

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108



Northampton

124-36 West St.

Local Name McCallum Hosiery Mill

Original silk hosiery Mill

Present industrial, offices,

Ownership: Private individual warehouse.

Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner McCallum Hosiery & Co.

Construction:

1899; early 20th c.

Date _____

Source D.H.G., Atlas and Visual

Evidence _____

Style _____

Architect Avon Mathews- mason

brick

Exterior wall fabric _____

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

additions_ 1900-06 and later

Moved _____

Date _____

Approx. acreage _____

Setting _____

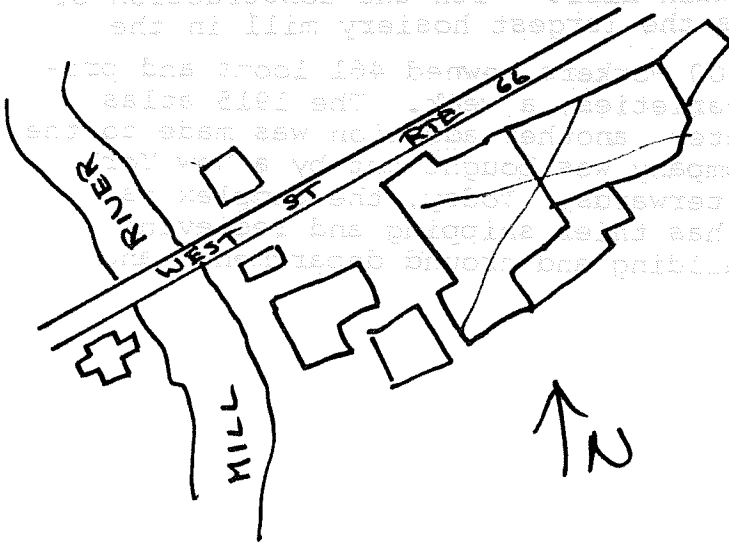
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cross streets and other buildings or geographical features.

Indicate north.



ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

see below

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

Alexander McCallum and William Constable began a silk hose manufacturing business in 1883, renting rooms for thier looms in Holyoke. Mr. Constable died in the late 1890's and Mr. McCallum began making silk hose in the Belding Brothers & Co. silk mill on Hawley St. in North-ampotn. After a year he bought out the Beldings' interest in the business and had a two story brick mill 50' wide and 125' long buit on West St. Within the next few years two additions were made: the first two stories in height and 60 feet square was in the rear of the main building and the second was one story in height, 88 feet wide and 156 feet long and located east of the main mill. With the construction of the second addition in 1906 this was the largest hosiery mill in the world. McCallums employed nearly 300 workers, owned 461 looms and produced 800 dozen silk hose, in 150 varieties, a week. The 1915 atlas show the Comapny at this stage. Later, another addition was made to the east along West St. In 1930 the Company was bought out by a New York concern and the mill closed soon afterwards. Today, the complex is split between Smith College, which has thier shipping and recieving departments here, as well as the building and ground department, and National Felt Co.

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