

LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

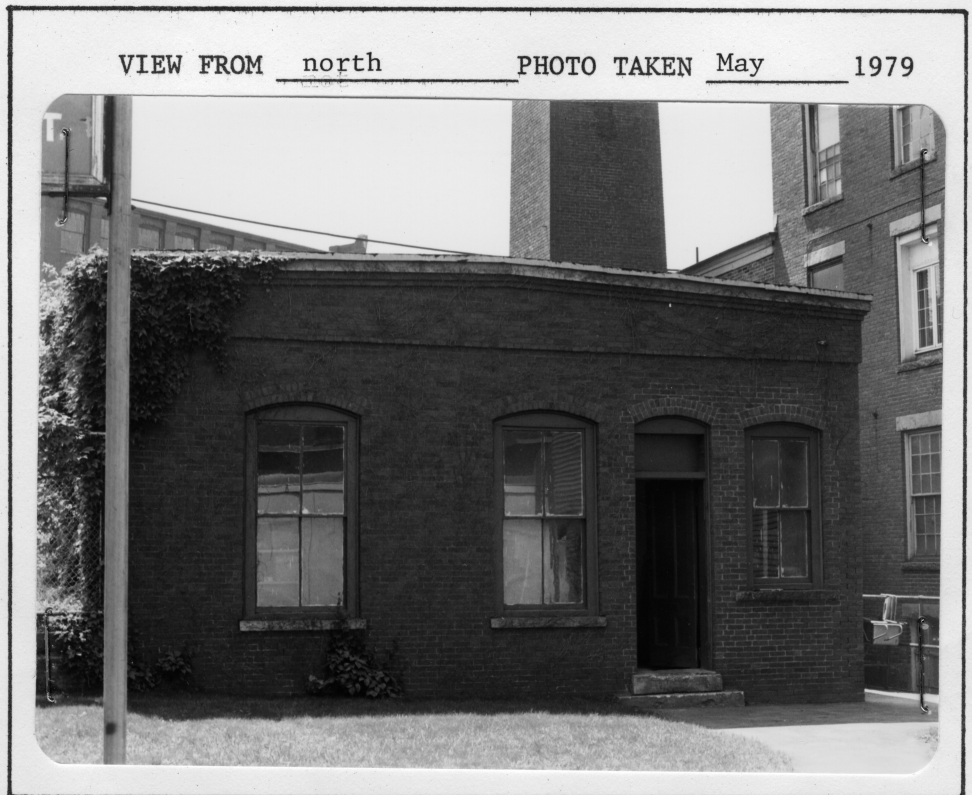
IDENTIFICATION 645 LAWRENCE STREET MAP SHEET # 15
 1) CURRENT OWNER Commodore Realty Co. OWNER OCCUPIED yes
 2) HISTORIC NAME Boiler House, Belvidere Woolen Manufacturing Co. Mill No. 2
 3) CURRENT NAME Commodore Foods, Incorporated
 4) PROPERTY TYPE mill structure 5) ZONING CLASSIFICATION 1-A
 6) TAXES: PAYMENTS current STATUS clear
 7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF 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 Company
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF boiler house UF n/a
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1862-1890
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1880 and 1895 Insurance Surveys

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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



VISUAL ASSESSMENT

- 1) CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC. excellent
- 2) IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES n/a
- 3) INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC: GF intact with evolutionary alterations
UF n/a
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial, residential, canal frontage, ^{frontage}river
- 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

See Research Report.

The floor of the one story Boiler House is set well below the level of Lawrence Street and the wall facing that street is ivy-covered, making the Boiler House a very inconspicuous structure. The smokestack beside it is decidedly conspicuous, towering over the complex and the whole area.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

See Research Report, pp. 6-8.

The 1880 insurance survey [Fig. 10] shows the original Boiler House (#2 on that plan) of this mill complex located in a low building directly south of the main mill. The 1895 survey [Fig. 11] shows a new boiler house, apparently this structure, set slightly apart and southeast of the main mill. The smokestack may date to the original construction of the complex in 1862.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

See Research Report, pp. 8-9.

View from: Southeast.

Photo taken in May, 1979
by SBRA.



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