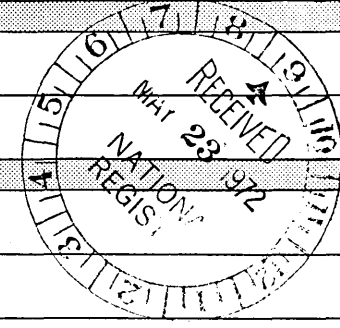


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Red Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Chittenden Roller Mills

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route 15 (No street number)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jericho

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Chittenden CODE: 007

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Alonzo Bennett

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Jericho STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Jericho STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Vermont Division of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Pavilion Building (No street number)

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

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\*The front section of the mill, which is now a craft shop, is open to the public during specified hours.

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent   
  Good   
  Fair   
  Deteriorated   
  Ruins   
  Unexposed

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(Check One)

Altered   
  Unaltered

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(Check One)

Moved   
  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of Stories: Both the main block of the mill and the ell are three stories high. The wheel house consists of one story. The central cupola rises two additional stories above the main roof line.

Shape of Plan: The main block of the building, the ell and the wheel house, are all rectangular in plan.

Foundation: The structure rests on a foundation built primarily of stone. Sections of the foundation have been repaired or replaced with reinforced concrete.

Wall Construction: The walls of the first floor of the main section are constructed of stone. The upper floors are sheathed with diamond shaped stamped metal plating. The ell is sheathed with boards and battens. The wheel house walls are built of stone.

Structural System: Slow-burning heavy timber frame construction.

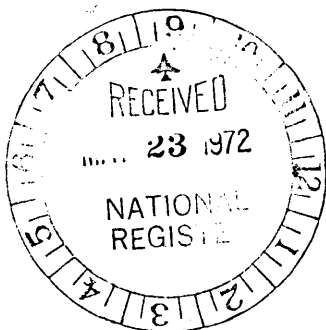
Roof: The building has a gable roof sheathed with diamond shaped stamped metal plating. The roofs of the cupolas are also sheathed with metal plates. The wheel house has a shed roof sheathed with roofing paper.

Cupolas: The structure has a total of three cupolas.

Important Interior Features: Some remnants of the processing machinery including power line shafts and grain-scoop belts still survive.

Important Exterior Features: Of additional interest is the massive dry-laid stone retaining wall which runs along the west bank of the river south of the mill. The falls, remains of the dam, and the mill pond are also important elements in the historic environment of the mill.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

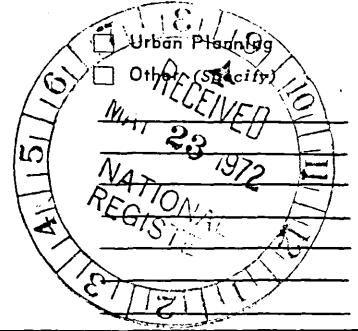
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1856, 1885**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

BRIEF HISTORY

The first mill on this site was built in 1856 by James H. Hutchinson. Hutchinson had previously accumulated a substantial fortune in the gold fields of California. In the mid 1860's L. B. Howe, a prosperous local businessman in partnership with F. Beach, purchased the mill from Hutchinson. In June of 1885 Howe enlarged and rebuilt the mill complex and the result is the mill structure which stands today. Shortly after completion the building was described as "an ornament to the village and an honor to its builders."<sup>1</sup> "Roller process" machinery, designed by the Case Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio considered at the time to be the most advanced equipment in the country for grinding grain, was installed and the works became known as the "Chittenden Roller Mills". Grain was brought to the new mill via railroad and flour ground in Jericho was marketed all over New England. During the 20th century the mill changed ownership several times. Competition from the large western mills finally closed the water powered Old Red Mill in 1946. At present, the structure is partially occupied by a craft store. An automotive garage is located in the rear portion of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Red Mill is a major industrial landmark in Chittenden County and symbolizes the history of commercial prosperity of the town of Jericho.

It is one of the few surviving examples of a large late 19th century grist mill remaining in Vermont. The building displays many innovations including the extensive use of stamped metal sheathing.

The original interior organization and enough equipment survive to give the structure considerable interpretive potential as an industrial archeological site. The mill and its surrounding environment are also an important scenic resource. Photographs of the site have appeared in dozens of publications.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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2. Merle, Elinor, I. The History of Jericho, Vermont. Burlington, Vt. Queen City Printers Inc., Volume II, 1963.
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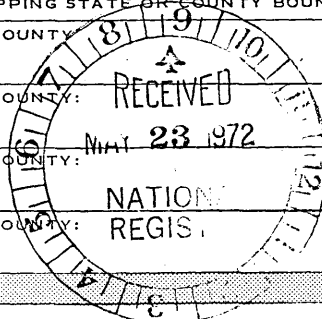
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **two acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor**

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites**      DATE: **5/8/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Pavilion Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier**      STATE: **Vermont**      CODE: **50**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name: William D. Timney      Title: Director, Vermont Division of Historic Sites      Date: 5/9/72

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

Robert M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/31/72

ATTEST:

Al Bradford  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/24/72

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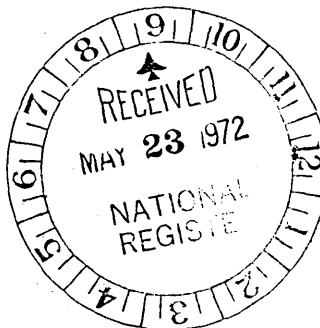
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The Jericho Historical Society is in the process of acquiring the structure and hopes to put the site to adaptive use as a community center without altering the building's historical integrity. / The project has received considerable local support so that prospects for the preservation of this important landmark look promising.

1. W. W. Rann, editor. History of Chittenden County Vermont (Syracuse, N.Y., 1886) P. 632.



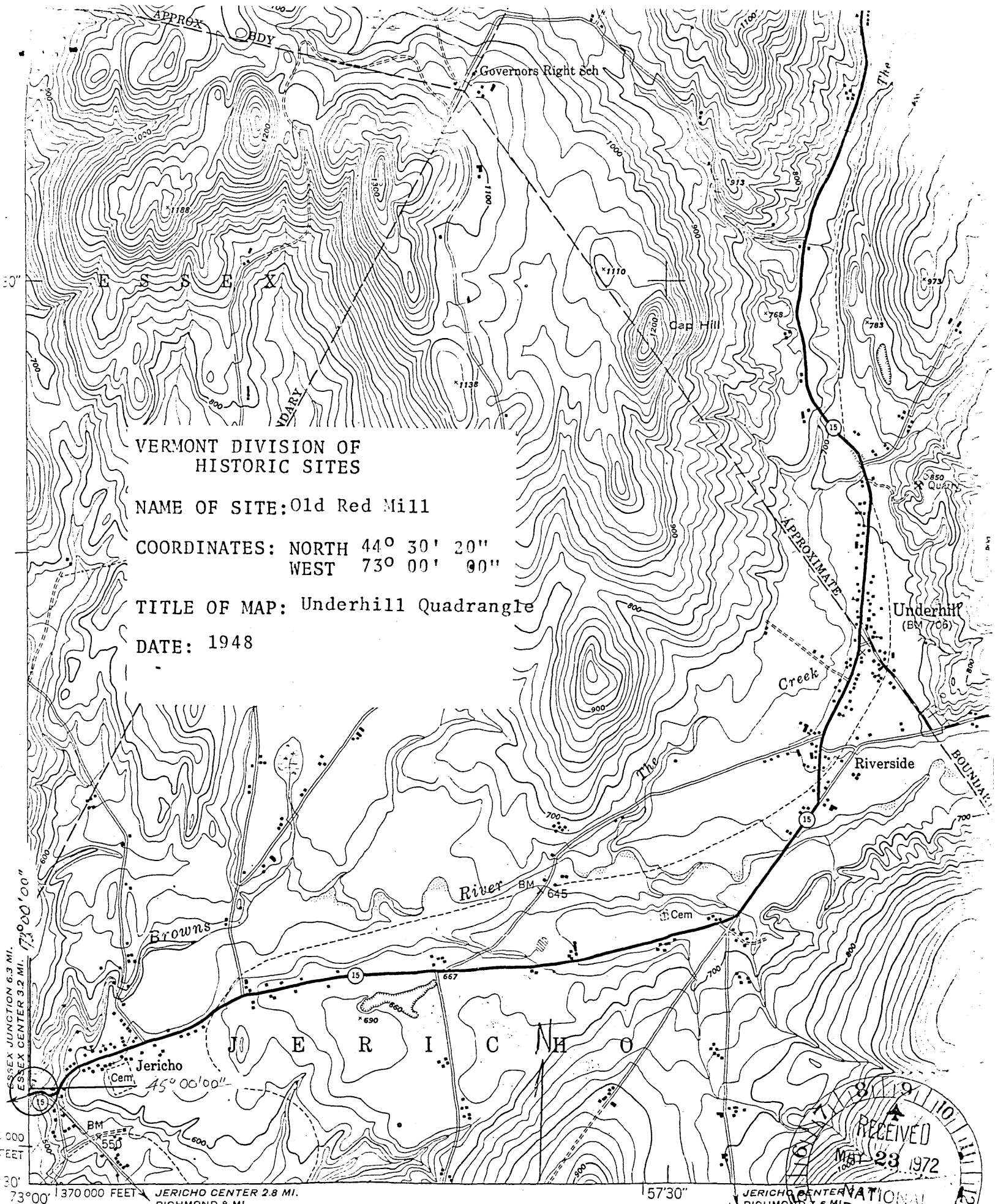
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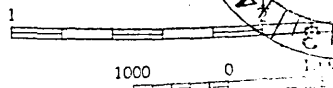
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RICHMOND 8 MI.

JERICO CENTER 1.6 MI.  
RICHMOND 7.6 MI.

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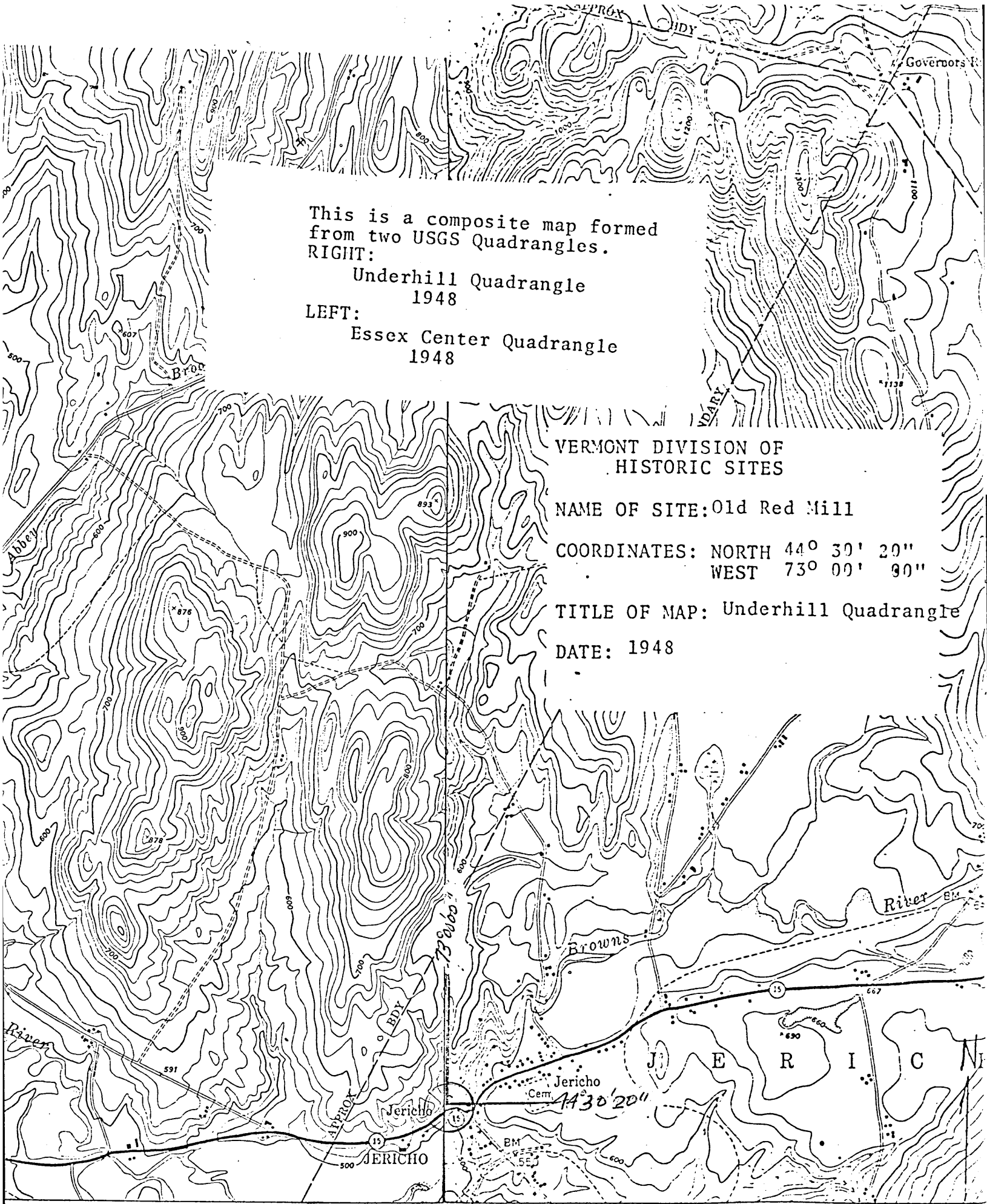
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