LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION	ONE MERRIMACK PLAZA		MAP SHEET # 7
1) CURRENT OWNER	Lowell Union Propert		OWNER OCCUPIED ^{yes}
2) HISTORIC NAME	Site of No. 3 Mill Me	errimack Manufacturin	g Company
3) CURRENT NAME	Union National Bank		
4) PROPERTY TYPE	commercial	5) ZONING CLASS	IFICATION B2A
6) TAXES: PAYMENTS	current	STATUS clear	
7) WITHIN BOUNDARIES O	F LHPD		
HISTORICAL ABSTRACT	2		
1) CONSTRUCTION DATE _	1967		
SOURCEdocumen	ted: Union National Ba	ank (Jean Matthes)	
2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDE	R Perley Gilbert Associ	iates	
3) HISTORIC OWNER			
4) ORIGINAL USE: GF	commercial	UF n/a	
5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON P	ROPERTY Ves DATE	1863-1958	
SOURCE	documented: Merrimad	ck Manufacturing Comp	any plans and surveys
DESCRIPTIVE DATA			
1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE	VIEW FROM	southwest PHOTO T	AKEN December 1979
modern			
2) PRESENT USE:			
GE <u>commercial</u> UF n/a	-		1
3) NO OF STORIES 1			
4) PROP SQ FT 67,400			
5) PLAN rectangular		U _{NB}	
6) ROOF flat			
7) STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	WILL BE	A MAY MAKE	
metal frame		OF STREET	
8) OUTBUILDINGS			
none			
9) MATERIALS:			
FOUNDATION			
not visible			
FACADE al	l sides: Milford gran	ite slabs	
TRIM m	etal window enframement	ts	
10) NOTABLE SURFACE & L	ANDSCAPE ELEMENTS	Northern Termin	us of Merrimack Canal

VISUAL ASSESSMENT

1)	CONDITION OF BUILDING FABRIC		excellent
2)	IF DETERIORATED, CAUSES		n/a
3)	INTEGRITY OF HISTORIC BLDG FABRIC:	GF	intact original fabric
		UF	intact original fabric
4)	SURROUNDING LAND USES com., ind.,	res.,	recr., inst., RR., canal frontage, river
5)	INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING _	severely disrupted historic setting	
6)	IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING	char	acter so disrupted, question not applicable

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

The Union National Bank is situated at the northern terminus of the Merrimack Canal. The Merrimack Manufacturing Company's No. 3 Mill occupied this site from 1863 to ca. 1940, and dominated the view along the Merrimack Canal with a tall, narrow bell tower. The bank's central element is designed to capitalize on the same vista, as demonstrated in the attached photograph. The pink granite sheathing is reportedly quarried from the same location as that used for Lowell City Hall.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

See Research Report.

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

See Research Report.

