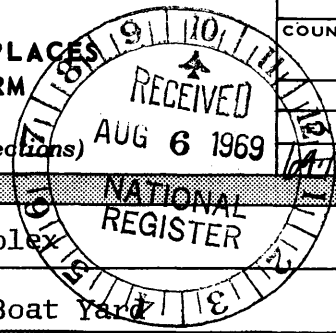


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Sullivan	
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ENTRY NUMBER 241-0006	DATE 12/28/69



**1. NAME**

COMMON: The Netherland Inn and Complex

AND/OR HISTORIC: Netherland Tavern, King's Boat Yard

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 2144 Netherland Inn Road

CITY OR TOWN: Kingsport

STATE Tennessee	CODE 41	COUNTY: Sullivan	CODE 163
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Netherland Inn Association, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 293

CITY OR TOWN: Kingsport

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 41
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Sullivan County Courthouse, Registrar of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Blountville

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 41
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: (less than 10)

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Netherland Inn Property

DATE OF SURVEY: Oct. 15, 1966 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Key Surveys

STREET AND NUMBER: 145 Commerce St.

CITY OR TOWN: Kingsport

STATE: Tennessee	37660	CODE 41
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>			Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Netherland Inn - Each of the three floors is similar in plan with one large room at the east end and one large room at the west end with a central passage between. Each of the six large end rooms has a fireplace. Construction of the first floor is of stone with the second and third levels constructed of wood studs and exterior wood siding. The outside dimensions of the building are 21'x3" by 50'x0".

The Netherland Inn shows Federal Architectural influence. The outside of the Inn was whitewashed with the trim of Spanish Brown. Brick infill was laid between the outside faces of the exterior walls. On the second floor the large west room was the public room with the original door opening onto the porch. Outside doors for public use were at the north and south ends of the center hallway. These had latch fastenings but no locks. Locks were placed on the doors entering the room off this hallway. The trim in the third floor rooms is basically complete. The original mantels have been preserved. Separate pieces of the exterior door latch sets are found on the different exterior doors so it will be possible to reconstruct exact duplicates of these hardware items. The front porch was at least two stories in height and extended across the full width of the building. This will be reconstructed. In the original building interior stairs from the second level to the third level did not exist but were a part of the exterior stairs at the front porch. These interior stairs will be removed in the restoration and relocated as in the original building. This is the only major alteration of the original building.

Bank Barn - Reconstruction - The Bank Barn was located east of the Inn and was a large, three-story structure, approximately 24'x36'. The lowest level was constructed of massive stones built into the bank so that the second level was at grade at the rear. Horses were stabled on the lowest level. The second floor level was used to house the stagecoaches. The upper or third level was used for grain storage.

Smokehouse - Reconstruction - The 20' square smokehouse was located between the Inn and the bank barn.

Well House - Reconstruction - The covered well house was just out from the east corner of the Inn.

Wharf and Warehouse Reconstruction - Located at the river's edge, the foundations for the wharf and warehouse were of native limestone. Building sleepers, floors and walls were constructed of hand-hewn poplar.

Flatboat - The square ended, flat bottom, flatboars were constructed from 50' to 80' long and 16' to 18' wide.

A survey of the Inn has been made by Henry A. Judd, Chief Historic Architect, National Park Service, and his advice and recommendations are being followed in the restoration and reconstruction work.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

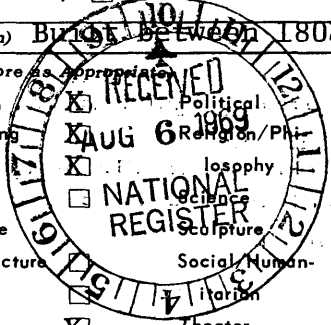
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Built between 1802 and 1818

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Site on earliest permanently settled (1775) Land Grant (in Kingsport's city limits) of Col. Gilbert Christian, veteran of Colonial & Revolutionary wars. Christian Fort built by 1780 west of Grant; Civil War Battle of Kingsport fought west of Inn in 1864.

Property - The first lots sold in newly laid out town, "Christianville in 1802; sold to Wm. King of Saltville, Va. for the purpose of shipping salt from here to as far as New Orleans. King built a Dwelling House, Warehouse & Wharf which were operated by his agents.

1814 to 1817 George Hale, merchant and shipper, rented this property from the Estate of Wm. King; he built a new Wharf and made repairs to Dwelling House and Warehouse; also boarded workmen, boatmen and travelers.

Richard Netherland, Esquire (County Court Clerk 1820-November 1832) and planter purchased King's Old Boat Yard from Wm. King's heirs in August, 1818; not known if he made major improvements to existing dwelling house or erected the present building; Netherland procured a Stage Contract and operated his residence as an Inn. Built 3-story Bank Barn, wellhouse, smokehouse, wharf, warehouse, and slave cabins.

John Netherland, Richard's son, lived here; was lawyer, State Legislature, member 1870 Constitutional Convention, and contender for the Governorship of Tennessee 1859, losing to Isham G. Harris. With Nelson and Andrew Johnson, he took the Union's side during the Civil War. In April 1861 secessionists had to be ejected from the Inn before Nelson and Johnson could make their speeches. John was considered one of the most influential men in East Tennessee. Col. J.P.T. Carter on General S.P. Carter's Raid, December, 1862, stayed behind the troops at this friendly (to Unionist) Hotel, was fired upon and his orderly wounded.

The Boat Yard, as Kingsport was commonly called, was the head of Holston River Navigation for almost 100 years, shipping thousands of pounds of salt and tons of iron, hay, ginseng, etc. by Flatboat and Keel boat.

Richard Netherland's wife inherited the famous Long Island of the Holston in 1792 from her father, Samuel Woods who purchased it in 1776 from Col. Wm. Cocke. Netherland settled on the Island in 1810, built brick house, cotton, hemp, and grist mills, a store; owned thousands of acres; farmed, hunted, raised silkworms.

Netherland Inn located on Great Stage Road, major route from Washington City to New Orleans and to Kentucky; among its visitors were Andrew Johnson, T.A.R. Nelson, Andrew Jackson, David Crockett General Edmund Pendleton Gaines, W.C.C. Claiborne, John Rhea, James K. Polk.

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Mrs. Hal T. Spoden, Historian and Mr. Hal T. Spoden, Restoration Co-ordinator.

ORGANIZATION: Netherland Inn Association, Inc. DATE: July 4 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 293

CITY OR TOWN: Kingsport STATE: Tennessee CODE: 41

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Sam B. Smith  
Title: Sam B. Smith, Chairman Tenn. Historical Commission

Date: August 1, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: DEC 23 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Tuttle  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 11 1969

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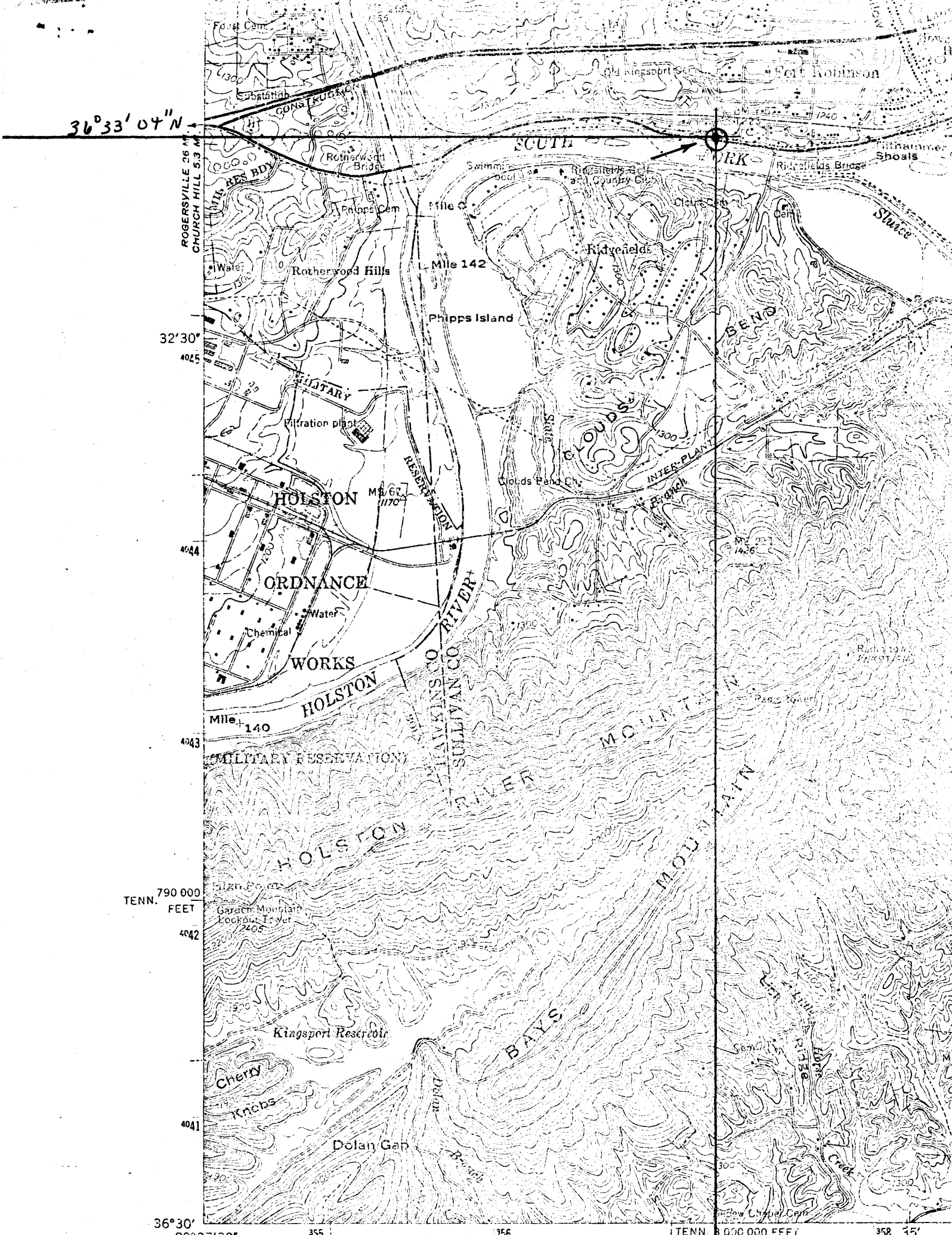
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#8 Inn property owned by: Col. G. Christian and heirs, 1775 to 1802; Wm. King and heirs to 1818; Richard Netherland and heirs to 1904; David Roller to 1906; H.C. and Nettie Cloud to 1966; Netherland Inn Association, Inc. since 1966.

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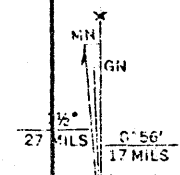
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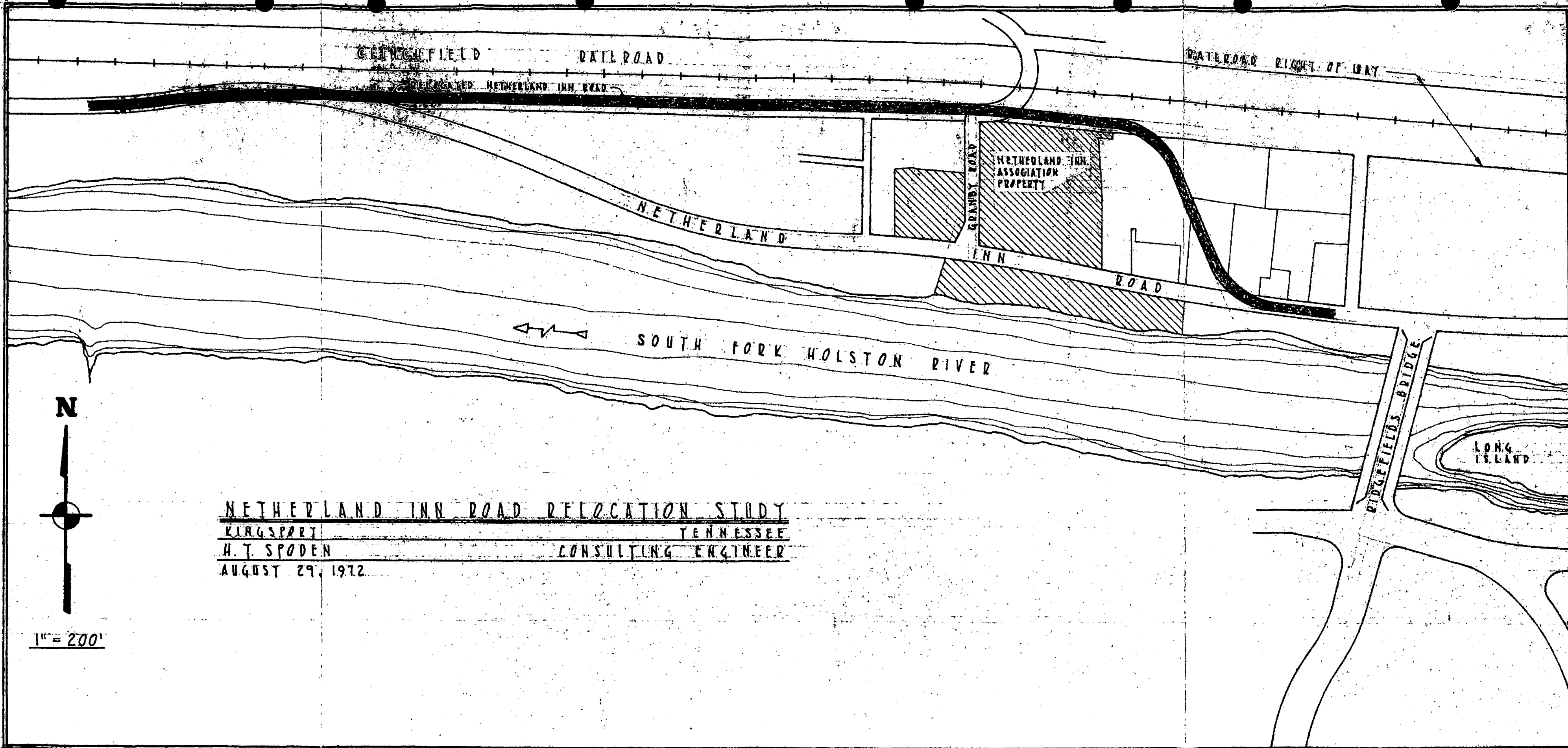
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