

FORM B - BUILDING

AREA

FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116



OWN ACTON

Address 53 River Street

Historic Name B.J. Lazaro Paving and

Contracting

Use: Present industrial

Original industrial

DESCRIPTION

Date 1957

Source building records

Style modern block / utilitarian

Architect none

Exterior Wall Fabric concrete block

Outbuildings sheds

Major Alterations (with dates) unknown

Condition fair

Moved no Date n/a

Acres 7.26 acres

Setting South side of River St. with
railroad and brook behind building, set
below road, large dirt parking area

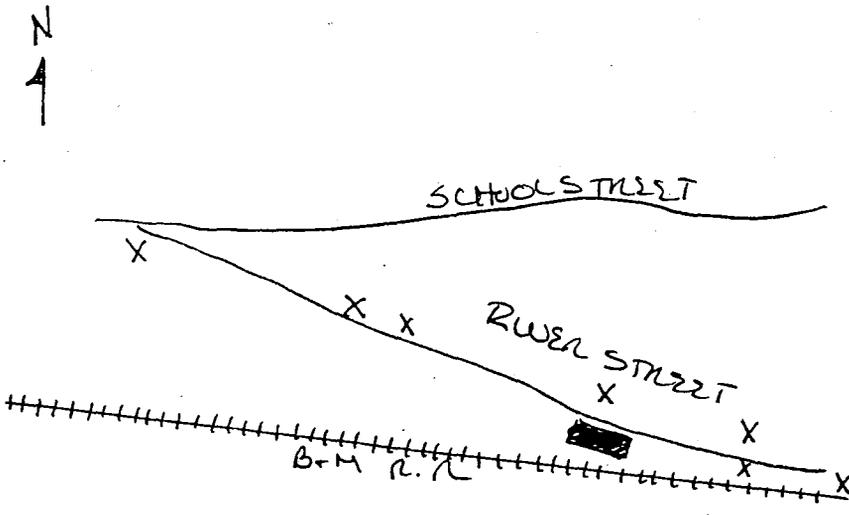
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Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s). Indicate north

Assessor's Map # H-3A-47



UTM REFERENCE _____

USGS QUADRANGLE _____

SCALE _____

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

The large concrete block industrial building has two large garage doors, a regular office entrance door, and windows. There is a wood cupola on the flat roof.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Located in South Acton, the first center of Acton and the area that is reflective of the industrialization due to the eighteenth and nineteenth century mills and the 1844 railroad, this industrial property is located at the site of the mid 19th century shoddy mill which was first built in 1845. By the 1860s the Holmes Woolen Company was here. Later J.A. Bowen was the proprietor of the wool extracting company which in 1890 became the South Acton Woolen Company. This company operated until the 1930s. In 1951 the buildings burned and this industrial building was constructed in 1957.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES