

LAWRENCE MACHINE SHOP, BUILDING 18
70 General Street
Lawrence
Essex County
Massachusetts

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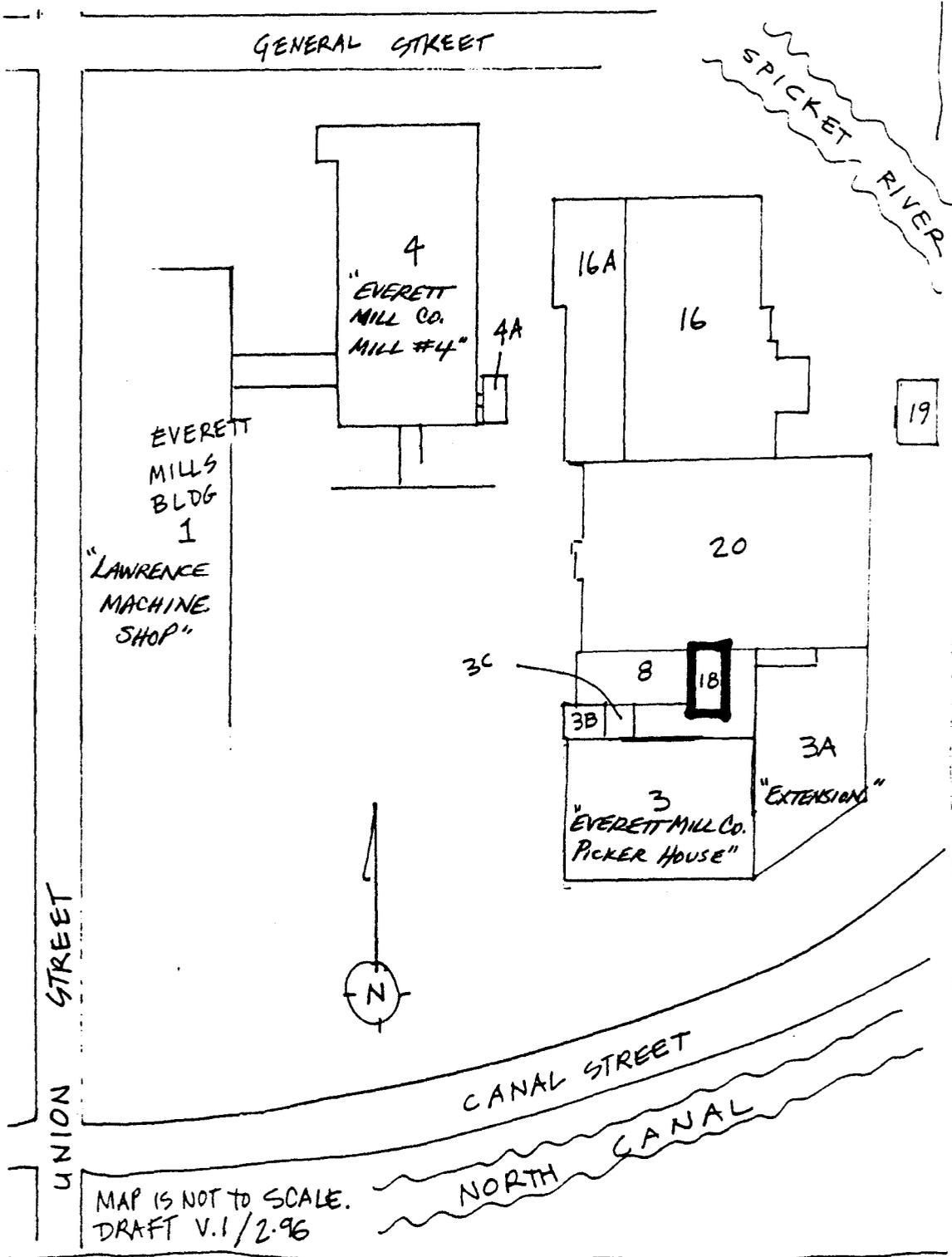
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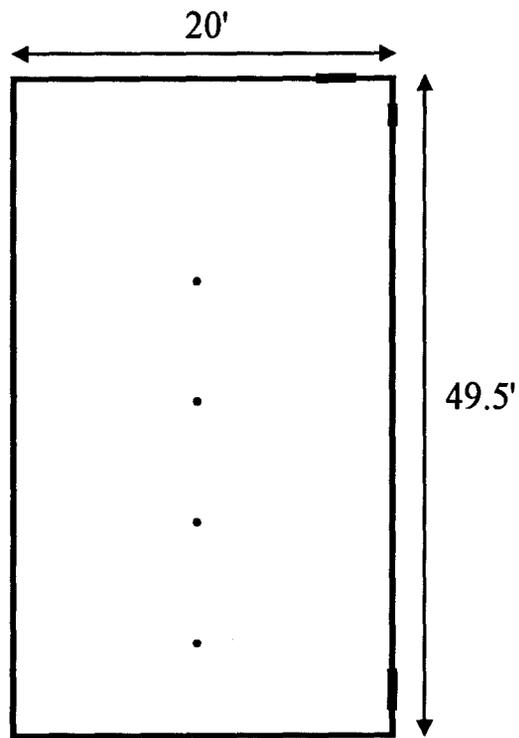
- Location: 70 General Street, Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts
USGS Lawrence, Massachusetts - New Hampshire Quadrangle,
UTM Coordinates 19.323783.4730371
- Significance: This building was part of the improvements to the Lawrence Machine Shop yard by Everett Cotton Mills. It was constructed in 1911. When the mill was built, Everett Mills was the world's largest cotton mill. Everett Mills figured prominently in Lawrence's 1912 Bread & Roses Labor Strike.
- Description: This structure is a one story, 1,100 square foot building. The roof consists of wood planks on timber beams spanning to granite walls. There are timber and steel pipe columns. The floor is a concrete slab on grade.
- History: Building 18 was constructed in 1911. It was used as a dust room (purpose and process unknown) and years later as an electrical distribution room that fed transformers and motor controls that ran such things as equipment and lighting. It was originally part of the Everett Mills Corp. cotton mills complex. Years later, around 1931, it was bought by the plastics manufacturer, Bolta Company. Then, in 1954, it was owned by General Tire & Rubber Company, later to be named GenCorp Inc., a plastics and vinyl manufacturer.
- Sources: GenCorp Inc. - Lawrence Location records, 1995.
Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) Cambridge, MA - Main Buildings Demolition Structural Report, 1995.
North Canal Historic District. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form, 1983.
- Historian: Robert T. Kfoury, Esq., Consultant to GenCorp Inc., February 23, 1996.

BUILDING 18 SITE PLAN





Building 18 Floor Plan



▬ = Doorway