

River Street Historic District  
River Street between Union and Pearl Streets  
Claremont  
Sullivan County  
New Hampshire

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RIVER STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
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Date: Late 19th and early 20th centuries

Location: Both sides of River Street between Union and Pearl Streets

Designed by: Unknown

Owners: Various private interests

Significance: Structures in the River Street Historic District include one of the major warehouses of the Sullivan Machinery Co., a small factory built in the latter part of the nineteenth century, tenement buildings and workers' cottages. River Street, which has served as an industrial service road, bisects the area. An interesting feature of the district is that, as originally constructed, the housing and warehouse and manufacturing facilities were all in extremely close proximity. The houses are built adjacent to the street, with no yards or sidewalks, and the street carries rail lines as well as vehicular traffic. Such incompatibility of uses was not uncommon at the time these structures were built, though it would not be permitted today.

Researchers are referred to a 1978 HCRS study (U.S. Department of the Interior, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service. Rehabilitation: Claremont 1978; Planning for Adaptive Use and Energy Conservation in an Historic Mill Village. Washington, D.C., 1978.) for rehabilitation proposals.

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