

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Washington	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-122-0009	DATE 1/26/70

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Marine Mill Site

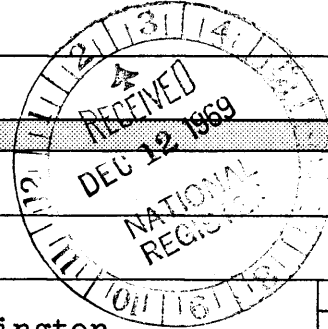
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Walker, Judd & Veazie Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Mill Reservation / Block 47

CITY OR TOWN:  
Marine on St. Croix

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 163



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) 75% vacant

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Walter B. & Lillian Holmberg

STREET AND NUMBER:  
299 Capital View Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Registrar of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Stillwater STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission

DATE OF SURVEY: 1964  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Cedar & Central

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

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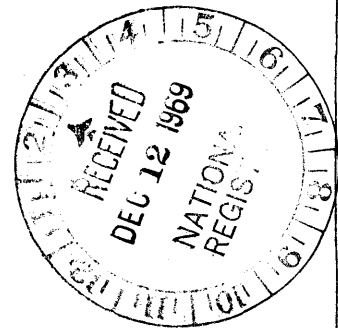
DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The approximately 6-acre site of Minnesota's first commercial sawmill is the same size as it was in 1839 when the first mill was built. The land is located in the village of Marine on St. Croix. During the mill's heyday, all of the property was occupied by the sawmill itself, the planing mill, numerous storage sheds, and areas for the stockpiling of lumber, shingles, laths, etc. (see photo #1). The steamboat levee was also located on this property. The extensive buildings of the 1873-1888 period are graphically depicted in photo #2. The mill failed in 1888 and by 1895 all the numerous frame mill buildings had been torn down and the machinery carted away, thus marking the end of Marine as a lumber village. Today, all that is left of this important historic site is a crumbling stone engine house and large wheel dating from 1873 (photo #3). The mill stream still runs through the property, which consists of low shoreline along the St. Croix River subject to flooding, steep bluffs, and an area of high ground paralleled by the village's main thoroughfare, Judd Street. The acreage, in addition to the mill ruin, has a large number of trees, both standing and fallen, and heavy underbrush. At the top of the 40-foot bluff is a small cottage-type home and metal garage constructed in the 1940s. The land in block # 47 and the Mill Reservation is zoned commercial.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

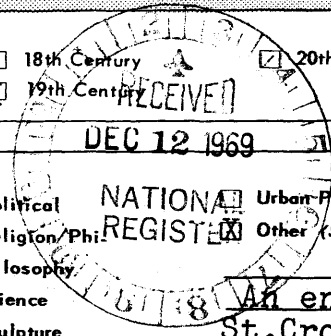
- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

DEC 12 1969

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |   |



An entry on St. Croix River for immigrants to Minnesota

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Marine mill site is important as the birth-place of Minnesota's white pine lumbering industry - the area's first major industry. The original Marine Lumber Company sawmill at this location, constructed in 1839, cut the first commercial lumber in Minnesota from trees felled in the vast white pine forests of the upper reaches of the St. Croix River.

Throughout its most prosperous years, the sawmill company was known as Walker, Judd & Veazie. The village of Marine Mills, first settled by eastern lumberjacks by way of Marine Settlement, Illinois, remained a major lumber producer from 1839 when the first mill was built until 1888 when it closed forever.

The first Marine sawmill was torn down in 1852, and a new water-powered mill with a forty-foot overshot wheel was built. On September 16, 1863, the second mill was destroyed by fire. Many men in the village were without employment until a new sawmill was constructed on the same spot three years later. This 1866 mill, to keep up with competition, was again almost completely rebuilt in 1873. The sawmill failed in 1888, marking the end of Marine Mills as a lumber village.

By 1895, all that remained was the native stone engine house of the 1873 period which stands today as a reminder of the great industry which helped build Minnesota and the treeless plains states to the west and south.

In 1964, the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission (MORRC) recommended that "the site should be acquired by the state. A study of the possibilities of this site as a place to erect a museum to tell the significant story of lumbering in Minnesota should be made."

The site is also important in telling the transportation story of the state, especially in the St. Croix Valley. It was one of only three good steamboat landings (Marine, Osceola, and Taylors Falls) on the St. Croix, north of Stillwater. For many years, the river was the major (frequently the only) route for travelers, pioneers from the eastern states, and the on-rush of Swedish immigrants who began settling the valley in the 1850s.

Contiguous to the site, is the Walker, Judd & Veazie "company store," a frame building constructed in 1870 and still in use, and the Village Hall, built in the 1880s and still in good condition. Also, on adjoining property is a home (now privately owned) built by one of the company's founders in 1848. Thus, the millsite area, if preserved, offers a fine location for telling the story of Minnesota's important contribution to the history of lumbering in the United States.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Dunn, James T., Marine on St. Croix: From Lumber Village to Summer Haven (Marine on St.Croix, 1968).  
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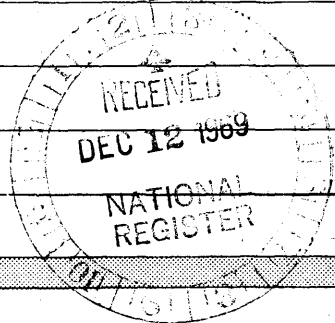
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **C. 7 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Minnesota	22		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Jack K. Warren**

ORGANIZATION: **Private citizen** DATE: **7 November 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Marine on St. Croix** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

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

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Russell W. Ludley</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Director, Minn.Hist.Society</u></p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Count Allen Connally</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <b>JAN 26 1970</b></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William J. Sturtevant</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <b>JAN 14 1970</b></p>
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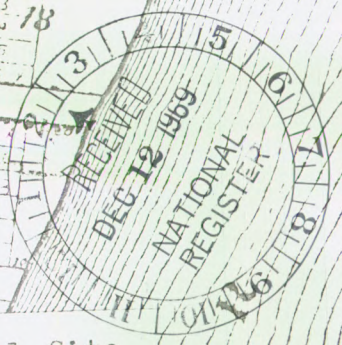


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Marine Mill Site  
Lat 45° 11' 51"  
Long 92° 46' 05"



ST CROIX RIVER

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MARINE  
ON ST CROIX  
PLAT  
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ABOUT 1890  
ORIGINAL PLAT  
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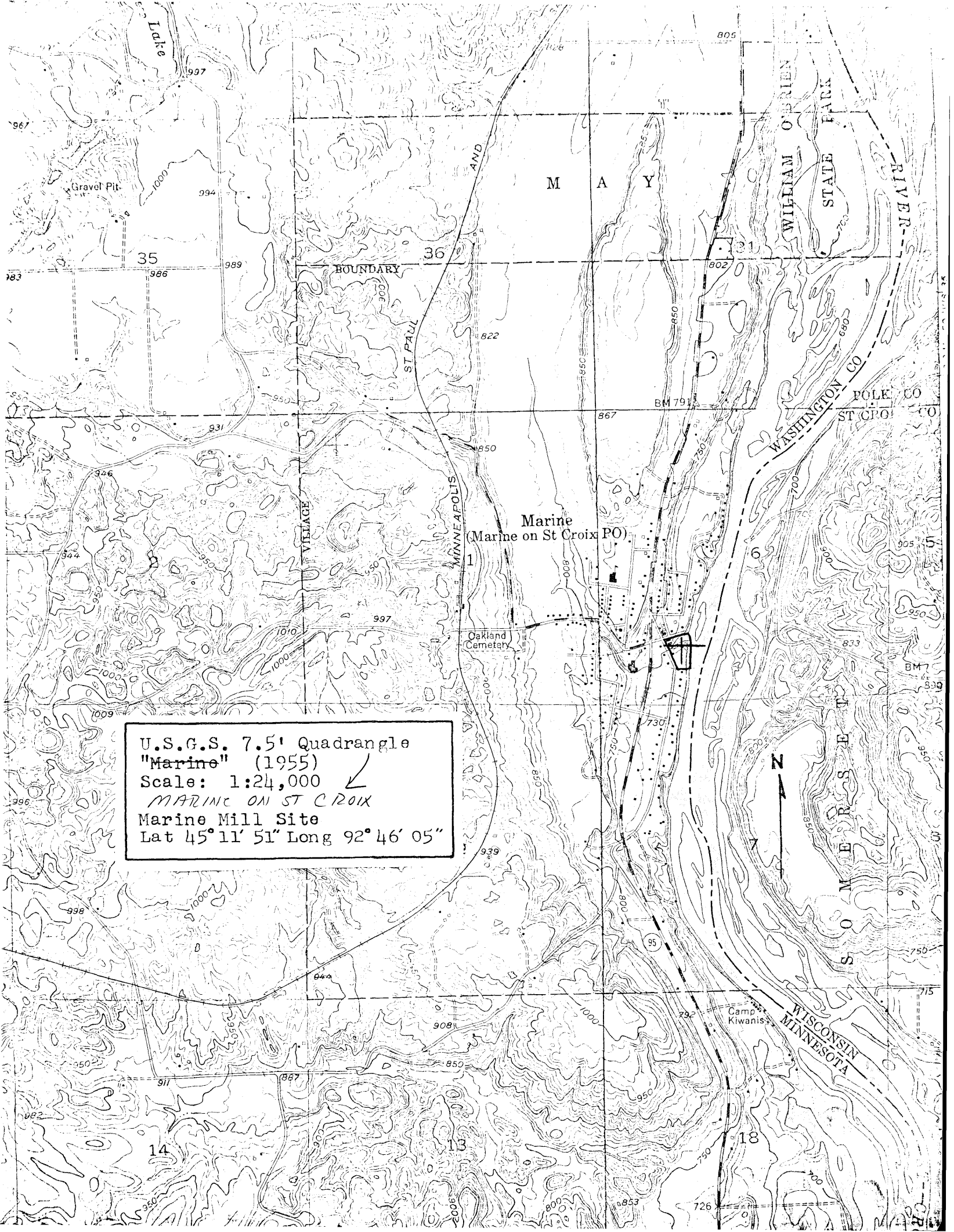
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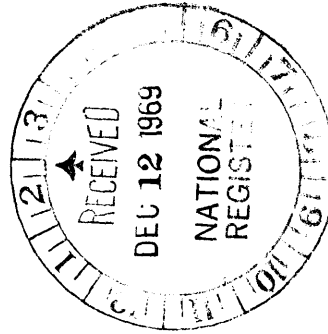
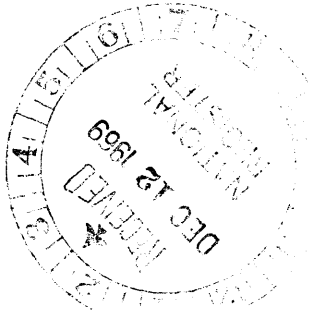
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CITY OR TOWN:		Marine	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Minnesota	22	Washington	163
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:		Plat map of Marine on St. Croix	
SCALE:		1 in: 400 feet	
DATE:		c. 1890	
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle  
"Marine" (1955)  
Scale: 1:24,000  
MARINE ON ST CROIX  
Marine Mill Site  
Lat 45° 11' 51" Long 92° 46' 05"



Form 10-301  
(Dec. 1968)

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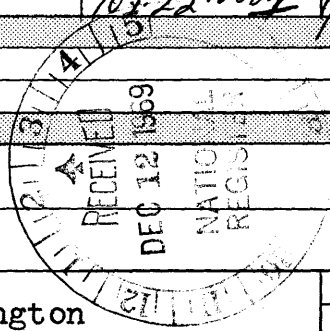
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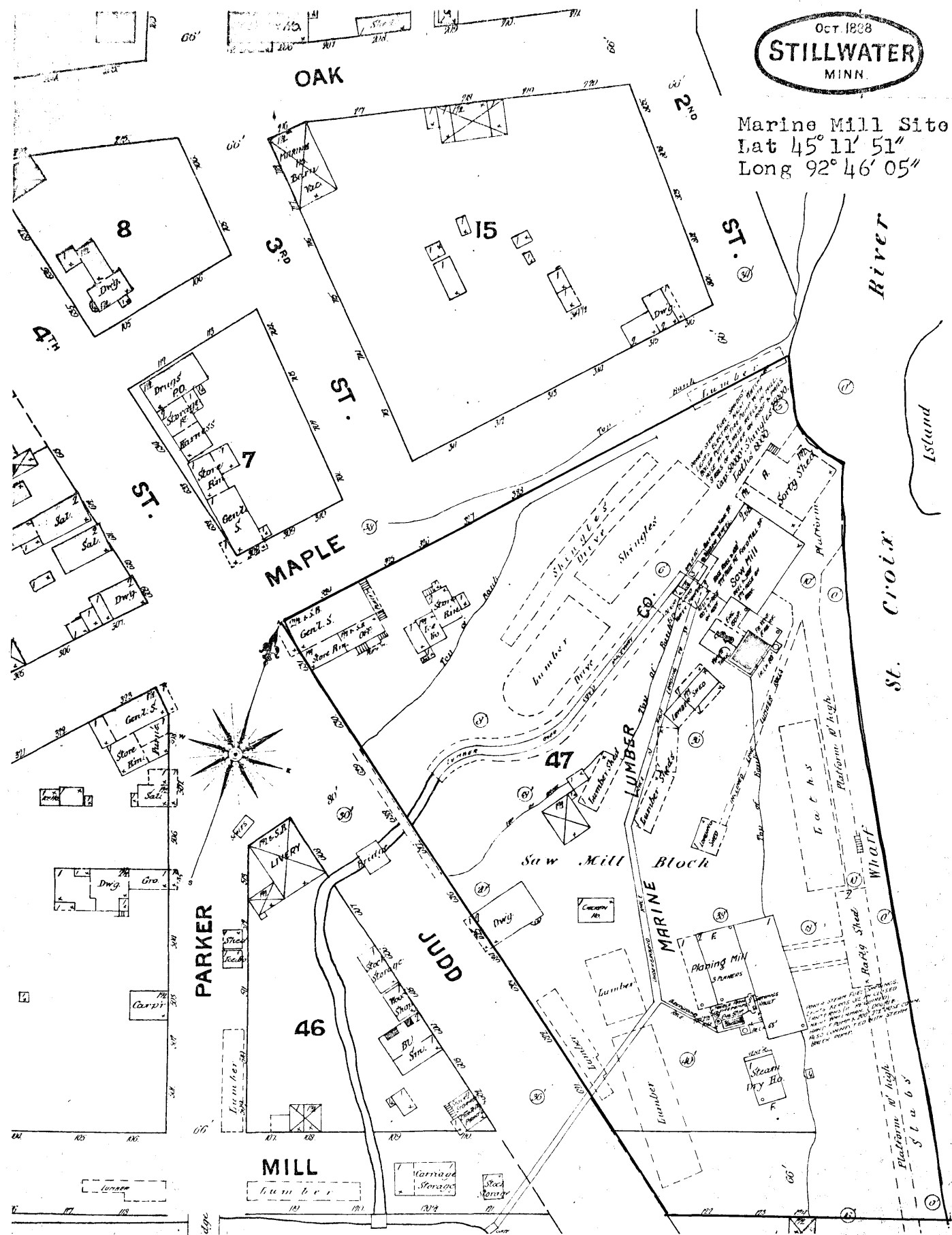
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Oct. 1888  
**STILLWATER**  
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Marine Mill Site  
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Long 92° 46' 05"



- SANBORN MAP -

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