

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

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Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM	1 8	6 7	4 8 6 0 4 6 0 3 6 6 0
QUAD:	Southington		
DISTRICT		IF NR. SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Clark Brothers Factory #1			
2. TOWN/CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
Southington		Milldale	Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
1331 South Main Street (Map 34, parcel 55) 4.7 acres			
4. OWNER(S)			
George P. Vogel and Howard C. St. John			
321 Fair Street, Kingston, NY			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Vacant		Manufacturing	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:			
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES, EXPLAIN			

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Industrial Vernacular		1893+	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
			<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2 - 2		See sketch plan.	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN			
Additions; see item #17			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Remains of stone dam and headrace across street
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Fronts immediately on the road, across from the Quinnipiac River, in an area of mixed uses; nearest neighbor is the c.1920 Milldale School.			

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Clark Brothers Factory #1 is a series of connected buildings, the oldest of which are two painted-brick, gable-roofed structures fronting on South Main Street, both 1 1/2 stories tall; a 2 1/2-story tower added about 1905. Other buildings include frame and concrete-block additions, now stuccoed, added c.1940, outside the period of the complex's significance. Window openings are mostly boarded up. The site also includes, across South Main Street, a small dam and headrace opening (the race ran below grade) built of brownstone blocks, probably mid 19th-century in origin. Details of the various buildings are on the continuation sheet.

18. ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

Clark Brothers Factory #1 has historical significance as the site of one of the companies which made Southington a major industrial town in the late 19th century. Clark Brothers began producing carriage bolts using specialized machinery in the 1850s, beginning with a "hammer lathe", in which the bolt's head was formed at the same time the threads were being cut, and continuing with a series of innovations mechanizing the production of carriage bolts, nuts, and washers. Largely because of Clark Brothers, Southington accounted for a large portion (claimed to be one-eighth) of the nation's output of carriage bolts. This complex was built starting in 1893, the year a fire destroyed earlier, wooden buildings on the site. In 1911, Clark Brothers moved from this site to their newer plant on Canal Street, and a series of small manufacturers occupied the plant from then on. Although there are extensive later additions and alterations, the appearance of the original buildings is still discernible, and they are identifiable as typical late 19th-century factories. Also significant are the dam and headrace feature; this is the only complex surveyed which retains visible evidence of the original waterpower system.

SOURCES

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DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL
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Buildings included (keyed to sketch map):

- A. Brick gable-roofed factory, 1 1/2 stories, 1893, corbelled cornice with dentils, timber post-and-beam interior framing; originally machine shop (front) and forge (rear). Extended to rear for storage c.1905. Hip-roof tower added c.1905 for office space. Modern metal canopy along south side.(contrib.)
- B. Brick gable-roofed nuts and washer shop, 1 1/2 stories, c.1900.(contributing)
- C. Brick nut shop, c.1905. (contributing)
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Boundary: The nominated property, shown as Parcel 55, Southington Assessor Map 34, includes the factory buildings and immediately adjoining land, as well as the dam and headrace structure across the street at the river.

Building Count:

Contributing: 4

Noncontributing: 5

Total: 9

Contributing structure (dam): 1

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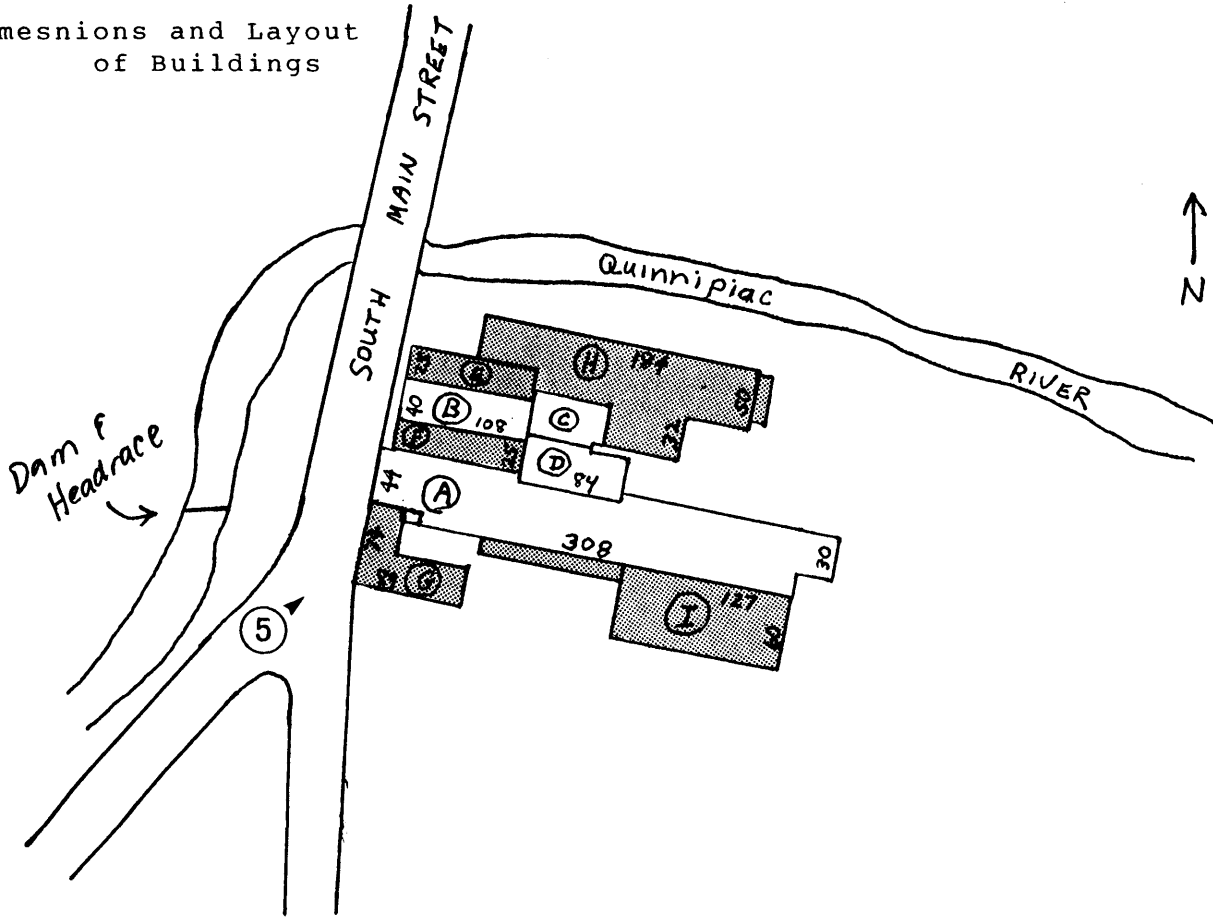
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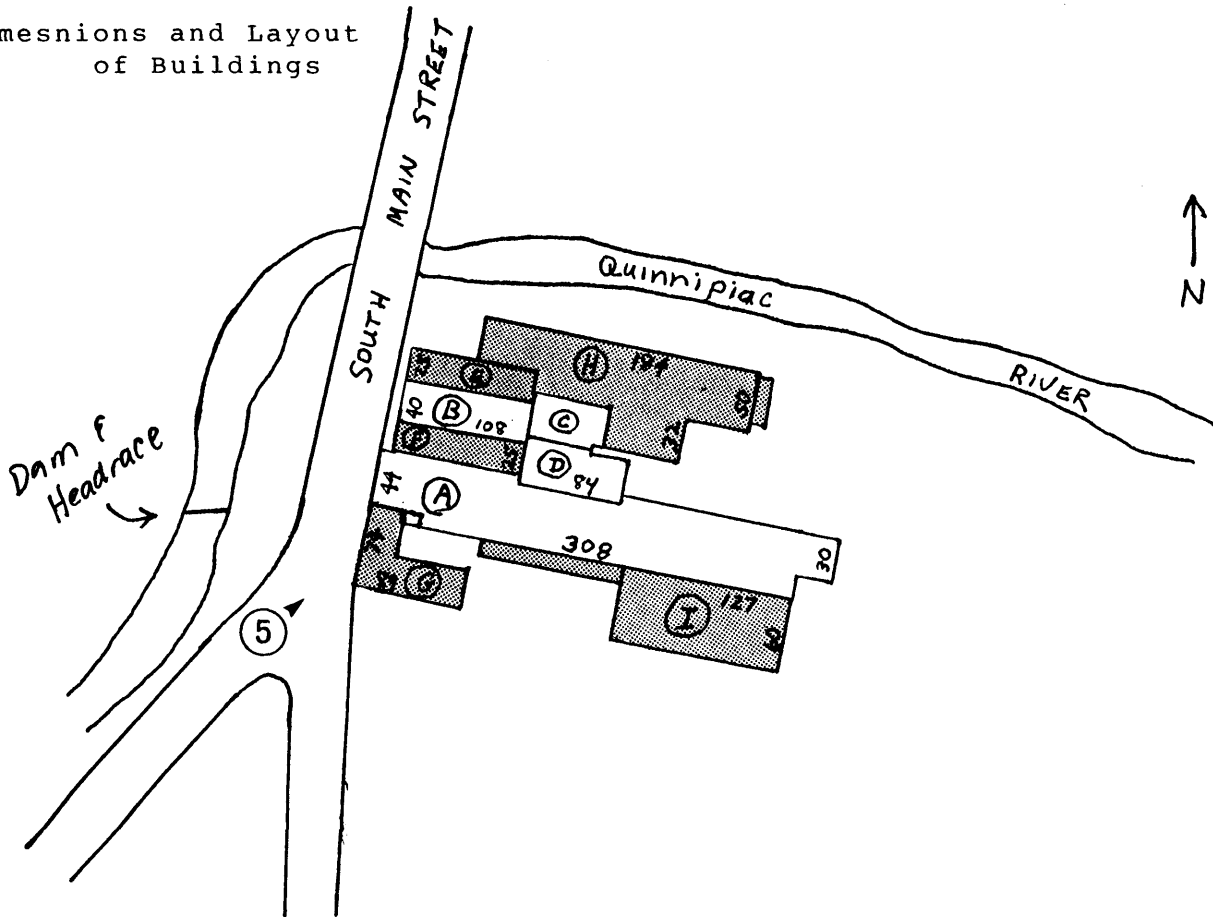
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