

Southern New England Chapter – Society for Industrial Archeology (SNEC-SIA)

Presents:
A Unique Opportunity
To visit
M.M. Rhodes & Sons, Inc.
12 Porter Street
Taunton, Massachusetts

Saturday June 21, 2014, 10 AM



The company traces its roots back to 1857, when Marcus Morton Rhodes established a business for the manufacture of small metal items such as coffin tacks, upholstery nails and papier-mâché shoe buttons. Over the years, the company has produced a variety other items such as shoe hooks, tack strips, various types of insulated staples and other fasteners for telephone and electrical wiring. The little-altered factory contains an array of antique machinery, many still powered by an overhead belting system (now electrically driven). The plant also contains the original drying ovens and trolleys used in the finishing process. The business operated until May 2014 by fifth generation brothers George and Tim Rhodes, who are hoping to raise awareness and preserve the history of the site, prior to its eventual adaptive reuse.

This tour is limited to 20 people.

Pre-registration by June 19, 2014 is required. Cost: Free.

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