

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STRAFFORD ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL
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TOWN: Rochester COUNTY: Strafford

SURVEY NUMBER: 64

COMMON NAME: Palmer Supply Company

HISTORIC NAME: Wallace Shoe Company
Set back 100 yds. behind the

LOCATION: Rochester Shoe Company

OWNER: Catherine Palmer

ADDRESS: 141 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH

MAP & PARCEL #: 51/270 120-295

DATE: 0.1880

SOURCE: Inspection

STYLE: Queen Anne

UTM: Z 19 /E 340 100/N 4795 950

USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Mill

PRESENT USE: Plumbing Supply Warehouse

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

CONDITION: Exc. Good Fair ☒ Poor Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site ☒ Moved Date

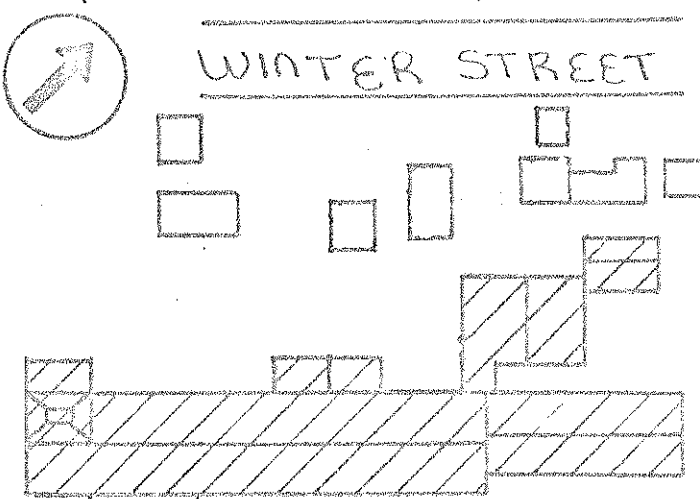
Major Alterations & Date:

LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. State Local ☒

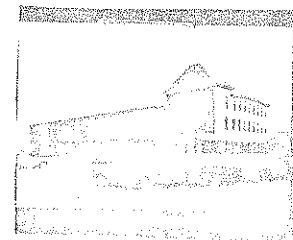
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 2 # Bays ⁸ ☒ 48 Approx. Dimensions 50' x 175' Window Sash 6/6
Roof Style: Gable ☒ Hip Gambrel Flat Shed Mansard Jerkinhead
Monitor Sawtooth Other
Appendages: Porches Towers ☒ Dormers Bay Windows Ells Chimneys
Wings Cupolas Sheds Garage Other ☒ New cinderblock ell
Entry Location: Center Sidehall Other
- FOUNDATION: Random Rubble Cut Granite Brick ☒ Concrete Concrete Block
Other
- WALL STRUCTURE:
Wood Frame: Post & Beam Balloon Frame ☒ Other
Load Bearing Masonry: Stone Brick Concrete Block Other
Metal: Iron Steel Other
- WALL COVERING: Clapboard Wood Shingle Board & Batten Shiplap
Aluminum Novelty Stucco Stone Brick Sheet Metal Asphalt Shingles ☒
Vinyl Asphalt Sheeting Composite Board Other
- ROOF SHEATHING: Wood Shingle Asphalt Shingle ☒ Standing Seam Tin Slate
Pressed Metal Sheet Metal Rolled Asphalt Gravel Other
- ENGINEERING STRUCTURE:

MAP (Indicate North in circle):



PHOTO



Description of View: Three Quarter South
East
Negative File Number: R-80-A5-20
Photographer: Roger Brevoort
Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Palmer Supply Company building is a wood-frame factory dating C. 1890. The 3 story structure has a low-pitched gable roof and is 6 bays wide by 8 bays long, giving it a narrow, rectangular form. Most of the windows retain their original 6/6 sash. The exterior is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The most distinguished feature is an offset stair tower located on the northwest corner, topped by a truncated pyramidal roof. Architecturally the tower correlates the building with the other late nineteenth century structures in the Wallace Shoe complex.

At the east end of the Palmer building, a cinder block addition connects to a small clapboard structure, presumably a power house, which relates to a tall, 4' square smoke stack featuring a corbelled cap. Several other small additions, including a two-story gabled wing are appended to the north elevation.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

This building was apparently built by the Wallace Shoe Company C. 1880 and is the remaining building besides the main factorys to document the former extent of the Wallace complex.

REFERENCES:

MAP DATA: 1885 Sanborn Map

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land___Woodland___Scattered Bldgs___Moderately Built Up___
Densely Built Up___Residential___Commercial___Industrial ☒ Agricultural___
Roadside Strip Development___Other___

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION: 1-5 acres

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/25/80