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FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston



1. Northampton (Bay State)

Address Federal Street

Northampton Paper Company/
E. E. Wood Cutlery

Present use factory

factory

Present owner Northampton Manufacturing

Description: Corp.

Date: c. 1860

Source: visual evidence;

1860 map of Northampton

Style: Romantic
Victorian commercial

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) numerous

Other features brick structure c.1860
and other later factory structures.

Altered additions Date _____

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 400 feet

Approximate distance of building from street

50 feet

6. Recorded by C. Dubie

Organization Northampton Historical

Commission

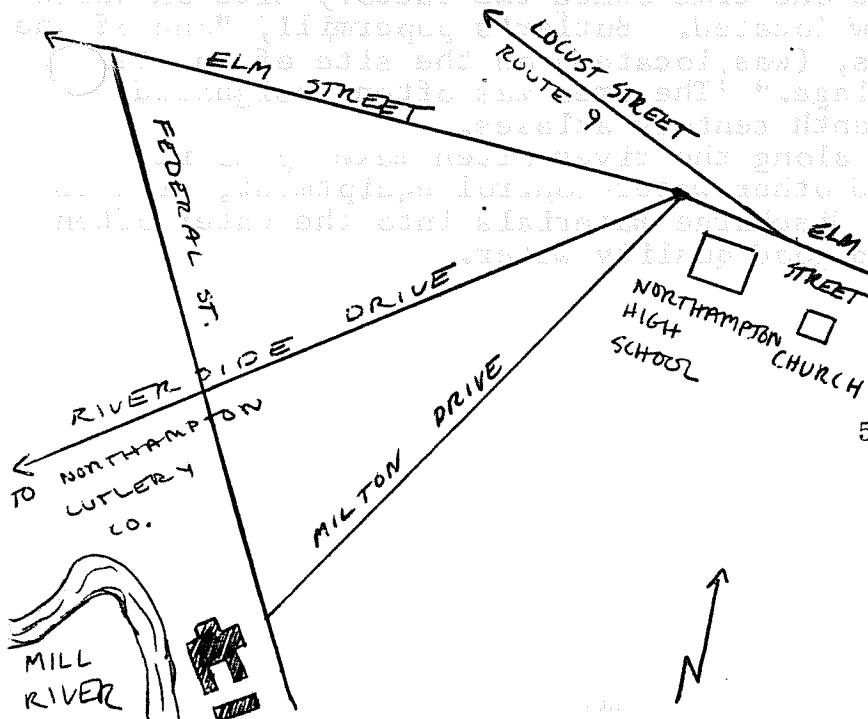
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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(over)

7. Individual owner (if known) _____

Original use _____ factory _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____ factory: _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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| Aboriginal | _____ | Conservation | <u> x </u> | Recreation | _____ |
| Archaeological | _____ | Education | _____ | Religion | _____ |
| Architectural | _____ | Exploration/ settlement | _____ | Science/ invention | _____ |
| The Arts | _____ | Industry | <u> x </u> | Social/ humanitarian | _____ |
| Commerce | _____ | Military | _____ | Transportation | _____ |
| Communication | _____ | Political | _____ | | |
| Community development | _____ | | | | |

Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The first mill on this site was a paper mill connected with the Hampshire Gazette and owned by its founder, William Butler. Successive companies included: Butler Mill (1786-1835), Northampton Papermills (1835-1843), William Clark and Co. (1843-1869), Vernon Paper Co. (1869-1886); Northampton Paper Co. (1888-1889); E. E. Wood Cutlery (1889-1899). The Northampton Paper Mills at one time owned the factory site on which the Northampton Cutlery is now located. Butler's papermill, "one of the first in western Massachusetts, (was located) on the site of an old tanning mill in Bay State Village." ¹The area was often designated "Paper Mill Village" on nineteenth century atlases.

Deeds conveying property along the river often make specific mention of dams, raceways, and other water-control equipment; clauses restricting owners' rights to discharge materials into the water often appear: paper making required good quality water.

Geography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, maps, etc.)

¹"A Chronicle of Industry on the Mill River," Smith College Studies in History, Volume XXI, Nos. 1-4, p. 22, 47.