

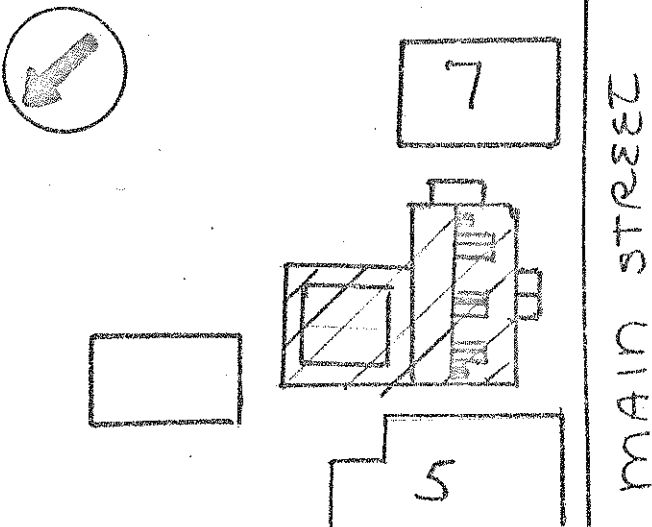
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM - STRAFFORD ROCKINGHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL
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TOWN: Rochester	COUNTY: Strafford	UTM: Z 19 /E 339490 /N 4796410
SURVEY NUMBER: 7		USGS QUAD: Berwick Quad 15' series
COMMON NAME: The Needle Works		FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial/Residential
HISTORIC NAME: Unknown		PRESENT USE: Commercial/Residential
LOCATION: 91 North Main Street		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
OWNER: Capodestria Realty Co.		CONDITION: Exc. ___ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair ___ Poor ___ Ruins ___
ADDRESS: 6 Union Street Rochester, NH		INTEGRITY: Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved ___ Date ___
MAP & PARCEL #: 42/255 121-368-1		Major Alterations & Date:
DATE: C.1895-1900		
SOURCE: Inspection		
STYLE: Late Victorian Commercial		LEVEL/SIGNIFICANCE: Natl. ___ State ___ Local ___

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System

- # Stories 2 # Bays 2X5 Approx. Dimensions 20' X 50' Window Sash ___
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 ___
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 Looking East
Negative File Number: R-80-A1-32
Photographer: Roger Brevoort
Negative on file with: SRRC

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Dating C.1895 - 1900, this is a late Victorian commercial building distinguished by a bracketed cornice and two oriel windows on the second story of the facade. Significantly, the storefront has escaped alteration, with a recessed central entry being flanked by plate glass display windows in wooden frames. Aluminum siding obscures any other exterior ornamentation.

The interior is highlighted by a pressed metal ceiling.

RELATED STRUCTURES AND CONTEXT:

This building marks the transition from a commercial to a residential street-scape.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Evaluation & Historical Associations):

The Needleworks is a turn-of-the-century commercial block. Although aluminum siding obscures the original wall sheathing, the storefronts, bay windows and bracketed cornice reflect its original appearance.

Joe Michaels operated a dry goods store in this building during the 1920's, prior to moving into "Michaels" block on center square.

REFERENCES:

Rochester History Advisory Committee

MAP DATA:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Land___Woodland___Scattered Bldgs___Moderately Built Up___
Densely Built Up___Residential^X___Commercial^X___Industrial___Agricultural___
Roadside Strip Development___Other___

BOUNDARY AND ACREAGE DESCRIPTION:

Recorded By: Roger Brevoort

Date: 11/13/80