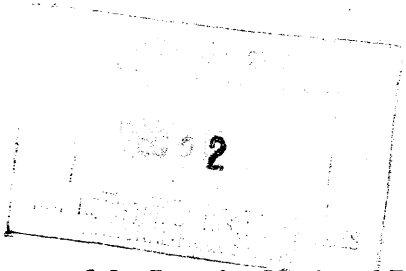


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OMB No. 10024-0018

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Elkins Milling Company

Other name/site number: Darden's Mill

2. Location

Street & number: 2 1/2 Railroad Avenue

City/town: Elkins

vicinity: N/A

State: West Virginia code: WV county: Randolph code: 083 zip code: 26241

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Susan M Pierce 12/16/04
Signature of Certifying Official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau Date

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.
(___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

Edson H. Beall
Signature of Keeper

2/2/05
Date of Action

Entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.

Determined eligible for the
National Register

See continuation sheet.
Determined not eligible for the
National Register

Removed from the National Register

Other (explain): _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	building
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing N/A
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION: Mill
COMMERCE/TRADE: Specialty Store

Current Functions

VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

OTHER: Roller Mill

Materials

Foundation

Stone and brick

Walls

Wood and corrugated metal

Roof

Roll roofing

Other

Wood

Narrative Description

(See continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

INDUSTRY

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1901-1954

Significant Dates

1902

1910

1919

1937

1943

Significant Person

Darden, Ralph

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(See continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of Repository: Randolph County Historical Society, C-HOPE , various individuals

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References

Quad Map: Elkins

<u>17</u>	<u>599581</u>	<u>4308669</u>
Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(See continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(See continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By

Name/Title: Ruth A. Brinker, Board Member, Citizens for Historical Opportunity,
Preservation and Education in Randolph County (C-HOPE).

Organization: C-HOPE

Date: 12 - 17 - 03

Street & Number: RR 2 Box 135-2

Telephone: 302-636-9791

City or Town: Elkins State: WV ZIP: 26241

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Citizens for Historical Opportunity, Preservation and Education in Randolph County

Street & Number: PO Box 1961 Telephone: 304-637-6702

City or Town: Elkins State: WV Zip: 26241

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Architectural Description:

The building is a three-story timber frame structure situated between Railroad Avenue, the old railroad grade, and First Street (Photo 1). The interior space is 10,500 square feet on three floors. The first floor is at street level on the north, south, and east sides, and the second floor is at railroad grade level on the west side. There is a concrete and stone retaining wall extending beyond the building supporting the grade. It appears that the building was constructed in phases, with the south half being the oldest. The building is now eight bays long, and three bays deep with a loading dock/porch on the east or street side, and two elevated loading doors on the west (Photo 2).

Setting

The Mill was built adjacent to the Railroad to provide ease of shipping the products. At one time there was a rail siding on a trestle adjacent to the Mill for their sole usage, and a railroad bridge crossing the Tygarts Valley River within a few feet of the Mill. The newly rehabilitated Elkins Depot is approximately 100 yards north of the Mill. Both Railroad Avenue on the east and First Street on the south have asphalt surfaces with curbs and storm drains. Across the river to the south are commercial and industrial buildings including the old Elkins Power Plant building. To the west beyond the railroad grade, the former railroad yard is vacant. To the east across Railroad Avenue are residences and an old motel.

Exterior

The south portion was originally a four story rectangular structure built in 1902 (Figure 1). An addition before 1920 extended the building on the north side. A 1937 fire did enough damage that the fourth floor was removed. The current L shape was achieved by the removal of the southeast corner. The south portion has wooden German lap siding in fair condition on the east façade and poor condition on the west facade, with 6/6 or 6/1 regularly spaced windows. The L shaped loading dock/porch has a metal shed roof with a combination concrete and wooden floor. The concrete part is at ground level on the north, and the wooden part is several steps above ground level on the south due to a gentle North/South slope of the land.

In the early days of the Mill's operations there was a coal shed owned by John Davis and later Darden north of the mill (Map 1). The coal provided fuel to heat the boiler in the "iron clad" engine room, and generate power to the mill. The concrete floor remnants to the immediate north of the present building and the concrete railroad retaining wall may be the limited remains of a

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Architectural Description (continued):

warehouse (Map 2). By 1910 the Mill was powered by electricity (Map 3). The current "iron clad" north portion filled the space between the current and original wood siding south portion and the former warehouse (Map 3). This conclusion is evidenced by the slight angle of the north wall that would have been the side abutting the adjacent building. In further support of the conclusion is the patched corrugated metal siding on the first and second floor of the north face showing the angle of the former shed roof (Photo 3). The corrugated metal siding is original to the north portion (note on Map 2). This siding has been interrupted on the first floor street side by modern doors and windows. The roof line angle of the north portion does not exactly match the south roof line. The roll roofing now spans this small offset (noticeable on Photos 1 and 2).

Interior

The interior of the south portion is in good condition, particularly on the second and third floors. Here the flooring and some of the walls are tongue and groove. The stairways between floors may not be original. This is evidenced by the fact that the stairs partially block a window (Photo 4), and between the first and second floors the stairs have the first step located at the loading dock doors, partially obstructing easy movement. Since there is no evidence of original stairways in the south portion, they may have been in the southeast corner that was removed. There is an elevator shaft, but no elevator remains. The brick chimney here is recent. On the second floor a very large opening in its north wall leads from the south to the north portion. A partial wall separates them on the third floor. On the first floor the ceiling is lower than on the other floors, and there are fewer windows. The floor has various coverings. A toilet room on the east wall is just large enough for a toilet and one person. A modern apartment was established on the south end with rooms partitioned off and recent doors and windows (Photo 5). At one time there were windows on the west railroad yard side that were in dropped boxes. These have been enclosed or boarded up. The north portion once had a stairway against its north wall. The first floor has a recent gas furnace. On the second floor near the north end, two massive posts were removed and a cable was stretched across the opening to help support the third floor. The upper beam now sags, but only slightly.

Grain mills are notorious for fires due to dust combustion, and at least two fires, 1911 or 12, and 1937 (Figure 2 through 6) left their marks on the community and the interior of both halves of the

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Architectural Description (continued):

building. Surface (1/4 to 1/2 inch deep) charring is visible on some of the interior beams; some have been replaced, and some recycled to other locations in the building. Pieces of original mill machinery are scattered throughout (Photos 6, 7, and 8), and machine mounts are present on walls and ceilings (Photo 9). These appear to be remnants of roller mill machinery. There is also a large industrial scale (Photo 10).

The Mill evidences change through time, which is to be expected in an industrial building responding to market forces. As milling technologies and local needs changed, so changed the building. Most of the changes occurred within the historic period, and do not constitute adverse impacts to the building's integrity. Modern alterations that include the apartment and recent commercial modifications are all easily reversible. The basic structure of the Mill is sound and worthy of rehabilitation.

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Statement of Significance:

This property is significant under Criterion A for industry, Criterion B for its association with local business person Ralph Darden, and Criterion C for its industrial architecture. The period of significance spans the years between 1902 (the date of construction) and 1954, a period in which the building served Elkins and the surrounding area as a merchant grain mill and feed store.

Significance Under Criterion A:

The Elkins Milling Company (also known locally as Darden's Mill) hereinafter referred to as the Mill, is an important link in telling the story of the early history of Elkins and the surrounding area, its workers, and its economy. In 1901, the Elkins Milling Company purchased a lot for \$1,000 on the railroad yard of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railway Company from Henry Gassaway Davis (Figure 7), and built a mill that operated from 1902 until 1919 (Figures 8 through 11) when it was sold to local businessperson Ralph Darden and added to his holdings under the Darden Company, or DARCO, name (Photo 13). The Mill provided a service for central West Virginia farmers and shipped finished products all over the state and beyond. During peak production, many tons of grain came in, keeping workers busy around the clock. When the Mill was completed in 1902, a coal fired steam boiler and engine powered the Mill at a time when water power dominated the industry. The original steam engine was replaced by electric power by 1910—an early conversion to this source of power. The Mill also kept the adjacent railroad yard running at its peak. During the first half of the 20th century, the railroad yard was an expansive hub of activity for industry and transportation (Photo 12). Today, the railroad yard is vacant, save for the passenger depot and the Mill.

DARCO was profitable through most of the first half of the 20th century, as it was the sole supplier to the Atlantic and Pacific (A&P) Tea Company for its stores throughout the state. The company eventually discontinued production of flour at the Mill and increased production of buckwheat, corn, feeds and farm supplies (Map 4). In 1943 the property was sold to Samuel D. and Minnie Girard who leased it to Altman's Cash Feed Store (Map 5). Then in 1946 the Darden Company went bankrupt due to competition from the Southern States Company. By the mid-1960s Girard's son Joseph operated the Elkins Farm Supply in the Mill, until March of 1967, then sold the building to Ray and Evelyn Hill. After this date the building passed through many owners, serving as a warehouse for selling used furniture and recycled construction materials.

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Significance Under Criterion B:

Mr. Ralph Darden is significant in regional history as a major employer, as a founding officer of the Elkins Milling Company, and as an investor in several other grain and milling related businesses in Randolph and Tucker Counties. Darden maintained his business office in Elkins on Davis Avenue, and his house in Elkins (421 Davis Avenue, built 1904, listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building to the Downtown Elkins Historic District) has been preserved and rehabilitated by the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission. As an early business developer in Elkins, he may be considered one of the founders of the community, which sprang into existence with the coming of the railroad. Born in Hoskie, North Carolina on March 10, 1867, Darden spent his early years in Murfreesboro. Darden was an early resident of Elkins in 1890, at a time when the town numbered a dozen houses. He started out in the real-estate and insurance business, and by 1894 he had incorporated the Darden Company, also known as DARCO. During his lifetime, he served in many community leadership roles, including the Methodist Church, the Randolph County Board of Education, as a charter member of the Rotary Club, as one of the first directors of the Elkins YMCA, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, and as the first president of the Monongahela Valley Association. Additional credits include serving as an officer of the Elkins Fair Association (which exists today as the Forest Festival), as president of the Cash and Grocery, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Davis Trust Company. Darden passed away on December 1, 1948 at the age of 81, and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, the resting place of many of the early business and political leaders of Elkins.

Significance Under Criterion C:

The post and beam/timber frame construction that dominates the interior is one of the few remaining industrial buildings in the state. Elkins historian Robert Whetsell says he can find "no other commercial building or mill still in decent shape in the region with a similar history and wooden frame/post and beam construction." The Mill's architecture is outstanding, particularly the interior where the massive posts and beams built strong to carry many tons of grain and feed are exposed to view (Photo 11). The Mill is a large, timber framed, post and beam building with approximately 10,500 square feet on its three floors. A small apartment/office was intruded into the first floor south bay, which overlays the original materials in this area. In addition the first floor walls and ceiling were painted white and various floor coverings were used.

The interior of the older south half has a more finished appearance than the north half where the building is sheathed in corrugated metal that in some areas is exposed in the interior.

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The northernmost warehouse is no longer extant, and the space between it and the original Mill structure has changed from a shed roofed lean-to to its present form (Photo 14). Despite the changes, the building retains integrity of design and materials.

The second and third floors have tongue and groove flooring, and in some areas beaded tongue and groove walls and ceilings that reflect a golden glow in the natural lighting from the Mill's many windows. Such beauty in an historic industrial building deserves our attention and recognition. Historic preservation architect Mike Gioulis (2002) concluded that it is structurally sound.

Statement of Significance Conclusion:

Mills serve a social function by bringing together people who might not otherwise have an opportunity to communicate. Mills bring into town rural people, and there is interaction between farmers and industrial workers, buyers and sellers. This Mill served a multi-county area of the state, because it not only milled the farmer's produce, it also shipped it throughout the State.

The Mill is significant for its distinctive and beautiful architecture, its function as a steam then electric driven roller mill, its social history, its connection to Ralph Darden, and the fact that it is the only remaining industrial building on the historic railyard to survive into the present era.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The following is the wording taken from the DEED of purchase recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Randolph County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 482 at page 414:

Beginning at a point along western boundary of Railroad Avenue in said City and 63.5 feet distant from the center line of the railway of Western Maryland Railroad Company and 40 feet south of the S.E. corner of the Darden Coal House (now gone) and in a line with the eastern boundary of said coal house, thence south along the western boundary of Railroad Avenue 154.3 feet to a point; said point being the N.W. corner of Railroad Avenue and First Street, thence at right angles to first line and along the north boundary and First Street 68.2 feet to a point, last mentioned point being 33 feet from the center line of the said Railroad measured at right angles thereto and on the eastern side of said railroad, thence in a concentric circle in a northeasterly direction and parallel with said railroad center line and 33 feet distant therefore 159 feet to a point, thence along a line at right angles to railroad and in a easterly direction 30.5 feet to the place of beginning, and containing 7,150 square feet, more or less. Said real estate being commonly known as the Darden Mill Property location at the corner of First Street and Railroad Avenue.

Boundary Justification

The above wording is consistent with the historic boundary of the property purchased from the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railroad by the Elkins Milling Company in 1901 (see Figure 7). The Mill is effectively contained within these boundaries by two city streets and the railroad yard.

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Name of Property: Elkins Milling Company
Address: 2 ½ Railroad Avenue
Town: Elkins
County/State: Randolph, West Virginia

Photographers: Michael Gioulis, Gerry Milnes, and Phyllis Baxter

Dates: 2001, 2002, and 2004

Negatives: Augusta Center at Davis and Elkins College, Phyllis Baxter, and Michael Gioulis
Historic photos property of Robert Whetsell.

Photo 1 of 14: Phyllis Baxter, Camera facing NW, front façade and South elevation.

Photo 2 of 14: Phyllis Baxter, Camera facing SE, West and North elevations.

Photo 3 of 14: Gerry Milnes, Camera facing SW, North elevation and part of East elevation.

Photo 4 of 14: Gerry Milnes, Interior South half stairway.

Photo 5 of 14: Gerry Milnes, Camera facing NW, front façade and S elevation showing recent windows.

Photo 6 of 14: Gerry Milnes, Interior North half, Milling machinery.

Photo 7 of 14: Michael Gioulis, Interior, Westinghouse gear.

Photo 8 of 14: Michael Gioulis, Interior, South half, Sifter and railroad loading wagon.

Photo 9 of 14: Michael Gioulis, Interior, North half, belt drive wheels.

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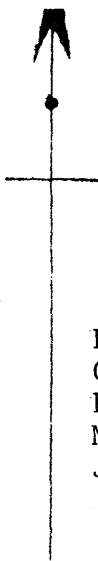
Photo 10 of 14: Michael Gioulis: Interior, South half, E. Spinner O'Flaherty (President of C-HOPE) at the scale, with elevator cage on the right.

Photo 11 of 14: Phyllis Baxter, Interior, South half.

Photo 12 of 14: Historic Aerial Photo of railroad yard and Mill.

Photo 13 of 14: Historic 1920 Photo, East elevation prior to the 1938 fire.

Photo 14 of 14: Pre-1909 historic photo, South and East facades.



ELKINS MILLING
 COMPANY
 RANDOLPH CO., WV
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 JULY 1902 SANBORN MAP

**JULY 1902
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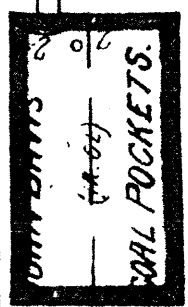
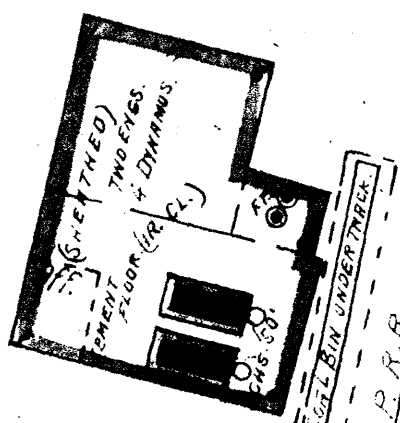
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 FUEL COAL. NO FIRE APPS.

NO EXPOSURES



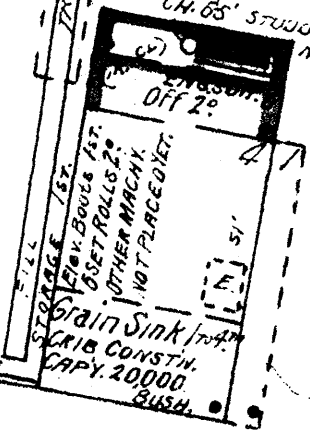
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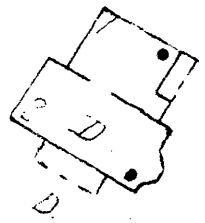
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 ELEC. LIGHT. FUEL: COAL.
 HEAT: STEAM. CITY WATER
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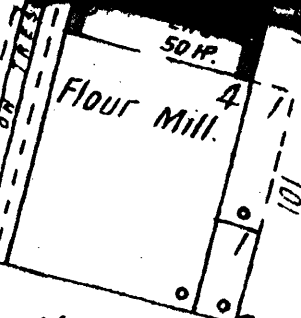
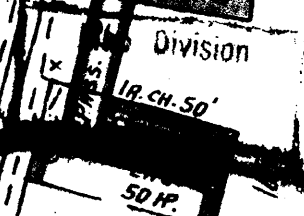
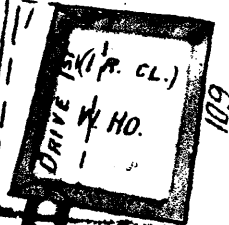
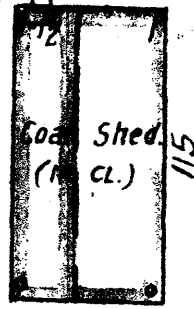
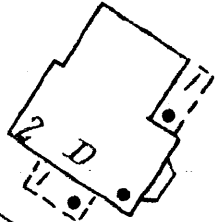
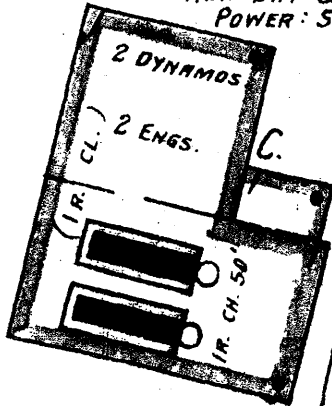
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ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
 RANDOLPH CO., WV
 MAP 2
 SEPTEMBER 1905 SANBORN MAP

**TYGART'S VALLEY IMPROVEMENT CO.
 ELEC. LIGHT PLANT.**

RUN DAY & NIGHT.
 POWER: STEAM.



ELKINS MILLING CO.

HEAT & POWER: STEAM. FUEL: NATL. GAS. LIGHTS: ELEC. CITY WATER. HYD. & 80" 1 1/4" HOSE IN ENG RM.
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 3rd 2 PURIFIERS. 1 DUST COLLTR.
 4th 2 GYRATORS. 1 CENTRIF. REELS. 1 RECEIVING SEPARATOR. 1 SMUTTER. 1 BUCKWHEAT MILLER.
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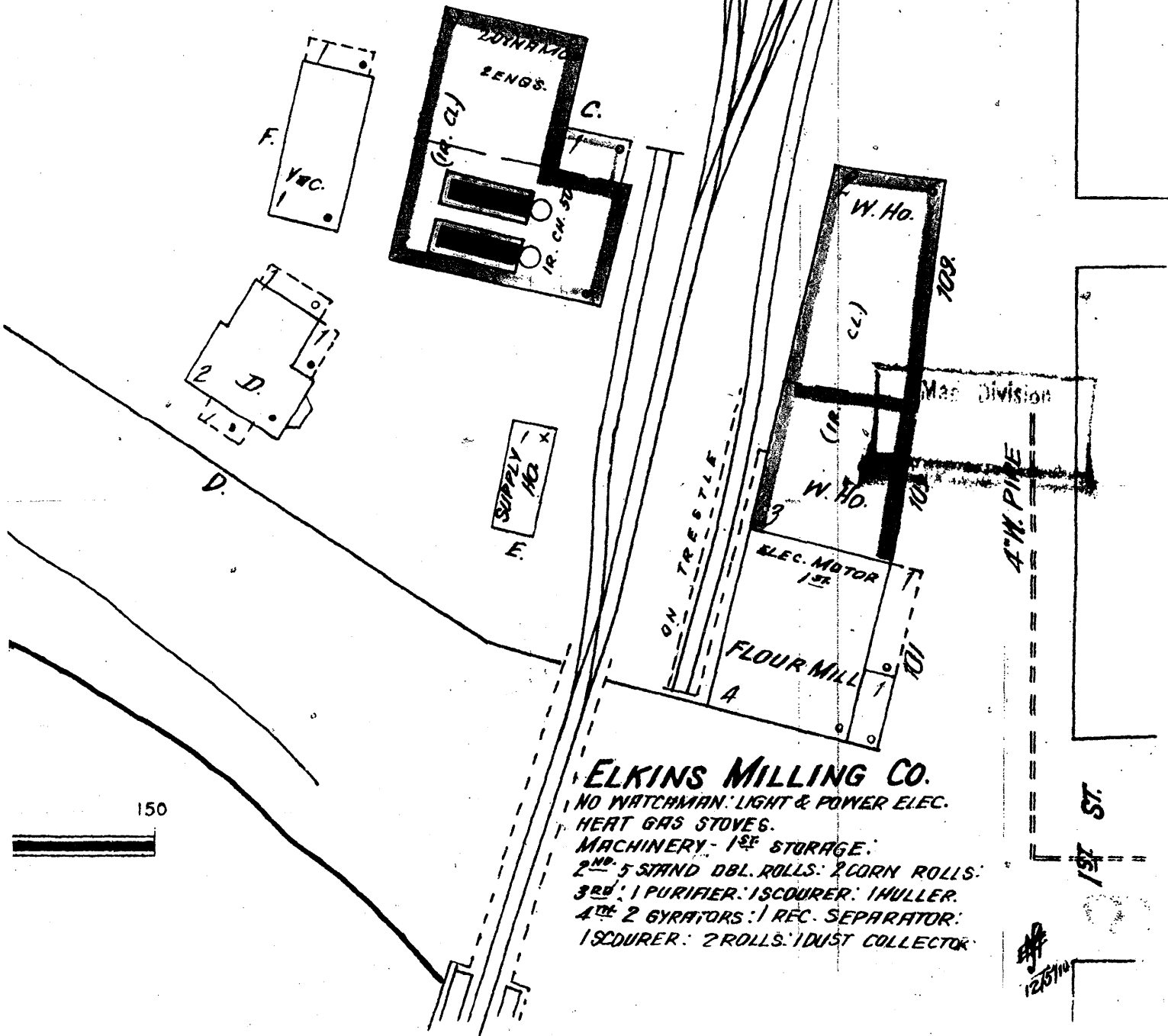
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ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
 RANDOLPH CO., WV
 MAP 3
 NOVEMBER 1910 SANBORN MAP

HAND
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ELKINS ELEC. RAILWAY, POWER STATION.

NO WATCHMAN: POWER STEAM: FUEL COAL.



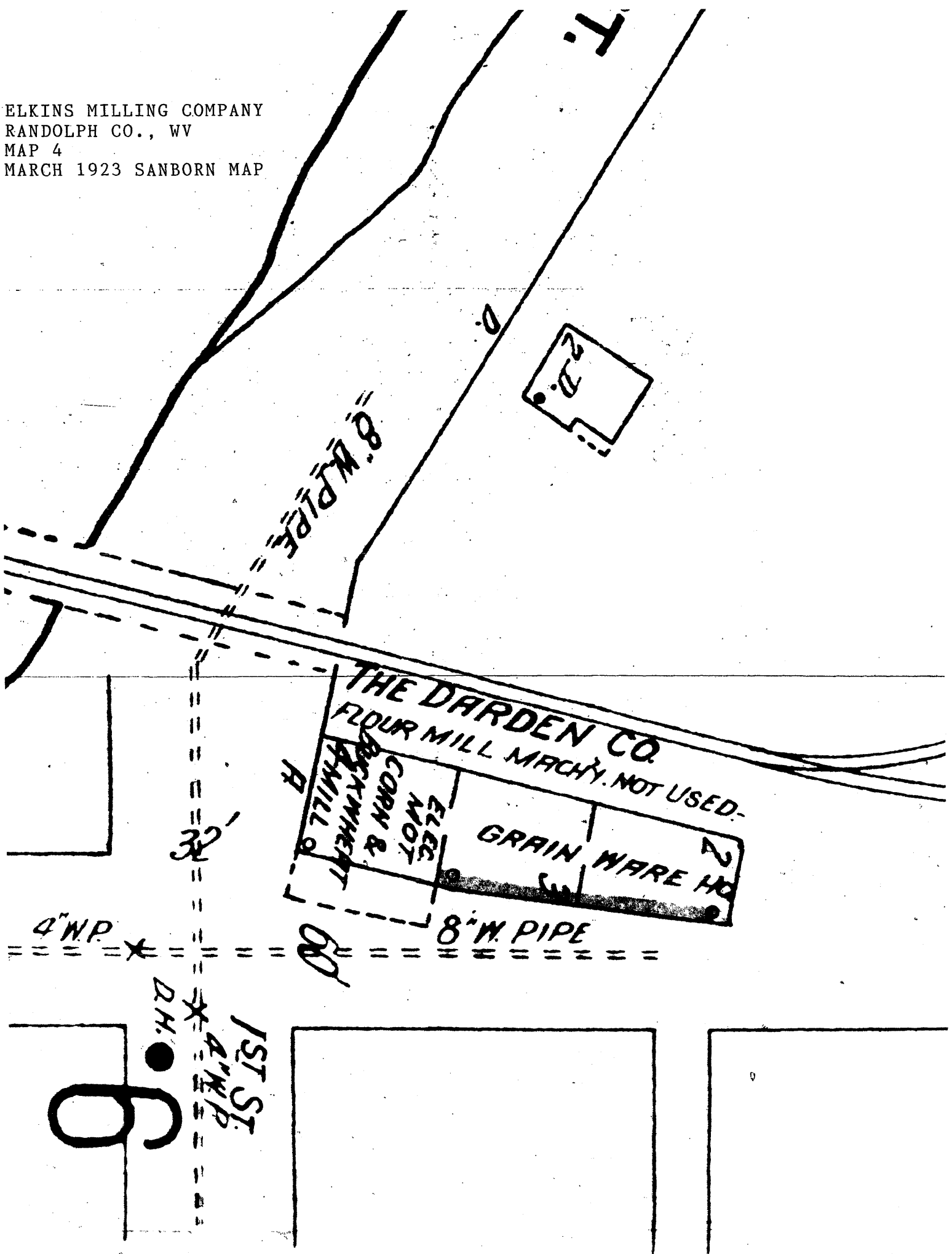
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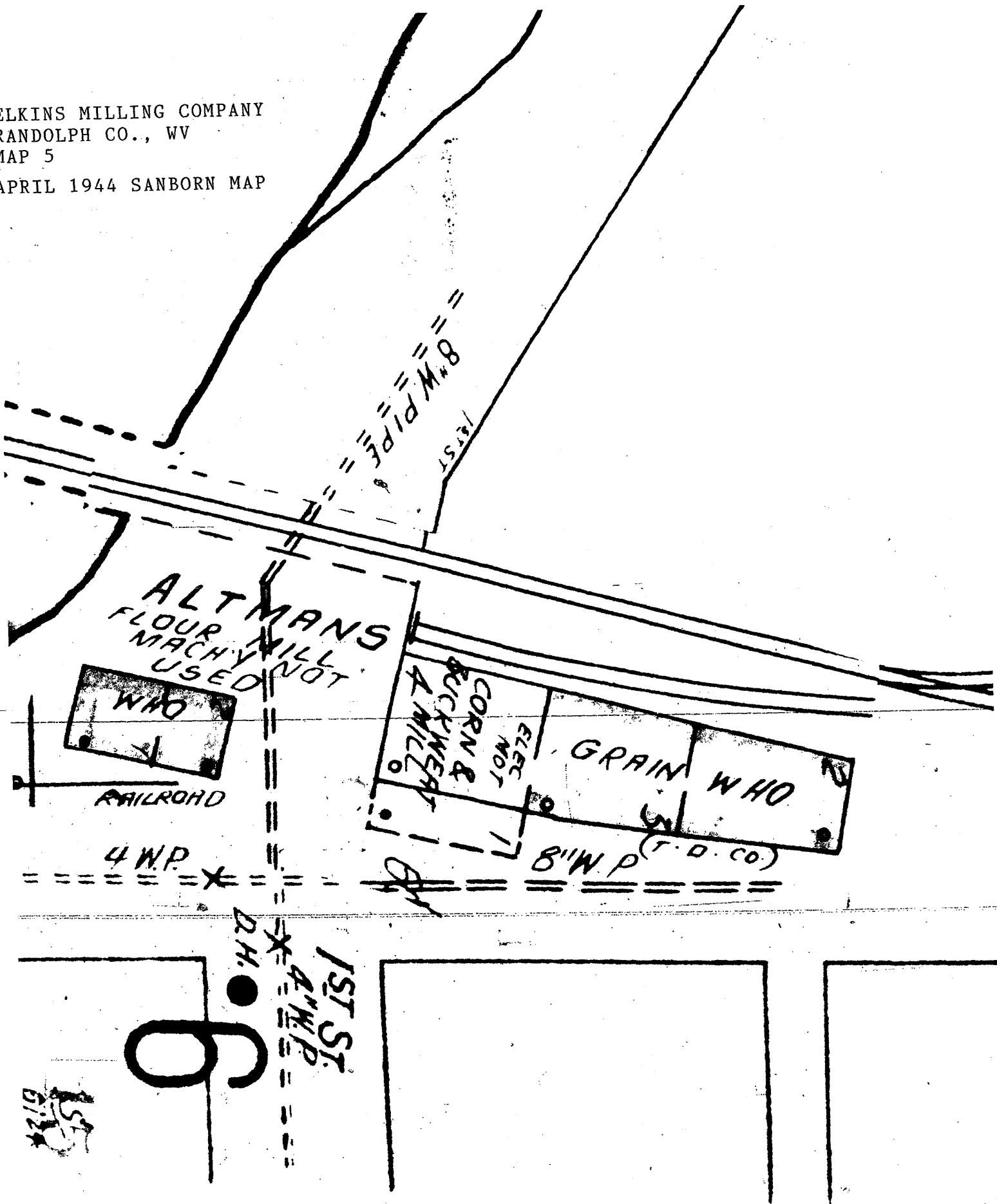
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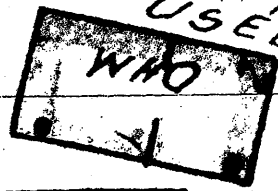
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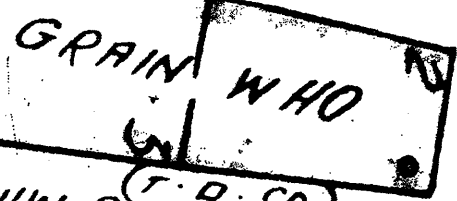
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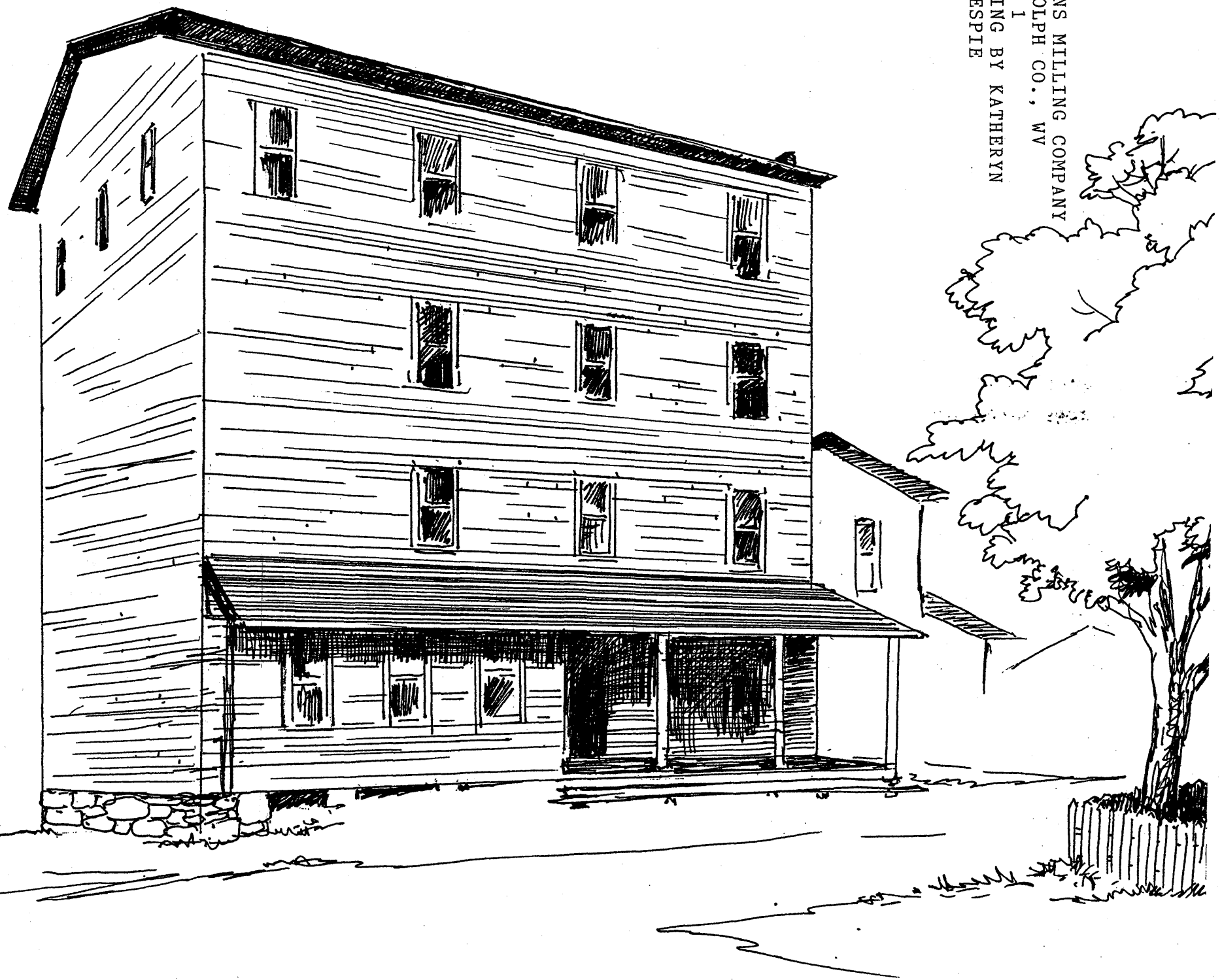
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DARDEN CO. MILL BADLY DESTROYED BY FIRE TODAY

Loss From Blaze Of Undetermined Origin Will Probably Amount to \$35,000

Fire of undetermined origin damaged and gutted the plant of the Darden Company, corner of First Street and Railroad Avenue, about 6 o'clock this morning, rough estimate places the damage at about \$35,000, partly covered by insurance.

The fire apparently started in the second and third floor and burned fiercely especially in the third floor where a great deal of machinery finally fell to the second floor as the flooring was burned away.

Much damage was done to mill machinery and to motors especially on upper floors of the building. The fire in the grain bins resisted all effort of the fire department until nozzles were removed from lines of hose and the water poured into the grain. Water dripping to the lower floor also caused damage though the fire was largely confined to the upper stories.

By 8:30 the department had the fire well under control and confined its efforts after that to putting out the fire in the bins.

Ralph Darden, head of the company of course was unable to state what immediate plans for reconstruction are, pending adjustment of loss.

Traffic on First Street was suspended for a part of the morning. It is now being used as a temporary through route through the city.

BOXES LONG IN USE

Walnut Boxes Still Remain In Use After a Period of Sixty Years or More, According to Clerk

Jury boxes now in use in what place the names of grand and jurors, have been in use in the county for at least 60 years, Clerk G. Nelson Wilson believes. They may be even older than these boxes are made of walnut and are very attractive, as many things are, having been substantially made.

Slips containing the name of brand jurors, by districts are in one box and slips containing names of petit jurors are in another box. Names of grand and petit jurors for the next year have been placed in the boxes, which are locked under the seal of the commissioners who meet three times a year to draw the jurors for the term of court.

PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT

New Department Commander Makes First Official Visit Since Election At Elkins

RANDOLPH REVIEW

ELKINS MILLING COMPANY RANDOLPH CO., WV FIG. 2



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R GALLON
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ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
 RANDOLPH CO., WV
 FIG. 3
 RANDOLPH ENTERPRISE, SEPT. 2 1937

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that just 100 head calves have been carefully selected from the best herds in the county which will be assembled October 11 at the Tygart's Valley Livestock Yards, where they will be graded into lots according to breed, sex, color and general conformation. These calves will be offered for sale October 13. Those calves are all sired by good purebred beef bulls, and out of good high producing beef dams.

These calves will all be dehorned, castrated and taught to eat well before the sale date. These sales have been held for a number of years in the State and the beef cattle men have found out that the calves always bring a good price. Many of these calves go without the state where they are placed in the feed lots and developed into baby beefs before sold.

We invite any one to attend this sale, whether interested in buying calves or not. They will be the best group of calves that we have ever had at any one of our past sales. Care will be taken that all calves are vaccinated for black leg the heifer calves will be tested for banga disease, tuberculosis and etc.

The following livestock producers have consigned calves to this sale: Ed Ramsey, Pickens; Arnold Metzner, Pickens; James McNeal, Helvetia; John Marti, Pickens; Rosa Daetwyler, Helvetia; Fred Burke, Pickens; Paul Daetwyler, Helvetia; Herman Schneider, Pickens; John Karlan, Helvetia; Billie Daetwyler, Helvetia; Ernest Hofer, Helvetia; Hudda Buber, Helvetia; Stella Karlen, Helvetia; Stella Karlen, Helvetia; Ernest Burke, Pickens; John Gobell, Jr., Helvetia; John Gobell, Helvetia; W. B. Hardman, Solbyville; R. L. Smith, Czar; Warren Boen, Pickens; Clinton Winkler, Pickens; J. A. G. Sailer, Valley Head; D. P. Linger, Huttonsville; Leonard Channell, Valley Head; Oliver Channell, Valley Head; Ernest Hutton, Huttonsville; J. W.

PARTY POLITICS

Swiss people of Randolph County are considerably more Republican Democrat. When requested reasons for their party affiliation the general reply is that their party is right. The fact that all settlers of these communities came from the North and at a time when Democrats were considered disloyal following the Civil War.

Randolph County is overwhelmingly Republican. The influence of the Swiss people has been toward their party. This has made some in the Swiss communities but counteracted by the influx of people from Wirtshur County which has as a Republican majority as Republican Democrat. The economic conditions of the three communities of Adolph and Turkey Bone with Beckhannon and Unity rather than Elkins, the County seat and metropolis, is not true of Alpena and may be a result of this community change. A large Republican majority of the Swiss of this community at one time there were three times as many Swiss inhabitants there as at present time.

The community with Swiss people is twice as large as the population of the three Swiss communities of Alpena, Adolph and Turkey Bone, one is still largely Republican with a very few staunch Democrats. The Swiss people are influential in local politics. In recent years a Democratic candidate

EAR OF CORN LOOKS LIKE HAND

Dee Gainer brought an ear of corn to this office last week that was grown by Mrs. Silas McQuain. The corn looks like a human hand, it has small ears at the end that forms the fingers. The corn is on display in our window and has attracted a great deal of interest. The Cumberland News tells of a similar ear on display in Cumberland, the item taken from the news follows:

Henry Wiegand, of 119 Oldtown road is exhibiting an ear of corn that has grown in the shape of a human hand, with the finger tips brought together. Last year, Wiegand had an ear that was in the shape of a human foot.

FIRE AT DARDENS MILL

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the Darden Mill this morning about six o'clock and caused a loss estimated at \$35,000.00. Will give details next week.

School Opens Sept. 7

Randolph County Schools will open on Tuesday morning, September 7, at 9 o'clock.

Henry Hamilton, principal of the High School, announces that the enrollment in high school will be by classes according to the following schedule:

- Seniors: Tuesday morning, 9:00 o'clock.
- Juniors: Tuesday afternoon 1:00 o'clock.
- Sophomores: Wednesday morning 9:00 o'clock.
- Freshmen: Wednesday afternoon 1:00 o'clock.

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THE ELKINS (WEST VIRGINIA) INTER-MOUNTAIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1937

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BLAZE AT DARDEN CO. MI Shells Fall Near U. S. Marine

ELIMINATION OF CHIANG DESIRED BY JAP ENEMIES

JAPANESE PREMIER INDICATES OBJECT OF WAR IS CHIANG'S ELIMINATION

SAYS INTERESTS OF THIRD POWERS IN CHINA WILL BE RESPECTED

TOKYO, Sept. 2—(P)—Foreign

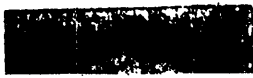
HUNDREDS ARE DEAD IN TYPHOON AT HONGKONG

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DISTRESS CALLS FROM FOUND-ERING SHIPS COME FROM ALL SIDES

HONGKONG Sept

Expected to Beat Tammany Man



FEDERAL-LOCAL HOUSING PLANS SIGNED BY FDR

HOUSING BILL TODAY IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT AT HYDE PARK

ROOSEVELT ALSO APPROVES FEDERAL MONOPOLY ON HELIUM GAS

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Sept. 2—

EARLY MORNING BI AT LOCAL FLOU

FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN BREAKS OUT IN MILLING COMPANY PLANT

COMPANY WILL RESUME OPERATIONS WHEN FIRE DAMAGE IS REPAIRED

VOTE OF THIRD HOLT

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K. N. Y., Sept. 2--

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FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN BREAKS OUT IN MILLING COMPANY PLANT

COMPANY WILL RESUME OPERATIONS WHEN FIRE DAMAGE IS REPAIRED

A fire of undetermined origin which was discovered at 5:55 o'clock this morning caused damage tentatively estimated at \$25,000 at the milling plant of the Darden company on Railroad street here.

Fire Chief Max Brightbill was unable to definitely learn the cause of the fire but believed it may have been started by spontaneous combustion. An investigation made after the blaze had been extinguished revealed that it started on the third floor and burned its way up steps to the fourth floor.

Mr. Darden said this morning the loss was fairly well covered by insurance. Asked what were his future intentions relative to operations, Mr. Darden said, "the mill will resume operations as soon as the damage done by the fire can be cleaned up."

Ladder Truck

VOTE OPPOSING THIRD TERM HOLT'S OBJ

WEST VIRGINIA SENATOR
WILL ASK SENATE TO
OPPOSE THIRD TERM

OTHER DEMOCRATS
DOUBT THAT F. D.
WILL RUN AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2-- Senator Holt (D-W. Va.) today he will seek to resolve the senate against a third term for President Roosevelt.

A frequent administration critic, Holt said he would offer a resolution opposing a third term which the senate approved last year and the house adopted in 1935.

He noted that nearly a century ago Democrats now in the majority elected a third term when the president was president, that the term would be "imperialism" and fraught with peril to our institutions."

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FIG. 5
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1937

THE ELKINS FIRE DEPARTMENT needs an aerial ladder truck and needs it badly. This was again apparent yesterday morning when a fire of undetermined origin broke out in the Darden mill building on Railroad street. Before the flames could be extinguished damage tentatively estimated at \$35,000 had been done.

OPINION IS that the firemen did good work in holding the damage to that figure, but Fire Chief Max Brightbill and other persons who saw the fire and who are familiar with fire fighting methods were of the further opinion that had the department been equipped with an aerial ladder the damage would have been held to a much smaller amount. It is perhaps possible that the saving to the property owner in this one instance would have been much greater than the cost of such equipment.

oldest business institutions. There is cause for gratification however, in the statement by Mr. Ralph Darden that operations will be resumed just as soon as the damage can be repaired.

A **WATER LINE** is being laid from the Elkins city limits to the Crystal Springs community. The work is being done under a WPA project which is sponsored by the progressive people of the Community to be served.

THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS suburb is one of the several splendid residential sections outside the corporate limits of Elkins. Their citizens are residents of Elkins in everything but name, in that they trade here and are a part of the city's social and business life. It is entirely proper that the city should reach out and serve them with available conveniences such as a public water supply.

**The Daily
WASHINGTON
MERRY-GO-ROUND**

(Trade Mark)
By **DREW PEARSON** and **ROBERT S. ALLEN**

Chinese Recruiting Office Busy Under State Department's Nose; Fliers In Demand; Paid \$1500 a Month And Bonus For Victories; Government Buying Huge Quantity Of Butter, Eggs To Peg Price; Kennedy Gets Cash For Audit Despite Comptroller's Opposition.

WASHINGTON, September, 3. While the State Department is leaning over backward to avoid entanglement in the Far Eastern conflict, a recruiting office almost in the shadow of the White House is busily enlisting men to fight in the Chinese army. So far, about 200 American-born Chinese have signed up. Most of them are young members of Washington's miniature Chinatown, which has a population of around 5,000.

The secret recruiting office is in charge of George Moy, leading restaurateur and son of the late "mayor" of Chinatown. Moy's place of business is known among his people as "Jelly Hall".



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ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
RANDOLPH CO., WV
FIG. 6
SEPT. 2, 1937

textbooks. The economy to patrons of the schools would be great, it has been pointed out, because of low production costs. Auditor Sims would carry the proposal farther and have other equipment manufactured at the state prison.

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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, or rather the idleness, at the Moundsville penitentiary has long been a serious problem. With existing federal laws prohibiting the transportation of prison-made goods in interstate commerce there is slight hope for the operation of factories in the prison which once made it a self-supporting institution. The only remedy, it would seem, is for the state to manufacture supplies which it now purchases on the open market.

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THE UNITED STATES bought \$144,819,000 more than it sold in the first seven months of this year, the Department of Commerce reported yesterday. This unfavorable balance compared with a similar balance of \$24,214,000 for the same period a year ago. And in the face of these figures the national administration continues on its way of reciprocal trade treaties. It is in effect bartering away a 90 percent domestic market for a 10 percent foreign market. Abandonment of this nation's traditional protective tariff policy once more has proven a tragic fallacy.

* * * *

INSTEAD OF PROTECTING our home markets for American workmen, the administration insists on opening these markets to the products of foreign countries which are cheaply produced with cheap labor. And this all in the face of millions of unemployed workers in this country and millions of dollars of expenditures for the relief of the unemployed.

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WE ALL REGRET the fire which did extensive damage to the Darden mill on Thursday morning. This is one of Elkins'

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ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
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FIG. 7
DEED

State of West Virginia,
Randolph County Court Clerk's Office,
October 23, 1901.

The foregoing deed of Conveyance, together with the
Certificate of its acknowledgment, was this day presented
in said office and admitted to record.
Jesse Lee Crouch, Clerk.

N. Va. C. & P. Ry. Co.,
to be had.
Elkins Milling Co.

This Deed Made this 8th day of
October, 1901, between the West Virginia
Central and Pittsburg Railway Company,
of the first part and the Elkins Milling
Company of the second part both cor-
porations under the laws of the State
of West Virginia.

Witnesseth That for and in consid-
eration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars cash in hand
paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the
said party of the first part, the said party of the first
part grants with special warranty unto the said party of
the second part, that certain lot or parcel of land lying
in the City of Elkins Randolph County West Virginia, which
is more particularly described as follows: - Beginning at
a point along the Western boundary of Railroad Avenue
in said City, and 63.5 feet distant from the center line,
of the party of the first part and 40 feet South of the
South Eastern corner of Gorden's Coal House and in
a line with the Eastern boundary of said Coal House,
thence South along the Western boundary of Railroad
Avenue 154.3 feet to a point, said point being the north

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Western corner of Railroad Avenue and First Street, thence at right angles to first line and along the Northern boundaries of First Street 68.2 feet to a point last mentioned point being 33 feet from the centre line of the railway of the part of the first part measured at right angles there to and on the Eastern side of said railway thence in a concentric circle in a North Easterly direction and parallel with the said railway centre line and 33 feet distant therefrom 159 feet to a point thence along a line at right angles to Railroad Avenue in an Easterly direction 30.5 feet to a point the place of beginning containing 7150 square feet be the same more or less. A plat of said lot is here annexed and made part of this deed.

To have and to hold the property hereby conveyed to the said Elkins Milling Company its successors and assigns.

In Testimony Whereof the said party of the first part has caused this deed to be executed by its President and has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed.

West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway Company,
By H. G. Davis
President.

(L.S.)

Randolph County,

State of West Virginia, to wit:

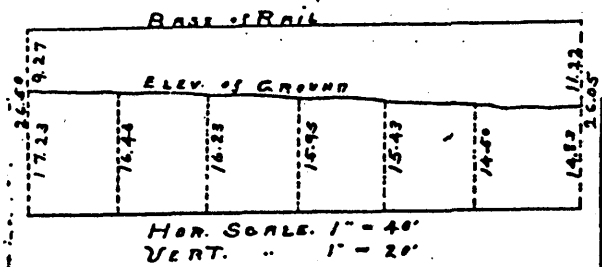
J. H. Armstrong a Notary Public of the said County and State, do hereby certify that H. G. Davis personally appeared before me in my said County, and being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he is the President of the corporation, grantor named in the writing above bearing date on the 8th day of October, 1901, authorized by said corporation to execute and acknowledge deeds and other writings of said corporation and that the seal affixed to said writing is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said writing was signed and sealed by him in behalf of said corporation, by its authority duly given. And that said H. G. Davis acknowledged said writing to be the act and deed of said corporation.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal this 22nd day of October, 1901.

(L.S.)

J. H. Armstrong
Notary Public.

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ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
 RANDOLPH CO., WV
 FIG. 7 CONT.
 DEED

ALLEY

FIRST ST

RAILROAD AVENUE

DARDEN'S
 COAL HOUSE

LOT 'A'

AREA 7150 SQ. FT.

MAIN TRACK West Virginia C. & P. RY

HOGARTS VALLEY RIVER

W.V. C. & P. RY.
 Plot showing Lot 'A'
 Elkins W. Va

State of West Virginia
 Randolph County Court Clerk's Office.

October 23, 1911
 The foregoing deed by conveyance is given with the certificate of its acknowledgment, and the plat attached thereto, were this day presented in said office and admitted to record.

Deeds: See Crouch Clerk.

J. E. HEAVNER,
PRESIDENT

N. I. HALL,
SECRETARY

C. R. BOND,
MANAGER

TERMS: Our responsibility ceases when goods are delivered to carrier. Sacks are not returnable, only on condition of contract. No allowances or rebates made or reclamations allowed unless notified within five days after receipt of goods. Bills unmatured become due upon insolvency or fraudulent assignment of debtor. Interest charged on all accounts past due.

DAILY CAPACITY
100 BARRELS FLOUR
500 BU. BREAD MEAL
75 TONS FEED

Elkins Milling Company,
(INCORPORATED)
MANUFACTURERS OF
Selected Winter Wheat Flour, and all kinds of Feed

OUR BRANDS
CREAM OF WHEAT
AND HARVEST QUEEN
ECONOMY

ELKINS, W. VA. FEB 17 1909 1908

Sold to Baldwin-Shandee Supply Co. TERMS: CASH

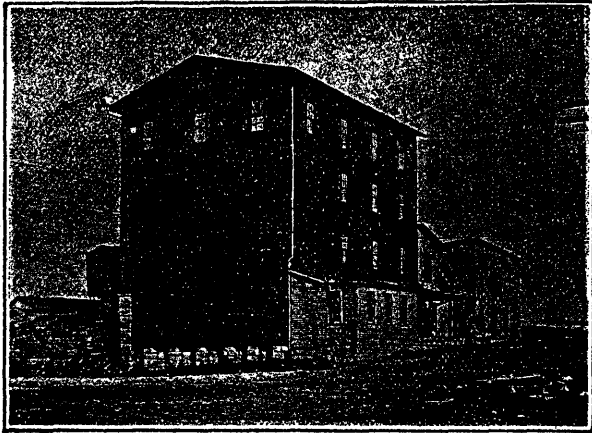
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ENTERED
ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
RANDOLPH CO., WV
FIG. 8
BILL OF SALE

J. E. HEAVNER, PRS'T.

N. I. HALL, SECY.

O. R. BOND, MANAGER.



Sacks are returnable only on condition of contract. No allowances or rebates made unless notified within five days after receipt of goods. Bills unmatured become due upon insolvency or fraudulent assignment of debtor. Interest charged on all accounts past due.

Elkins Milling Company, Inc.

MANUFACTURERS OF

SELECTED WINTER WHEAT FLOUR AND ALL KINDS OF FEED
ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA.

OUR BRANDS
CREAM OF WHEAT,
HARVEST QUEEN
AND ECONOMY.

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Sold to

Baldwin Shandee TERMS: CASH

1	Bad Hay 130#	8	104	
1	" Straw 120#	65	78	
3	Bw. Oats	65	195	
	100# Clean		150	
	1 1/2 Gal Oats		12	
				539

ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
RANDOLPH CO., WV
FIG. 9
BILL OF SALE

J.E. HEAVNER, Pres't.

N.I. HALL, Sec'y.

ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
RANDOLPH CO., WV
FIG. 10
BILL OF SALE



ELKINS, W.VA., _____

Sold to Baldwin Chausse Supply Co

TERMS: CASH

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100#	Cr Corn	ENTERED	150	
1	Bd Hay 100#	80	124	
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J.E. HEAVNER, Pres't.

N.I. HALL, Sec'y.



ELKINS MILLING COMPANY
 RANDOLPH CO., WV
 FIG. 11
 BILL OF SALE

ELKINS, W.VA.,

APR 23 1909

Sold to Baldwin Chandler

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1		Hay	127#	80	102	
	100#	Ed. Corn			155	
	100#	Bran			150	
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3		Bw Oat		65	195	
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