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Rhode Island Mills and Mill Villages Photograph Collection
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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 002-03-03

Title: Rhode Island Mills and Mill Villages Photograph Collection

Creator: McCarthy, Joseph E.

Dates: 1940

Quantity: 5 boxes and 4 map drawers (16.5 linear feet)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Created by Joseph E. McCarthy in 1940 on behalf of the Providence Public Library..

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from creator.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material None.

Published description Not applicable.

Location of originals Original negatives destroyed, date unknown.

Location of copies Not applicable.

Publication note Not applicable.

Subject headings Photographers – Rhode Island.
 Architecture, Domestic.
 Architecture, Industrial.
 Architecture -- Pictorial Works.
 Architecture—Rhode Island—Providence.
 Doorways—Rhode Island—Providence.
 Factories – Rhode Island – Pictorial works.
 Mills and mill-work—Rhode Island.
 Mills and mill-work – Rhode Island – Pictorial works.
 United States. Works Progress Administration.
 Black-and-white photographs. AAT.
 Historic buildings. AAT.

SEE ALSO

None.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Joseph E. McCarthy worked as a photographer for the Works Progress Administration in Providence, RI in the late 1930s and 1940s. The WPA was a federal organization created to help overcome the Great Depression by creating projects for the unemployed to work. Some of McCarthy's earlier photographic works were part of the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art's RI Architecture exhibition in 1939. As late as the 1960s, McCarthy worked as an educator in Westerly, RI. McCarthy was married to Geraldine C. McCarthy. Their birth and death dates are unknown.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

This collection is comprised of negatives, glossy photographic prints, and oversized photographic prints of mills and mill villages within Rhode Island. All of the photographs were taken by Joseph McCarthy as a Federal Works Agency project, a part of the WPA, in 1940 and given to the Providence Public Library as part of the Nickerson Architectural Collection that same year. A written reference work listing the prints and including an essay of the various architectural styles seen in the photographs was written by Samuel Green to accompany the collection and is held within the Rhode Island Collection.

The oversized photographs are the original prints. The original negatives were accidentally incinerated while in the care of Joseph E. McCarthy's assistant sometime before 1967. The existing negatives and glossy prints appear to have been created as copies of the original prints. Date of reproduction is unknown. All of the prints were dry mounted on cardboard, with the exception of two smaller, glossy prints. Mounted prints are labeled with their location and name, if applicable, as well as building construction date. Missing from the collections are photographs I-2, I-44, II-19, III-D-7, and III-D-28.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The prints are separated by type and arranged into four series as originally organized by Joseph E. McCarthy according to architectural style. Series 1 includes mills and mill houses built in the Early Republican style; Series 2 reflects Greek Revival; Series 3 reflects the Romantic Period; and Series 4 reflects construction that focused on more comprehensive Town Planning. The glossy prints are in boxes and original prints are in oversized folders. The negatives are arranged into the same four series and boxed separately.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series 1: Series 1 includes images of mills and mill village buildings that reflect the Early Republican style of architecture.

Item	Title	Oversize	Print	Negative
I-1	Slatersville. Mill House Door c. 1810	Folder 1	Box 1	Box 5
I-3	Riverpoint. Superintendent's House. c. 1810-15 (probably 1812)	Folder 1	Box 1	Box 5
I-4	Manville. Mill House Doorway c. 1825 (probably 1826)	Folder 1	Box 1	Box 5
I-5	Manville. Mill Houses c. 1825 (probably 1826) with later houses	Folder 1	Box 1	Box 5
I-6	Fiskeville "Doctor's House" Side View 1810-15 (monitor c. 1825)	Folder 1	Box 1	Box 5
I-7	Fiskeville "Doctor's House" Door. 1810-15	Folder 2	Box 1	Box 5
I-8	Fiskeville. Superintendent's House c. 1810-15	Folder 2	Box 1	Box 5
I-9	Fiskeville Superintendent's House door c. 1810-15	Folder 2	Box 1	Box 5
I-10	Harris Mill Cottages c. 1810-15	Folder 2	Box 1	Box 5
I-11	Harris. Mill Cottages c. 1810-1815	Folder 2	Box 1	Box 5
I-12	Lippitt. Mill Cottages 1809	Folder 3	Box 1	Box 5
I-13	Lippitt. Mill Cottage Detail 1809	Folder 3	Box 1	Box 5
I-14	Hope. Mill Cottage c. 1810	Folder 3	Box 1	Box 5
I-15	Belleville. Mill Cottage c. 1810-15	Folder 3	Box 1	Box 5
I-16	Fiskeville. Mill Cottage c. 1810-15	Folder 3	Box 1	Box 5
I-17	Hope Valley. Mill Cottage c. 1810-15	Folder 4	Box 1	Box 5
I-18	Rocky Brook. Mill Cottage c. 1810-15	Folder 4	Box 1	Box 5
I-19	Woonsocket. Mill House Detail (Connected with Clinton Mill) c. 1815	Folder 4	Box 1	Box 5
I-20	Allenton. Mill House c. 1810-20	Folder 4	Box 1	Box 5
I-21	Fiskeville. Mill House c. 1810-20	Folder 4	Box 1	Box 5
I-22	Phoenix. Mill House c. 1810-20	Folder 5	Box 1	Box 5
I-23	Washington. Mill Houses c. 1810-20	Folder 5	Box 1	Box 5
I-24	Wyoming. Mill Houses c. 1810-20	Folder 5	Box 1	Box 5
I-25	Pawtucket. Mill Houses c. 1815-20 (Probably connected with Old Dexter Mill)	Folder 5	Box 1	Box 5
I-26	Slatersville. Mill Houses c.1820	Folder 5	Box 1	Box 5
I-27	Woonsocket. Mill Houses Globe Co. Probably 1827	Folder 6	Box 1	Box 5
I-28	Belleville. Mill House c. 1815-20	Folder 6	Box 1	Box 5
I-29	Fiskeville. Stone Houses c. 1810-15	Folder 6	Box 1	Box 5

I-30	Georgiaville. Stone Houses c. 1813-25	Folder 6	Box 1	Box 5
I-31	Hope. Mill House c. 1810-15	Folder 6	Box 1	Box 5
I-32	Hope. Mill House c. 1810-15	Folder 7	Box 1	Box 5
I-33	Hope. Mill House - Detail c. 1810-15	Folder 7	Box 1	Box 5
I-34	Hope. Mill House c. 1810-15	Folder 7		Box 5
I-35	Hope. Mill House c. 1810-15	Folder 7	Box 1	Box 5
I-36	Slatersville. Mill House c. 1810-15	Folder 7	Box 1	Box 5
I-37	Morgan Mills - Front c. 1820	Folder 8	Box 1	Box 5
I-38	Morgan Mills - Rear	Folder 8	Box 1	Box 5
I-39	Morgan Mills - Interior of kitchen c, 1820	Folder 8	Box 1	Box 5
I-40	Mohegan. Mill House c. 1810-15	Folder 8	Box 1	Box 5
I-41	Allendale. Mill House 1823	Folder 8	Box 1	Box 5
I-42	Lonsdale. Mill House 1832	Folder 9	Box 1	Box 5
I-43	Lonsdale. Mill House - Detail 1832	Folder 9	Box 1	Box 5
I-45	Pawtucket. Wilkinson Mill 1810	Folder 9	Box 1	Box 5
I-46	Providence. Allen Print Works c. 1810-20	Folder 9	Box 1	Box 5
I-47	Georgiaville. Mill known as Belfry Mill 1813	Folder 9	Box 1	Box 5
I-48	Georgiaville. Mill known as Belfry Mill 1813	Folder 10	Box 1	Box 5
I-49	Chepachet Mill 1814	Folder 10	Box 1	Box 5
I-50	Lincoln. Butterfly Mill 1813	Folder 10	Box 1	Box 5
I-51	Ashaway. Old Mill c. 1810-20	Folder 10	Box 1	Box 5
I-52	Lippitt Mill 1809	Folder 10	Box 1	Box 5
I-53	Hope. Old Mill c. 1810-15 (on left) with later Mill	Folder 11	Box 1	Box 5
I-54	Woonsocket. Peter's River Lower Privilege Mill c. 1828	Folder 11	Box 1	Box 5
I-55	Rockville. Store 1835	Folder 11	Box 1	Box 5

Series II: Series 2 includes images of mills and mill village buildings that reflect the Greek Revival style of architecture.

Item	Title	Oversize	Print	Negative
II-1	Harris. Governor Harris Mill 1851	Folder 12	Box 2	Box 5
II-2	Carolina. Mill 1841	Folder 12	Box 2	Box 5
II-2a	Carolina. Mill (detail) 1841	Folder 12	Box 2	Box 5
II-2b	Carolina. Mill Detail 1841	Folder 12	Box 2	Box 5
II-3	Quidnick. Mill 1848	Folder 12	Box 2	Box 5
II-4	Rockville. Mill 1849	Folder 13	Box 2	Box 5
II-5	Peacedale. Hazard Mill 1847	Folder 13	Box 2	Box 5
II-6	Rocky Brook. Mill c. 1850	Folder 13	Box 2	Box 5
II-7	Shannock. Mill 1849	Folder 13	Box 2	Box 5

II-8	Lymanville. Mill c. 1845	Folder 13	Box 2	Box 5
II-9	Davisville. Mill 1848	Folder 14	Box 2	Box 5
II-10	Morgan Mills. Mill c. 1840	Folder 14	Box 2	Box 5
II-11	Wakefield. Mill c. 1845	Folder 14	Box 2	Box 5
II-12	Woonsocket. Lippitt Mill 1847	Folder 14	Box 2	Box 5
II-12a	Woonsocket. Lippitt Mill Detail 1847	Folder 14	Box 2	Box 5
II-13	Central Falls. Stafford Mfg. Co. c. 1845	Folder 15	Box 2	Box 5
II-14	Potters Hill. Stone Mill c. 1840	Folder 15	Box 2	Box 5
II-15	Wooden Mill c. 1840	Folder 15	Box 2	Box 5
II-16	Providence. Merino Mill 1851	Folder 15	Box 2	Box 5
II-17	Newport. Perry Mill 1835	Folder 15	Box 2	Box 5
II-18	Woonsocket. Woonsocket Company 1832	Folder 16	Box 2	Box 5
II-18a	Woonsocket. Woonsocket Company c. 1840	Folder 16	Box 2	Box 5
II-20	Quidnick. Street in Mill Village 1847	Folder 16	Box 2	Box 5
II-21	Quidnick. Boarding House c. 1847	Folder 16	Box 2	Box 5
II-22	Quidnick. Read of board House - with houses c. 1847	Folder 16	Box 2	Box 5
II-23	Moscow. Mill Tenement c. 1847	Folder 17	Box 2	Box 5
II-24	Locustville. Mill House c. 1845	Folder 17	Box 2	Box 5
II-25	Slatersville. Mill House Doorway c. 1845	Folder 17	Box 2	Box 5
II-26	Slatersville. Mill House Doorway c. 1845	Folder 17	Box 2	Box 5
II-27	Rockville. Part of Mill Village 1849	Folder 17	Box 2	Box 5
II-28	Rockville. Mill House 1849	Folder 18	Box 2	Box 5
II-29	Rockville. Mill House Detail 1849	Folder 18	Box 2	Box 5
II-30	Newport. Mill Houses 1835-37	Folder 18	Box 2	Box 5
II-31	Crompton. Multiple Mill Dwelling c. 1840-45	Folder 18	Box 2	Box 5
II-32	Whiterock. Mill Houses 1849	Folder 18	Box 2	Box 5
II-33	Lonsdale. Mill Houses 1853	Folder 19	Box 2	Box 5
II-34	Lonsdale. Mill Houses 1853	Folder 19	Box 2	Box 5
II-35	Lonsdale. Mill Houses 1853	Folder 19	Box 2	Box 5
II-36	Slatersville. Wooden Church 1836	Folder 19	Box 2	Box 5
II-37	Rockville. Church and Sunday School 1836	Folder 19	Box 2	Box 5
II-38	Manville. Episcopal Church c. 1845	Folder 20	Box 2	Box 5
II-39	Hope. Volunteer Fire Company c. 1845	Folder 20	Box 2	Box 5
II-40	Hope. Store c. 1845	Folder 20	Box 2	Box 5
II-41	Fiskeville. Free Reading Room c. 1840	Folder 20	Box 2	Box 5
II-42	Allendale. Mill Office c. 1840	Folder 20	Box 2	Box 5
II-43	Slatersville. Stores 1850	Folder 21	Box 2	Box 5
II-43a	Slatersville. Stores - Detail 1850	Folder 21	Box 2	Box 5
II-44	Bridgeton. Mill House c. 1855	Folder 21	Box 2	Box 5

II-45	Bridgeton. Mill House c. 1855	Folder 21	Box 2	Box 5
II-46	Mohegan. Mill House c. 1855	Folder 21	Box 2	Box 5
II-47	Slatersville. Mill Houses c. 1855 Box 2 Box 2	Folder 22	Box 2	Box 5
II-48	Bridgeton. Mill House c. 1855	Folder 22	Box 2	Box 5
II-49	Pascoag. Mill House c. 1845-50	Folder 22	Box 2	Box 5
II-50	Oakland. Mill House c. 1850	Folder 22	Box 2	Box 5
II-51	Morgan's Mills Mill House c. 1840	Folder 22	Box 2	Box 5
II-52	Arctic. Mill House or Office c. 1840	Folder 23	Box 2	Box 5
II-53	Forrestdale. Mill Cottage c. 1840	Folder 23	Box 2	Box 5
II-54	Mohegan. Mill House c. 1860	Folder 23	Box 2	Box 5
II-55	Riverpoint. Mill House c. 1860	Folder 23	Box 2	Box 5
II-56	Woonsocket. Houses connected with Harris Woolen Mill c. 1860	Folder 23	Box 2	Box 5
II-57	Riverpoint. Mill Houses c. 1865	Folder 23	Box 2	Box 5
II-58	Arcadia. House 1860 Store 1870	Folder 24	Box 2	Box 5
II-59	Carolina. Mill House c. 1865	Folder 24	Box 2	Box 5
II-60	Carolina. Mill Cottage c. 1865	Folder 24	Box 2	Box 5
II-61	Woodville. Mill Buildings c. 1860	Folder 24	Box 2	Box 5
II-62	Gazzaville. Boarding House c. 1860	Folder 24	Box 2	Box 5
II-63	Gazzaville. Mill House c. 1855	Folder 25	Box 2	Box 5
II-64	Masonville. Mill House c. 1870	Folder 25	Box 2	Box 5
II-65	Alton. Mill House c. 1890	Folder 25	Box 2	Box 5

Series III: Series 3 includes images of mills and mill village buildings that reflect the Romantic Period style of architecture.

Item	Title	Oversize	Print	Negative
III-A-1	Georgiaville. Church c. 1850	Folder 26	Box 3	Box 5
III-A-2	Georgiaville. Mill Houses c. 1850	Folder 26	Box 3	Box 5
III-A-3	Allendale. Mill	Folder 26	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-1	Georgiaville. Mill 1853	Folder 26	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-1a	Georgiaville. Mill Detail 1853	Folder 26	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-1b	Georgiaville. Mill. Detail 1853	Folder 27	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-1c	Georgiaville. Mill Detail 1853	Folder 27	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-2	Georgiaville. Mill tenement 1853	Folder 27	Box 3	Box 5

III-B-3	Artic. Artic Mill 1851	Folder 27	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-4	Arkwright. Owner or Superintendent's House	Folder 27	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-5	Natick. Superintendent's House. C. 1850 (probably 1851)	Folder 28	Box 3	Box 5
III-B-6	Natick. Mill 1852-73	Folder 28	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-1	Crompton. Crompton Co. late 1850s	Folder 28	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-2	Woonsocket. Groton Co. late 1850s	Folder 28	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-3	Woonsocket. Globe Co. 1873	Folder 28	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-4	Woonsocket. Globe Co. 1873	Folder 29	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-5	Woonsocket. Lippitt Woolen Mill 1871	Folder 29	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-6	Washington. Coventry Co. 1873	Folder 29	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-7	Washington. Coventry Co. 1873	Folder 29	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-8	Phenix. Mill Office 1882	Folder 29	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-9	Georgiaville. Addition to 1853 mill. c. 1865	Folder 30	Box 3	Box 5
III-C-10	Hope. Mill Houses 1872	Folder 30	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-1	Providence. Atlantic Co. 1851	Folder 30	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-2	Providence. American Screw Co. Eagle Mill 1850s	Folder 30	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-3	Providence. Franklin Machine Co. 1850s	Folder 30	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-3a	Providence. Franklin Machine Co. 1850s	Folder 31	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-4	White Rock Mill 1849-73	Folder 31	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-5	Providence. Allen Print Works 1875	Folder 31	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-6	Woonsocket. Hamlet Mill 1862	Folder 31	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-6a	Woonsocket. Hamlet Mill Detail. 1862	Folder 31	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-8	Woonsocket. Clinton Mill 1849. Addition to tower early 1880s	Folder 32	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-9	Riverpoint. Bradford Soap Works 1889	Folder 32	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-10	Valley Falls. Valley Falls Co. 1850s	Folder 32	Box 3	Box 5

III-D-10 a	Valley Falls. Valley Falls Co. (rear) 1850s	Folder 32	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-11	Central Falls. American Hair Cloth Co. 1864	Folder 32	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-12	Providence. Oriental Mill 1865	Folder 33	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-13	Providence. Fletcher Manufacturing Co. 1866	Folder 33	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-14	Woonsocket. Harris Woolen Mill 1864	Folder 33	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-15	Centerville. Mill 1873	Folder 33	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-15 a	Centerville. Mill Detail 1873	Folder 33	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-16	Centerville. Mill. General view 1873	Folder 34	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-17	Kenyon. Mill 1893	Folder 34	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-18	Lonsdale. Ann and Hope Mill 1886	Folder 34	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-19	Canonchet. Mill 1870	Folder 34	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-20	Harrisville. Mill 1847-51	Folder 34	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-21	Oakland. Mill c. 1860	Folder 35	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-22	Pascoag. Sheffield Worsted Mill 1859	Folder 35	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-23	Pascoag. Frederick L. Sayles Mill. c. 1865	Folder 35	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-24	Manville. Multiple Dwelling early 1870s	Folder 35	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-25	Manville. Village early 1870s	Folder 35	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-26	Lonsdale. Mill Houses 1860s	Folder 36	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-27	Lonsdale. Mill Houses. Rear 1860s	Folder 36	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-29	Berkeley. Village Street 1870s	Folder 36	Box 3	Box 5
III-D-30	Lonsdale. Mill Houses 1890s	Folder 36	Box 3	Box 5

Series IV: Series 4 includes images of mills and mill village buildings that reflect an emphasis on Town Planning.

Item	Title	Oversize	Print	Negative
IV-1	Harris. Mill Village c. 1810-20	Folder 37	Box 4	Box 5
IV-1a	Harris. Mill Village c. 1810-20	Folder 37	Box 4	Box 5
IV-1b	Harris. Mill Village c. 1810-20	Folder 37	Box 4	Box 5
IV-1c	Harris. Mill Village c. 1810-20	Folder 37	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2	Belleville. Mill Houses c. 1810	Folder 37	Box 4	Box 5
IV-3	Hope Valley. Mill Houses c. 1810	Folder 38	Box 4	Box 5

IV-4	Phoenix. Mill 1883 Houses c. 1815	Folder 38	Box 4	Box 5
IV-5	Allenton. Mill Village c. 1825-30	Folder 38	Box 4	Box 5
IV-6	Rockville. Mill Village 1848	Folder 38	Box 4	Box 5
IV-6 a	Rockville. Mill Village. General View 1848	Folder 38	Box 4	Box 5
IV-7	Riverpoint. Mill Houses c. 1845	Folder 39	Box 4	Box 5
IV-8	Newport. Group of Mill Houses 1835-37	Folder 39	Box 4	Box 5
IV-9	Arcadia. Mill Village 1850s	Folder 39	Box 4	Box 5
IV-10	Carolina. Mill Village. Store 1820 Houses 1850	Folder 39	Box 4	Box 5
IV-11	Slatersville. Mill Village. Store and Dwellings 1850	Folder 39	Box 4	Box 5
IV-12	Georgiaville. Mill 1813 Dwellings 1840-50	Folder 40	Box 4	Box 5
IV-13	Riverpoint. Mill Village 1840-50	Folder 40	Box 4	Box 5
IV-14	Hope. Mill Village. House on left 1870 others 1850s	Folder 40	Box 4	Box 5
IV-15	Woonsocket. Mill Dwellings 1850s	Folder 40	Box 4	Box 5
IV-16	Natick. Mill Village Street Most Houses c. 1860	Folder 40	Box 4	Box 5
IV-17	Natick. View of Village. Most Houses 1860-70	Folder 41	Box 4	Box 5
IV-18	Woonsocket. Houses near Globe Mill. Left to right - Early Republic - Greek Revival - Mansard	Folder 41	Box 4	Box 5
IV-19	Kenyon. Mill 1893 Houses 1870s	Folder 41	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 0	Manville. Multiple Mill Dwellings. C. 1860-70	Folder 41	Box 4	Box 5
IV-21	Woonsocket. Social Village now connected with Nourse Village. 1870	Folder 41	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 2	Ashton. View of Mill Village c. 1870	Folder 42	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 3	Lonsdale. View of Mill Village c. 1870	Folder 42	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 4	Berkeley. View of Mill Village c. 1870	Folder 42	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 5	Berkeley. View of Mill Village c. 1870	Folder 42	Box 4	Box 5

IV-2 6	Lonsdale. Rear View of Houses c. 1890	Folder 42	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 7	Woonsocket. Woonsocket Falls with Mills. Central Ballou Mill. 1846	Folder 43	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 8	Woonsocket. Below Woonsocket Falls Mill including original 4 stories of Bartlett Mill. 1847	Folder 43	Box 4	Box 5
IV-2 9	Airview of Hamilton Mill Village. Houses and buildings from c. 1825	Folder 43	Box 4	Box 5