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70 General Street  
Lawrence  
Essex County  
Massachusetts

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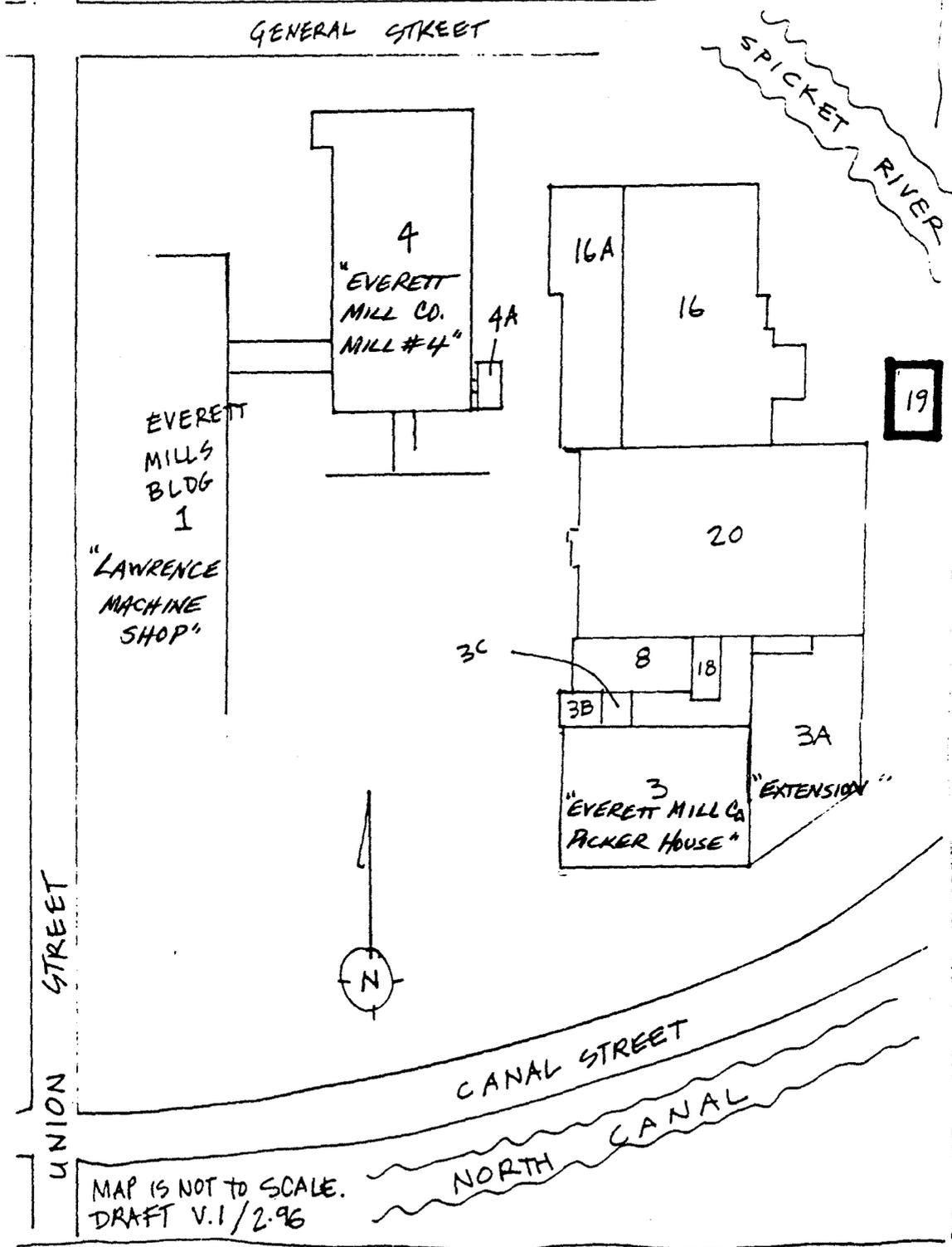
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- Location: 70 General Street, Lawrence, Essex County, Massachusetts  
USGS Lawrence, Massachusetts - New Hampshire Quadrangle,  
UTM Coordinates 19.323783.4730371
- Significance: The foundation of this building was part of the improvements to the Lawrence Machine Shop yard by Everett Cotton Mills. It was constructed before 1911 and has changed over the years. When the original 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: Building 19 is one story with a basement and consists of 3,000 square feet. Originally the superstructure was timber, but it was removed. A concrete slab and beam floor supported on interior concrete columns and the old concrete foundation walls was added. The west and south sides of the old foundation story are an unusual flared shape. A new basement floor was added above the older one. The roof is gypsum concrete planks on steel beams and columns with exterior concrete block and brick walls. On the east side there is a concrete stair and block loading dock, along the access round to an abutter's building. An old foundation wall (from previously demolished Building 22) intersects the building at the southeast corner and there is a small concrete block shed on the north side.
- History: The foundation was built before 1911, most likely by Everett Mills Corp. Thereafter, the superstructure was removed and rebuilt over the years, primarily in 1950. The building was used for general storage and oil storage. Except for the foundation, it was built by Bolta Company after 1931 and later owned by General Tire & Rubber Co., renamed GenCorp Inc.
- 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.

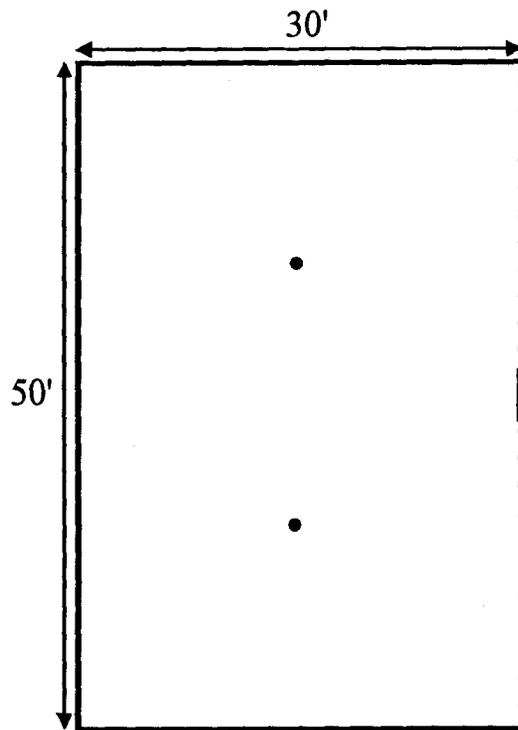
BUILDING 19 SITE PLAN



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Building 19 Floor Plans  
(One story & basement)



┃ = Doorway  
● = Column