

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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

Geldner Sawmill

AND/OR COMMON

Geldner Sawmill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

s of Cleveland on
C.S.A.H. 13, German Lake

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

27

COUNTY

LeSueur

CODE

079

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: presently not in operation

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Leo Geldner

STREET & NUMBER

C.S.A.H. 13

CITY, TOWN

Cleveland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds - LeSueur County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

LeCenter

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Building 25, Fort Snelling

STATE

Minnesota

Saint Paul

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Ca. 1876</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Geldner property is situated on a relatively narrow parcel of land which separates Lake Jefferson and German Lake. The Sawmill stands near the shore of German Lake and is immediately across County Highway #13 from the Geldner residence. In Ca 1860 the mill was constructed a short distance from the present site; it was moved to this site Ca 1876. The land to the rear of the structure is the product of seventy years of sawdust and wood shavings accumulation. During the early years of operation, the mill bordered on a marsh which served as a dumping area for waste products from the mill.

The Geldner Sawmill is a two level structure constructed of heavy timbers. The lower level contains a network of belts on wooden drive wheels which supply power to the various machines on the second level. The second level is actually on grade at the south elevation of the mill. This area is a long open room divided into areas for sawing, planning, joining and shaping boards. Essentially, all equipment and tools remain in the mill and are in operable condition.

Attached to the west end of the mill structure is a one-storey brick and stone shed. This shed is approached at the lower level. Inside is the power plant : a stationary steam engine which also supplied power to the original mill before it was moved. In later years a huge gasoline-powered tractor engine supplied additional power during peak operation.

The mill structure is in basically sound condition although the rough-sawn vertical siding has deteriorated. Machinery is in operable condition although some rusting is evident from disuse.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	Ca. 1860, 1876	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Geldner Sawmill is the last surviving early sawmill in LeSueur County and is the only known stationary steam engine mill in southern Minnesota.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic Sites Files: LeSueur County Historical Society

Interviews with Leo Geldner, 1973, 1975

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles W. Nelson - Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

24 February 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612-726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

Saint Paul

STATE

Minnesota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/28/75

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

W. W. [Signature]
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6/11/75

ATTEST:

W. W. [Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

JUN 10 1975

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STATE Minnesota CODE 27 COUNTY LeSueur CODE 079

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Amended: February 6, 1978
Henry M. Harren

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DATE 2-6-78

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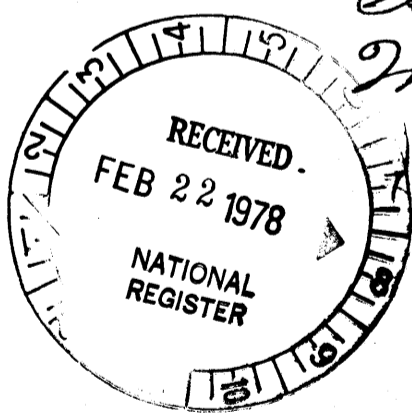
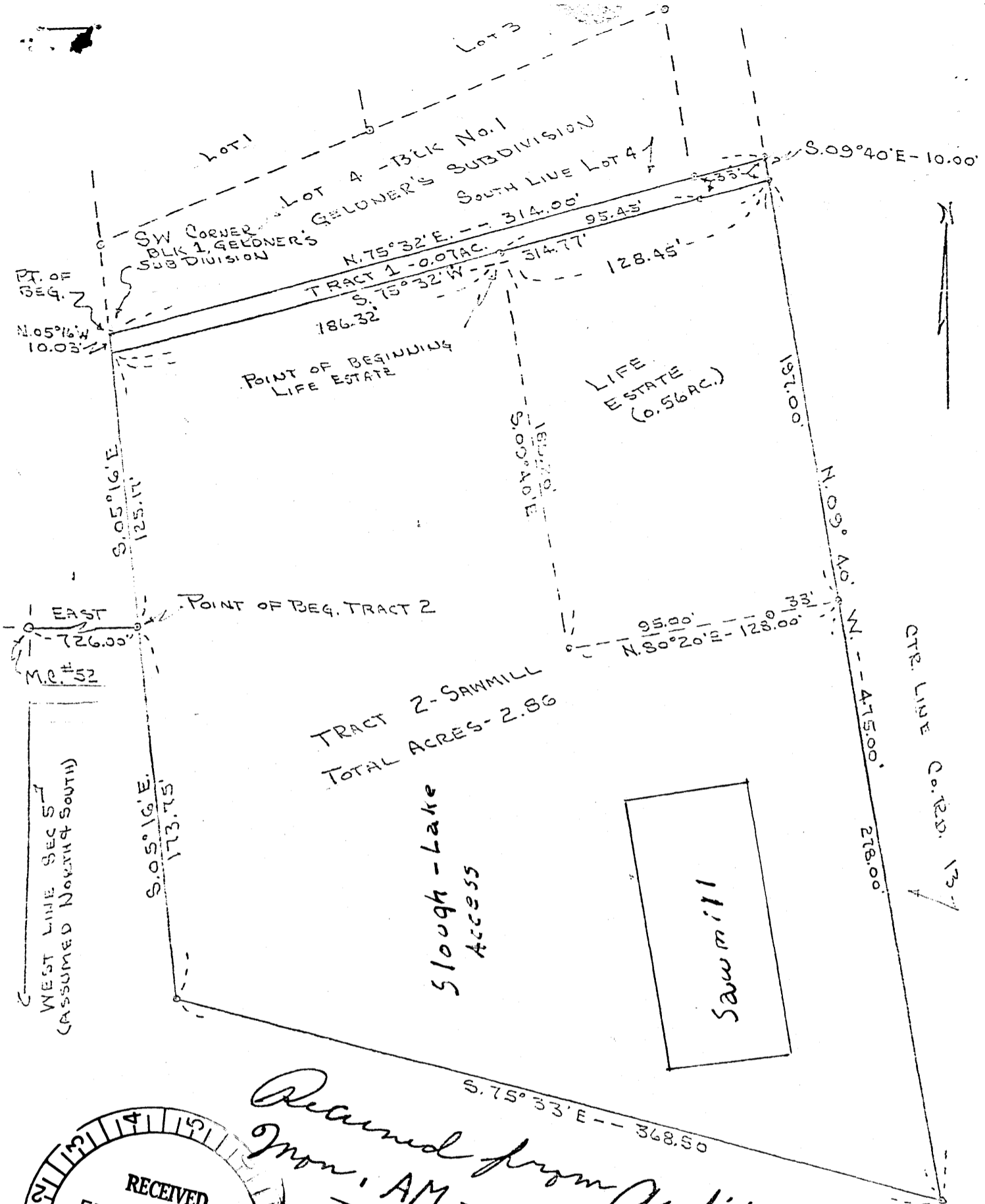
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



*Received from Auditor
Mon, AM - Aug. 4*

Sketch of Survey in Section 5, T. 109N.,
 R. 24 W., Elysian Township, Le Sueur County,
 Minnesota.
 For: Le Sueur County Park Department
 Survey: Deegan & Bradshaw
 Le Center & Mankato, Minn.
 Scale: one inch = 60 feet
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
11/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Geldner Sawmill in LeSueur County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 75000991

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: LeSueur

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 13

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: LeSueur is one word.

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date