

PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **-1689923521**

Property Name: Savoy Shirt Co. (Fairhurst & Co. Silk Mill)
Address: 578 E 19th ST

Ownership: Private
Apartment #: **ZIP:** 07514

PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
PASSAIC	Paterson		Paterson	3401	9
PASSAIC	Paterson		Paterson	3401	20
PASSAIC	Paterson		Paterson	3401	8

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number: PAS1608-091

NRIS Number:

HABS/HAER Number:

Description:

The Savoy Shirt Company/Fairhurst & Company Silk Mill complex is a small garment and silk works that grew into its current appearance during the 1880s to 1910s under the ownership of Joseph Fairhurst. It consists of 1). a 2-story, brick mill in a U-shaped plan with a small powerhouse in the mill yard; 2). a small 2-story brick tenant mill.

Setting:

The Savoy Shirt Company/Fairhurst & Company Silk Mill is located on two lots, one measuring 150 ft. x 155 ft. and the other 77 ft. x 75 ft. The lots are located about midblock on East 19th Street between 11th and 12th Avenues. The primary façade of the mills actually faces on East 18th Street. The urban mixed-used setting features blocks of early 20th century residences interspersed with period industrial and commercial buildings. The mill is approximately one block east of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad line.

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Registration
and Status
Dates:

National Historic Landmark?: ☐

National Register:

New Jersey Register:

Determination of Eligibility:

Certification of Eligibility:

SHPO Opinion:

Local Designation:

Other Designation:

Other Designation Date:

☒ Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

☐ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Location Map:



Site Map:

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Additional Information:

More Research Needed? ☒ (checked=Yes)

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INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:

Attachments Included:

0	Building	0	Bridge
0	Structure	0	Landscape
0	Object	2	Industry

Historic District ? ☐

District Name: not applicable

Status:

Associated Archeological Site/Deposits? ☒

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

Potential for industrial archaeology (interior)

Conversion Problem? ☐

ConversionNote: 14

Date form completed: 9/7/2012

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INDUSTRIAL BUILDING ATTACHMENT

Common Name: 578 E. 19th Street

Historic Name: Building #1 - Silk Mill

Present Use: Industrial, light industrial

Historic Industry: Textiles

Construction Date: 1883 **Source:** Historic Maps

**Construction
Start Date:**

**Construction
End Date:**

Building ID:

Style: ☐ Vernacular?

Exterior Finish Materials: Brick, Common Bond

Physical Condition: Good

Foundation Materials:

Remaining Historic Fabric: Medium

Roof Finish Materials: Asphalt Shingle

Length: 140 **Stories:** 2

Structural System:

Width: 110 **Bays:** 17

Roof System:

Equipment/Machinery:

Transportation Links: ☐ airstrip ☐ loading dock ☐ slip
(checked if applicable) ☐ dock ☐ rail siding ☐ other

Exterior Description:

The 2-story, 17-bay brick silk mill has a U-shaped plan with the bottom of the "U" and the primary façade facing west on East 18th Street. The original section of the mill, built prior to 1884, is the 2-story, 12-bay, side-gabled northernmost section with a rectangular plan of 45 x 90 ft. Projecting brick pilasters located between every two windows articulates the façade of this original section of the mill. A denticulated stringcourse separates the first and second stories. Windows have been infilled but segmental arched lintels and stone sills remain visible.

Between 1884 and 1899, the mill was expanded into a U-plan. A 5-bay, 2-story, front gabled, 40 x 90 ft. addition was placed against the southern gable end of the original section and a 40 x 60 ft. addition against the rear of the original section. The additions has bracketed cornices and corbelled brick friezes. Full-height brick pilasters and segmentally arched windows with stone sills articulate the addition's gable ends. Window frames have been removed and infilled with stucco, although original wood-frame transoms remain in some of the 2nd story windows. Within the courtyard formed by the U-plan is a 1-story, gabled powerhouse with square brick, 50-ft. tall smokestack.

Interior Description:

The interior was not inspected. According to the 1899 Sanborn Map, the front of the building was used for weaving silk and the wings for winding and warping. By 1915, the mill had been converted into a garment factory with ironing, stock and laundry on the first floor, and a cutting room on the second floor.

Alteration Dates:

Alteration(s):	Circa Date:	Date Range:	Source:
Physical alteration		to	Window infill

Architect/Designer:

Date form completed: 10/1/2012

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INDUSTRIAL BUILDING ATTACHMENT

Common Name: 578 E. 19th Street

Historic Name: Joseph Fairhurst Silk Mill

Present Use: Industrial, light industrial

Historic Industry: Textiles

Construction Date: 1900

Source: Historic maps

**Construction
Start Date:**

**Construction
End Date:**

Building ID:

Style:

☐ Vernacular?

Exterior Finish Materials: Brick, Common Bond

Physical Condition: Good

Foundation Materials:

Remaining Historic Fabric: Medium

Roof Finish Materials: Asphalt Shingle

Length:

Stories:

Structural System:

Width:

Bays:

Roof System:

Equipment/Machinery:

Transportation Links: ☐ airstrip

☐ loading dock

☐ slip

(checked if applicable)

☐ dock

☐ rail siding

☐ other

Exterior Description:

The Joseph Fairhurst Silk Mill, built circa 1900, is a 5-bay, 2-story, front-gabled silk mill with a 35 x 90 ft. rectangular plan. Its façade faces east on East 19th Street. The mill's gable end is simply adorned by a bracketed cornice, corbelled brick frieze and full-height brick pilasters. Segmentally arched windows with stone sills. Window frames and sashes have been covered by plywood but appear to be intact. A rolling overhead metal garage door has been installed in the northern bays of the east gable end. A small 1-story brick office is located off of the southwest corner of the mill.

Interior Description:

The interior was not available for inspection. According to the 1915 Sanborn map, the mill had silk winding and warping operations on the 1st floor and weaving operations on the 2nd floor.

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ELIGIBILITY WORKSHEET - Properties

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History:

This brick mill complex was developed between circa 1880 and 1900 to house silk and garment manufacturing operations. The original mill on East 18th Street was built between 1877 and 1884, according to atlas maps, and by 1899 it was occupied by Fairhurst & Company Silk Manufacturers. Little is known of Joseph Fairhurst, although his name does appear occasionally in trade journals of the period from circa 1900 to 1920 mainly in industrial directories and as a member of the Silk Association of America. He seems to have been typically of the smaller silk mill operators who achieved modest success during the last decades of the 19th century. In 1903, Fairhurst was mentioned as taking occupation of a 2-story mill owned by the Rettgar-Allen Silk Company, a firm that had fallen on hard times and been idle since 1901. This mill is probably the mill adjacent to the large U-plan mill at this property.

By 1915, Fairhurst was occupying the smaller mill and the larger mill had been given over to the Savoy Shirt Company, a small garment manufacturing concern. Superintendent of the works was P.W. Hess, who was born in Closter, N.J. in 1859 and worked his way up to a management position in the company. Hess was the father of Henry Beeuwkes Hess, a prominent Paterson physician of the early 20th century. Both the Fairhurst Silk Mill and the Savoy Shirt Company were in operation as late as 1931. Today, Rico Foods, Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of Caribbean-style foods, occupy the larger mill. The smaller mill is vacant.

Statement of Significance:

The Savoy Shirt Company/Fairhurst & Co. Silk Mill complex retains excellent integrity with few changes from its turn of the century appearance save for changes to the fenestration. In the mill yard, it retains the small powerhouse and stack that supplied power to the adjacent mill. The mill is a representative example of the scores of small silk mills and garment factories that were found throughout Paterson during its "Silk City" heyday.

Eligibility for New Jersey and National Registers: ☒ Yes ☐ No

National Register Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Level of Significance: ☒ Local ☐ State ☐ National

Justification of Eligibility/Ineligibility:

The Savoy Shirt Company is recommended eligible under Criterion C as a architecturally significant representative example of the planning of a small textile mill integrated into a residential setting.

Total Number of Attachments: 2

List of Element Names: Building #1 - Silk Mill
Joseph Fairhurst Silk Mill

Narrative Boundary Description:

The property boundary is tax block 3401, lots 8 and 9 as shown on the 2006 Paterson tax map accompanying this form.

Date Form Completed: 10/1/2012

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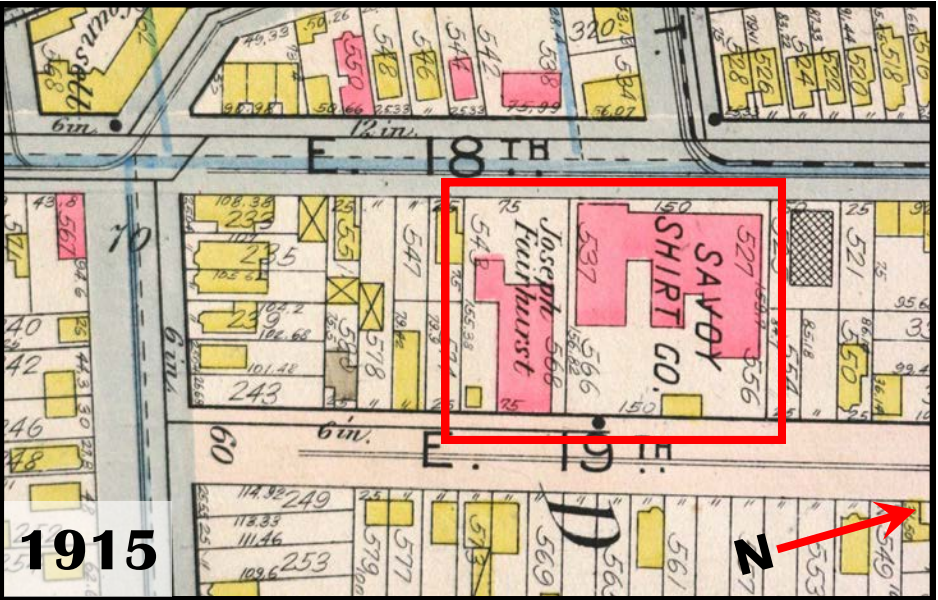
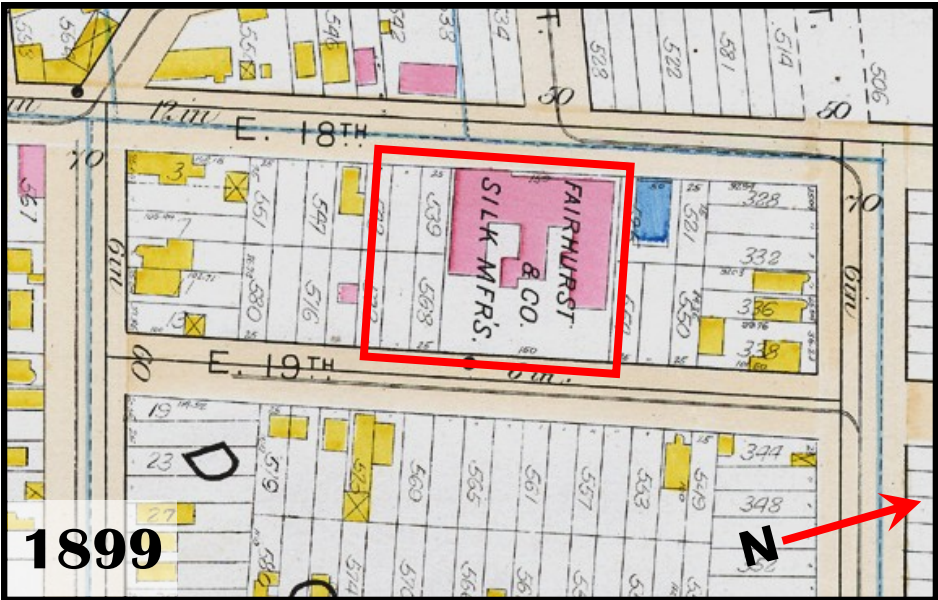
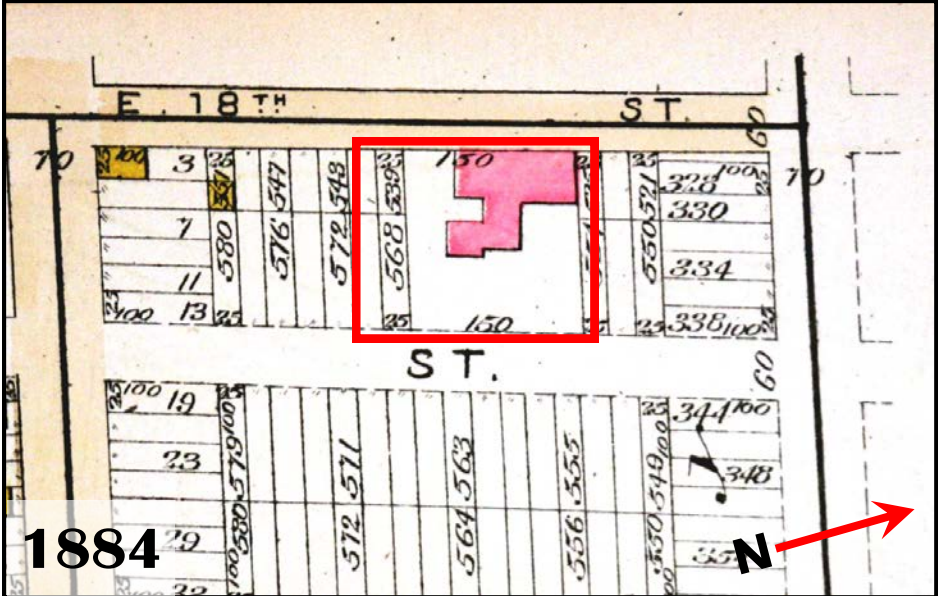
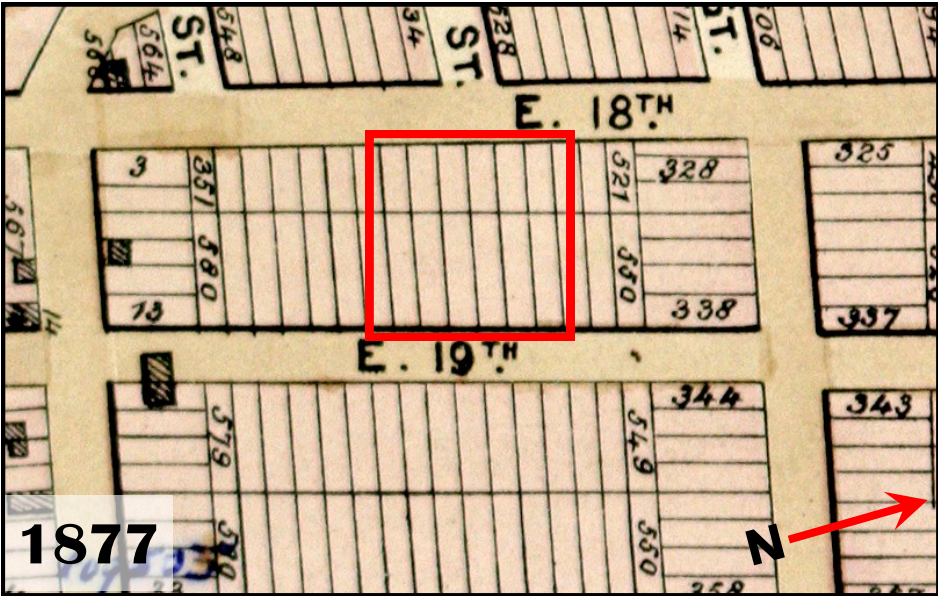
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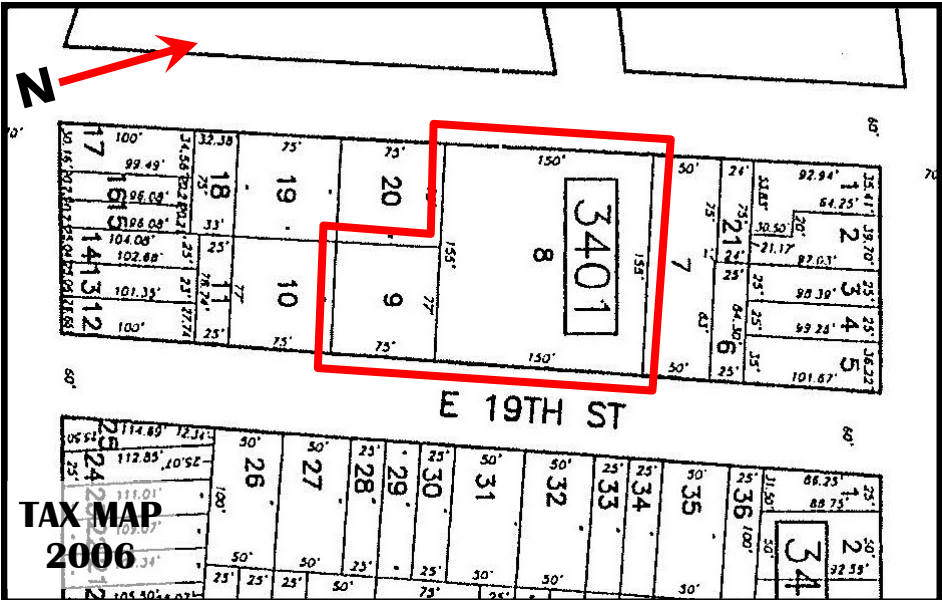
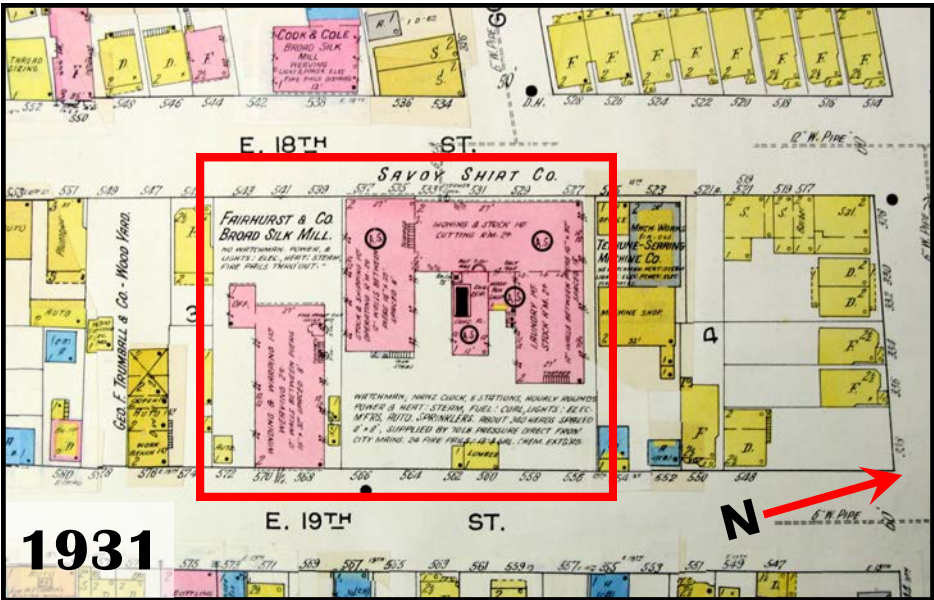
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Site Development Maps 1877, 1884, 1899, 1915



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Site Development Maps, 1931, 2006, 2010



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Photographs, historic / contemporary



SAVOY 1: Oblique overview looking southwest from across East 19th St., showing three east gable ends of the complex.



SAVOY 2: View looking west of the northern-most mill, showing its east gable end, and the boiler house and square smokestack to the left of frame.



SAVOY 3: View looking west from East 19th St., showing the east gable end of the E-shaped mill complex.



SAVOY 4: oblique overview of north and west sides, looking southeast from across east 18t St.

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SAVOY 5: View of west side gable end of the south building, looking southeast from across east 18th St.



SAVOY 6: Oblique detail view of south side of south building, looking northeast from East 18th St..



FAIRHURST 1: View of façade of the Fairhurst Silk Mill, previously associated with the Savoy Shirt Co. complex seen in the background, right side.



FAIRHURST 2: oblique view of the Fairhurst Silk Mill, previously associated with the Savoy Shirt Co. complex.

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FAIRHURST 3: Oblique overview of the south side of the silk mill, looking north from the adjacent lot along East 18th St.



FAIRHURST 4: Oblique overview of the south and west elevations of the silk mill adjacent to the Savoy Shirt Co. seen at left frame. View looking northeast from vacant lot to the south.



FAIRHURST 5: View of the west side of the silk mill, looking northeast from East 18th St.