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| 1 City, Village or Town: Adell | | County: Sheboygan | Surveyor: Miriam Rowe | Date: 8/15/83 | Silver Creek-cascade Road - NUMBER |
| Street Address: Silver Creek-Cascade Road | | USGS Quad and UTM Reference: Batavia Quadrangle 16 417600 4826370 | | Acreage: 1 acre | |
| Current Name & Use: Gooseville Mill - private industry | | Current Owner: Mary Knorr Berres | | | |
| Film Roll No. N/A | Affix Contact Prints | | | Current Owner's Address: Route #1, Adell, Wisconsin 53001 | |
| Negative No. N/A | | | | Legal Description: S.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 17 R. 13 N., R. 21 E. | |
| Facade Orient. South | | | | | |

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| 2 Original Name & Use: <i>19th Century Grist & Flouring</i> Gooseville Mill -grist mill | Source A | Previous Owners Geo. Knorr | Dates 1943-53 | Uses Grist/sawmill | Source B | 13 N. RANGE |
| Dates of Construction/Alteration 1879 | Source B | Young Bros. | 1896-1943 | Grist/sawmill | B | |
| Architect and/or <u>Builder</u> : Henry Schulz - owner | Source A | Henry Schulz | 1879-1894 | Grist/Sawmill | B | 21 E. SECTION |
| | | Fleischer/Duncan | 1855-73 | Gristmill | B | |

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| 3 Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Engineering <input checked="" type="radio"/> None | 4 Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input checked="" type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: <input type="radio"/> None | 17 MAP NAME |
| Architectural Description and Significance: See reverse | Historical Background and Significance: See reverse | |

Interior visited? Yes No

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| 5 Sources of Information (Reference to Above) Interview with Albert Schulz, son of previous owner, 5/4/82 & 3/20/82 by Miriam Rowe Gustav Buchen, HISTORIC SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, 1944, p. 250 Buchen, Op Cit, p. 251 D** landmarked by Sheboygan County Landmarks Commission in 1978. E F | 6 Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> LDMK <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> other: 7/11/78 Landmarked ** | USGS - Batavia Quadrangle MAP CODE |
| | 7 Condition <input type="radio"/> excellent <input checked="" type="radio"/> good <input type="radio"/> fair <input type="radio"/> poor <input type="radio"/> ruins | |
| | 8 District: N/A <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing | |
| | 9 Opinion of National Register Eligibility date: _____ initials: _____ <input type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input type="radio"/> local | |

Description

The Gooseville Mill measures 34' x 40'. It is a two-story frame building constructed of 10" x 10" oak timbers with cedar vertical board and batten siding (the only one in the county) and a stone foundation. On the north side of the mill the building extends into a board and batten covered basement. This portion is where the mill race runs through the building and where the turbine is housed. Judging from the position of the race to the building, the paddlewheel which existed on the original mill was most likely an overshot type. However, no evidence of this wheel remains. The mill is situated on the east side of Silver Creek-Cascade Road about one tenth mile north of Highway 55 and is on Stone Creek. The 38 acre mill pond extends to the east and north of the mill site. (1) The dam and mill race are functional and are included in the nomination as the only extant example of the fully intact race-pond-mill complex, in its original isolated setting. There are office and sawmill additions to the east of the structure, which are not a part of the original mill, but do not detract from its integrity or setting. The interior features, although intact and operable, consist of a burr mill and elevator which don't relate to the period of pioneer milling.

Significance

The mill is in excellent condition and has the burr mill, elevator and turbine (Leffel) which are still operable with water power, but don't relate to the wheat era. The sawmill, run on water power, is in fact still used occasionally by the owner. The shafts, belts and pulleys remain in tact as well. The character, setting and integrity of the mill remains unchanged from early days. It is the last mill in the county with water power capability and is one of two remaining custom mills in the county. Although custom milling was a common feature in this county, this mill gains exceptional significance because it is the best remaining example of this pioneer industry, so important to the early settlers of the county.

Unlike most situations for channelling water from the pond to the mill, the Gooseville Mill has virtually no sluiceway. The water spills directly from the pond to the turbine located in the lower portion of the mill building. The amount of water flow and therefore the power is controlled by a sluice gate. The dam controls the water level of the pond. It was at one time made of stones and wood, but was reconstructed of concrete when the earlier dam weakened and broke in the early seventies. The dam was fixed and after two years as a dry bed, the pond was once again filled in 1973. (2)

References

- (1) Department of Natural Resources Railroad Commission, June, 1915, File #59
- (2) Ibid

GOOSEVILLE MILL BOUNDARIES



