

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
 COUNTY: Washington
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: DEC 24 1974

1. NAME
 COMMON: Gadow's Mill
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Barton Roller Mill

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Barton Avenue at Commerce Street (West corner)
 CITY OR TOWN: West Bend CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Ninth
 STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 53095 COUNTY: Washington CODE: 131

3. CLASSIFICATION

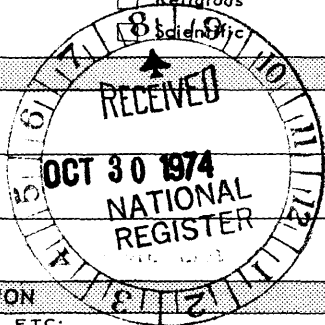
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: City of West Bend
 STREET AND NUMBER: 100 N. Sixth Avenue
 CITY OR TOWN: West Bend STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 53095

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: 432 E. Washington Street
 CITY OR TOWN: West Bend STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 53095

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Wisconsin Historic and Architectural Survey, Inventory
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Historical Society of Wisconsin
 STREET AND NUMBER: 816 State Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 53706

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barton Roller Mill, or Gadow Mill, is situated on the north side of the Milwaukee River in the town of West Bend, Wisconsin. The mill complex is large, including a railroad spur and space for parking, the plant itself (built of buff-colored brick) includes a three story manufacturing area, two two-and-one-half story sections for bulk storage, a series of two story warehouse sections and an office. A dam 150 feet long across the Milwaukee River in connection with a system of flood gates provided power for the mill. Much of the original milling equipment, made by the Allis-Chalmers Company of Milwaukee, remains in the mill though it is not in running condition. Almost all of this equipment is irreplaceable. Since its closing in 1964, the mill has suffered from vandalism and neglect. It is no longer weatherproof, and would need a thorough restoration before it could be adapted to any new use. But its appearance on the river makes it a picturesque and even rather romantic site and a good reminder of past methods of Wisconsin industry.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1843**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walter Gadow Mill, originally known as the Barton Roller Mill, was founded in 1843 as a saw mill by Robert R. Price. Originally the building's size was 65 feet by 44 feet and was two-and-one-half stories tall. It was constructed on the north side of the Milwaukee River in what was then the village of Barton. In 1847 the saw mill was converted to use as a flour mill. Stones run by water power did the grinding of the flour which was then packed into wooden barrels made by a cooper located across the river. Originally wagons were used to haul the flour to market, as there was then no railroad in Barton. The Barton Roller mill has passed through many hands and has been through numerous changes over the years. In 1881, while the firm of Huntington and Koch were running the mill, a flood ripped open the dam which was almost immediately re-built. In 1914 a disastrous fire destroyed much of the original machinery which was replaced with five Allis and Chalmers roller mills for wheat and five for rye and a French Burr Stone in a wooden case which was used to produce coarsely ground flour. In 1905 the Barton Roller Mill became the property of William F. Gadow and it remained in the Gadow family until 1966. The mill ceased to operate in 1964 because of the obsolescence of its machinery and it was purchased by the town of West Bend in 1966. It was the last mill in the state to grind wheat flour and was one of the last to operate on water power--at the time of its closing other water power mills were operating at Superior, Watertown, and Dansville. The appearance of the Barton Mill when it is viewed from across the river is quite picturesque, and much antique machinery remains to be seen there though the mill is deteriorating and is badly in need of restoration. Some adaptive use for it is now being sought.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Perrin, Richard, W.E. Historic Wisconsin Buildings Milwaukee: 1962, pp. 60-1
 "Gadow Milling to Close Doors Soon," West Bend News, Vol. 110, no. 53, July 2, 1964. pp. 1, 4.
 "Nineteenth Century Mill to Get Another Chance," Milwaukee Journal, March 7, 1973, p. 5.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

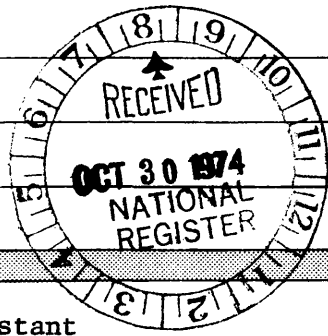
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 Zone 16: 404,430 E.
 4,810,420 N.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin
 DATE: 1 July 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
 816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison
 STATE: Wisconsin
 CODE: 55

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 James Morton Smith
 James Morton Smith

Title
 Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date Oct. 23, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

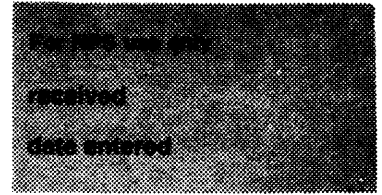
Date 12/24/74

ATTEST:
Wm. Smith
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 12.24.74

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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PROPERTY NAME Gadow's Mill

Washington County

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REFERENCE NUMBER

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COUNTY CODE

Correct street address is 1784 Barton Ave.

[Handwritten Signature]

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SIGNED, SHPO OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE