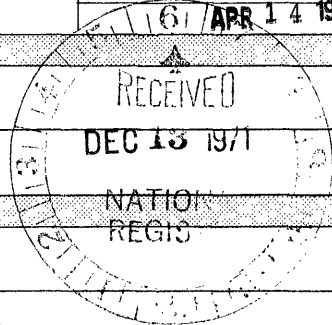


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah	
COUNTY: Tooele	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON: E. T. Benson Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC: E. T. Benson Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Utah
State Highway 138

CITY OR TOWN: Mills Junction vic. (SW)

STATE: Utah CODE: 49 COUNTY: Tooele CODE: 045

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) None <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Terracor

STREET AND NUMBER: 529 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Tooele County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: 65 North Main

CITY OR TOWN: Tooele STATE: Utah CODE: 49

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Utah Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Utah Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City STATE: Utah CODE: 49

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

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(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

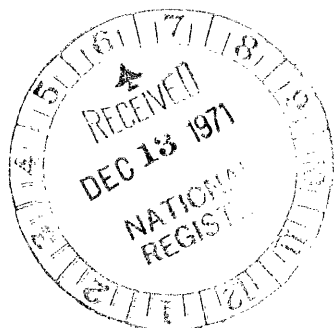
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The mill was built in 1854. The addition to the north was completed before 1922. Shortly after 1922 the front shed was added along with a gas motor for additional power. In 1936 the gas motor was taken out and a hammer mill was installed to grind feed for turkeys and cattle.

Terracor, a land development firm, recently purchased the area and is developing a small city to the south of the mill. The president of the company is extremely pro-preservation (Terracor's headquarters is located in a National Register Place) and has indicated a willingness to preserve the structure.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

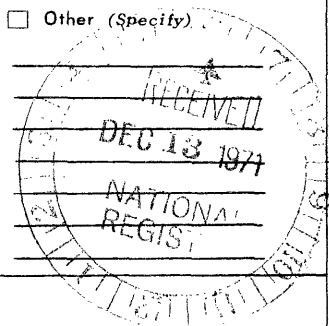
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In September 1849 the first settlers entered Tooele Valley. In their search for water power sites, a place on Twin Springs Creek was selected. A saw mill was completed by the spring of 1851 and was known as Benson's Saw Mill. The saw mill was destroyed several years after its construction.

In 1854 a grist mill was built on Twin Springs Creek and located near the saw mill. The grist mill was built by Thomas Lee who was hired by a church corporation among whose members included Ezra T. Benson, Benjamin Crosland and John Rowberry. The mill remained in the hands of the church corporation until June 1866 when Ezra T. Benson paid Brigham Young the sum of \$3,333.33 for all claim to the grist mill known as Benson's Mill located on Twin Springs Creek.

Sometime before January 1878 the grist mill once again returned to the hands of a church corporation which was headed by Stake President Francis M. Lyman. In 1900 the Richville Milling Company, with a Mr. Wrathal as president and Mr. Rowberry as secretary, took over the grist mill. The Richville Milling Company operated the mill until 1922, when J. Reuben Clark Jr. bought the mill. An attempt was made by President Clark to produce flour to be sold commercially, but the small mill was unable to compete with the larger grist mills throughout the State. In 1936 a hammer mill was installed to grind feed for turkeys and dairy cattle which belonged to the Clark Family. The mill served this function until 1960 when it was abandoned.

The E. T. Benson Mill is of significance for several reasons. It is one of the oldest buildings still standing in Tooele County and in Western Utah. According to many travelers, it is regarded as the most significant structural landmark between Salt Lake City and Reno, Nevada. Its successful operation for more than seventy-five years indicates its importance to the area. The economic evolution of the mill represents a similar experience of other business ventures in early Utah. Initially, in the 1850's, it was built as a church cooperative effort. During the 1860's it was acquired by a private individual, and during the 1870's, the heyday of the cooperative movement of the church, the mill was obtained and operated by a church corporation. By 1900 the mill had returned to the control of private individuals. The survival of the mill, while most of the other early Utah grist mills have been destroyed, has been because of its long-time service to the area.

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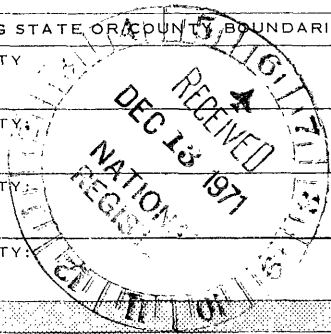
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .96

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Kent Powell, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Utah Historical Society

DATE: 26 November 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 603 East South Temple

CITY OR TOWN: Salt Lake City

STATE: Utah

CODE: 49

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: Milton Weilenmann

Title: Milton L. Weilenmann
Utah State Liaison Officer

Date: 26 November 1971

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

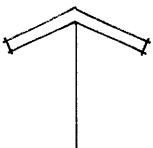
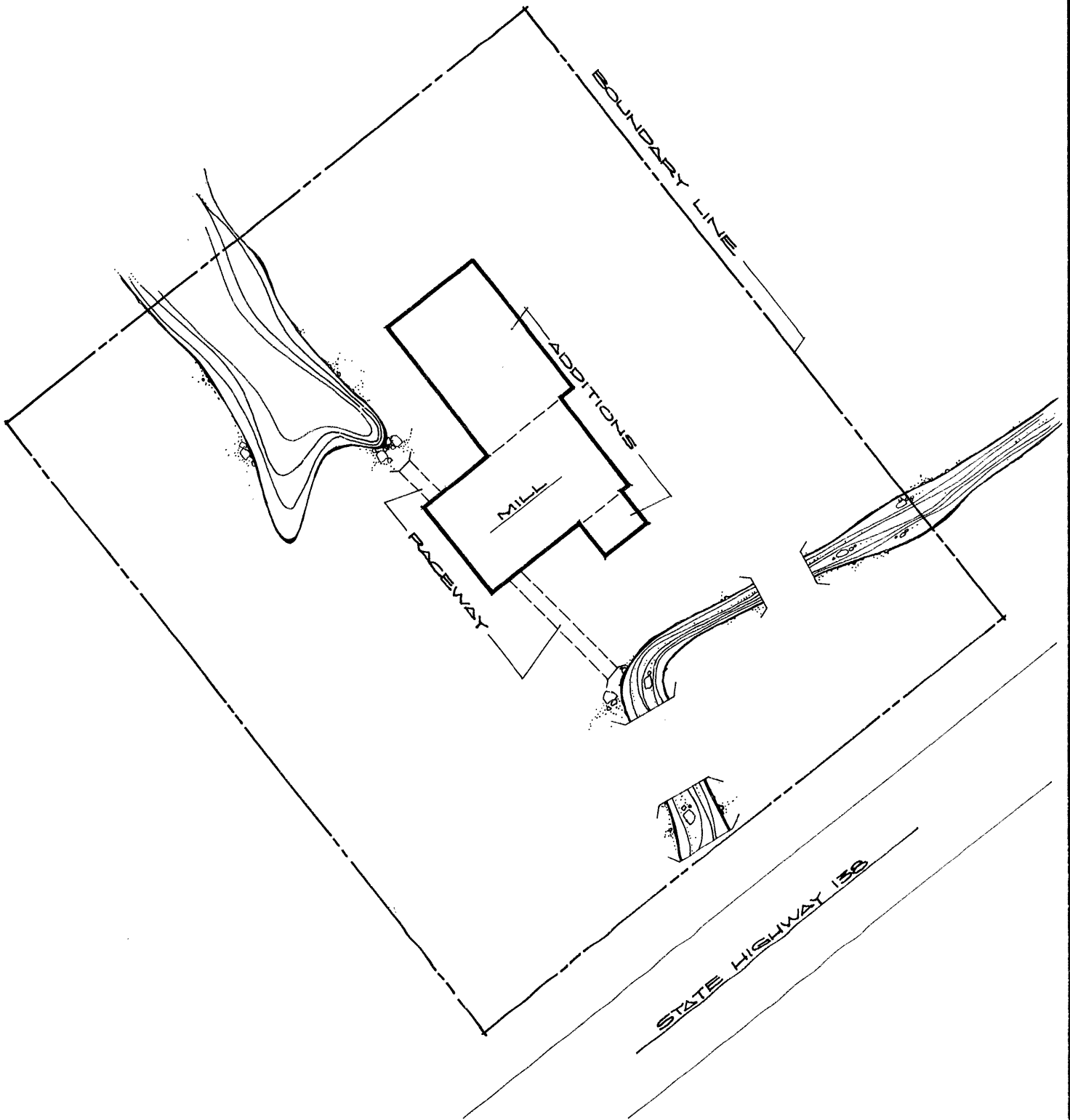
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ATTEST: William M. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date: APR 14 1972

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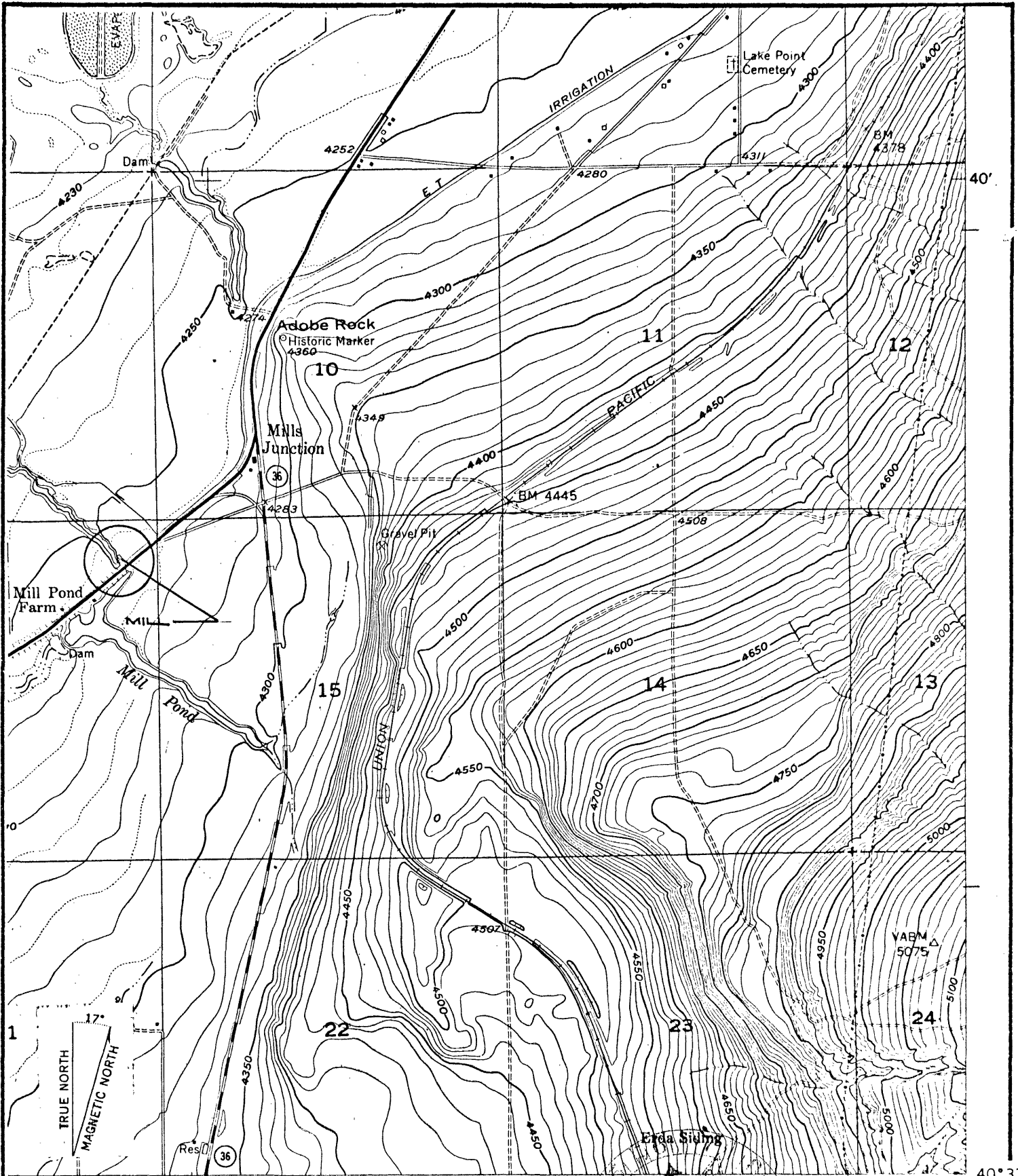


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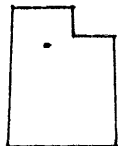
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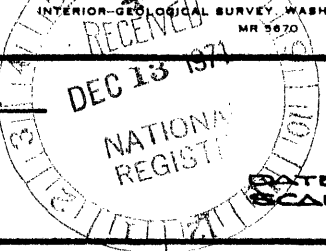
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