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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Ware Paper Mill
AND/OR COMMON Ware Paper Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2276 Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Newton
STATE Massachusetts CODE 025
COUNTY Middlesex CODE 017
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th Massachusetts
VICINITY OF
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME G. Arnold Haynes
STREET & NUMBER 44 Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Wellesley
STATE Massachusetts CODE 02181
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Middlesex County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER 208 Cambridge Street
CITY, TOWN Cambridge
STATE Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth
DATE 1975
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Massachusetts Historical Commission
CITY, TOWN Boston
STATE Massachusetts
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ware Paper Mill is located in the Lower Falls district of the City of Newton. It is sited close to the street in a highly commercialized area. The Lower Falls was the subject of an urban renewal program several years ago, and the Paper Mill is one of the few surviving fragments of the earlier community. To the rear of the mill is the Charles River, original source of its power.

The original portion of the mill (1790) is 1½ stories high with a partially exposed basement. It has a slate covered ridge roof with gable to the street. It is constructed of random ashlar rubble, with heavy quoins and massive stone lintels. The facade is three bays wide; side elevations are six bays deep. Fenestration is 8/8. The center entry is reached by a porch with steps to either side. The mill was altered considerably in 1973. The interior was stripped and the entrance was replaced by a larger opening composed of the original doorway connected to the window of the attic half floor.

During the 19th c. a 36'x43' section was added to the rear of the original 44'x32' portion. This brick addition has a slightly pitched ridge roof and extends a single bay's width beyond the older portion. It is one story high with a fully exposed basement. Fenestration is framed by segmental arch and irregularly placed. The rear elevation has a large opening, slit window and glass door on the upper level, all cut during the 1973 alterations. The doorway is reached by a modern open tread steel staircase with landing and banister.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ware Paper Mill is significant as an early (1790) paper mill in continuous use for that purpose until 1938.

John Ware (b. 1753) was a veteran of the siege of Boston and the Battle of Bunker Hill. In 1790 Ware bought 14 acres, the dam and watercourses and built this mill, the first paper mill on the banks of the Charles.

In 1815 Ware sold the mill to Charles Bemis, John Marston and Charles Hackson for \$3,000. Later Hurd bought out his partners and in 1825 went into partnership with Lemuel Crehore. Hurd sold his interest to Crehore in 1832. During this time the mill was producing 1½ tons of paper daily. By the late 19th century, production had diversified to include jacquard prints, carpets and curtains, but the specialty of the company was bonnet board used as stiffening for straw hats.

The Ware Paper Mill was the first in the U.S. to use the Foundriner machine. This produced rolls of paper instead of sheets.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wiswall, Clarence A.: One Hundred Years of Paper Making, Reading: The Reading Chronicle Press, Inc.
 Sweetser, M.F.: King's Handbook of Newton, Newton: Moses King Corporation, 1889.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

less than one

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4700 Sq.Ft.

UTM REFERENCES

43,560 sq. ft = 1 acre

A

1	9	3	1	4	1	8	0	4	6	8	8	2	2	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Joseph R. Orfant, National Register Editor & E. Clohesey Lichman

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

20 October 1977

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amador

TITLE Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

12/22/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Walter W. Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

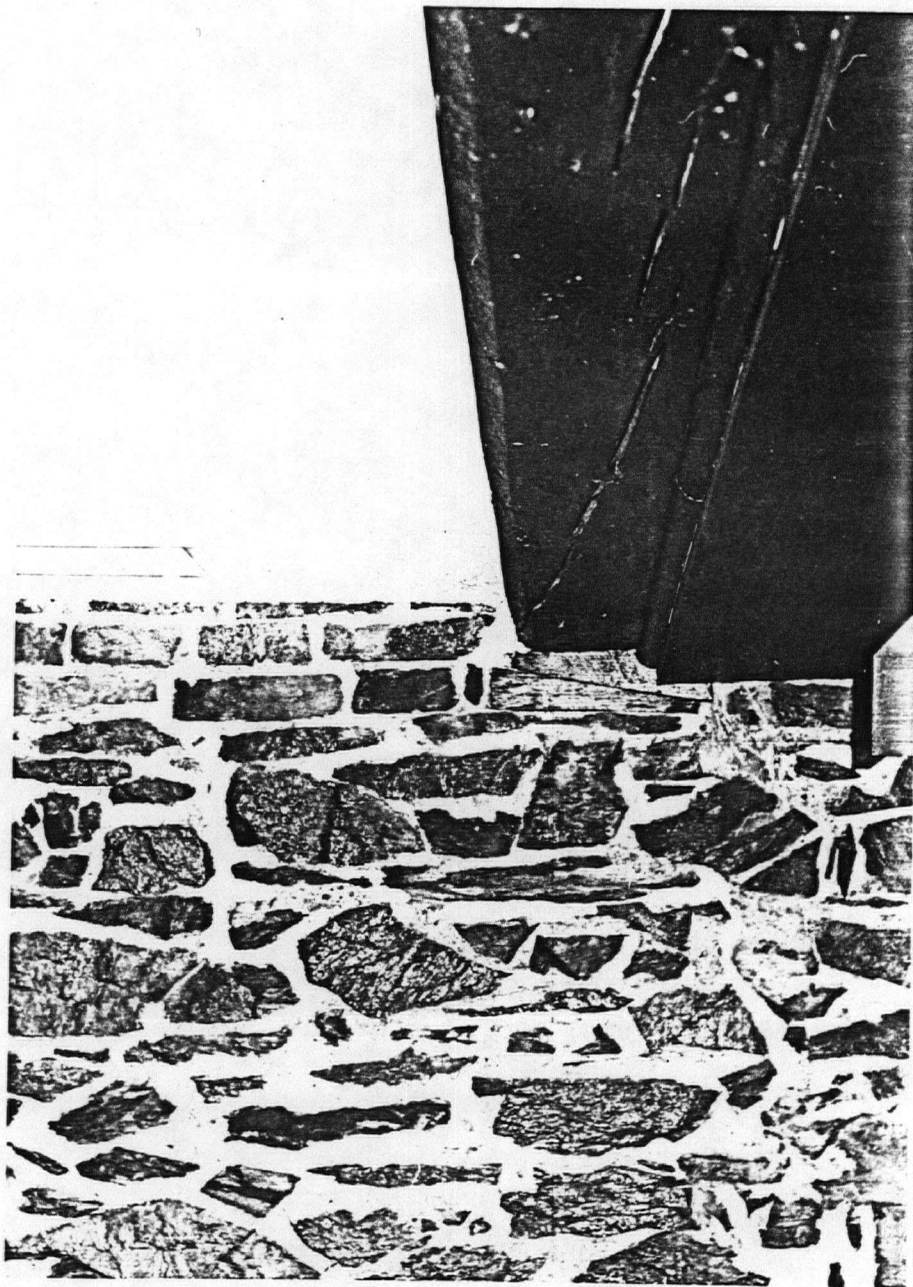
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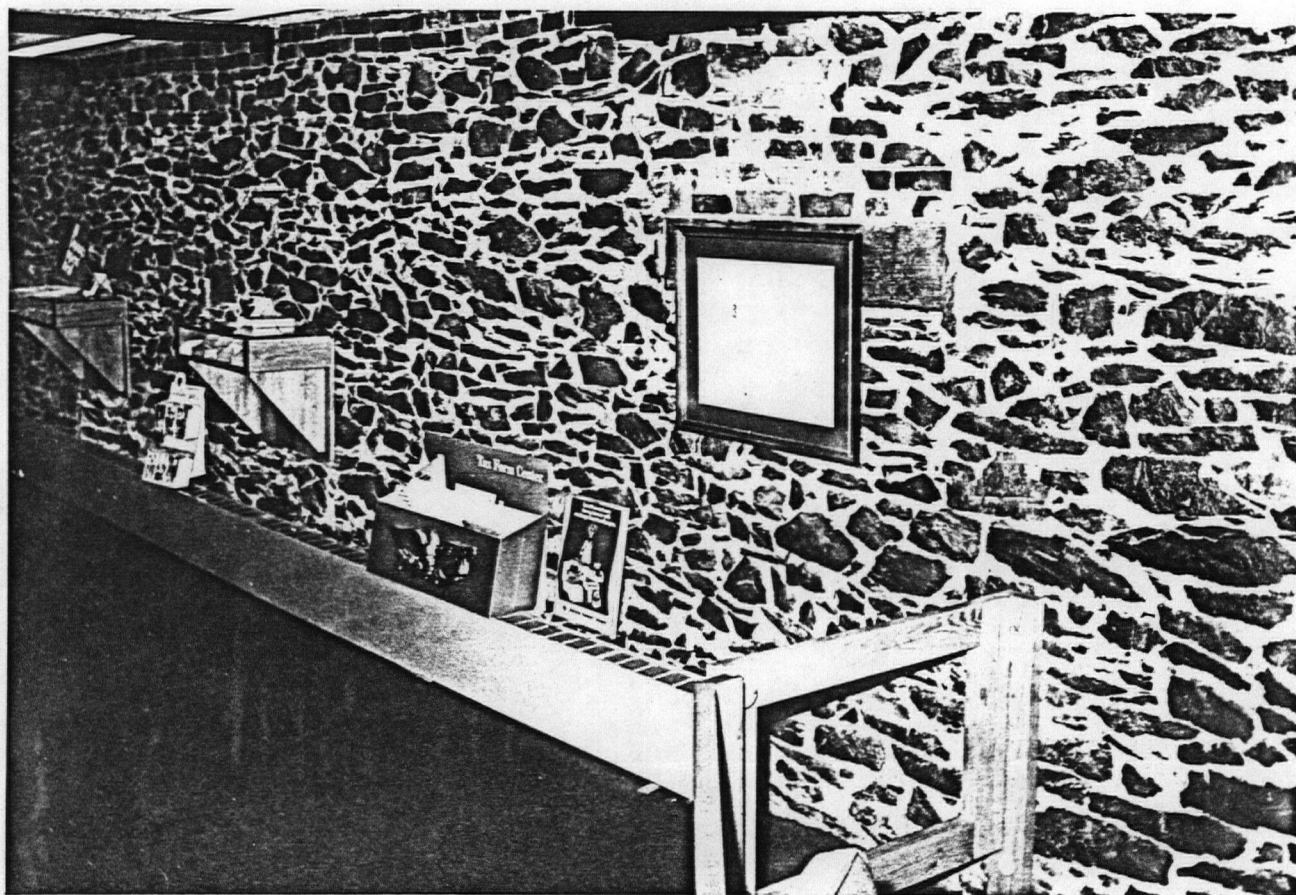
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PICTURE A-2
building detail
exposed beam and stone wall



PICTURE A-3
building as it looks in 1975
NEWTON CO-OPERATIVE BANK OFFICES

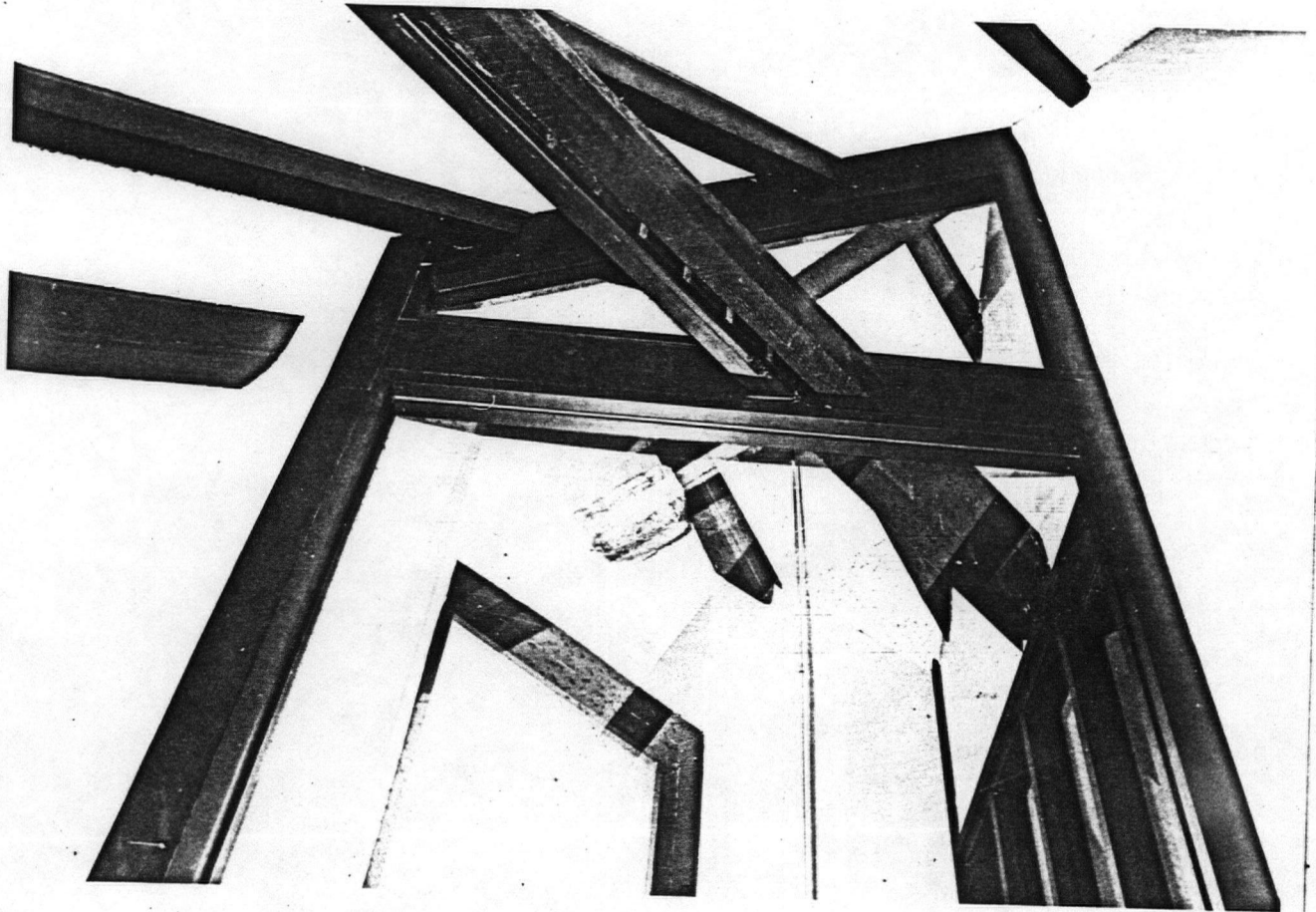




A-4
WARE PAPER MILL 1975

Do not film

PICTURE A-5
pictured is ceiling and original beams
note stone which goes through the
building believed to be used as a hoist



Property Ware Paper Mill

State Mass.

Working Number 1. 6. 78. 2195

Middlesex

TECHNICAL

Photos 2
Maps 1

average

CONTROL

pl
OK - 1.9.78

HISTORIAN

Accept
Franklin
3.22.78

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Braverman
3.8.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

Site is of local significance in terms of
industrial development, a rare ~~surviving~~ ^{surviving}
example of an industrial structure in Newton,

HAER

Inventory X

Review 3/7/78

Donald Jackson

of industrial significance

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

photos do not do it justice -
handsome bldg

Accept
Leborich
4/7/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

5/22/78

National Register Write-up _____

7.5.78

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

Entered _____

MAY 22 1978

Federal Register Entry _____

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Newton
COOPERATIVE
Bank

2276

RESCUE
PROPERTY

NEWTON COOPERATIVE BANK

Ware Paper Mill
Newton, Massachusetts
1976

E. Clohesey Lichman
44 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA.

Middlesex County

Photo #1 2

Looking south towards the facade and east
elevation

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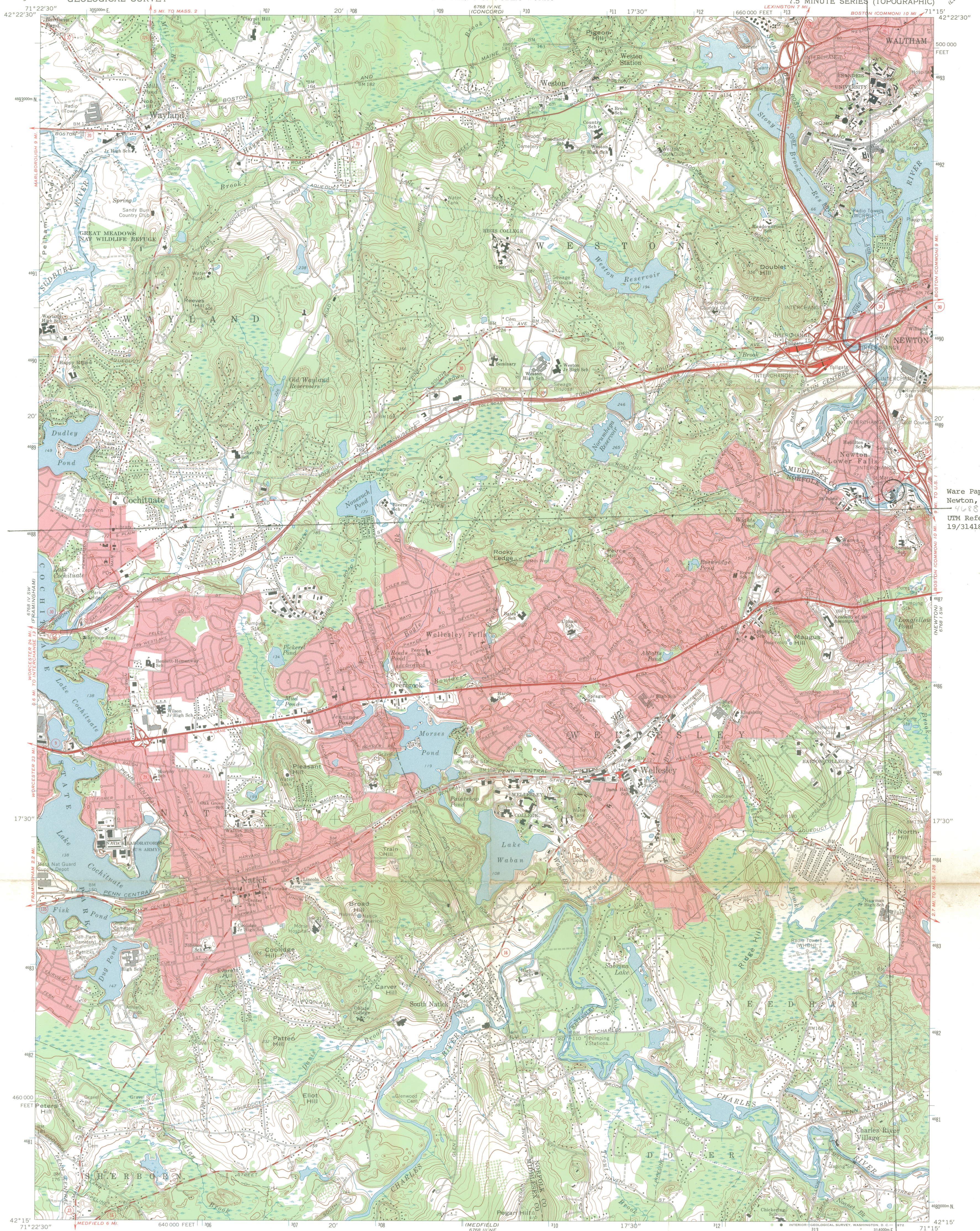
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Middlesex County
Photo #292

Looking northwest towards the west elevation

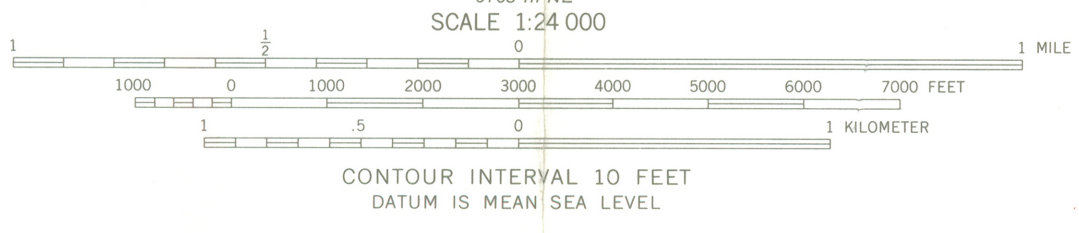
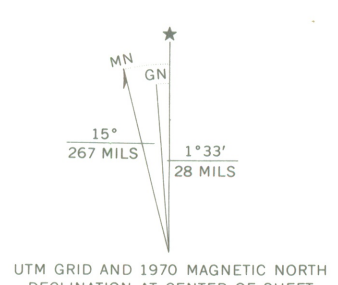
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Ware Paper Mill
Newton, MA.
4688
UTM Reference:
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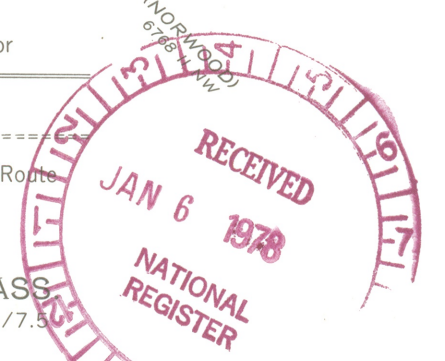
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Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1970
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road

○ Interstate Route ○ U.S. Route ○ State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS
N4215—W7115/7.5
1970

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MAY 22 1978



PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108
(617) 727-8470

2 January 1976

Mr. Charles Herrington
Chief, Registration
National Register Office
Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Herrington:

Our director, Mrs. Elizabeth Amadon, suggested that I write you concerning the advisability of nominating the John Ware Mill to the National Register.

This stone mill, located in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts, was built in 1790 and functioned as a paper mill from that time until as recently as 1938. Today this mill building is the oldest mill in Newton and one of the few surviving reminders of a once thriving mill village in the Lower Falls area.

Our question concerns the rehabilitation of the building and whether or not you feel it would be eligible for the Register because of certain modernizations. Although the basic materials and features of the building have been retained, you can see from the somewhat unclear photocopy enclosed that a new entrance stairway has been added and the doorway and central window are single glass panes. The building has been adapted for use as a bank and it is the type of reuse we would like to encourage. (Hopefully someday the banker will become a friend of the preservationist!) However, we do not want to pursue a National Register nomination if you feel that the alterations have destroyed the architectural integrity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Judy D. Dobbs

Judy D. Dobbs
National Register Editor
Massachusetts Historical Commission

enclosures

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
DATE REC'D	JAN 7 1976
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)
<input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)
DATE ACTION TAKEN	JAN 12 1976
INITIALS	Jandl

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Jandl
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Newton
Middlesex

Ware Mills

H34-PR

JAN 14 1976

Ms. Judy D. Dobbs
National Register Editor
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Ms. Dobbs:

Thank you for your letter concerning the John Ware Mill in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts.

From the material forwarded in your letter, it appears that the basic materials, architectural features, and scale of the building have been retained. While the industrial importance of the mill may have diminished through adaptive reuse, its architectural integrity appears intact. As the oldest extant mill in Newton, the building appears to have significance at least on the local level. We encourage you to proceed with a National Register nomination for the property.

If you have any additional questions while preparing the nomination, please do not hesitate to call our office.

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

Charles A. Herrington
Acting Keeper of the National Register

cc: Elizabeth Amadon SHPO Mass. w/c inn.

bec: Regional Director, North Atlantic Region w/c
Director's Reading File
PR w/c

FNP: W JANDL:jln:1-12-76
BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 22 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ware Paper Mill	Newton Middlesex County
Luther Store	Swansea vicinity Bristol County

Also Notified

Honorable Edward W. Brooke

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy

Honorable Robert F. Drinan

Honorable Margaret M. Heckler

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski

Executive Director, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

294 Washington Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

NR

Mott/js

5/23/78

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Ware Paper Mill
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: MAY 22 1978
 ④ county code: 17

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 2276 Washington St.
 city / town: Newton
 vicinity of: MA
 state: MA
 county: Middlesex
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NA

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT 4th ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form?

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unexcavated altered unaltered reconstructed excavated original site moved unknown

⑰ features: INTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-4 NOT APPLICABLE-7
 EXTERIOR SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-5 NOT APPLICABLE-8
 ENVIRONS SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 NOT INTACT-0 UNKNOWN-6 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES-Restricted YES-Unrestricted No Access Unknown ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO ⑳ SAVED? YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 AGRICULTURE-3 ARCHITECTURE-4 ART-5
 ENGINEERING-11 LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 POLITICS/GOVT.-21 RECREATION-28
 COMMERCE-6 ENTERTAINMENT-26 LAW-16 RELIGION-22 SETTLEMENT-29
 COMMUNICATIONS-7 EXPLORATION-12 LITERATURE-17 SCIENCE-23 URBAN PLANNING-31
 CONSERVATION-8 HEALTH-27 MILITARY-18 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ECONOMICS-9 INDUSTRY-13 MUSIC-19 SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
 EDUCATION-10 INVENTION-14 PHILOSOPHY-20 TRANSPORTATION-25

㉒ CLAIMS: explain 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉓ functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: CURRENTLY:
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: major alterations: historic events:
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s): ㉗ architect: ㉘ master builder: ㉙ engineer:

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer: ㉛ interior decorator: ㉜ artist: ㉝ artisan: ㉞ builder/contractor:

㉟ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

reviewers initials _____ date _____ IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE