

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 645 LAWRENCE STREET MAP SHEET # 15
 1) CURRENT OWNER Edw. J. Maher & F. X. McCoffery OWNER OCCUPIED yes
of Commodore Realty Co.
 2) HISTORIC NAME Second Storehouse, Belvidere Woolen Mill No. 2
 3) CURRENT NAME Commodore Foods, Incorporated
 4) PROPERTY TYPE mill structure 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION 1-A
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF outside LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1890
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1880 and 1895 insurance surveys
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER Belvidere Woolen Manufacturing Co.
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF industrial UF industrial
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY no DATE _____
 SOURCE _____

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE industrial utilitarian
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF offices
 UF offices
 3) NO OF STORIES 2 & 1
(partial)
 4) PROP SQ FT 58,466
 5) PLAN rectangular
 6) ROOF flat
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
load-bearing masonry
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
part of mill complex
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
not visible
 FACADE all sides: red brick in common bond (7/1)
 TRIM rock-faced granite sills
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none



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VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC good
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF major but reversible changes
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial, residential, canal frontage, river frontage
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact with minor intrusions and/or losses
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

The fourth of the four main historic structures of the Belvidere No. 2 complex is a two-story storehouse at the northwest side of the group. East of that simple structure is a more modern, one-story loading dock, built of concrete and sided with aluminum. The storehouse, loading dock, and other structures of various sizes and materials attached to the rear of the main mill are all outside the LHPD.

See Research Report, pp. 6 and 7.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This storehouse first appears on the 1895 insurance survey of the complex [Fig. 11 in Research Report] and probably is part of the ca. 1890 building campaign that added a floor to the main mill. The 1895 survey identifies this new structure as a "Store Ho." and labels the original storehouse as "Addition," probably signifying it was being used for manufacturing.

See Research Report, pp. 6 and 7.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

An open tailrace is shown on the 1895 insurance survey on part of the site of the loading dock. Whether this feature has been filled in or just covered over is unclear.

See Research Report, pp. 8-9.