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DISTRICT. SITE. BUILDING. STRUCTURE. OBJECT

- 1. NAME(S), historic/common: Windmill Quaker State
(Rounton Parkersburg MRA)
- 2. LOCATION, street/road: 800 Murdoch Ave.
TAX MAP- LOT # (NE corner of 8th, Ann & Murdoch sts.)
75-76 city/town: Parkersburg, WV 26101
(incorporated/unincorporated)

- 3. USE/FUNCTION, present: vacant (public/private, restricted)
original: service station

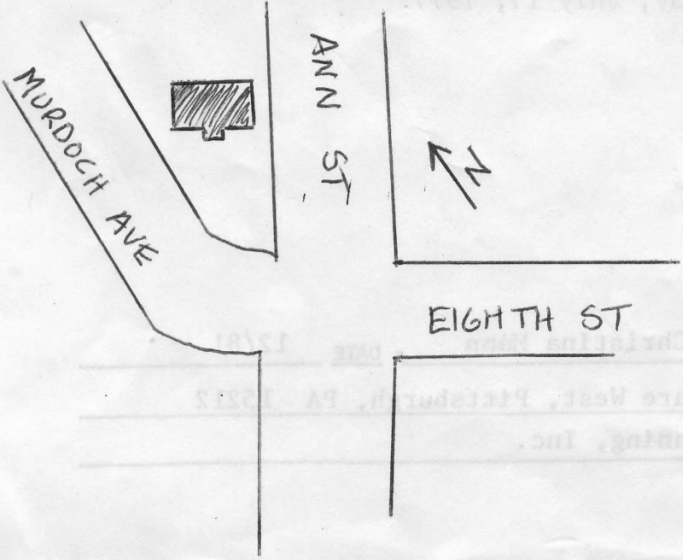
- 4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Quaker State Oil Refining Corp. (public/private)
P.O. Box 989 Oil City, PA 16301
original:

- 5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 8112-R3-F17
8201-R2-F15
- 7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



40x20

- 6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map):
- 8. ACREAGE (approx):



COUNTY: Wood
Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate): See attached

a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
brick _____
concrete _____
stucco roughcast _____
weatherboard _____
clapboard _____
board & batten _____
shingle _____
other _____

b. Structural System

masonry _____
frame _____
log _____
metal _____
other _____

foundation _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
metal _____
slate _____
tile _____
asphalt X _____
composition _____
other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

dependencies _____

other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
alterations see description _____

additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
good X _____
fair _____
deteriorated _____
abandoned _____

g. Threats:

The building is currently vacant.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Glen Reynolds (Vienna, WV)
worked on construction; George Nichols

b. Style/Period: _____ (Newport, OH)

c. Date(s): 1928 built the windmill.

This is a unique design for a building type which signalled the introduction of the Motor Age.

The windmill is a significant example of W.Va. commercial archaeology and is an architectural folly which has achieved landmark status in the opinion of Parkersburg citizenry. The Quaker State Oil Company maintains two oil refineries in W.Va., though no ^{other} example of the early windmill-styled stations of this company are known to remain in the state. (R.Collins)

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Newspaper article dated Sunday, July 17, 1977.

12. FORM PREPARED BY Eliza Smith, Christina Mann, DATE 12/81

a. Address Allegheny Square West, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

b. Organization Landmarks Planning, Inc.

Windmill Quaker State

800 Murdoch Ave. (NE corner of Murdoch, 8th, and Ann Sts.)

75-76

The station is a simple one story, gable roofed structure with a lower projecting gable on the SW (front) facade. It is faced in stucco. Crowning the gable is a wooden windmill structure which flares toward the base and has a domical top. The blades, originally of wood, are now metal. The building's original arched apertures, once framing a doorway and d/s (9/9?) windows, have now been boarded over; a large square window pierces the wall to the left of the central doorway. At the SE end, a frame garage door has been filled in with siding.



Windmill Tower State
800 Murdoch Ave. (the corner of Murdoch, 8th, and Ann Sts.)
75-78

The station is a simple one-story, gable roofed structure with a lower projecting gable on the SW (front) facade. It is faced in stone. Clinging to the side is a wooden windmill structure which faces toward the rear and has a domical top. The blades, originally of wood, are now metal. The building's original arched entrance, once flanking a doorway and the (1937) windows, have now been boarded over; a large square window placed the wall to the left of the central doorway. At the SE end, a frame garage door has been filled in with siding.

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