

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Antelope	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-10-26-0109	DATE 10/15/69

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Neligh Mill

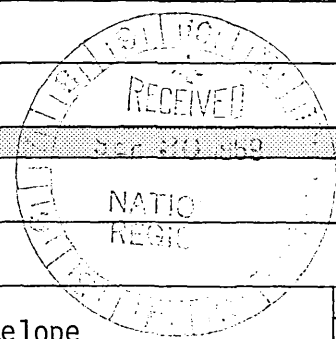
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
111 West Second Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Neligh

STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 26      COUNTY: Antelope      CODE: 003



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	vacant	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
The Neligh Mills (Miss Adina A. Vidstedt and Mr. Jay Ames, Owners)

STREET AND NUMBER:  
111 West Second Street

CITY OR TOWN: Neligh      STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 26

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
County Clerk, Antelope County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
102 East Fifth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Neligh      STATE: Nebraska      CODE: 26

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/2 acres

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building was erected in 1873-74 as a rectangular brick flouring mill situated about 250 feet north of the Elkhorn River. Whether the present mansard roof with its numerous dormers is original to the structure is uncertain, although there is some evidence that the original roof was a gable roof without dormers and was replaced in the 1880's or 1890's by the present high mansard roof to increase the interior space. The mill's power was originally supplied by a sixty-four inch Leffel turbine wheel and was transmitted to the mill machinery by a Roebling wire cable. The mill originally had two run of stone, supplemented prior to 1883 by two additional run of stone and one set of rollers. The stone buhrs ceased to be used many years ago, and the mill now has some nine sets of rollers, all said to be operable. At least one of the early buhrs is now stored inside the mill.

Most of the mill's present machinery appears to date to the 1880's and 1890's. During those decades the present frame storage wings, which extend westward from the original brick structure, were probably erected. Since the 1880's the mill has been served by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, situated just north of the mill buildings.

The mill experienced considerable expansion and remodeling soon after 1898, when the enterprise was purchased by S. F. Gilman, who owned additional mills at Pierce and Valentine, Nebraska. The present brick annex to the east of the original structure was purportedly built to house an electric plant installed by Gilman in 1900-01. This plant provided the city of Neligh with its first electricity and continued to serve as Neligh's electric plant until about 1925. The plant's operation necessitated the installation of two gasoline or diesel engines, and in 1901 the mill ceased to depend on water power alone. Soon after the turn of the century, Gilman also installed new waterwheels and replaced the former brush dams with a dam constructed of concrete and steel. Destroyed during severe flooding in 1920, this concrete dam was not rebuilt, and after 1920 waterpower ceased to be used in the mill's operation. However, the remains of this dam are still visible, and the waterwheels evidently installed for Gilman remain on their original location along the river.

Legislative Bill 1380, recently enacted by the 1969 Nebraska legislature, authorizes the Nebraska State Historical Society to acquire and develop the Neligh Mill property as an historic site. Development funds have not yet been appropriated by the legislature, and work on the project can begin only when and if these funds become available. Current plans envision the establishment of a state agricultural museum in the mill's present storage wings.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1873-74

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Spearheading the settlement of Nebraska in the late nineteenth century was the establishment of hundreds of flouring mills throughout the state. These mills played an important role in Nebraska's agricultural and commercial development. The case of the Neligh Mill is typical--its construction encouraged farmers to settle nearby and merchants to move to the new town of Neligh, platted during the same year in which the mill's construction began (1873). What is atypical is the continued survival of the Neligh Mill. Among Nebraska's few extant nineteenth century flouring mills, the Neligh Mill is viewed as most worthy of preservation. Few alterations have been made since the first years of the twentieth century, and the mill is one of the oldest and most elaborate of Nebraska's surviving early flouring mills.

The present town of Neligh grew up around the Neligh Mill. The structure was built of bricks made locally by John H. Crawford and was the first brick building erected in Antelope County. Construction was begun in the summer of 1873 for owner John D. Neligh, founder of the town of Neligh and an important figure in the economic development of other localities in northeastern Nebraska. J. D. Neligh suffered financial reverses in the Panic of 1873 and was forced to sell the mill to the firm of Lambert and Gallaway. This firm completed the structure and began milling operations on October 10, 1874. Under a succession of different owners, the mill continued to grow in importance, and by the early 1900's the mill was shipping its flour to Europe and throughout the United States. It is claimed that the "Gold Medal" brand of flour was originated at the mill in the early 1900's and that the brand name was subsequently sold to the Washburn Crosby Milling Company and, later, General Mills. During the 1930's the mill produced animal feed as well as wheat flour, wholewheat graham, rye flour, rye graham, buckwheat flour, cornmeal, and other products. The mill's business has declined over the past three decades. Flour milling ended in 1959, and only a small amount of feed milling and grain storage business has been carried on since then. For the past two or three years, the mill and its property have been up for sale. Almost all of the mill's present machinery appears to date to the nineteenth century and is said to be in operating condition.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

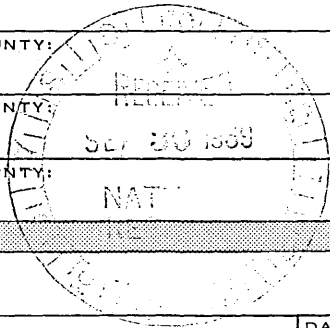
A. T. Andreas (publisher), History of the State of Nebraska,  
Chicago, 1882.  
Files, Nebraska State Historical Society.  
Omaha World-Herald, May 2, 1967.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	42° 07' 36"	98° 01' 51"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	42° 07' 36"	98° 01' 49"				
SE	42° 07' 32"	98° 01' 49"				
SW	42° 07' 32"	98° 01' 51"				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
John Q. Magie, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society DATE: August 27, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln STATE: Nebraska 68508 CODE: 26

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 Morvin O. Knott

Title Director, Neb. State Hist. Soc.

Date Sept. 22, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

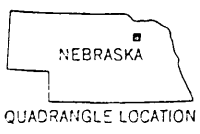
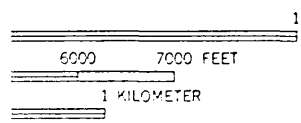
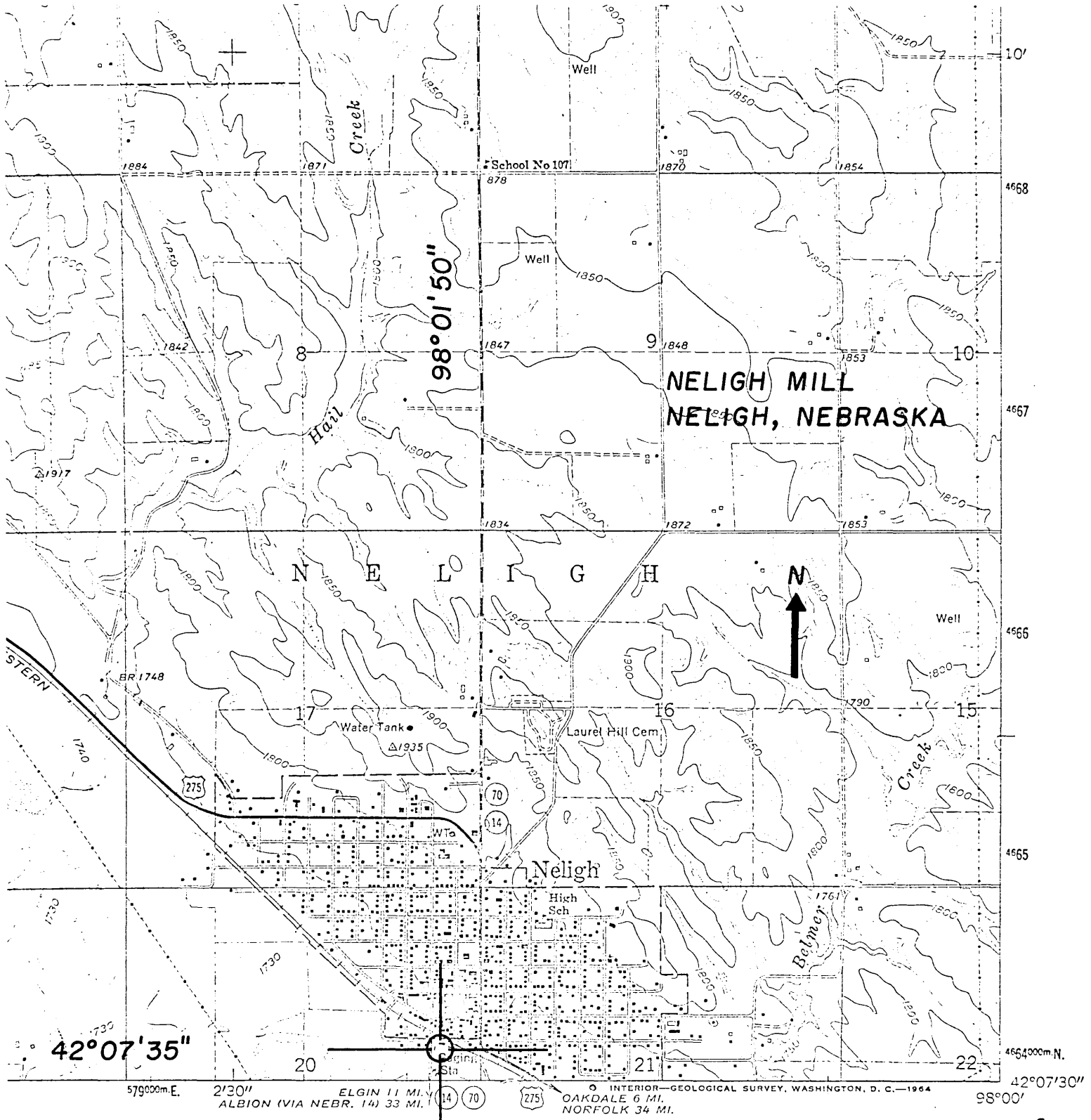
Arrest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
OCT 15 1969

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William J. Mustang  
Keeper of The National Register  
OCT 6 1969

Date \_\_\_\_\_



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	-----
Medium-duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt	.....
U. S. Route		State Route	

STANDARDS  
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(Dec. 1968)

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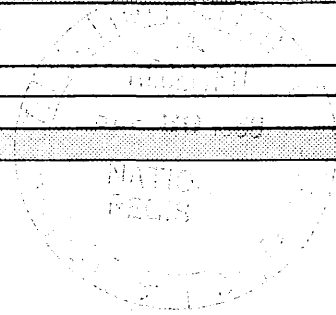
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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

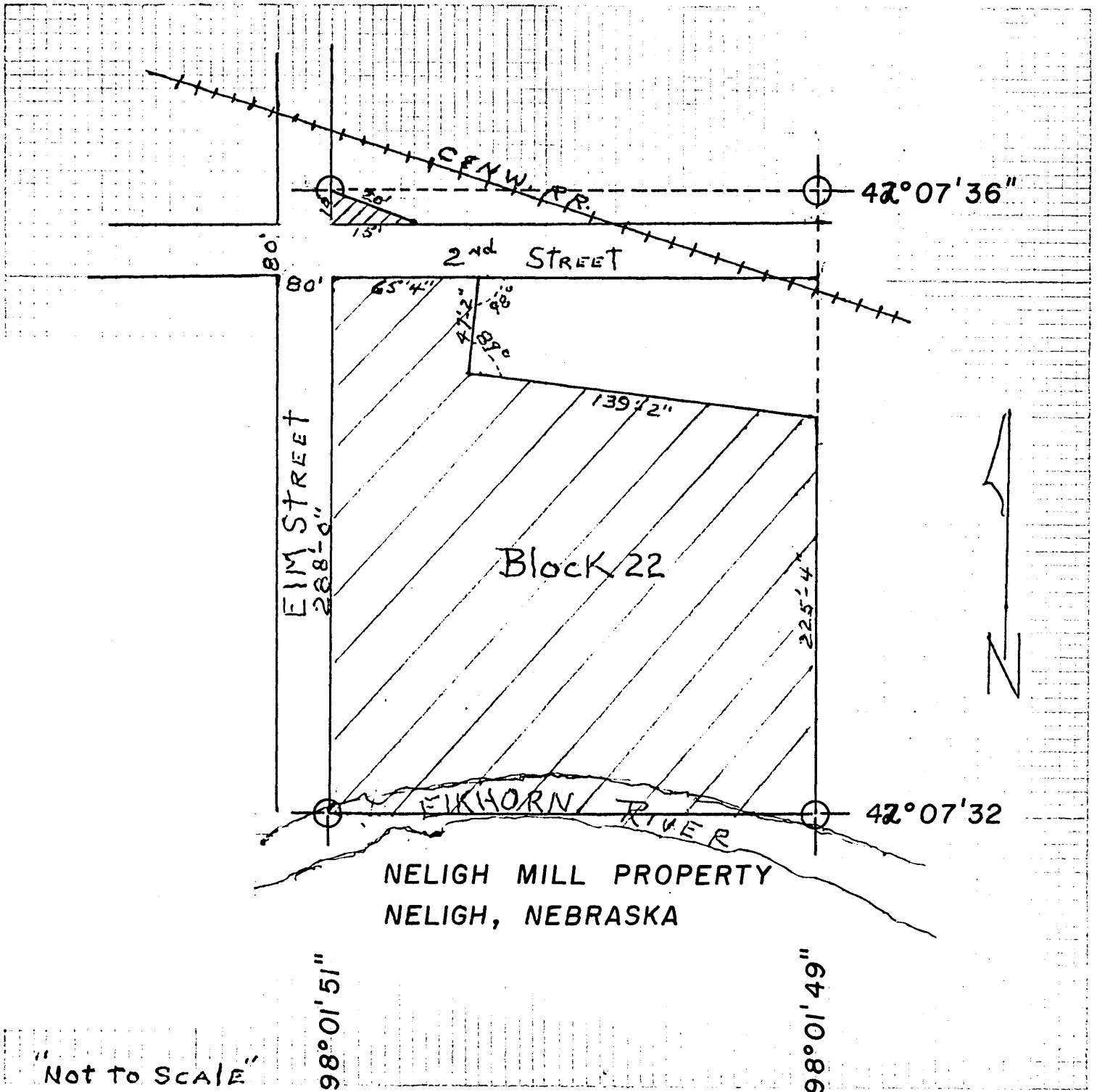
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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Neligh			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
DATE: 1963			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





COUNTY SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF NEBRASKA,

Antelope County

ss.

Neligh, Neb., 6-9 1969

I hereby certify that I have accurately surveyed the following described property West 1/2 e.f. Block 22, lots 7 through 12, Neligh, Nebraska, Antelope County.

and marked the corners of the same as per this plat, and that the field notes of said survey are recorded in Book 10, Page 231 of the Official Record of Surveys of Antelope County.

DARRELL AMES

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