

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Polson Feed Mill

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 501 Main Street _____ not for publication

city, town Polson _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Western

state Montana code 30 county Lake code 047

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Storage

4. Owner of Property

name See continuation sheet page 1

street & number

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lake County Courthouse

street & number 106 4th Ave East

city, town Polson state Montana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Polson Feed Mill, situated on the southeast corner of 5th Avenue and Main Street, Polson, Montana, is of wood frame construction. The building consists of multiple sides and roof levels. Originally the grain warehouse was a long, one story structure with a false front. Before 1927, a two story addition was attached to the main building on the eastern side to house the feed mill. Later, another small shed-roofed addition was built to abutt the two story addition.¹

The foundation of the building is made of concrete piers, with concrete piers every ten feet along the west side. The concrete structure under the grain dump in the center of the building is caving in and structurally unsound. The flooring of the main section of the building is of wood planking, nailed on 8 x 8 girder beams. The beams are spaced on approximate six foot centers. The girder beams are held up by 6 x 6 posts, on concrete pads. Some of the pads in the center of the building have shifted, causing the floor to sag about six to eight inches in the center of the building.

The exterior construction of the building is mainly 2 x 4 framing, with 1 x 8 shiplap siding, with the exception of the three sides of the grain storage room, and the east side of the office. It has 2 x 6 framing, with the 1 x 8 shiplap siding on the inside of the walls. The exterior of the north side of the office has a squared off false front extending to the top of the roof. The wall height of the building is 9 feet, with a 26 foot height in the main hopper area. The roof construction is mainly of the rafter type, with 1 x 8 sheathing nailed directly to the rafters. The roofing material is of wood shingles, which covers all six of the roof levels. Through the roof on the northeast side of the office is a single stack chimney.

The windows and doors of the building are as follows: On the north side of the office there are two large windows with a door centered between them. On the north side of the grain dumping room are two windows on the main floor. On the north side of the main grain elevator upper room, there is a small window. On the east side, on the main floor are two windows and one door. On the upper level above one of the two hoppers is a set of three windows. On the south side of the main section is a large sliding door, 9'x9' with a 9'x9' loading dock. On the south side entering the grain dump is a set of doors, 9'x12'. On the east side of the office there is one large window. On the east side of the office there is one large window. On the east side of the grain dump room, about 24' off the main floor, is a window.

¹Sanborn Maps of Polson; 1910, 1927

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates ca 1910 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Polson Feed Mill, built ca. 1910, is significant for its historic associations with the development of Polson and early commerce in Lake County. The building is a fine example of a wood frame and shiplap siding building once common to this area.

The people of Polson petitioned Flathead County in 1905 for incorporation, and with the opening of the rich agricultural and grazing lands of the Flathead Indian Reservation for homesteading a few years later in 1908-10, the increase demand for a local feedmill by the growing population of farmers was provided by the Polson Feed Mill. From the time of the first petition for a new county was submitted to Flathead County in 1911 to the time that technological progress closed the mill in 1964, the feed mill played an integral role in the early commerce of Polson and Lake County.

Today it is used for storage. No other building of this early period survives in Polson and still retains it original machinery and equipment, architectural shape and historical character.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sanborn Maps of Polson, 1910, 1927

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre
Quadrangle name Polson

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	<u>111</u>	<u>711291510</u>	<u>51281561610</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Northern 1/2 Lot 6, Block 24, Polson Original Townsite, Polson, MT

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>None</u>	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Willis Bentz

organization _____ date 1/8/80

street & number 1625 Shell Ave telephone 213-821-7286


city or town Venice state California 90291

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local


As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 


title acting SHPO date 3/10/80


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



Keeper of the National Register

Attest: 



date 4/24/80

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(11/78)

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2515 North Quincy
Arlington, Virginia 22207

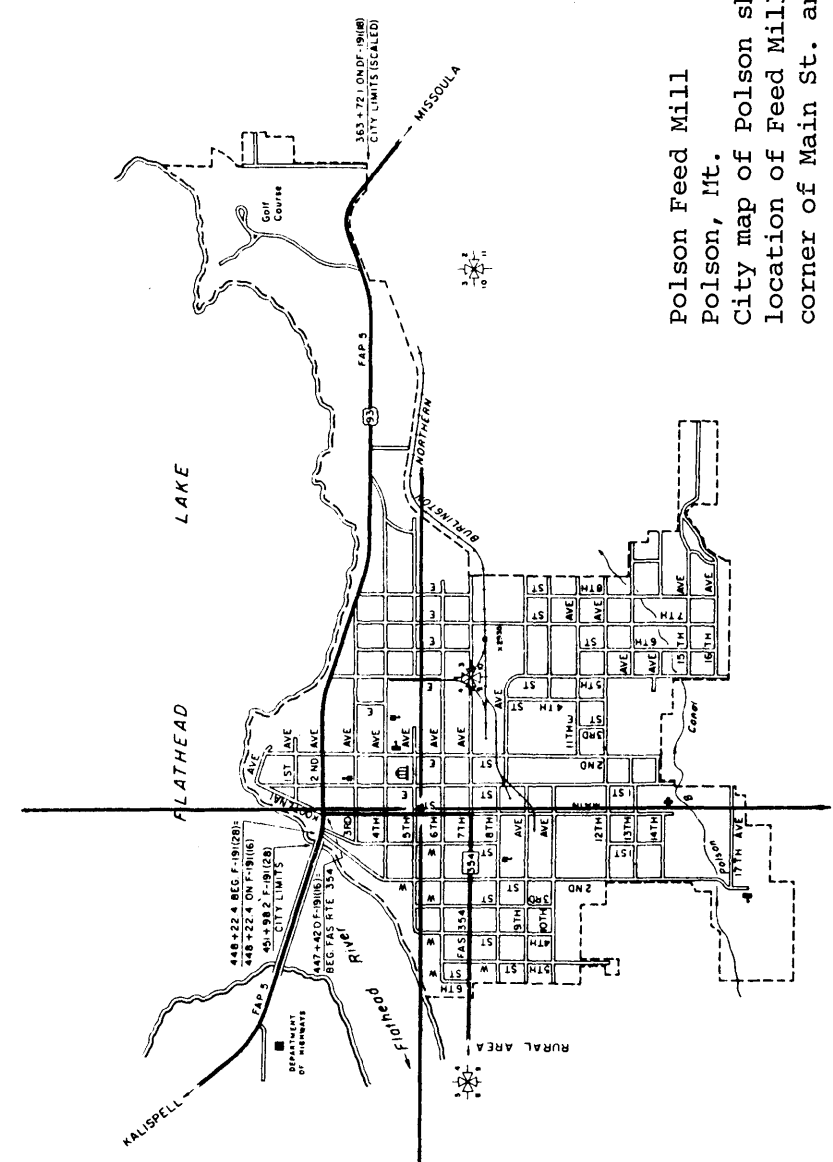
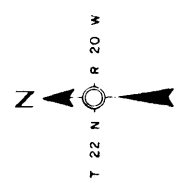
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Anchorage, Alaska 99502

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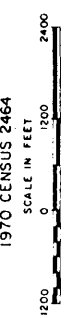
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 - Central Business District
 - Non-existent Dedicated Street
 - Railroad and Station
 - Elevation
 - Post Office
 - Hospital
 - Elementary School
 - High School
- FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY SYSTEMS**
- FAI Federal Aid Interstate System
 - FAP Federal Aid Primary System
 - FAS Federal Aid Secondary System
 - Interstate Highway Route Marker
 - U.S. Highway Route Marker
 - State Highway Route Marker
 - Other Highway Route Marker
 - Projected Road
 - Graded and Drained Road
 - Gravel Road
 - Paved Road
 - Divided Road - Traffic Flow



Polson Feed Mill
 Polson, Mt.
 City map of Polson showing
 location of Feed Mill at the
 corner of Main St. and 5th Ave.

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 LAKE COUNTY
MONTANA
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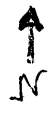


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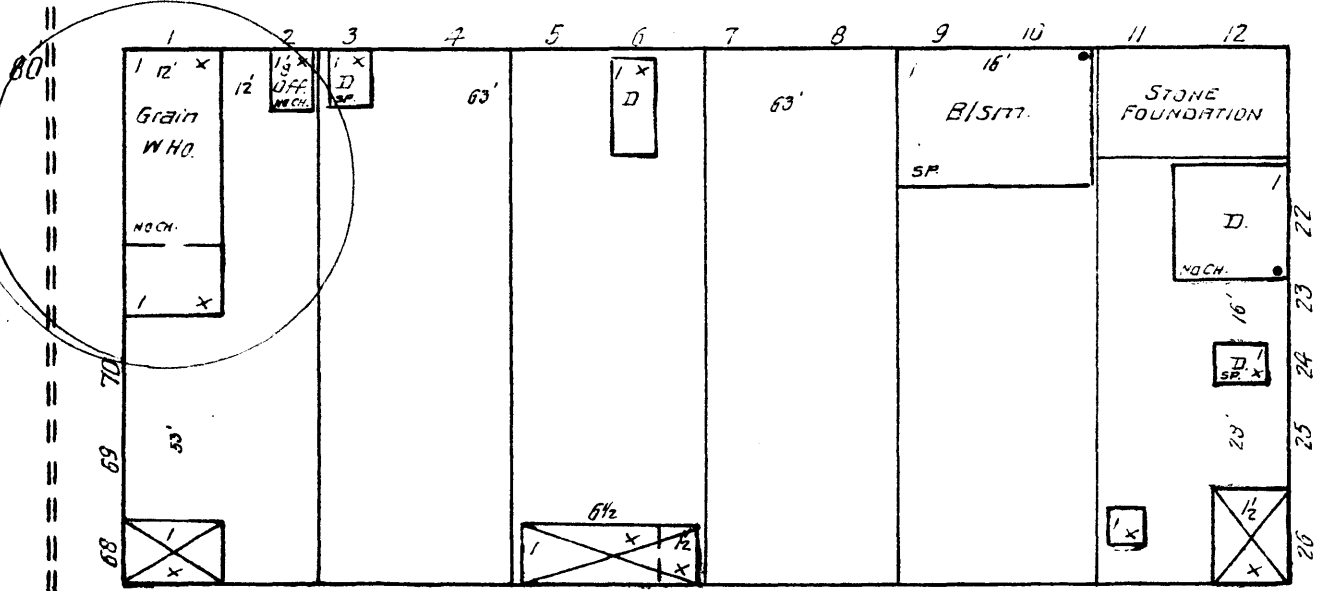
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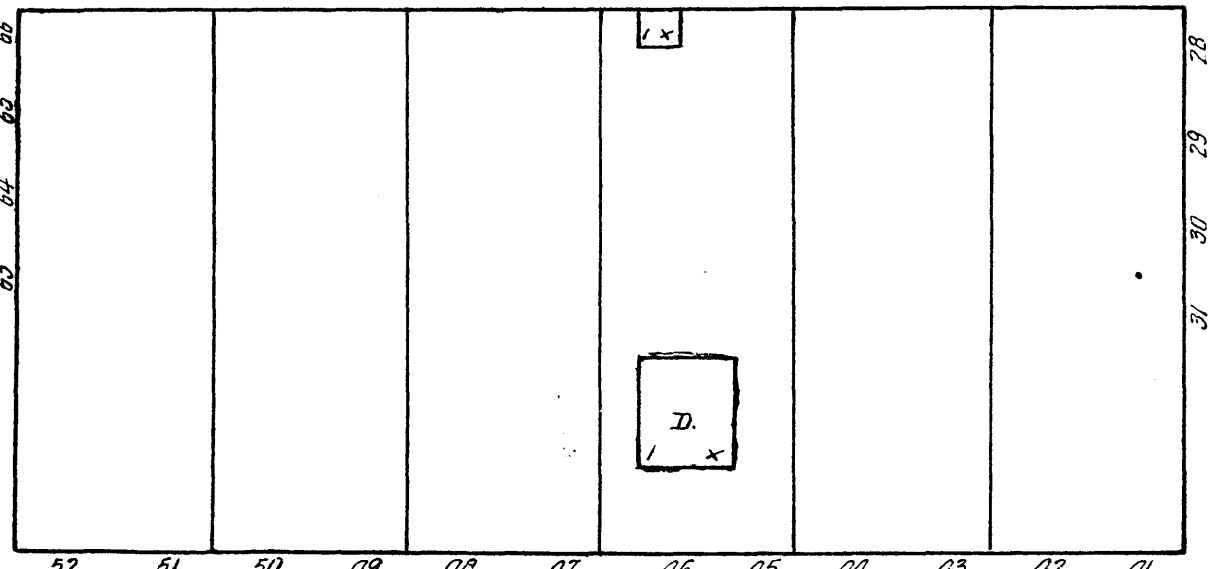
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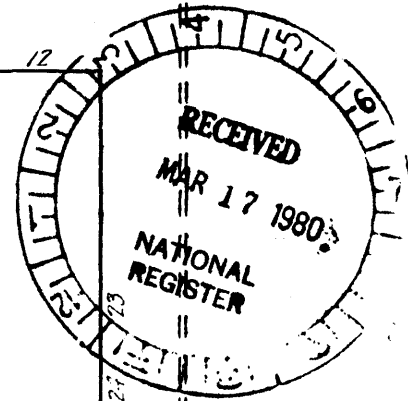
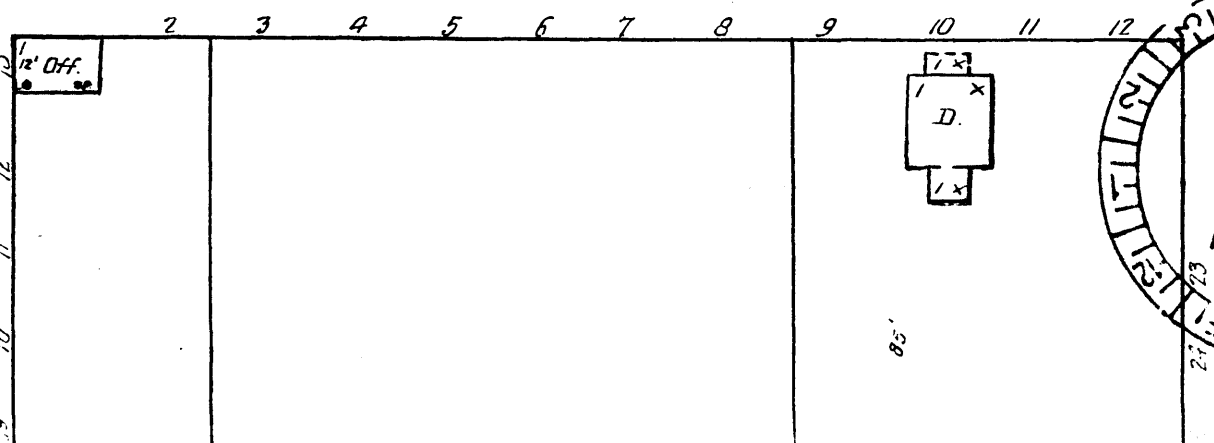


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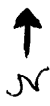


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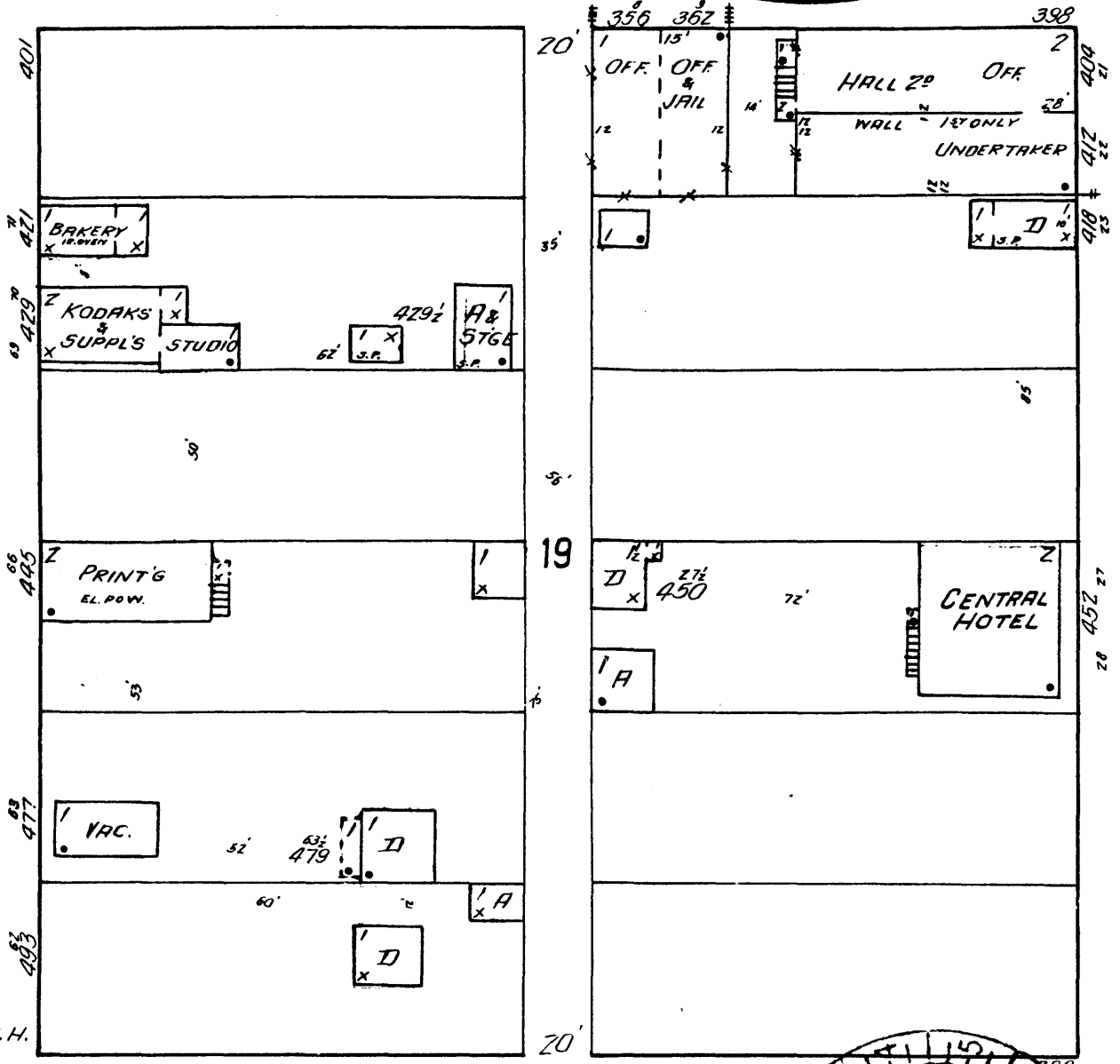
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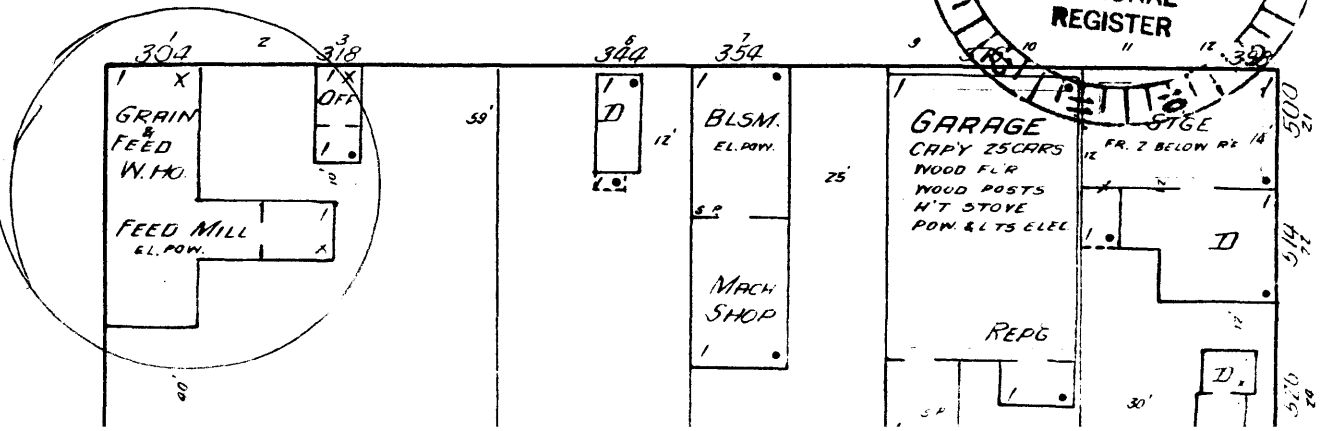
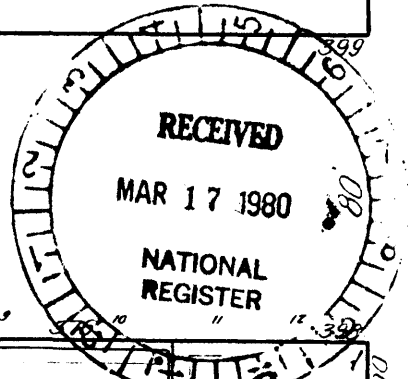
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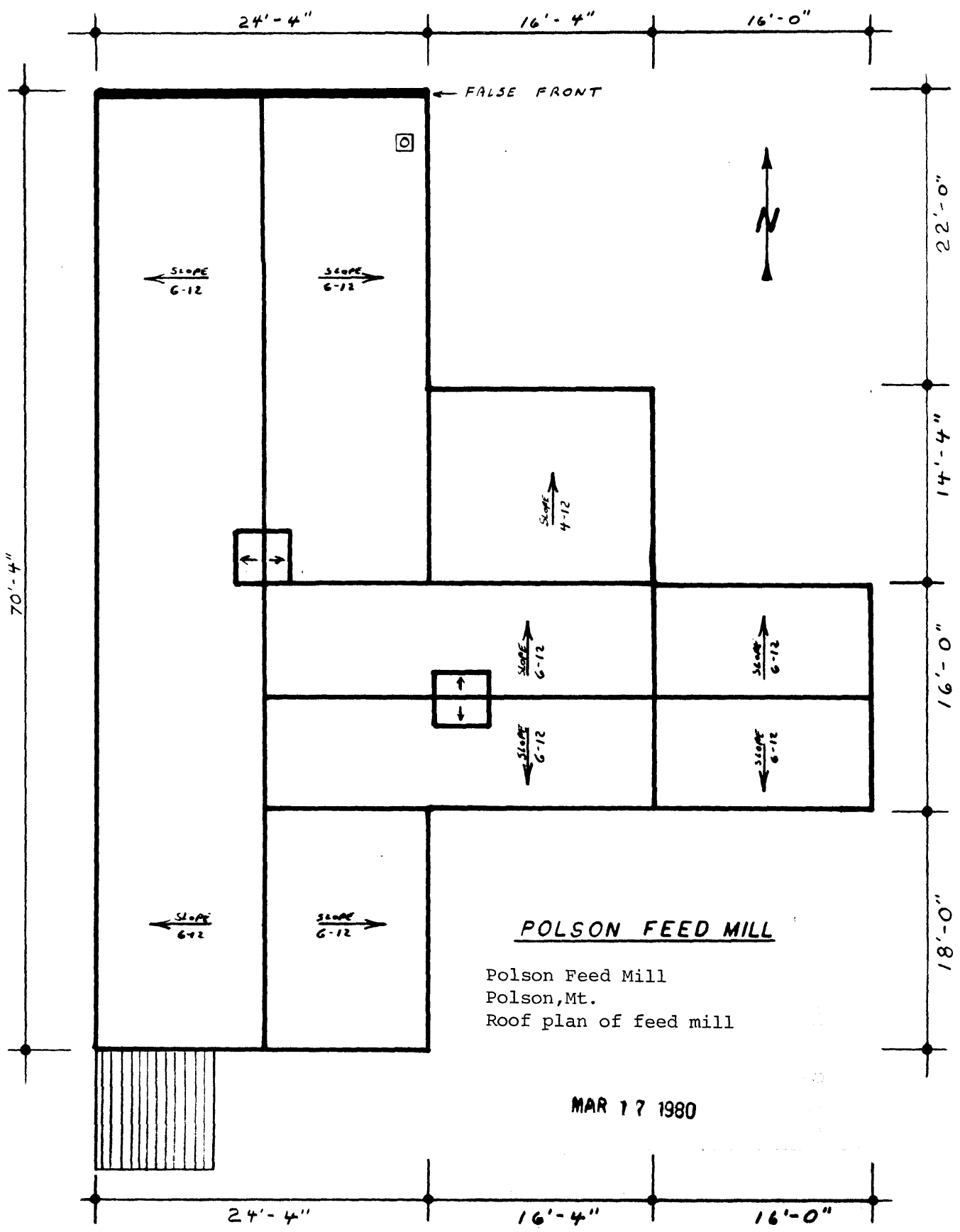


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POLSON FEED MILL

Polson Feed Mill
 Polson, Mt.
 Roof plan of feed mill

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