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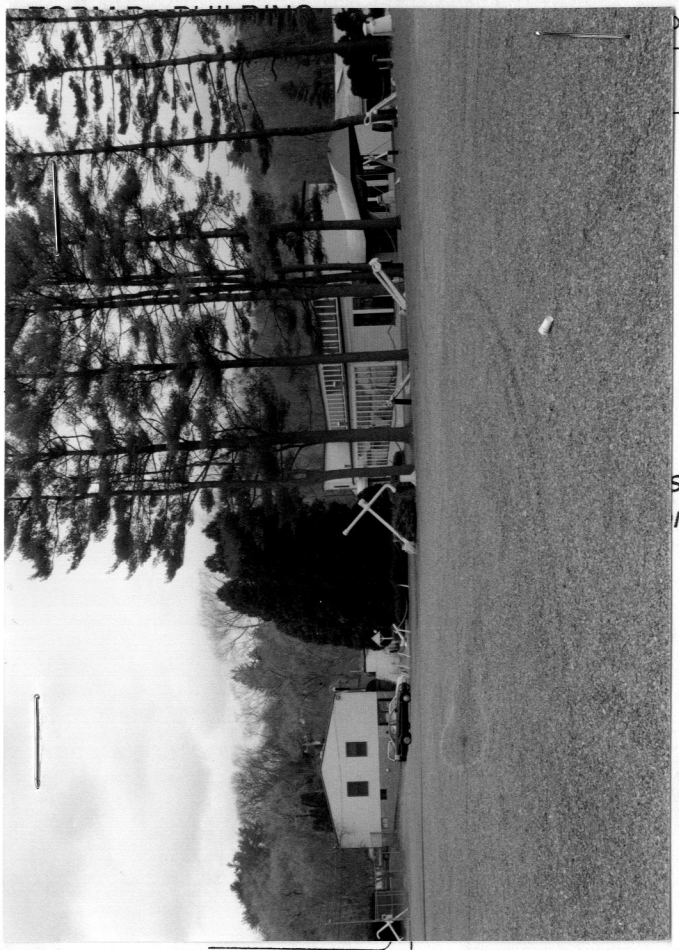

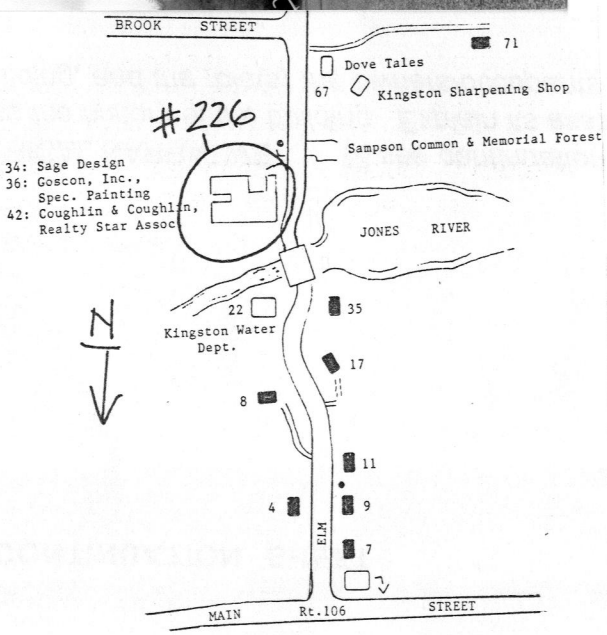

Town Kingston

Place *(neighborhood or village)*

Address 34/36/42 Elm Street

Historic Name Coughlin & Coughlin

Uses: Present industrial/commercial space

Original industrial

Date of Construction c.1880 & c.1950

Source maps & Emily Drew

Style/Form industrial

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation concrete

Wall/Trim wood

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations *(with dates)*

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 5 acres

Setting
mill adjacent to Jones River (south side)

Recorded by Deirdre Brotherson

Organization Kingston Historical Commission

Date *(month/year)* May 1998

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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☒ *see continuation sheet*
Describe architectural features Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☒ *see continuation sheet*
Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ *see continuation sheet*

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:
The wood frame, one story building with the monitor roof was built c.1880 and is the only original 19th century building on the site. the building on the Elm Street was built c. 1950. This property has had many changes and alterations.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:
On this spot, before 1810, Colonel Jesse Reed had a dye-wood manufactory, leasing the building and power from the owners of the privilege. In 1813 a cotton and woolen mill was erected by a group of men principally from other towns, who styled themselves the Jones River Cotton & Woolen Manufacturing Company. Joseph Holmes was Treasurer and Agent of the concern and had charge of the building of the original mill. from time to time, individual owners changed, but it was largely the same investors or their heirs who, under the name of the Kingston Manufacturing Company, sold out the entire property in 1844 to John Sever, who retained the grist-mill on the north side of the river (near the present pumping station) and sold the cotton factory to Timothy Allen and Samuel Barnes of Plymouth.

In March of 1845 the mill burned to the ground; in May 1845, the ruins and privilege were purchased by Edward J.W. Morse and Thomas Newcomb of Easton who put up a thread factory on the site. The [1845] deed names the site of the burned factory and the water power, the flume and water wheel, six looms (all that were saved from the flames), a blacksmith shop, the factory boarding house and lot "on the west side of Mill Hill Road (Elm Street) bounded on two sides by Dr. Nichols." previously there had also been a building used as a hatter's shop connected with the plant. A few years later, Mr. Morse died and Mr. Newcomb continued as sole owner. In 1874 Newcomb sold the entire property to the United States Lock Company of Connecticut, a firm making locks of the familiar Yale type. They remained only a few years. In 1880 the mill was bought by Herbert Soule, who used it as a tack factory. In 1886 the Town of Kingston purchased it as part of its water system. Since that time, the Town has had first right to the water for power and has leased and sold the buildings and certain rights to those who occupied that part of the plant south of the river (Drew 1926 p.47-48).

According to the Sanborn maps the property has been owned or occupied by the following:
1890 - E.P. Hurd Tack Manufactory;1901/1906/1912/1925 - United Shoe Machinery Co. & E.P. Hurd Tack Manufactory. Between 1925 and 1943 the building on Elm Street was removed. In 1943 the Plymouth Machine & Burner Corp occupied the building set back from the street. In 1954 Barnes Worsteds Inc. occupied this mill as well as the mill at Triphammer. Currently Coughlin & Coughlin occupies the site.

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1901 April (1896, 1901, 1906 include Kingston Village
1906 Feb. and Factories in Kingston)
Kingston: 1912 (6 sheets)
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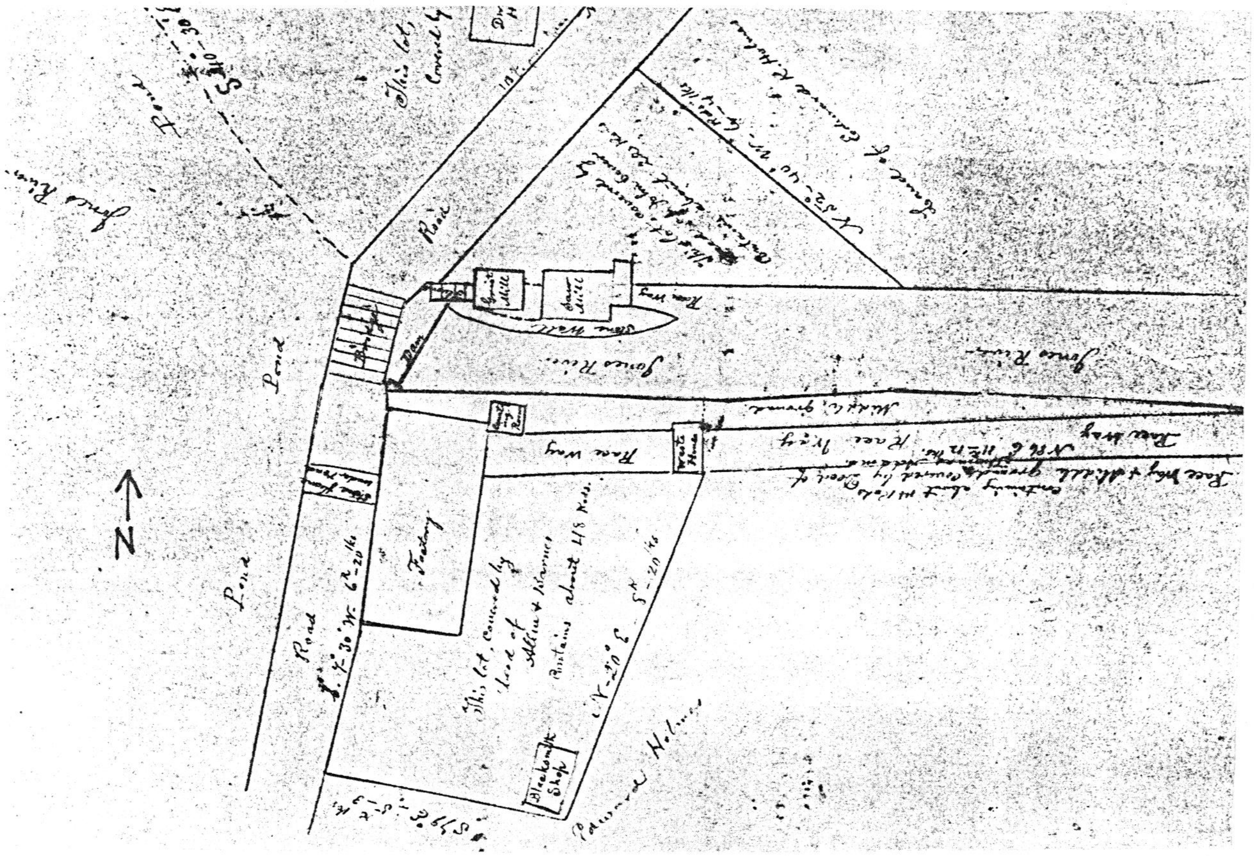
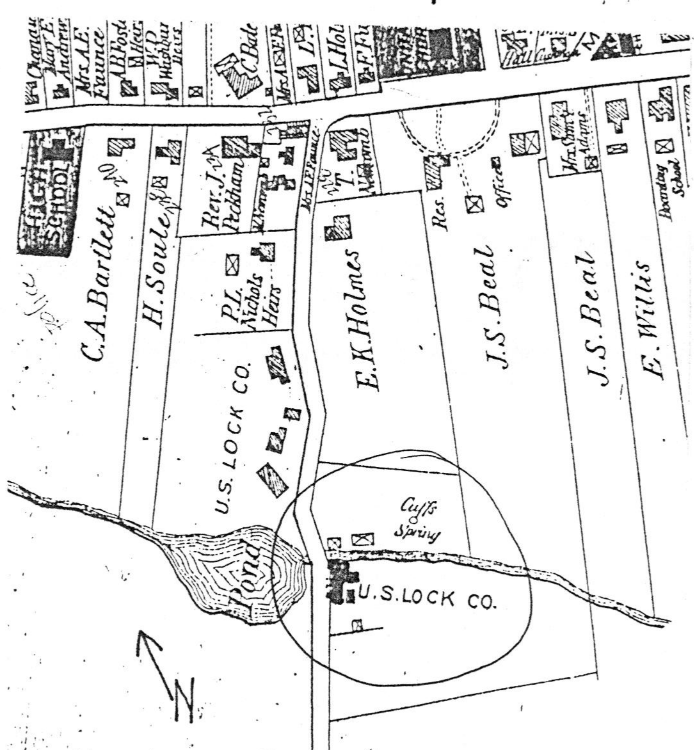


↑ Plan of Thomas Newcomb's Thread Factory drawn by John Gray Dec. 31, 1873. (Melville 1976 p. 312)



← 1879 map of Area

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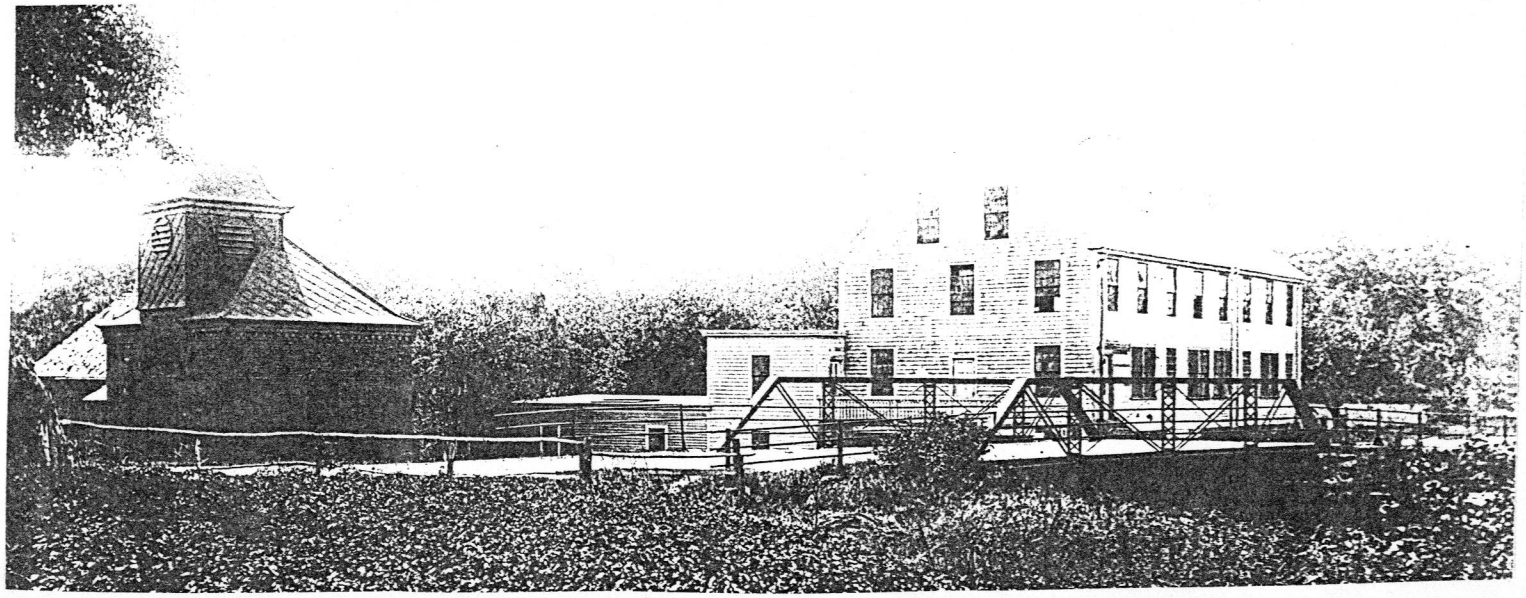
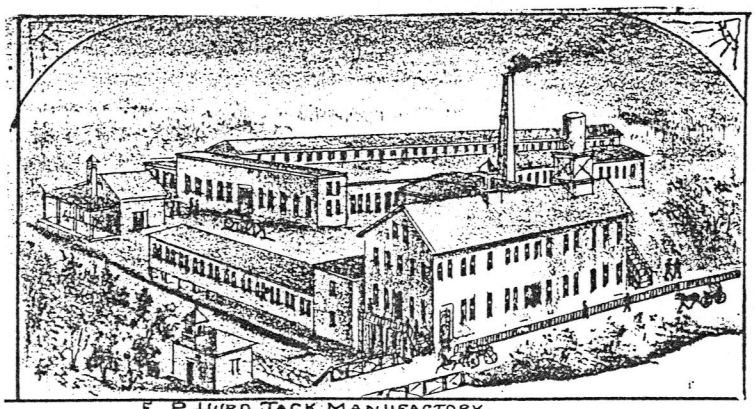
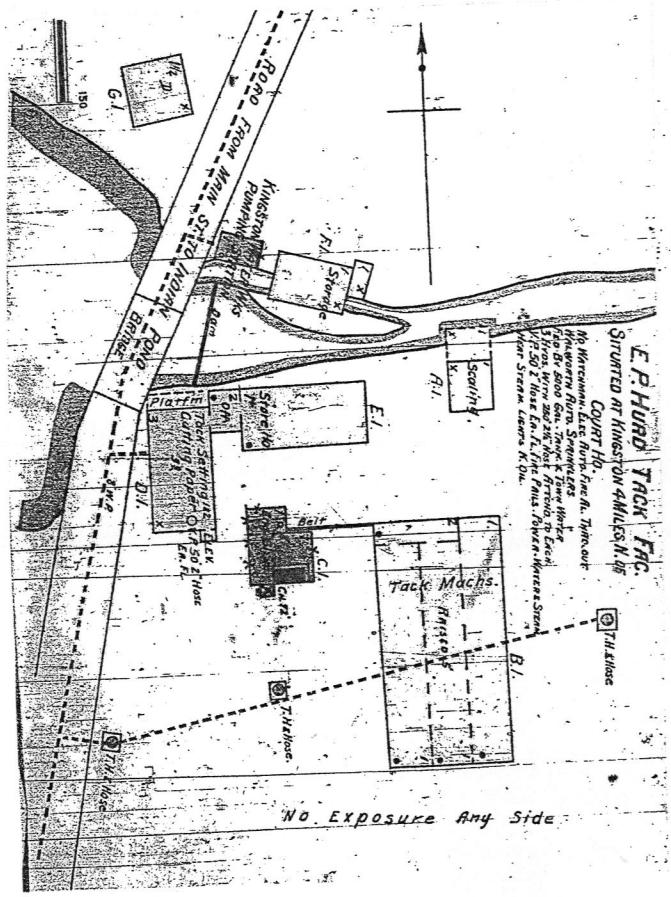


Pumping Station & Hurd Factory Building c. 1894



E. P. HURD, TACK MANUFACTORY.

↑ From: 1896 Bird's Eye View of Kingston, MA



1896 Sanborn Map

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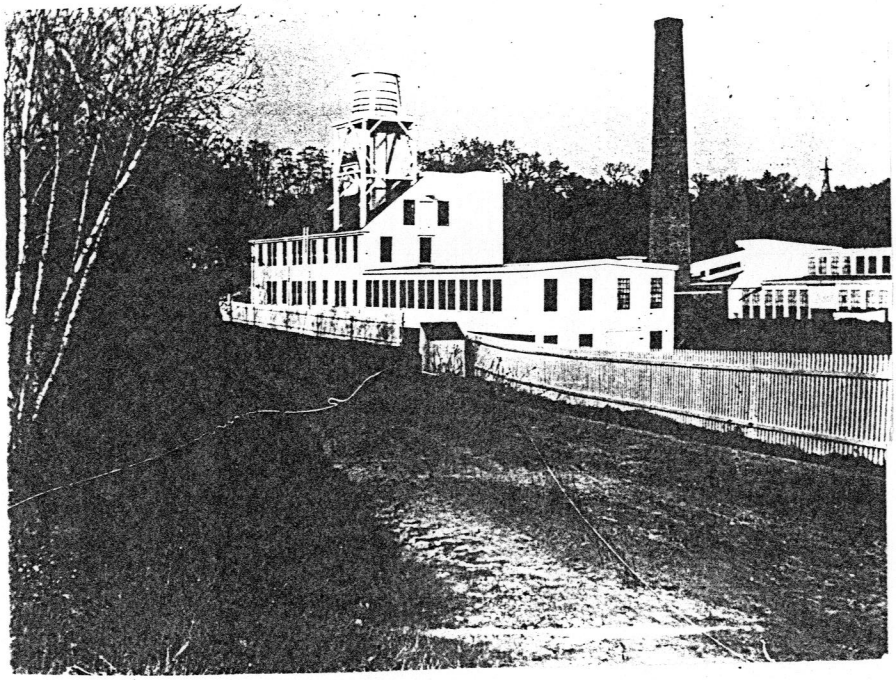

looking North from Elm Street toward Jones River (n.d.)

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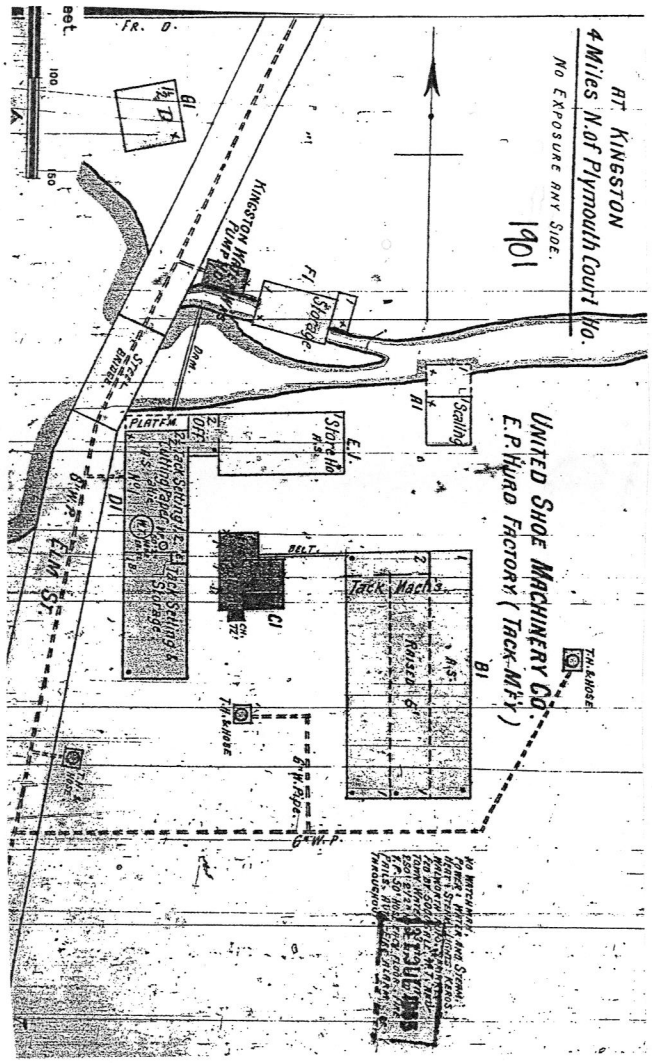
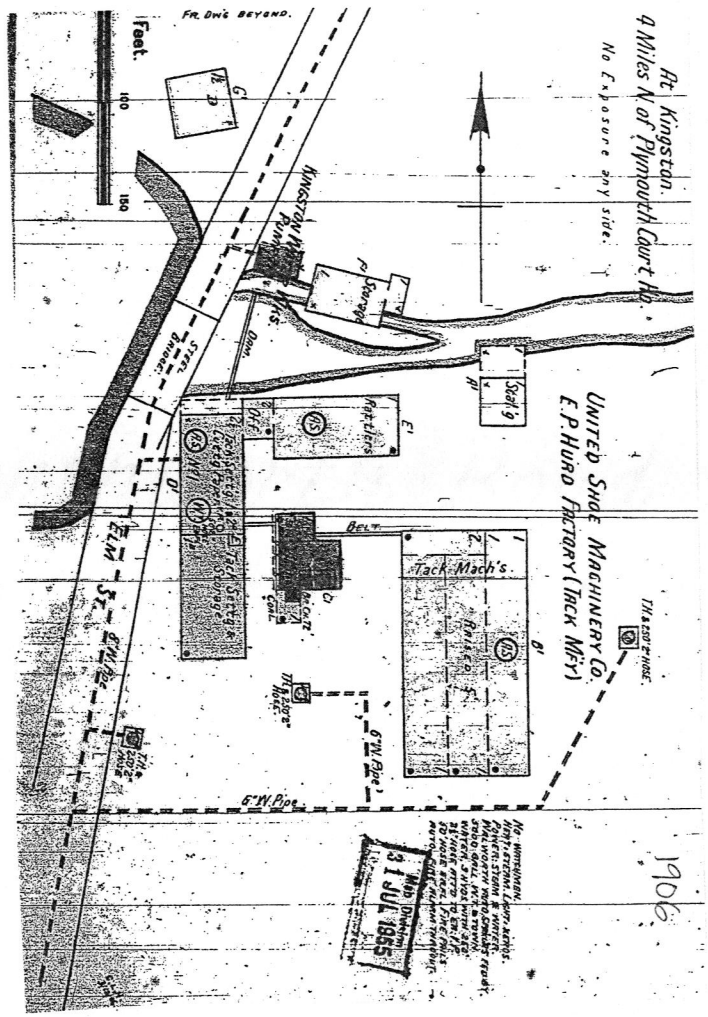


1901 Sanborn Map



1906 Sanborn Map

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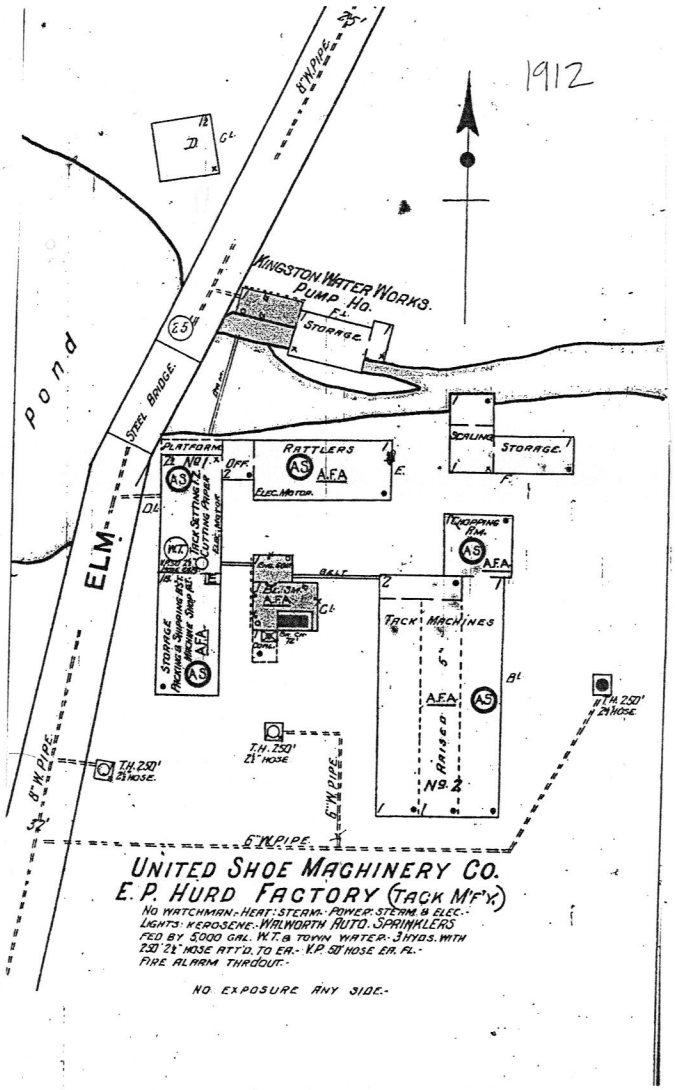

1912 Sanborn Map.

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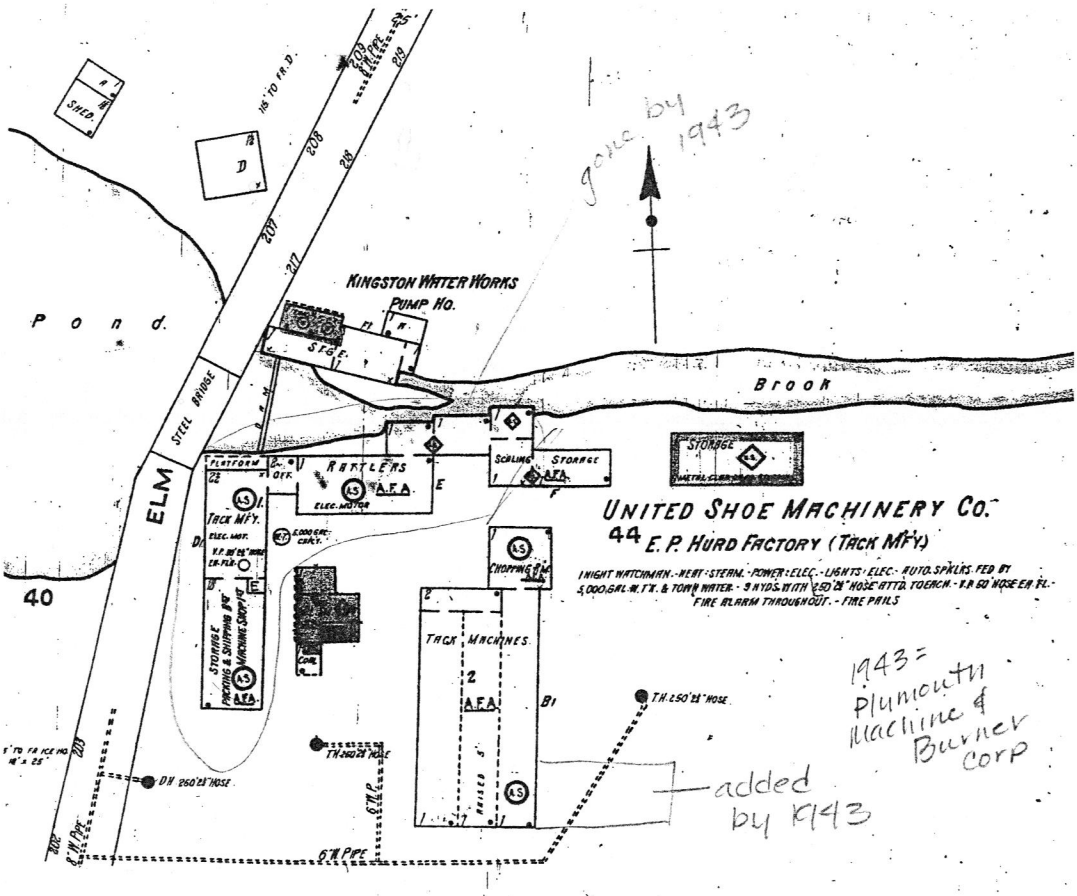

1925 Sanborn Map.

(notes from 1943 Sanborn map)

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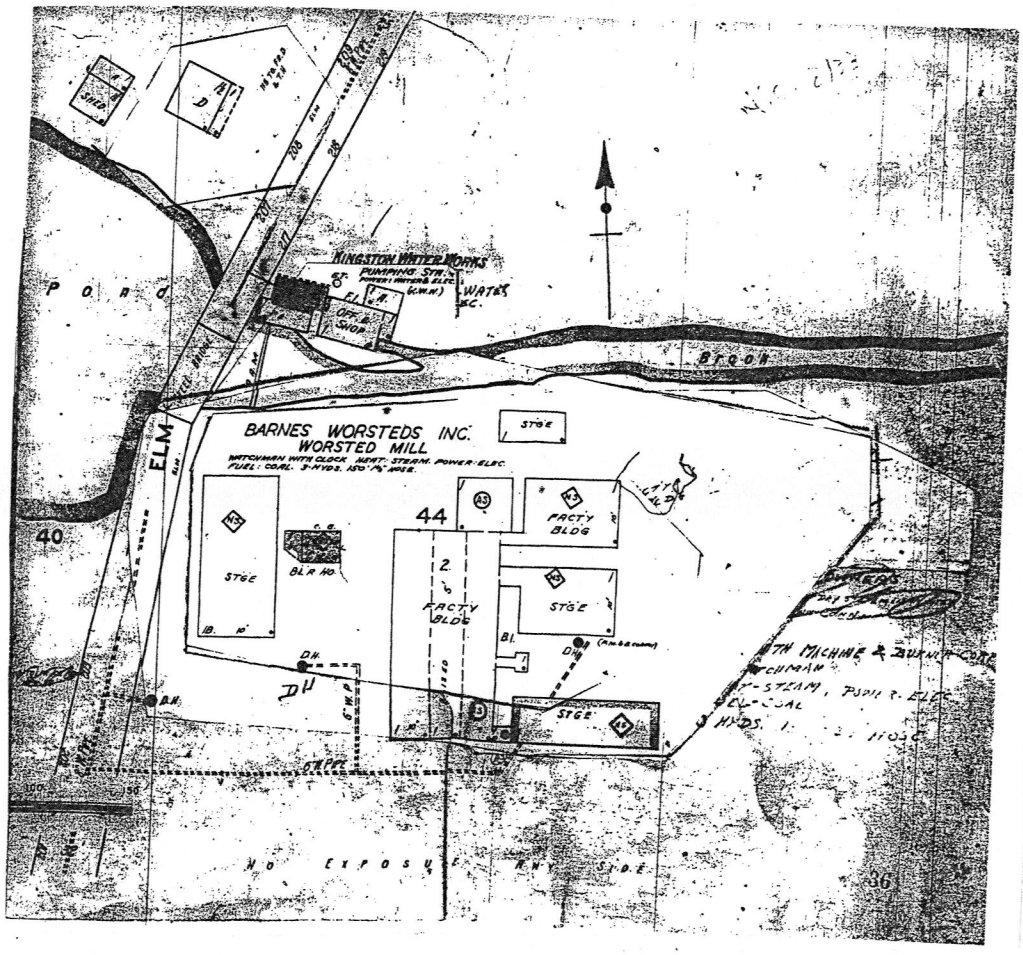

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