

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

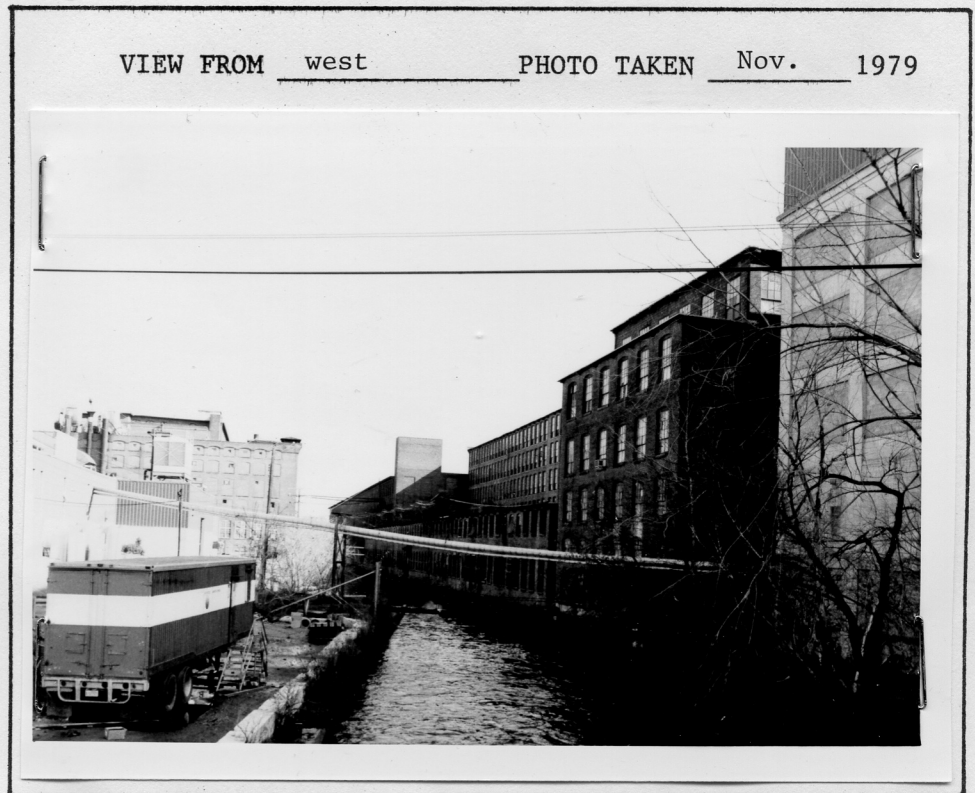
IDENTIFICATION 217 JACKSON STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER James T. Lichoulas OWNER OCCUPIED no
 2) HISTORIC NAME Dye House--Appleton Company
 3) CURRENT NAME unknown
 4) PROPERTY TYPE mill structure 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION 1-A
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS delinquent since 1970 STATUS land court
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF LNHP (partial), Locks and Canals, LHPD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE 1909/1916
 SOURCE documented: City of Lowell Buildings Dept. records
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER Appleton Manufacturing Company
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF industrial UF industrial
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1870-1890 (boiler house)
 SOURCE circumstantial: atlases

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE industrial utilitarian
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF ind., warehs., ^{vacant}
 UF ind., warehs., ^{vacant}
 3) NO OF STORIES 2
 4) PROP SQ FT 21,914
 5) PLAN rectangular
 6) ROOF flat
 7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
load-bearing masonry
 8) OUTBUILDINGS
none
 9) MATERIALS:
 FOUNDATION
not visible



FACADE all sides: red brick in common bond

TRIM granite lintels

10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

ADDRESS 217 JACKSON STREET: APPLETON DYE HOUSE

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC needs minor repair
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES lack of maintenance
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact original fabric
UF intact original fabric
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES industrial, canal frontage
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING moderately disrupted historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

The Dye House forms the northern edge of the Appleton millyard, jutting a few feet into the course of the Pawtucket Canal. It is a long, narrow structure (430' X 52') with the unadorned, segmental-arched windows and projecting wooden rafters typical of the early-twentieth century construction in this yard.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

See Research Report, pages 10 to 13.

A boiler house stood on a small western portion of the Dye House's site in 1879. [See Figure 4 in the Research Report.] By 1896, a slightly larger dye house stood in place of the boiler house, perhaps incorporating elements of that building. In 1909 and 1916, Appleton applied for permits to build two additions to the dye house, at costs of \$12,000 and \$11,000, respectively. These additions extended the structure east to the limit of the millyard, and north, partway into the course of the Pawtucket Canal.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

See Research Report.



View from the west along the Pawtucket Canal, 1929. The Appleton Dye House is at right.
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