

ADDRESS 217 JACKSON STREET: APPLETON OFFICE BUILDING

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 with evolutionary alterations
UF intact with evolutionary alterations
- 4) SURROUNDING LAND USES commercial, industrial, railroad, canal frontage
- 5) INTEGRITY OF PROP'S HIST SETTING intact historic setting
- 6) IMPORTANCE OF PROP TO HIST SETTING integral to character

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION

See Research Report, page 12.

The "Office Building" in the Appleton yard is 37 feet wide and 175 feet long. The east end of the second floor originally housed the mill's office, giving the building its name. A footbridge over the canal leads to the entrance to this office.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION

See Research Report, pages 10-12.

This site was occupied by the Appleton Counting House from the founding of the yard in the late 1820s until the construction of the present building. Figures 2 and 4 in the Research Report show the Counting House. The 1896 atlas still outlines that early building, but a photograph of the yard published in 1905 shows the current structure, which provided considerable manufacturing space in addition to accommodating the office [Figure 7 in Research Report].

ARCHEOLOGICAL COMMENT

See Research Report.

View from the southwest along Jackson Street. The Office Building is visible at center between the supports for the overhead bridge.

Photograph taken in August, 1979 by SBRA.



LOWELL CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION 217 JACKSON STREET MAP SHEET # 11
 1) CURRENT OWNER James T. Lichoulas--Trustees of OWNER OCCUPIED no
Appleton Realty Trust
 2) HISTORIC NAME Office Building--Appleton Manufacturing 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 LHPD, LNHP (partial), Locks and Canals HD

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

1) CONSTRUCTION DATE ca. 1900-1905
 SOURCE circumstantial: 1896 atlas; 1905 Manual of the Lowell Board of Trade
 2) ARCHITECT OR BUILDER unknown
 3) HISTORIC OWNER Appleton Manufacturing Company
 4) ORIGINAL USE: GF industrial UF industrial, offices
 5) PREVIOUS BLDGS ON PROPERTY yes DATE ca. 1828-1900
 SOURCE circumstantial: See Research Report

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

1) ARCHITECTURAL STYLE early 20th C. industrial
 2) PRESENT USE:
 GF commercial, vacant
 UF warehouse, vacant
 3) NO OF STORIES 5
 4) PROP SQ FT part of 126,778
 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 (7/1)
 TRIM granite sills, water-table
 10) NOTABLE SURFACE & LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS none

