

LAMSOM & GOODNOW MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Shelburne Falls
Franklin County
Massachusetts

HAER No. MA-75

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MASS
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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

STATE COUNTY TOWN OR VICINITY
Massachusetts Franklin Shelburne Falls

HISTORIC NAME HAER NO.
LAMSOM & GOODNOW MANUFACTURING COMPANY MA-75

SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL AREAS)

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, BUILDER, OR FABRICATOR

1851 built for the Lamsom & Goodnow company

SIGNIFICANCE (TECHNOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE)

In 1851 the new cutlery factory of Lamsom & Goodnow introduced the "American system" of interchangeable parts. By the mid-1850's, with 340 workers they became the nation's largest cutlery manufacturer.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

Greek Revival influence

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

brick construction

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

multi-building plant; the main structure being a two story, rectangularly shaped structure with a central pavilion.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Brick pilasters and pedimented gable ends on one building; curving board and batten 2nd story hyphen connecting buildings; brick construction with stone lintels and sills; entry pavilion on largest building, with cupola atop.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT)

old machinery intact

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

Lamsom & Goodnow began operations in 1833 making scythe handles called snathes from a patent by Silas Lamsom. In 1844 operations were moved from the family home to a series of mill-power bldgs and the manufacture of cutlery began. New factory in 1851.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS, ETC.)

HAER inventory card, prepared by Peter Stott, June 1975.

COMPILER, AFFILIATION DATE

ADDENDUM TO:
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