in 1851 after a fire) is the oldest surviving mill structure in North Adams and the only surviving stone mill. The Beaver Mill's architectural evolution over the last half of the nineteenth century is indicative both of the industrial growth of North Adams and of changing styles of industrial architecture. In its setting in the narrow mountain valley of the river that originally powered it, the Beaver Mill makes a strong visual impression. The adjacent mill housing enhances both the impact of the mill complex and its importance as a document of industrial community development and architecture.

During the last quarter of the nineteenth century, when the buildings achieved their present form, the Beaver Mill was owned by A. C. Houghton, founding father of the City of North Adams. Under his ownership, the complex was known as the Gallop and Houghton Beaver Mill. At various times during his career, Houghton was a Trustee of Williams College, State Director of the Fitchburg Railroad, President of the North Adams Savings Bank, Vice President of the Adams Savings Bank, Director of the Berkshire Life Insurance Company, Commissioner of the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago (1893), President of the Arnold Print Works, and first Mayor of North Adams. In the more recent past, the Beaver Mill served as the first home for Sprague Electric Company when that firm moved its operations from Quincy to North Adams in 1930. Since then, Sprague Electric has been a major economic force in North Adams, employing as many as 5,500 people. Although Sprague Electric is leaving the Beaver Mill, the buildings will continue to play a role in the future of North Adams if present plans materialize for converting the mill to a Conservancy Center for Works of Art and Antiquities.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Massachusetts, 1885.
 Tague, William H. Berkshire, Two Hundred Years in Pictures, 1761-1961.
 Eagle Publishing Company, 1961.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Robert B. Rettig, Executive Director
 ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE: 2/20/73
 STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: John F.X. Davoren
 JOHN F.X. DAVOREN, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission
 Title: of the Massachusetts Historical Commission
 Date: April 18, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/11/73

ATTEST:
Wm. J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5 10 73

PROPERTY

Beaver Mill

STATE

Mass.

WORKING NUMBER

4-25-73-2858

TECH REVIEW

Photos *2*

Maps *2*

*2/10/73
Berkshire*

CONTROL REVIEW

*OK
4-25-
73*

HISTORIAN

*OK
Accept - AMH
4/25/73*

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Accept
KH
4/30/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

Inventoried by HASEL 5/10/73. Accept. Eudy

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Kates
5/3/73*

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

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5/10/73*

National Register write-up _____

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Federal Register entry *7-3-73*

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

P.C.: Bradford Row

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Beaver Mill
View from a hill north of
Beekshire, Mass
Title: Beaver Mill
NPS Number 5/11/73

View of North End of Beaver Mill 100 Kings South

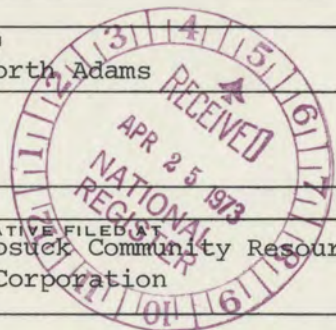
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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1. NAME		
COMMON Beaver Mill	AND/OR HISTORIC Beaver Mill	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) MAY 11 1973
2. LOCATION		
STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Berkshire	TOWN North Adams
STREET AND NUMBER Beaver Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Bradford Paul	DATE 2/17/73	NEGATIVE FILED AT Hoosuck Community Resource Corporation
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		



View from a hill north of the Beaver Mill looking south showing the hills and workers housing surrounding the plant.



Beaver Mill

NPS Number 5/11/73

Title: Beaver Mill

East facade of Mill.

Loc. Berkshire, Mass.

View of east facade of Beaver

Mill

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Beaver Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC

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NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

MAY 11 1973

2. LOCATION

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Massachusetts

COUNTY

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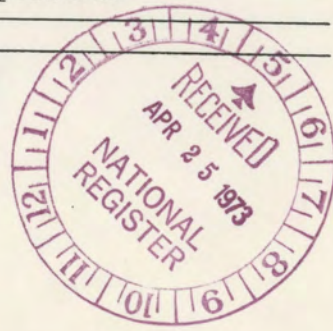
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Corporation

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of the east facade of the Beaver Mill.



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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COMMON

Beaver Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC

Beaver Mill

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

MAY 11 1973

2. LOCATION

STATE

Massachusetts

COUNTY

Berkshire

TOWN

North Adams

STREET AND NUMBER

Beaver Street

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S.

DATE

1960

SCALE

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:



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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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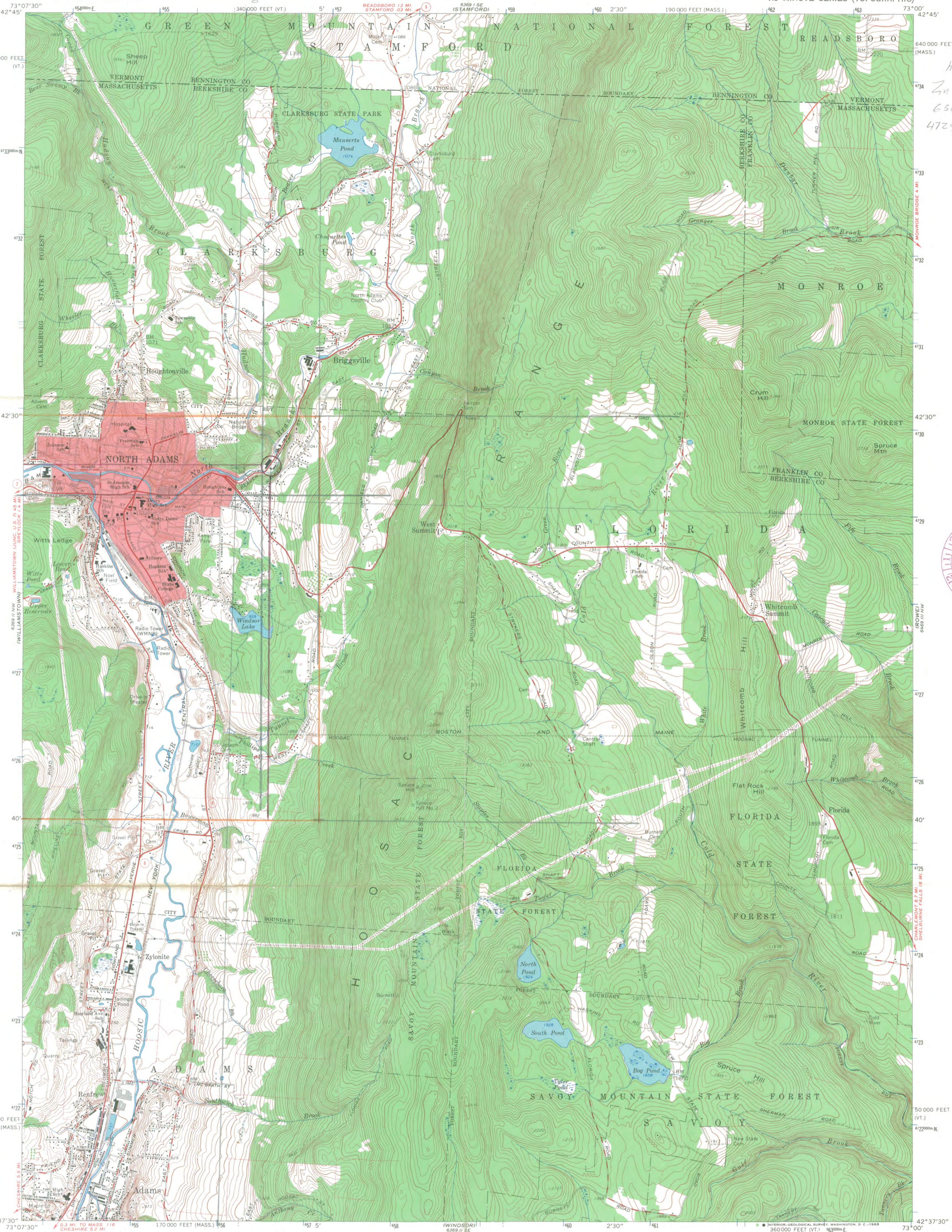
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STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Berkshire	TOWN North Adams
STREET AND NUMBER Beaver Street		
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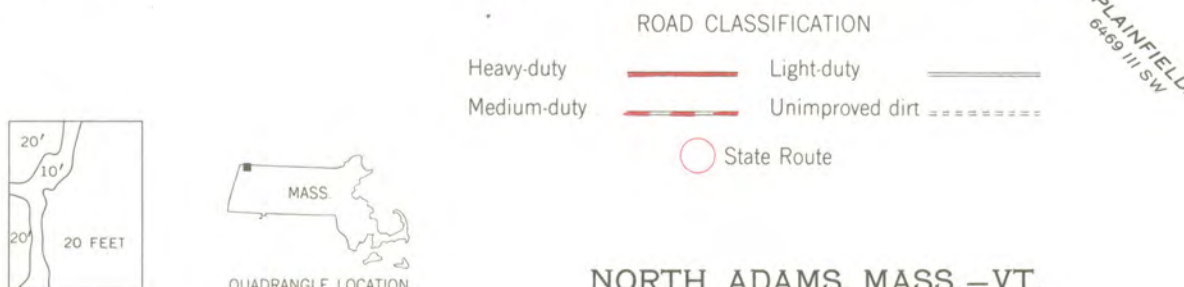
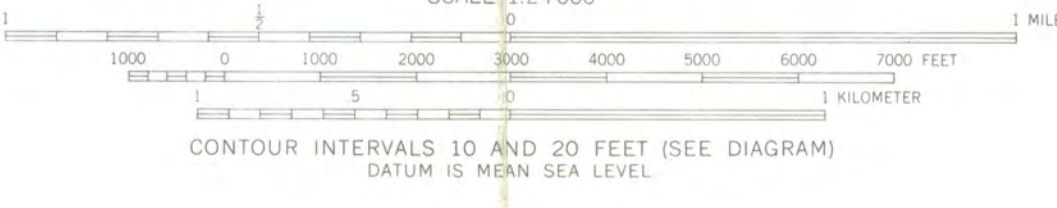
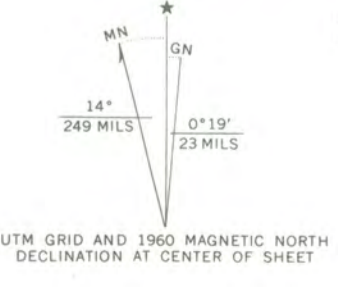
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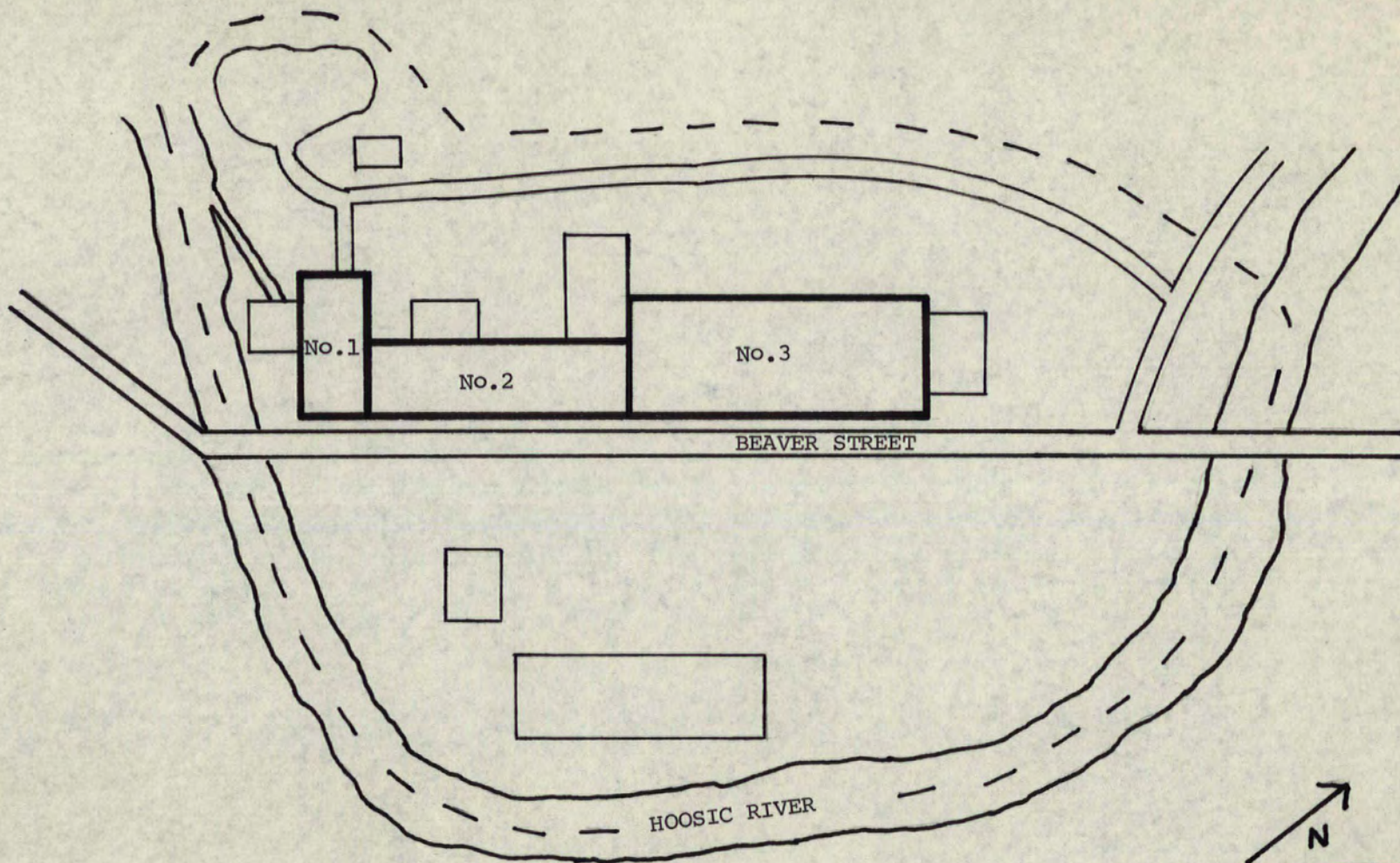


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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown



NORTH ADAMS, MASS.-VT.
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BEAVER MILL

NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Not to Scale





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth

~~7 Joy Street~~
40 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass. 02108
(617) 727-8470

April 20, 1973

Mr. Jerry Rogers
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed are two National Register nominations for properties in North Adams, Massachusetts: Beaver Mill and Windsor Print Works. These have been declared eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the State Review Board, and have been signed by Secretary of the Commonwealth John F.X. Davoren, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and designated State Liaison Officer.

Although these properties are not scheduled for inclusion on our Fiscal 1974 apportionment warrant, they are in even more urgent need of prompt processing by your office, because their inclusion in the Register will make them eligible for Fiscal 1973 HUD preservation funds (allocated just before the end-of-the-year moratorium). We would greatly appreciate your special attention to this extraordinary request for immediate processing of these submissions.

Please note →

With thanks,

Sincerely,

Bob,

Robert B. Rettig
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered **MAY 11 1973**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Custom House District	Boston Suffolk County
Town Hill District	(Charlestown) Boston Suffolk County
Beaver Mill	North Adams Berkshire County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. John Moakley
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Hon. Silvio O. Conte

Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
Commission
40 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Director, Northeast Region

PHR NRowland: pcl 5/16/73