# Providence Parking Electrical Equipment

## National Register of Historic Places

**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

### 1. NAME

- **COMMON:** Perry Mill

### 2. LOCATION

- **STREET AND NUMBER:** 337 Thames Street
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Newport, Rhode Island 02840

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

- **OWNER'S NAME:** General Electric Company
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** 337 Thames Street
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Newport, Rhode Island 02840

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

- **COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:** City Clerk's Office, City Hall
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** Broadway
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Newport, Rhode Island 02840

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- **TITLE OF SURVEY:** Statewide Survey of Historic Buildings
- **DATE OF SURVEY:** 1970
- **DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:** Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission
- **STREET AND NUMBER:** Room 124, State House
- **CITY OR TOWN:** Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**
Built in 1835 by Alexander McGregor, a Scotch stonemason who had moved to Newport, the Perry Mill is a monumental, rectangular, stone structure set with its east end to Thames Street on Newport's waterfront. Now much altered, the building is three stories tall with a flat roof, nineteen bays long and four bays wide across the streetfront. The building is characterized by its beautiful stonework; the walls are built of a native stone, random ashlar, warm sandy-brown in color, and the white granite of the quoins and of the sills and lintels of the six-over-six double hung sash windows provides simple, crisp detail.

The mill was originally four stories in height, capped by a tall basilican roof with a full-length monitor and an imposing wooden tower of Greek Revival detail. The roof and fourth floor have since been removed, and the tower has been replaced with a simple brick stair-tower on the south side. Other alterations include a brick tower and loading dock built into the rear of the north side, and a simple plate-glass storefront which has been built into the Thames Street end. The interior has also been remodeled to fit modern industrial needs and contains simple work areas and office space.
### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Perry Mill was one of four mills erected along Thames Street in the 1830's and 1840's in an attempt to revive Newport's failing economy by introducing textile manufacturing. The Perry Mill and the Newport Steam Factory, now the Newport Electric Company, are the only mills remaining from this short-lived venture.

Built by Alexander McGregor, the structure is of the greatest architectural importance for its magnificent stonework. The walls of Fort Adams, built in 1833, and the Newport Artillery Company's Armory on Clarke Street give further witness to McGregor's skill as a mason.

The mill is preserved as a splendid example of the artistry attained by stone craftsmen working in New England in the early nineteenth century.
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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**


Downing, Antoinette F. and Mrs. Peter Bolhouse: Unpublished survey notebooks (Thames Street section) at Newport Historical Society, Newport, Rhode Island.

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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Latitude and longitude coordinates defining a rectangle locating the property.

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY**

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**STATE: COUNTY:**

- Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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**NAME AND TITLE:**

Alice H.R. Hauck and Clifford M. Renshaw III, Surveyors

**ORGANIZATION:**

Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission

**DATE:**

April 20, 1971

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

Room 124, State House

**CITY OR TOWN:**

Providence

**STATE:**

Rhode Island 02903

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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 49-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [ ]
- State [X]
- Local [ ]

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**DATE:**

**ATTEST:**

Keeper of the National Register

**DATE:**

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GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS

Latitude  41° 29' 4"N
Longitude  71° 18' 55"

GENERAL HIGHWAY
NEWPORT COUNTY
RHODE ISLAND
PORTSMOUTH • MIDDLETOWN • NEWPORT

PREPARED BY THE
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DIVISION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES
HIGHWAY PLANNING SECTION
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
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BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

1966

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

**SOURCE:**  
Rhode Island Department of Public Works

**SCALE:**
1: 2640

**DATE:**
1966

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

To be included on all maps:

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.