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Re: **Request for Information for Centredale Manor Site**

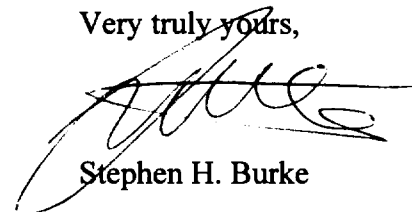
Dear Counselor:

Please find enclosed the response of Joseph Buonanno, Jr. to the Agency's request for information regarding the above referenced site.

As indicated in our prior correspondence, should documents come to the Respondent's attention which provide further information responsive to the Agency's inquiries, a supplemental response will be filed.

Please contact the undersigned should anything further be required.

Very truly yours,



Stephen H. Burke

SHB/pkb
cc: Mr. Joseph Buonanno

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**IN RE: CENTREDALE MANOR SUPERFUND SITE
SECTION 3007**

**RESPONSE OF JOSEPH BUONANNO JR. TO INFORMATION REQUEST FOR
CENTREDALE MANOR SITE**

Now comes Joseph Buonanno Jr. and responds to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA and Section 3007 of RCRA, for Centredale Manor Superfund Site as follows:

- 1a. Joseph Buonanno, Jr.
 c/o Ratcliffe and Burke LLP
 3400 BankBoston Plaza
 Providence RI 02903
- 1b. Respondent is an individual and is providing these responses himself.
- 1c. Stephen H. Burke, Esq.
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 (401) 331-3400
 (401) 331-3440 (fax)
- 1.d. i Respondent does not have a specific recollection of the titles of positions held at any such business entity. Respondent was employed in the sales department or otherwise involved in sales of products for Atlantic Chemical Company and Metro Atlantic, Inc. during the time those entities were in control of the Site. Respondent has no specific recollection of having been employed in any capacity by New England Container Corporation. Respondent was a laborer during the early 1950's for the chemical company then in control of the Site.
- 1.d. ii Respondent was employed by the companies identified in the previous response during the period commencing approximately 1955 through the date of sale of Crown Metro Corporation to U.S.M, which date Respondent does not remember.

1. d. iii Respondent was primarily involved in the sales of the products manufactured by the companies identified in this response. Respondent had neither day to day, nor supervisory, responsibility for the manufacture, handling, storage, shipment, recycling, or disposal of any product made at the Site.
- 1.d. iv Respondent is unable to provide a complete response to this question. Without limitation, Respondent states that, to the best of his knowledge, the following products were manufactured at the site: Raindare, Atgawet, Atgofix, various softeners, various detergents, various defoamers. Respondent does not know the chemical names for any of the above.
- 1.d. v. Respondent is unable to provide a complete response to this question. Without limitation, Respondent states, that to the best of his knowledge, the following raw materials may have been used at the site: urea, formaldehyde, melamine, detergents, perchlorethylene
2. a Except as otherwise herein set forth, Respondent has no personal knowledge of the identity of the owners of the Site at any particular time, and states that such ownership is, to the best of his knowledge, a matter of public record. To the best of Respondent's recollection and knowledge, Joseph Bouonanno Sr. and Hugh Bonino owned Atlantic Chemical Company during the late 1940's, and they, or that entity, controlled the Site at that time. During the 1950's, two additional equity holders became involved: Henry Peppini and Henry Nathan. All four individuals are deceased as of the date of this response. Some time in the 1950's, as a result of a merger, the company changed it's name to Metro Atlantic Chemical Company. Henry Grimmel, also now deceased, may have had an interest in the company at that time. The Respondent has conducted a diligent search of all papers in his possession, and is unable to locate any documentation regarding the matters discussed in this response. New England Container Corporation, to the best of respondent's knowledge, was created prior to the late 1960's and operated at the site until it moved to another location in the late 1960's. As a result of a subsequent merger, Metro Atlantic Chemical Company became Crown Metro Chemical Company, which controlled the site for a time, and then moved it's operations to another location. After Crown Metro moved, leaving the site essentially vacant, Joseph Buonanno Sr., Edward Ricci, Orlando Andreoni, and possibly one or more others, attempted unsuccessfully to develop the property for elderly housing. Thereafter, they sold all but the parcels described below to a third party whose identity is not known to the Respondent.
2. b. Respondent has insufficient knowledge to provide a response to this inquiry. Reference is made to Sanborn maps dated 1921, 1956, and 1925 filed herewith to the extent that they may provide information responsive to this inquiry.
2. c Respondent has insufficient knowledge to provide a response to this inquiry.

2. d Respondent has no documents responsive to this inquiry.
2. e Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry, as Respondent does not have personal knowledge of the identity of the Owners of the Site at any particular time. Without waiving the benefit of such limitation, Respondent states as follows:
- i. The entities in control of the site were engaged in the manufacture of chemicals as set forth in other responses.
 - ii The entities in control of the site were engaged in the manufacture of chemicals as set forth in other responses.
 - iii. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired
 - iv. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - v. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - vi. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - vii. There was a fire at the site after it was vacated by Crown Metro. The respondent does not know the date of the fire, and has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - viii Respondent has no specific knowledge of what operations or activities are significant within the scope of this inquiry. Without waiving such limitation, Respondent states that he has no knowledge as to any matter inquired.

Respondent hereby supplements his response to this inquiry by reference to the 1965 Sanborn Map filed herewith. Respondent received said map as a result of an inquiry made of a third party, and Respondent is not aware of the significance of the "cross hatching" on the buildings shown, however Respondent states as follows concerning the usage of the buildings shown, moving generally from south to north on the map.

- a. the building marked "barrel cleaning" is accurately marked.
- b. the building marked "steel drum reconditioning" is accurately marked.
- c. the next building in a northerly direction was used for barrel and drum cleaning and reconditioning.
- d. The building marked "BLR" housed a boiler

e. The building marked "stor & facty" was used for storage of raw materials and chemical products on the first floor, and manufacture of products on the second floor.

f. the building marked "Facty Bldg" was used for manufacturing products

g. the building marked "lab" is accurately marked.

h. the building north of the factory and lab building was used for office space.

i. the free standing buildings to the west of the main factory were used for maintenance. Some fire retardant chemicals may have been stored therein. Also, some tenants of a general manufacturing nature may have been in these buildings at one time. The only tenant the Respondent specifically remembers is the North Providence Fire Department, which housed a truck in one building at one time.

j. the building marked "furne " was used by a third party to store furniture.

2. f. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry. Without waiving such response, Respondent states that he remembers the names, in addition to the other persons named in these responses, of James Shore (deceased), John Joyle (Mr. Joyle lives in the Centredale Housing Facility), William Daley (deceased), and Larry Bellow (believed to be deceased).
2. g. Other than stating that the entities by which Respondent was employed were engaged in the manufacture of chemicals, Respondent has no information responsive to this inquiry. Respondent believes that materials at the site were flushed into the municipal sewer, however Respondent's duties at the site did not require Respondent to have specific knowledge of this fact, and Respondent does not have personal knowledge that any material was so disposed. Respondent believes that a portion of the Site located at the southerly extremity thereof was used for burning refuse, however Respondent has no personal knowledge of the character or nature of the material so disposed. Respondent assumes that other information exists that is responsive to this inquiry, however the nature and location of such information is unknown to the Respondent, and Respondent is unaware of the identity of the person having custody thereof.
2. h. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry. Without waiving such limitation, Respondent states that the entities by which he was employed during the period of investigation were involved in the manufacture of chemicals, which may or may not have involved hazardous chemicals. Except as otherwise indicated in prior responses, Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the relationships between the persons and entities described in 2. h. ii. Respondent has no knowledge whatsoever regarding any of the corporate entities as to which this inquiry pertains.

- 3. a. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 3. b. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry. Without waiving such limitation, Respondent refers the Department to previous responses regarding the identification of persons believed by the Respondent to be in substantial control of the Site. Respondent does not know if New England Container Corporation was a tenant at the Site at any time, nor does Respondent know the nature of the arrangement whereby the local fire department stored a truck in one of the buildings on site.
- 3. c. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 3. d. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 3. e. Respondent has no documents responsive to this inquiry.
- 3. f. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry, as Respondent does not have personal knowledge of the identity of the Owners of the Site at any particular time. Without waiving the benefit of such limitation, Respondent refers to his prior responses and states as follows:
 - i. The entities in control of the site were engaged in the manufacture of chemicals as set forth in other responses.
 - ii. The entities in control of the site were engaged in the manufacture of chemicals as set forth in other responses.
 - iii. Except as set forth above, Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - iv. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - v. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - vi. Respondent has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - vii. There was a fire at the site after it was vacated by Crown Metro. The respondent does not know the date of the fire, and has no specific knowledge as to the matters inquired.
 - viii. Respondent has no specific knowledge of what operations or activities are significant within the scope of this inquiry. Without waiving such limitation, Respondent states that he has no knowledge as to any matter as to which inquiry is made.

3. g. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 4.a. Respondent's response to this inquiry is based on memory, and a complete identification of the entities responsive to this inquiry is not possible, however the Respondent is aware of the following individuals or entities performing work at the site:

Joseph Buonanno, Sr., deceased
Hugh Bonino, deceased
Atlantic Chemical Company
Metro Dye Stuff Corporation
Metro Atlantic Chemical Company
Crown Metro Chemical Company
New England Container Company

- 4.b. Reference is made to the Respondent's response to Inquiry 4.a.. To the best of Respondent's knowledge, the order in which the entities are listed in response to Inquiry 4.a. is the order in which they controlled and operated the Site, however Respondent is not aware of the dates of control of each entity.
- 4.c. The individuals named in Response 4.a. owned, in whole or in part, the entities named. Generally, the entities were engaged in the manufacture of chemicals, and New England Container Company was engaged in the recycling of containers. Respondent has no further information responsive to this inquiry. Respondent assumes that other information exists that is responsive to this inquiry, however it's nature and location is unknown to the Respondent, and Respondent is unaware of the identity of the person having custody thereof.
- 4.d. See prior responses. Respondent does not have personal knowledge of who or what entity owned the site, however Respondent believes that at all times material to the matters described herein, the persons and entities described in Response 4.a. controlled the site.
- 4.e. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 4.f. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
5. Respondent has insufficient information to provide specific responses to the matters that are the subject of this inquiry. Without waiving such limitation, Respondent responds as follows:

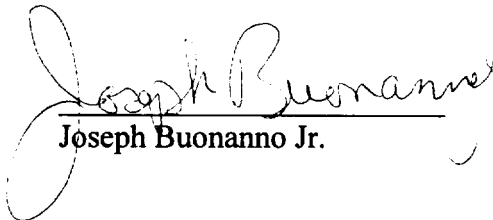
As stated above, Respondent was a salesman for the chemical manufacturing companies that occupied the site during the period under investigation. The persons and entities believed to be in day to day operational control of the site have been identified in previous responses. Respondent does not have specific

knowledge of dates of site control by the entities involved. Respondent does not have specific or general knowledge of the matters as to which inquiry is made in Inquiries 5 c- k. In general, respondent is aware that drums were cleaned and recycled, however respondent has no particularized knowledge of the manner of handling or placement of waste. Respondent does not have specific or general knowledge of the matters as to which inquiry is made in Inquiries 5.m - u.

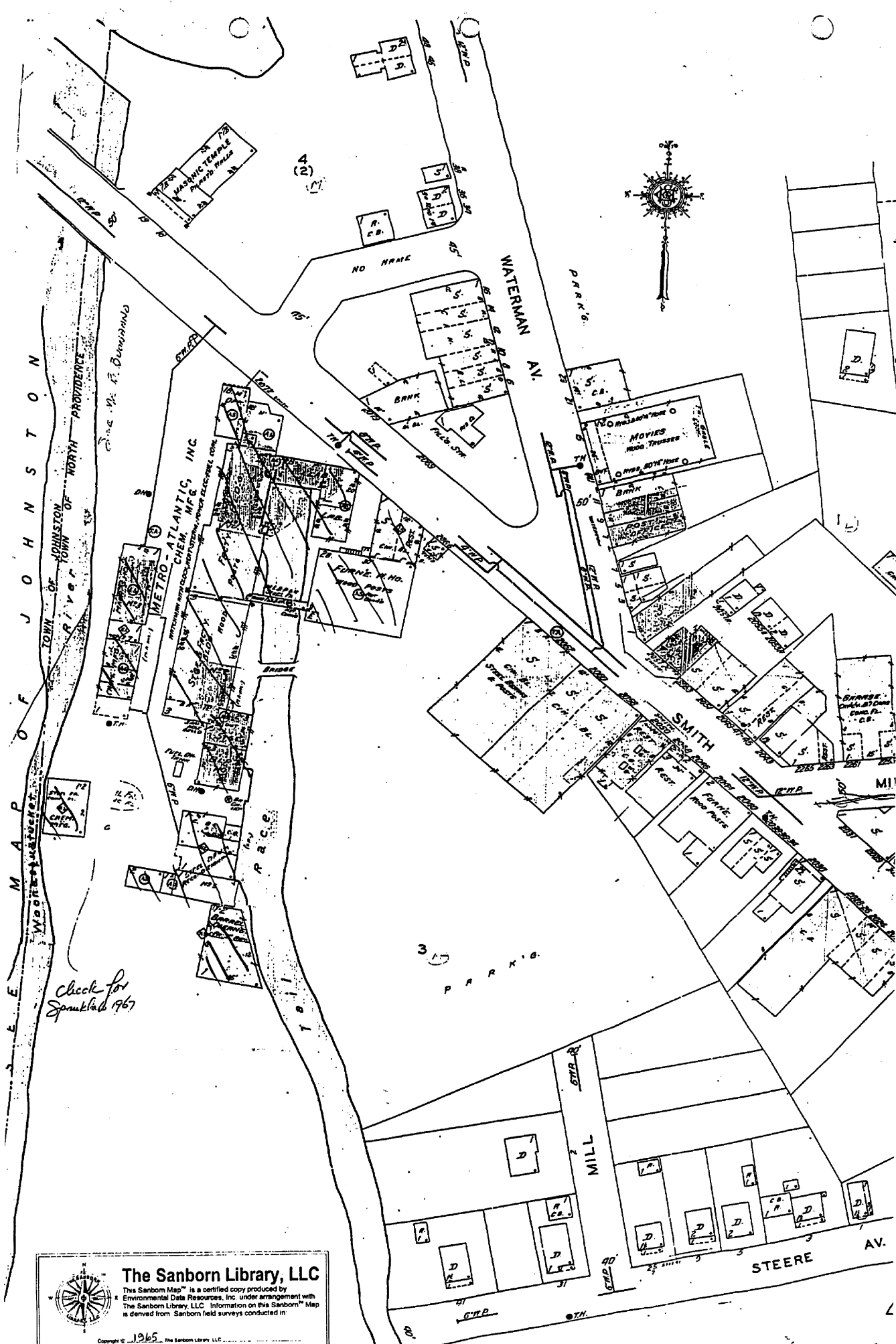
- 6.a. See attached sketch of the site
- 6.b. See attached sketch of the site
- 6.c. The structures were demolished to a great extent during the fire, and subsequently destroyed.
- 6.d. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 6.e. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 6.f. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 6.g. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 6.h. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 6.i. Respondent is aware of a fire at the site some time after 1975, however Respondent has no specific knowledge responsive to this inquiry.
- 6.j. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 6.k. Respondent has insufficient information to provide a response to this inquiry.
- 7. Respondent has no information not already provided to provide a response to this inquiry.

Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the Respondent, Joseph Buonanno Jr., and that the forgoing is complete, true, and correct.


Joseph Buonanno Jr.

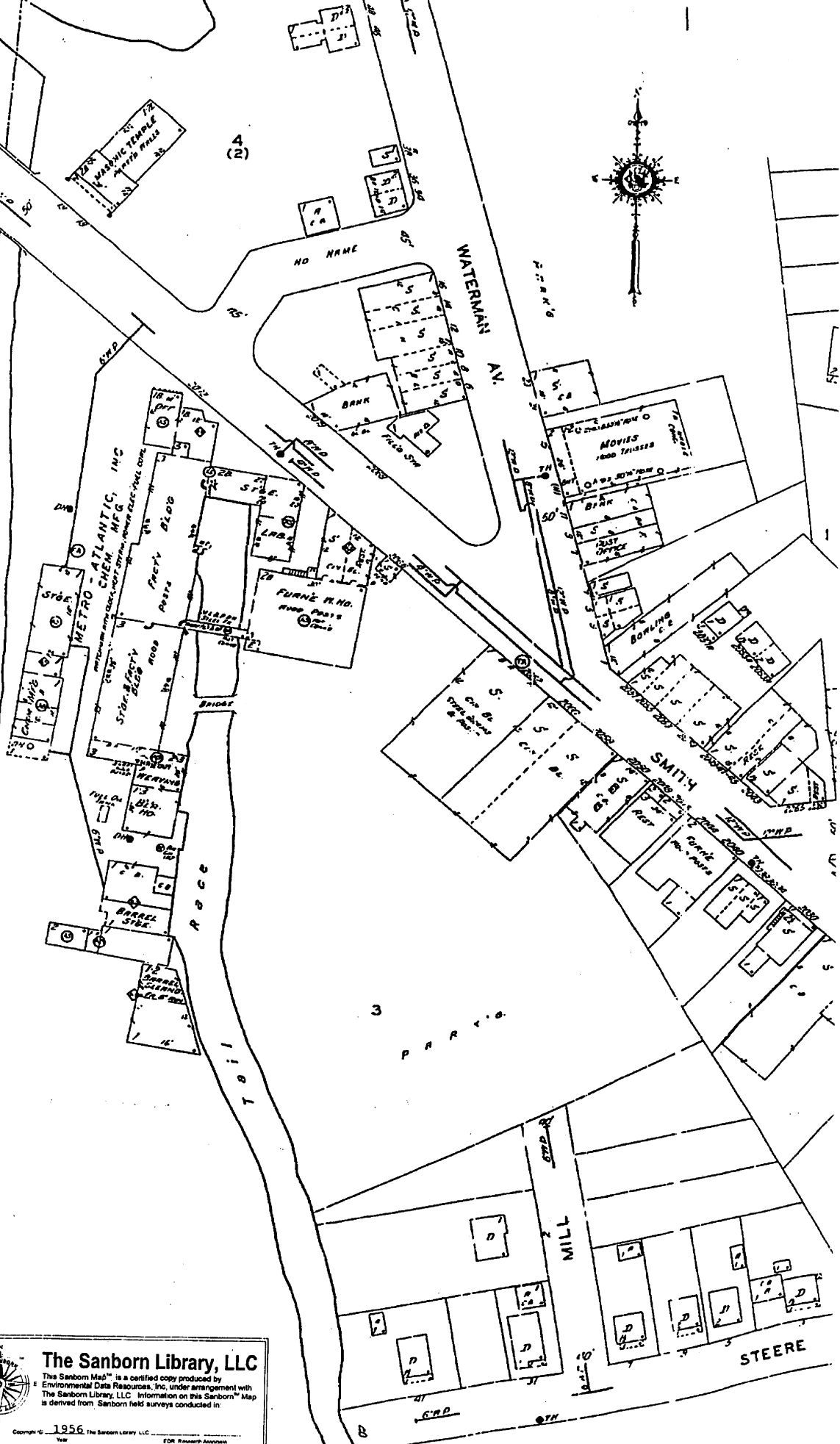
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MAP OF JOHNSTON, R.I.
 TOWN OF JOHNSTON OF NORTH PROVIDENCE
 Pawtuxet River

Check for Sprinklers 1967

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TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE
Woonosquabuct River



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**CENTREDALE
NORTH PROVIDENCE**

POPULATION 1000

WATER FACILITIES:
Water Supply from Providence Water
works & Poles, Water Mains 6" & 8"
as Post Hydrants.

FIRE DEPT.:
Volunteer, 4 Fire Stations, 4 Hose
Reels, 100' to 1000' & 1. Trucks (wood
drawn) & 10 gal. Chemical on wheels.

WATERMAN

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CENTREDALE WORSTED MILLS
NEAR WORSTED YARNS

SMITH

MILL
DANCE

NIGHT WATER-ANY EXISTING CLOCK-AT-50' 30"
POWER, WATER, FLOODING & STORM. HERE-STOP
LIGHTS ELECTRIC, 1/2" FIRE PIPES, HERE-STOP
OUTSIDE AND: 1/2" SHOWY, 2 HOSE REELS, 100' IN
HOSE-GRANITE, AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM,
HOSE-GRANITE, 100' IN, 100' IN, 100' IN, 100' IN,
BY 2 SPRINKLER PUMPS, SPRINKLER SYSTEM COND
TO RAIL AND DIRECT TO CITY MAIN

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