



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Old State House  
150 Benefit Street  
Providence, R. I. 02903  
(401) 277-2678

November 28, 1978

## IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Rose M. Mendonca* CLERK

Mr. Ralph Fagnoli, President  
The Providence City Council  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Fagnoli:

The Commission is pleased to inform you that it has approved the preparation of a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Geneva Mills, Branch Avenue, Providence.

This preliminary approval is the initial step in the nomination process. As time permits, additional research and photography will be undertaken to prepare the actual nomination. In the meantime, we welcome whatever information or written comments you may wish to offer concerning the significance of this property.

Nomination to the National Register is a formal and selective process for recognizing and recording at the federal level those sites, artifacts, structures, and districts which have particular value as physical evidence of our local, state and national history.

Entry on the Register protects the property, through a review process at state and federal levels, from federally funded or licensed projects which would adversely affect it. Properties listed in the National Register are automatically listed in the Rhode Island State Register of Historic Places as well.

The owner of a property entered on the National Register is eligible to apply for federal grants-in-aid for restoration work. In addition, income-producing properties on the National Register are eligible for tax incentives for certified rehabilitation as provided by the Tax Reform Act of 1976 (PL 94-455, Section 2124). The Tax Reform Act also stipulates tax disincentives in the case of demolition of a property on the National Register.

Following review and approval by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service in Washington, public notification of entry on the National Register is by press release from the State Historic Preservation Officer. You will also receive a letter of notification.

If you have any questions concerning the National Register, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ancelin Lynch, National Register Coordinator, at the Commission office. Questions about the Tax Reform Act should be addressed to Ms. Susan Dynes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George E. Downing". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mrs. George E. Downing  
Chairman

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