

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

Town North Adams MRA
Address 311-321 River Street
Historic Name Hathaway Tenement

Use: Present apartments
Original tenements

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1850
Source 1853 map, 1885 history

Style Greek Revival -vernacular
Architect Unknown
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) Porches added between 1908-1914. Original sash replaced, same period.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting The north side of River Street is occupied by tenements of a variety of ages and sizes. On the south side of the road is the Hoosac River and ten large 19th century mills are sited on the opposite bank.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg
Organization Mass. Historical Commission
Date July, 1985

North Adams Quadrangle
UTM References: 18/653980/4729390
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The Hathaway Tenement is two stories high with a gable roof. It is divided into six apartments, with porches marking both front and rear entrances. The distinguishing architectural features are the Greek Revival cornice with returns in each gable end, and the Arts and Crafts-style porches. This building is the only known intact example of a pre-Civil War row house for factory workers still standing in North Adams. A twin of this building, constructed on the adjoining lot to the west, was extensively enlarged and remodeled around 1900.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

This building is one of the few surviving structures in North Adams to be associated with the city's early manufacturing history. River Street was laid out from Eagle St. to a point just west of this site in 1836. In the following ten years, several mills were built along this road near the north branch of the Hoosac River. This section was the heart of the city's growing industrial base.

One of the early mills stood on the west side of Brown Street where the present late 19th century brick mill structure now stands. In 1874, Nathaniel G. Hathaway and Sylvander Johnson purchased that mill from Brown, Harris & Co. Between 1847-1853, Hathaway and Johnson enlarged their holdings, developing the Brown Street mill into a small community with a company store and dwellings. Most of the property comprised an area between the river and the cemetery. It also included a small parcel across the river on the north side of River Street. Two identical tenement houses were erected on this site. At that time the Johnson Company followed the tradition of New England mill communities in which the owners live near their properties, as did the workers.

Hathaway retired early from the partnership and moved into this building. By 1869, he was living in one of the apartments with his wife, who continued to live here after his death. Under Johnson, the Brown Street mill prospered and expanded. New mill buildings were constructed, leaving only this tenement as survivor of the original Johnson & Hathaway enterprise. (continued below)

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Historical Significance con'td:

By 1894, T. F. Loftus, owner of the Berkshire Monument Works (and later a real estate agent) was owner of both row houses. In 1904 he owned just this building. It was probably he who remodeled the property, adding the small porches on both sides, as well as new window sash.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	Form No: K 257
Property Name: Hathaway Tenement	

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

Criteria for Evaluation

The Hathaway Tenement retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. The only pre-civil War multifamily workers' housing surviving in North Adams, the building fulfills Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name North Adams MRA
State Bershire County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Hathaway Tenement

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 10/25/85

Attest

12. Johnson School

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National Register

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13. Johnson Manufacturing
Company

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14. Norad Mill

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National Register

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15. Sherman, William B.,
Farm

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National Register

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16. Sykes House

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17. Wells House

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18. Phelps House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hathaway Tenement (North Adams MRA)
Bershire County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. SEP 12 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 10/10/85 ~~10/27/85~~
Action: ACCEPT 10-25-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- 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 _____ Status _____ Present Use _____
Public Acquisition Accessible

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
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Hathaway Tenement House
311-319 River St.
North Adams, ^{MRA} Mass.
Southeast view
Photo by R.Reed, 1983
Negative at NAHC



Hathaway Tenement
 311-321 River Street
 North Adams MRA
 North Adams Assessors' Map,
 ca. 1915 1"=40'

Hathaway
 Tenement
 House

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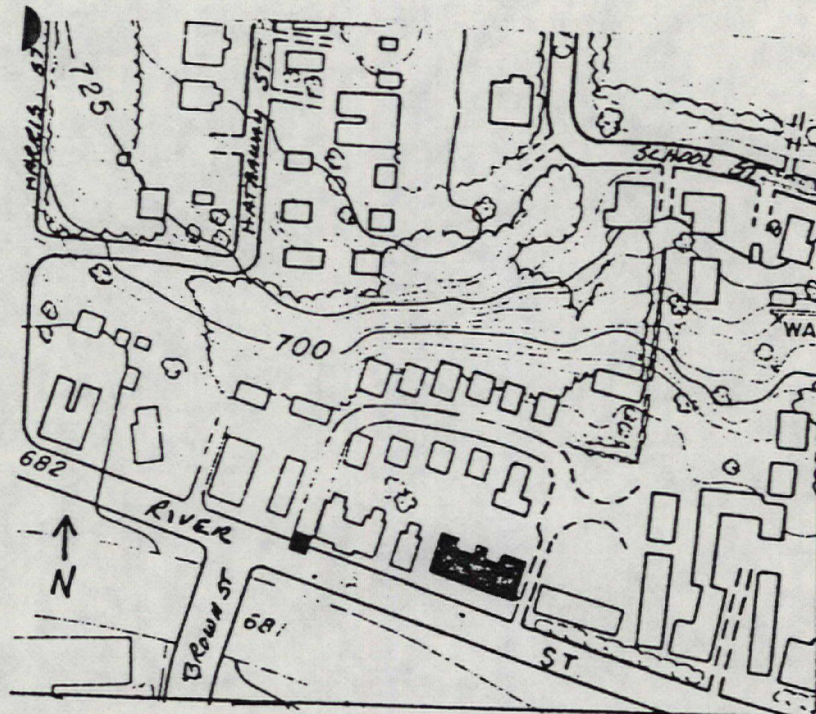
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Sketch Map