

STATE OF VERMONT  
 Division for Historic Preservation  
 Montpelier, VT 05602

HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY  
 District  Complex  Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: 0402-1-#1-7
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER(S): 83-A-140, 180, 181
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing A 18-641500-4926540 E. 18-641280-4926540 B 18-641400-4926600 F. 18-641280-4926520 C 18-641310-4926560 G. 18-641480-4926460 D 18-641300-4926560
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: Burlington 7.5

COUNTY: Chittenden
TOWN: Burlington
LOCATION: 120 Lake Street. East side of street between Depot and College Streets.
NAME OF DISTRICT:
TYPE OF DISTRICT:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURES: Excellent % Good 80% Fair 20% Poor %
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/>
THEMES:

COMPLEX INFORMATION ONLY	
COMMON NAME: Pioneer Mechanics' Shops	
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: T.A. Haigh Lumber Company	
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Pioneer Mechanic' Shops	
TYPE OF COMPLEX: Industrial	
TYPES OF STRUCTURES: Factory, Warehouse, Mills	
PRESENT USE: Warehouses, Offices	
ORIGINAL USE: Factories, Warehouses	
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	Mills
Builder/Contractor:	Unknown
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The vernacular style planned industrial complex of warehouses and mills located near Lake Champlain was Burlington's first attempt at revitalizing the lake shore industries. The functional two- and three-story brick buildings with large arch doorways, loft openings and hoist beams were unique among the individually owned and operated businesses in the area. These remaining structures are all that exist to represent the 1850's initial industrial expansion at the waterfront.

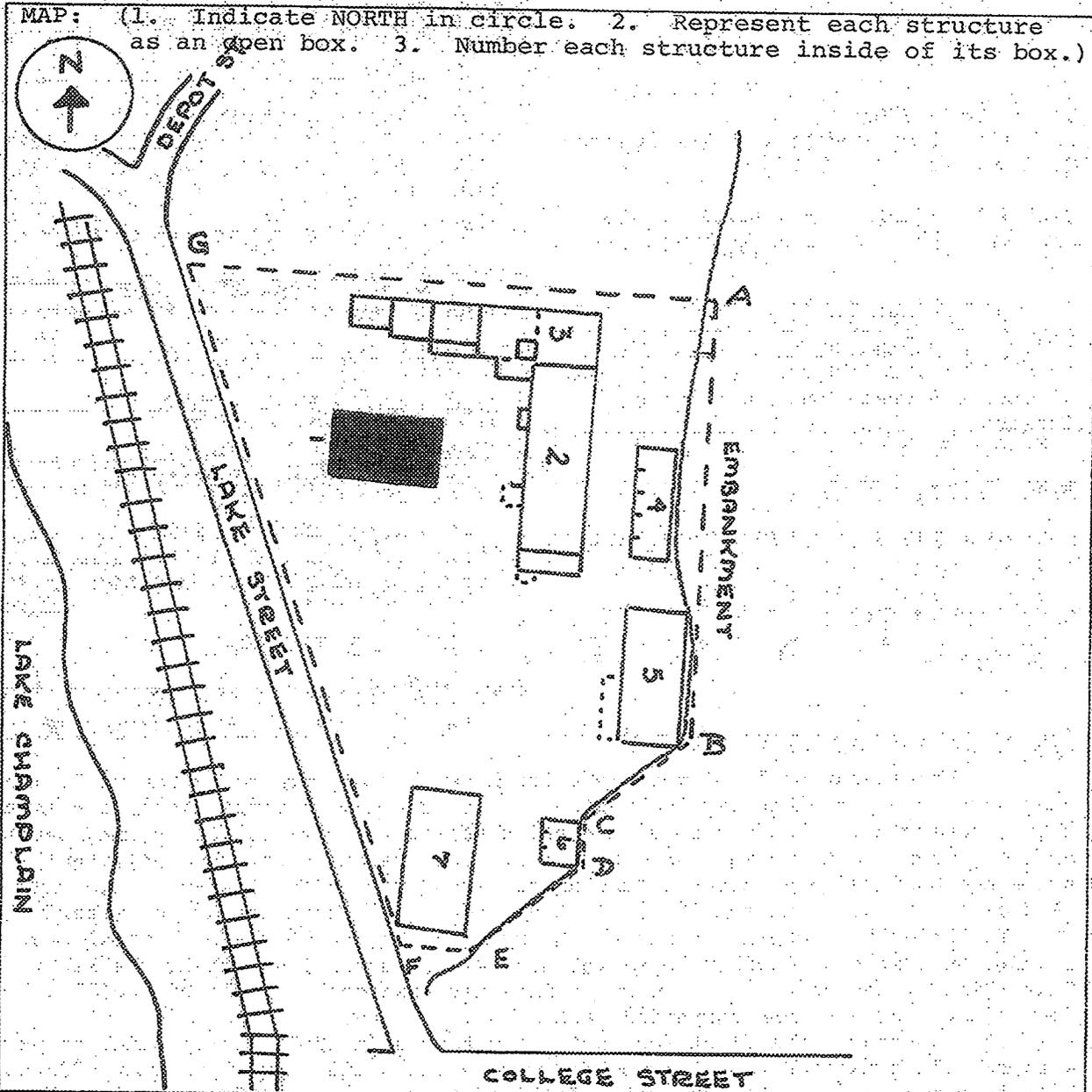
In 1852-1853 Frederick Smith and Henry P. Hickok built the mechanical shops, storage buildings and boiler house to encourage industrial growth by the lake. These Pioneer Mechanics' Shops were an immediate success with planing mills, foundries, door and sash companies, etc. renting space.

Fire destroyed the first four brick structures in 1858. Three brick shops were rebuilt that same year. New shops were added until there were over a dozen buildings in the area. As the shops declined in the later 1800's, the buildings were rented to individual businesses as storage space or removed completely. Presently the T.A. Haigh Lumber Company owns and rents the existing buildings for storage and office space.

THREAT TO STRUCTURES: No Threat <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Roads <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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MAP: (1. Indicate NORTH in circle. 2. Represent each structure as an open box. 3. Number each structure inside of its box.)



BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

SEE ATTACHED

REFERENCES: The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, 1867 Burlington Map, 1869 Hopkins Map, 1890, Gazetteer and Business Directory of Chittenden County, 1882-83

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Building #6 - Garages

A three bay, flat roof, rock-face cement block garage on a cement foundation with overhead doors is directly behind Building #7 and abutts the embankment. (28ft x 16ft).

Building #7 - Shepard and Morse Lumber Company

This three-story rectangular plan, 13 x 3 bay, common bond brick flat roof structure on a stone foundation has a box cornice on 3 sides of the building. Some of the brick arch 2/2 sash windows with wood sills are bricked in. A projecting brick belt course, and hog's-back brick sill course separate the stories. There is a front hooded entrance with an altered metal door and three, south side, brick lintel doorways bricked and boarded up. Raised brick sign boards are visible on the south and west sides. A loading dock, brick arch diagonal plank loft door with hoist beam above and storage shed are all in the rear of the building.

This structure seems to have been leased from the Pioneer Mechanics' Shops by the Shepard and Morse Lumber Company.