

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Pacolet Mills Cloth Room and Warehouse
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1560 Sunny Acres Rd not for publication
city or town Pacolet vicinity _____
state South Carolina code SC county Spartanburg code 083 zip code 29372

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property xmeets ___does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___statewide x locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official _____ Date _____

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- Public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Industry/Processing/Extraction Subcategory: Manufacturing Facility/Warehouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Vacant/Not in Use Subcategory:

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th early 20th Century American
Movements

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation - Brick
walls - Brick
Weatherboard
Metal
roof - Metal
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- b removed from its original location.
- c a birthplace or a grave.
- d a cemetery.
- e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- f a commemorative property.
- g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Industry

Period of Significance

1906-1955

Significant Dates

1906-1907

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository:
S.C. Department of Archives & History

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.50 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
1 <u>17 432193 3864258</u>	3 <u>17 432122 3864124</u>
2 <u>17 432223 3864145</u>	4 <u>17 432099 3864222</u>

___See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Brian Robson
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 street & number 131 Hawkins Acres Road telephone (864) 579-7639
 city or town Spartanburg state SC zip code 29307

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Pacolet
 street & number PO Box 278, 180 Montgomery Ave. telephone 864-474-9504
 city or town Pacolet state South Carolina zip code 29372

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Narrative Description

The Pacolet Mills Cloth Room and Warehouse is a one-and-a-half-story textile facility located in the Pacolet Mills community of eastern Spartanburg County. Built in 1906-1907¹ by the Pacolet Manufacturing Company, this building served two functions for the company. The front portion of the building, known as the cloth room, was used for inspecting cotton cloth produced by the Pacolet Manufacturing Company, and the rear portion of the building was used as a warehouse.

Amos Lockwood, one of the founders of Lockwood, Greene & Company, designed the first mill for the Pacolet Manufacturing Company in 1882, and the firm Lockwood Greene would design a total of five mills for the company by 1905.² Given this close association with the firm, it is likely, though not documented, that Lockwood Greene also designed the Cloth Room and Warehouse.

The Cloth Room portion of the building is constructed of brick laid in common bond, with the warehouse portion covered with weatherboard and metal. The building features a low-profiled roof and symmetrical design, as well as large rounded arch windows.

The façade of the building faces a paved road and an open area where the mill it served once stood on the Pacolet River. The only entrance on the façade is a double-leaf door located on the lower level just left of center. This lower level has eight double-hung sash windows flanking these doors – six to the left and two to the right. The lower level of the cloth room is currently inaccessible from the exterior, and no point of entry to it from the interior has been found. According to a survey of the buildings for the Pacolet Manufacturing Company in 1935, this level was used as a carpentry shop and lumber storage facility. The upper level of the façade displays twelve large paired, segmental arched windows containing nine-over-nine light double-hung sash and six-light hopper type transoms. These windows allowed plenty of natural light into the cloth room. A total of twelve additional segmental arched windows are located on the west [left] and east [right] elevations, six on each side, allowing even more natural light into the cloth room through these windows. There are three entrances to the cloth room portion of the building. Two main entrances are located on the west and east elevations that were once large, arched doorways, but have been changed and are more modern, with metal doors put in their place. The third entrance is located on the lower level of the east elevation. The lower level of the east elevation also has eight double-hung sash windows surrounding this third entrance. The west elevation of the cloth room has a single double-hung sash window on the lower level. Physical evidence of brick arches indicates that the large loading dock on the west elevation covered the remaining windows on the lower level.

Also notable on the building is a clerestory centered over the cloth room portion of the building that contains thirty-two windows, twelve on either side, four each on the front and the back.

¹ The dates of construction are derived from a survey of Pacolet Manufacturing Company Mills #3 and #5 by the Associated Factory Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which was surveyed on 15 June, 1935. This survey is located in the Pacolet Town Hall, Pacolet, S.C.

² Samuel B. Lincoln, *Lockwood Greene: The History of an Engineering Business* (Brattleboro, Vt.: The Stephen Greene Press, 1960), 101-104; 254.

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The west elevation contains a concrete deck/loading dock that stretches nearly the length of the building, most of which is the warehouse portion of the building, and is covered by a tin shed roof. This dock accommodated loading products onto rail cars. One single-door entrance is located on the warehouse portion of the building, and there are six sliding bay doors used for unloading the cotton cloth that was stored in the warehouse. Ten narrow, rectangular windows are located on this portion of the façade. In the 1935 survey mentioned earlier, this deck is referred to as an open platform, which means the roof was added after 1935. The exact date of construction of the roof is not known, but a ca. 1940 photograph shows a portion of the roof already in place.

The east elevation also contains a concrete deck/loading dock covered by a tin shed roof, but only on the warehouse portion of the building. This dock accommodated loading products onto trucks. This area is completely enclosed, and was added sometime after 1935. As with the west elevation, the warehouse portion of the building contains six sliding bay doors for loading the cotton cloth onto trucks. A surfaced lot is located adjacent to this portion of the building. The area between the cloth room and warehouse portions of the building on the east elevation is covered with weatherboard.

The rear [north] elevation of the building is inaccessible due to a large brick wall that terminates the building and is adjacent to an overgrown forest.

The interior of the building is where the differences between the use of the cloth room and warehouse portions are most evident. The cloth room is a large, open square floor plan with a high ceiling. The flooring is hardwood that appears to be original. In the front, right if the room is a small enclosed office, while the rear wall has three sliding doors, one of which has been replaced by a wooden frame door. These doors lead to a small, low-ceilinged room separated by three rows of columns. This is likely the area where the cotton cloth was accessed between warehouse and the cloth room. One sliding bay door opens to the left platform from here, next to which is a small enclosed office. Two doors lead from this area to the main warehouse, which consists of rows of two-level storage; that is, one level on top of the other. The right side of the warehouse contains a concrete platform that has been enclosed. This is the platform mentioned above that was added sometime after 1935. Aside from this area of concrete, the floor in the warehouse is hardwood, most of which appears to be original.

The Pacolet Mills Cloth Room was still being used for the textile industry the 21st century. After all of the mills and their other associated mills had been shut down, Milliken and Company used the Cloth Room and Warehouse as a fabrication building. The facility was eventually closed in 2001, and sold to the Town of Pacolet in 2003.

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Statement of Significance

The Pacolet Mills Cloth Room and Warehouse is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its significance in early twentieth-century textile mill architecture. The building, thought to have been designed by the prominent textile architectural and engineering firm Lockwood Greene, is one of the few intact resources still remaining from the early days of the Pacolet Manufacturing Company. It was built for use as a cloth inspection room and warehouse for the Pacolet Manufacturing Company in 1906-1907.

John H. Montgomery, Joseph Walker, and C.E. Fleming organized the Pacolet Manufacturing Company in 1881. In that year they bought land in what was then known as Trough Shoals on the Pacolet River in eastern Spartanburg County. By the late nineteenth century the Trough Shoals area was still sparsely settled. Combine this with the Pacolet River's potential of powering a large mill, and this was to be a good site for the Pacolet Manufacturing Company.

Engineering for the first of the eventual four mills on the Pacolet River began in 1882. Amos Lockwood designed the mill, and the firm Lockwood Greene would hold an important role in the Pacolet Manufacturing Company's future success. In 1887 an addition was built on to the existing mill, and the larger building became Pacolet Mills #1 (the original mill) and Pacolet Mills #2 (the addition). A third mill, Pacolet Mills #3, was built in 1892, just up river from Mills 1 and 2. By 1896, Pacolet was listed fifth among the largest mills in South Carolina, and in the top ten among mills in the South.³

With the growth of the mills came the growth of the community that supported them. Houses provided to the employees became a village, with the mills providing a company store, bank, post office, and other community buildings. Though the area was still referred to as Trough Shoals (and would be until the 1930s), it resembled nothing of the earlier unsettled "wilderness." By 1900, it was a thriving community, built for, and relying on, the Pacolet Manufacturing Company.

All of that changed on June 6, 1903. Heavy rains had caused the Pacolet River to rise rapidly, and it flooded. Mills #1 and #2 were completely demolished, and Mill #3 was badly damaged. Many other buildings near the river, in an area known as the "flat," were also destroyed. The flood shut down the Pacolet Manufacturing Company briefly, but by 1905 work had begun to repair Mill #3, and construction began on Pacolet Mills #5 to replace Mills #1 and #2.

Those buildings that were located in the flat were also rebuilt, and during this time the Cloth Room and Warehouse were built next to the new Company Store and the Mill Offices. The building was constructed in 1906-1907 and was actually two separate operations housed in one building. The front of the building was the Cloth Room, and was used for inspecting the cotton cloth manufactured by the mills prior to being shipped. The cloth arrived to the building from Mill #3 by a now covered rail line that ran along the left side of the building. Once unloaded, the cloth would be inspected in the cloth room, and moved to the warehouse to await shipping.

³ Lincoln, *Lockwood Greene*, 157.

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It is likely, though not documented, that the firm of Lockwood Greene designed the Cloth Room and Warehouse. Not only did Lockwood Greene design all of the mills for the Pacolet Manufacturing Company, they were also influential in the Company itself. Stephen Greene, co-founder of the firm, was a director in the Pacolet Manufacturing Company. Given the firm's close association with the Pacolet Manufacturing Company, it would make sense that they were the designers of its other buildings, such as the Cloth Room and Warehouse.

Today, the cloth room and warehouse stands as one of the few remaining resources from of the Pacolet Manufacturing Company complex. Very little has changed since its original construction. Metal doors replaced the arched doorways on the cloth room, and the concrete decking on either elevation was likely added later as well. The building is not in use, but plans are underway to rehabilitate the building for community use.

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Sources

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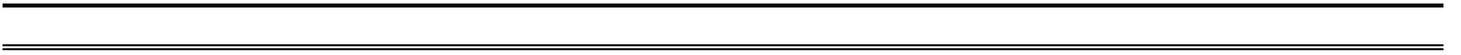
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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is marked as the black line labeled "Pacolet Mills Cloth Room and Warehouse," Lot 3-30-01-1.04-3820 on the accompanying Spartanburg County Tax Map 7172, drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is limited to the historic building, its historic grounds, and their immediate vicinity.



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Photographs

The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Pacolet Mills Cloth Room and Warehouse
Location of Property: 1560 Sunny Acres Road, Pacolet
Spartanburg County, South Carolina
Photographer: Brian Robson
Date of Photographs: 20 August 2005
Location of Original
Negatives: S.C. State Historic Preservation Office,
S.C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Façade
2. Right elevation
3. Right elevation, warehouse addition
4. Left elevation
5. Left elevation, cloth room portion
6. Left elevation, concrete platform
7. Left elevation, cloth room door
8. Cloth room interior
9. Cloth room interior, hardwood floors
10. Cloth room interior, windows
11. Cloth room interior, window damage
12. Cloth room interior, enclosed office
13. Cloth room interior, sliding door
14. Interior, staging area between cloth room and warehouse
15. Interior, staging area
16. Warehouse interior
17. Warehouse interior
18. Warehouse interior, enclosed platform