The New England Brick Company Complex lies on the west side of Brickyard Road. The railroad tracks lie to the west and are visible from the complex. To the south lies 156 Brickyard Road, a small Cape-style house of early origins. Other industries lie to the east.
This complex is made up of several adjoining buildings and a railroad siding which lies to the west of the buildings. Its brick exterior, although fairly modest, is decorated by double segmented arch windows. Pilastered bays are also found on the northeast side of the building. Note the large stack which most likely served as a kiln. Several additions have altered the original appearance of its earliest block. Today the complex shows signs of poor maintenance which seriously threatens the architectural integrity of the building.

In 1910 the New England Brick Company of Hartford purchased two pieces of land from Frederick L. Sage (FLR 76:256). The 140 acres exist on both sides of Brickyard Road and are bounded by the railroad on the west. The one acre parcel with a railroad siding lies to the west of the railroad tracks. Little is known about Sage except that he had received the two parcels of 140 acres and 1 acre from Theron C. Darling in October of 1910 (FLR 77:351). The company mortgaged the property in 1912 through the Riverside Trust Company and probably built this complex thereafter. However, by 1914 the company, producers of bricks, quit claimed the complex with equipment for $7,600 to James P. Martin of Lancaster, Pennsylvania (FLR 78:463) at a public auction. Eight months later Martin quit claimed the two pieces of land with buildings and machinery to the Composite Brick Company of Delaware (FLR 78:510). Its ownership only lasted one month as they sold it to the American Clay Machinery Company of Ohio for $21,000 (FLR 78:511). In 1918 the Delaware company foreclosed its mortgage with the American Clay Company (FLR 79:24); however, it retained title of the property under the new name of Hadfield - Penfield Steel Company. They sold the property to Ernest F. Smith of Boston in 1920 who represented the Limestone Brick Corporation, and in 1924 the corporation sold the complex to the Atlas, Sand, Gravel, and Stone Company (FLR 83:144). Richard B. Dunning was president of the company and in 1945, in a partnership with his two brothers, John S. and Stewart N., received title to the 140 acres and one acre parcel of land with building (FLR 98:226x). Since that time it has changed owners several times. (see below)
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