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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Valley Mills  
AND/OR COMMON  
The Valley Mills

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
F of Garnavillo  
Section 16, Township 93 North  
CITY, TOWN  
Garnavillo vic.  
STATE  
Iowa  
VICINITY OF  
Second  
COUNTY  
Clayton  
CODE  
110

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Robert L. Shimp  
STREET & NUMBER  
402 West Dunkerton St. Box 285  
CITY, TOWN  
Dunkerton  
STATE  
Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Clayton County Courthouse-- Elkader  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Elkader  
STATE  
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
DATE  
1972  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Classen Engineering  
CITY, TOWN  
Waterloo  
STATE  
Iowa

# 7-DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Valley Mill is a 2-story structure, 40' x 60', of roughly dressed limestone with a walk-in basement, and wood-frame gables. Walls are approximately 18"-24" thick. There are four window openings on the upper floors on the long sides; those on the top floor are capped with wide wooden lintels. Access to the structure is through a basement door on the southeast and a door in the first floor on the northwest. Also on this latter face is the rounded opening through which the mill race once flowed.

The interior has been stripped of millwheel and mill stoves, as well as the flooring. The basic structure, however, is sound and the exterior unaltered.

Major efforts have begun toward restoration of the original exterior, and the conversion of the interior into a private dwelling.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1853

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Throughout the middle of the 19th century, Buck Creek was an important focus of the rural milling industry. In the 1850's and 1860's, as many as four (and possibly more) mills, both grist and lumber, were located on this small stream. The Valley Mill was one of these, and is probably the only mill left from the days when the Buck Creek milling industry was a crucial component of frontier and rural agricultural life.

The first mill at Valley Mill site was a 2-story sawmill, built in 1850. Changes in ownership and heightened ambition led to the construction, in 1853, of a larger mill for the grinding of wheat and other grains. This latter, the Valley Mill, was owned and operated by B. E. Schroeder and J. H. Kueuzel until 1867, after which Kueuzel held sole control until the 1880's.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clayton County History, 1882 p. 788.

Iowa Land of Many Mills, I. C. 1940 Jacob A. Swisher

Old Mills in the Midwest, 1963, Moline, Ill. Leslie C. Swanson

History of Clayton County Iowa, Chicago, 1916, Vol. II. P. 85, p.234.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.38 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 

15	647625	4444080
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

*less than 1*

*Lebanon 11/27/76*

B 

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Iowa		Clayton	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert L. Shimp

ORGANIZATION

Owner

DATE

7/10/74

STREET & NUMBER

402 West Dunkerton

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkerton

STATE

Iowa

# 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Adrian D. Anderson*

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 11, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Wayne R. ...*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

*12/12/96*

DATE

*12/6/76*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER