

The Manchester Historical Society Flyer for Hilliard Mills Walking Tour

Strike at Gray Manufacturing Company

Transcription of photocopy of newspaper clipping attached to strike photo.

(Editor's note, the *Manchester Herald* newspaper clipping is missing its headline and may be incomplete. This is a transcription of all the text in the photocopy. – Susan Barlow.)

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Picket Lines at Gray Manufacturing

Hilliard St. Manchester

June 13, 1956

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Ken Burkamp photo, with typewritten text: "Picket lines at Gray Manufacturing, Hilliard St., Manchester, June 13, 1956."

The three signs on the building, top to bottom, say:

- GRAY MANUFACTURING COMPANY
- GRAY RESEARCH & EQUIPMENT CO.; SECOND FLOOR
- OLD COLONY CO. OFFICE

Photocopy of *Herald* article

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