Background research will consult the following sources as part of the Historic Context. These sources are considered a starting point for research and not considered an exhaustive list.

- *Metropolitan New Jersey A.D. 1910 – A.D. 1945* (available at the NJHPO)
- *Special Resource Study, Great Falls Historic District, Paterson, New Jersey, November 2006*, developed by NPS
- Archival research at the Passaic County Historical Society
- Joseph Stancliffe Davis’ essay on the Society for Establishing Useful Manufactures (Passaic County Historical Society)
- The “Gledhill Collection,” the Passaic County Historical Society’s collection of the S.U.M. papers.
- State and Federal census records
- Historic American Engineering Record Report
- National Historic Landmark District nomination
- Passaic County deeds (to supplement information obtained from historic maps and HAER documentation) to define original S.U.M. lots and the subdivisions of the lots that took place over time, as well as to clarify legal aspects of site organization. Lot lines will be traced onto a site plan to guide/validate the organization of the site’s redevelopment throughout time. Boundary lines of parcels and lots, as well as portions of the lots that were bought or leased from the S.U.M. and others, are critical for a valid historical interpretation of the site.
- S.U.M. records, deeds, tax assessments and other local land records, including specifics of the lease or purchase agreements made between the proprietors of mill lots and the S.U.M. for hydropower delivery and records of disputes between those sharing the mill lots and the S.U.M. power sources (these may be S.U.M. records or in the records of the Chancery Court)
- Surrogates Office records, court records and testimony
newspapers, government-commission reports, photographs, prints, films, private papers, interviews, and patent and copyright records

Resources of Paterson History: An Annotated Bibliography at the Paterson Free Library.

“S.U.M. Charters, Laws, Certificates, and Contracts 1791-1905”

“Papers of the S.U.M. 1791-1946”

Brocket’s 1976 The Silk Industry in America (Chapter XX, “Paterson, the Lyons of America”)

Schnurrmann’s 1942 “Selected Bibliography of Source and Reference Material Relative to the S.U.M.”

“Early History -- The Society of Establishing Useful Manufactures” in Scientific American, 1859

1791-1923 Records of the Patent Office (Record Group 241) at the National Archives

the Hamilton Papers, etc.

Works Progress Administration abstracts of the S.U.M papers

Interviews with: Ed Smyk, Passaic County Historian; Russell Fries; Arthur Rosen; Patricia Condell (HCI); and Nick Sunday

Reports by SEA, Inc., of Cambridge, MA on the 1996 tests conducted by them (available from the City of Paterson, Historic Preservation Commission).

Report by Michael Henry, historic architect of Bridgeton, New Jersey, on the stabilization of the Colt Gun Mill (available from the City of Paterson, Historic Preservation Commission).

All reports and notes of additional studies for toxicity, geo-technical, emergency demolition/stabilization, etc. available from the City or the State.

Bibliographic resources include, but are not limited to:

Historic Conservation and Interpretation, Inc.


1997C A Summary and Archeological Assessment of Potential Impacts Resulting from Soil Tests Conducted on Nov. 19-20 and 25, 1997 at
the ATP Site, Part of Paterson’s Great Falls Historic National Landmark District.

Louis Berger Group, Inc.

Susan Maxman Architects
1996  Historic Industrial Site Analysis ATP Site, Paterson, New Jersey.