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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** *nbr*
Motor Mill Townsite
AND/OR COMMON
Motor Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *E of Elkader*
Motor Farm
CITY, TOWN Elkader *vic.* VICINITY OF Second
STATE Iowa CODE 14 COUNTY Clayton CODE 043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ernie H. Klink and his sister Mrs. Mabel Klink Pust
STREET & NUMBER Littleport, Iowa 52055
1813 Tenth Avenue
CITY, TOWN Belle Plaine VICINITY OF STATE Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Motor townsite is nestled under a steep bluff overlooking the Turkey River a few miles south of Elkader. Included in this nomination are the bridge, the mill, the cooperage, the smoke house, the old inn, and the livery barn. All structures were part of the original town and are in good condition.

The bridge is a Pratt-Truss model, and is basically two segments, with the junction of the two segments resting on a limestone platform set in the river. It is one lane with the road bed made of wooden planks.

The mill is a very large limestone block building with a wood shingled gable roof and symmetrically placed openings. It measures approximately 50 feet wide, 60 feet long and 85 feet high, and is six and one half stories tall. Three sides are laid with carefully chipped and rounded stone, the fourth is laid with square-cut stone. The bottoms of the four original burr stones still remain in place on the first floor. In the basement a portion of the dumb-waiter remains, and scattered throughout the interior are portions of grain shutes. All other original machinery has been removed, and the building is used to store hay. Many of the windows have been knocked out by vandals along with many of the floorboards on all floors. The interior walls are still plastered, and iron rings used to tie up horses are still found imbedded in the north outside wall.

At one time the dam was about 200 feet upstream, and the water entered the mill through two large flume entrances at the lower level. It was claimed at the time of its operation that the large dam and waterwheel located at the mill insured a minimum of 250 horsepower even at low water.

Despite years of neglect, the mill shows no signs of settling; the solid and massive interior beams indicate that the mill should stand another hundred years.

The cooperage is right across the road from the mill and was built at the same time. It is a two and one half story limestone block building with a gable roof (wood shingles now covered with sheet metal).

Like the mill, it features walls of chipped and rounded stone, heavy stone sills and lintel beams, and is now used for hay storage. It has four symmetrically placed windows per floor and an inside end chimney on the east end. The west end has three single openings (with one slightly enlarged to admit farm machinery) but the east end has only two small windows with wood lintels and sills in the top half story, placed on either side of the inside end chimney. Each floor is one large room, with the outstanding feature of the interior huge fireplace in the east end.

Down the road about fifty yards to the west is the smoke house, made out of square cut limestone blocks. It is square shaped with an asphalt covered gable roof. The south side has one small opening, and the west side has a small window and a double wooden door. A lean-to located on the north side of the structure is used for hay storage. The building itself is now used for the storage of oats.

Turning the corner and going another 50 yards down the road to the north is the old Motor Inn, now a farm house and still in very good condition. Built out of uncoursed limestone and rectangular in design, it has a small porch on the second floor in the southeast corner. The windows, (six over six lights) are placed symmetrically and have stone lintels and sills. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

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The old livery barn stands next to the old inn and is built next to the bluff to accomodate easy entrance of animals and machinery to the second floor. The basic structure of the barn is still evident although its appearance has been changed in order to make it adaptable as a modern barn. Specifically, the roof has been raised, a shed added to the southeast corner, and the original sliding door altered.

Other buildings in the immediate area and not included in this nomination include a brick chicken coop, a garage and assorted other farm-related structures and sheds.

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 checked="" 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 1861-82

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Motor townsite is significant as an abandoned town still containing many of its original buildings. In addition, the towering Motor Mill remains in structurally solid condition and is one of the few remaining mills in Iowa.

Motor was founded in the early 1860's when three men, John Thompson, J. P. Dickinson and James O. Crosby formed a partnership to build a grist mill, saw mill, farm and a town at the site of what they modernistically called Motor. It was to be located at the site of an earlier saw mill called Hastings Bottom. Flushed by their recent successful founding of Elkader, they were also confident of creating a prosperous town at Motor.

They started in 1867 with the construction of the mill and the cooperage, according to local tradition employing German stone masons from the nearby town of Communia. Construction was completed in late 1869, and by 1870 the mill was in operation. An advertisement in the Clayton County Centennial boasted that, "oats, rye and barley are ground for stock feed, corn is turned into meal, buckwheat ground for pancake flour, and wheat is milled into bread and pastry flour."

With the mill prospering, Motor was officially platted in 1875, and plans were made for the expansion of the town. An inn and a livery stable were built, and Mr. Thompson and company also made plans for railroad service to Motor. The McGregor Times reported in December, 1874 that:

"The Eastern (narrow gauge) has been completed to the mouth of Dry Mill Creek and within four miles of Motor. A station house has been erected and Patrick Heendan is station agent. The work on the Motor extension is to be prosecuted during the winter without cessation."

The railroad never made it, however, as a flood washed out all of the ties and the cost of repair was, apparently, too much for the railroad company to overcome.

Although the failure of the railroad's arrival effectively sealed the town's doom, the mill continued in operation for a few more years. By the 1880's, however, chinch bugs had invaded the area, driving out the area wheat farmers. This final blow finished off the town; the mill was apparently closed by 1882. The original partnership dissolved into legal squabbling, and the property was auctioned off by district court in 1891. Mr. Louis Klink purchased the property in 1903; sold the mill machinery and used the remaining buildings for his farm operations. The townsite is now owned by his children, Mr. Ernest Klink and Mrs. Mabel Klink Pust, who rent the land for farm purposes.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Clayton County Register, February 6, 1974.

Cartsens, Walt, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Renowned Motor Mill is Ghost Town's Monument, page 1 and 3.

Keehn, Randy, "The Flour Mill at Motor, Iowa", (paper kept at Garnavillo Historical Society).

Swisher, Jacob. Iowa, Land of Many Mills. Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa, (1940), pp. 93-95, 110

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 17 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>860</u>	<u>4</u> <u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> <u>710</u>	B	<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>920</u>	<u>4</u> <u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> <u>400</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>710</u>	<u>4</u> <u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> <u>375</u>	D	<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>650</u>	<u>4</u> <u>7</u> <u>4</u> <u>0</u> <u>690</u>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ernie H. and Dorothy E. Klink

ORGANIZATION

DATE

9/25/73

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1813 Tenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Belle Plaine

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 A. Anderson

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

5.13.76

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Wm. M. Stapp
Charles [Signature]

DATE

8/2/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

7.6.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Motor Mill Townsite, Clayton County, Iowa

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Addenda, #8; Estimated dates of construction;

Mill: between 1867 and 1869

Cooperage: between 1867 and 1869

Inn: unknown, possibly in late 1870's

Livery Stable: probably 1870's, but after 1868 (that year a blacksmith arrived in the town)

Smokehouse: unknown, but possibly the same time as the Inn

Bridge: begun 1868, completed 1869

Note: The mill was practically the only reason for the town's existence, and is known to have been losing money by the 1880's, so it is most likely that the inn and livery barn were built before then.

Addenda and Revision, #10:

- A. Revised UTM: A: 15/634875/4740720
- B: 15/634920/4740460
- C: 15/634730/4740420
- D: 15/634730/4740420 ⁶⁸⁰

Verbal Description: $W\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$ north and east of the Turkey River, T92N R4W, Sec. 6

Boundary discussion: The boundaries of the Motor Mill townsite are fairly arbitrary. The townsite is located within a very much larger area, all of which is owned by the Klink family. The boundaries of the townsite have been drawn to include all of the structures listed in the nomination (plus several agricultural structures which are later additions and unrelated to the town of Motor: this property is a working farm), and the wooded area to the top of the bluff behind the structures on the east side of the river, which is important for the "setting" of the townsite, as is the road itself and a narrow strip of land on the west side of the road. During the time period concerned in this nomination, the road was a link between Communia and points south, and the county seat, Elkader, and other towns, to the north. Proximity to this road, as well as river conditions suitable for milling purposes, probably determined in large degree the spot chosen for the town of Motor.



Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa
Credit: Gary Smith
Date: July 1975
Negative at: Div. Historic Preservation
Iowa City, Iowa
Cooperage: south and west faces

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South & west side view of the cooperage

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Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa
Credit: Gary Smith
Date: July 1975
Negative at: Div. Historic Preservation
Iowa City, Iowa
Livery Barn: south face

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Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa
Credit: Gary Smith
Date: July 1975
Negative at: Div. Historic Preservation
Iowa City, Iowa
Bridge over Turkey River, facing east

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Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa
Credit: Gary Smith
Date: July 1975
Negative at: Div. Historic Preservation
Iowa City, Iowa
Mill, southeast face

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Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa

Credit: Gary Smith

Date: July 1975

Negative at: Div. Historic Preservation
Iowa City, Iowa

Smoke House, facing southeast

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Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa
Credit: Gary Smith
Date: July 1975
Negative at: Div. Historic Preservation
Iowa City, Iowa
Hotel/farmhouse, facing east

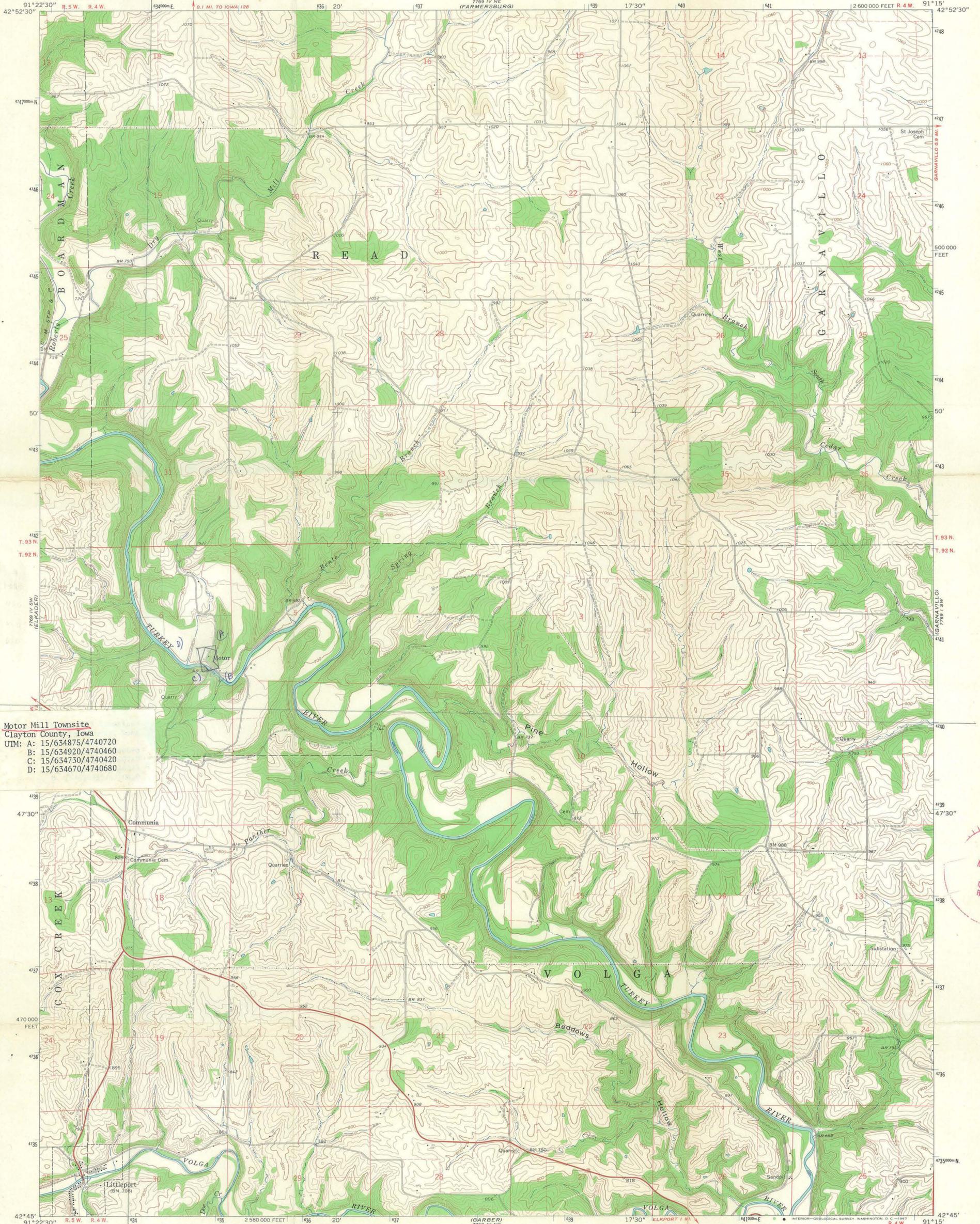
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Motor Mill Townsite
Clayton County, Iowa
UTM: A: 15/634875/4740720
B: 15/634920/4740460
C: 15/634730/4740420
D: 15/634670/4740680



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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1964

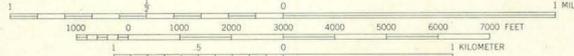
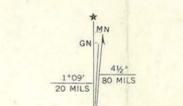
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system, north zone

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs

This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———

Unimproved dirt = = = = =

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND BY THE IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

LITTLEPORT, IOWA
N4245-W9115/7.5

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
129 So. CAPITOL ST.
IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240

National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2014

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Motor Townsite
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Clayton

DATE RECEIVED: 4/22/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/08/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77000502

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6.9.14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Additional Documentation Approved
see Motor Mill H.P. - 14000285*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Eason Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 6.9.14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE IOWA

Date Entered AUG 2 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Linsay House	Iowa City Johnson County
Motor Townsite	Elkader vicinity Clayton County

Also Notified

Hon. Dick Clark
Hon. John C. Culver
Hon. James A. S. Leach
Hon. Michael T. Blouin

Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Adrian Anderson
Director, Iowa State Historical
Department
Division of Historic Preservation
26 East Market Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

880 Mott 8/4/77

Property Motor Mill Townsite

77000502
Clayton

State Iowa

Working Number 5.24.76 3467

TECHNICAL

Photos 6
Maps 1

ATM appears incorrect

CONTROL

pl
OK-5.26.76

HISTORIAN

return accept
B. Grossman 11/23/73
9/24/76

agree w/ architectural historian
The boundary description still isn't terrific, but accept

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

no verbal boundary description
height of mill?
all of original buildings included? why are other farm bldgs excluded?
Return sheet asking for. date of construction of budge, smokehouse, inn, livery barn
any other outbldgs?

Return for more information
MJ Hurry
9-3-76

boundary description + justification. Called
such map
I'm not enthusiastic however

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
MJ Hurry
11-23-76

OTHER

The bridge which is said to date from the
original town, 1867-1869, is most certainly
later. What is the date?

Ascertain date of bridge before accepting - it appears to be 20th.
century (c. 1900-1910).

HAER

Inventory dmb
Review Accept after clarifying
bridge date.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
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atue
BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Kump
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National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

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Federal Register Entry 9.6-77

Re-submit _____

INT:2106-74

NAME OF PROPERTY Motor (Motor Mill Townsite) STATE Iowa *Called*

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

*was received
11-17-76*

7 Description: date of construction of bridge, smokehouse, inn, livery barn - if known.
Are there any other outbuildings of any sort included in the nomination
relationship of boundaries of district to original town boundaries

8 Statement of Significance: _____

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: justification + boundary description
UTM Reference(s): _____
Verbal Boundary Description: This needs an accurate boundary description

12 Certification: _____
Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: A sketch map indicating location of bridge, dam site, mill, cooperage, smokehouse, inn, livery stable and boundaries of district. Also it would be helpful to include the location of those structures excluded.
Other: This needs boundary justification. Why were these 17 acres nominated? Why were the outbuildings etc. excluded?

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Mickey Lutz
on the National Register staff, telephone 202-523-5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Chief, Branch of Registration Date: _____

Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208
March, 29, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of National Register
National Park Service
Washington D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Regarding your letter of March, 14, 1977, regarding the 'Motor Mill', as being nominated to the National Register, in your office,

Thanks for sending the material regarding the Tax Reform Act of 1976, when property was nominated.

We are now waiting the proper forms to fill out for a grant when it is nominated, to start the rehabilitation of The Motor Mill, It is a tremendous structure which was built around the 1850's.

The Clayton County Historical Society is very anxious to get started with this. The roof of this structure needs maintaining, The Strawberry Point Historical Society have the bids of two contractors already submitted.

As soon as we get the proper forms to fill out for the preservation of this structure the more pleased every one concerned will be. If I can be of further service please advise.

Very Truly Yours,

Ernie H. Klink RPH

Mr. Ernie H. Klink
1813-10th. Ave.
Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208

Regarding "Motor Mill"
Clayton County, Iowa

owned by,
Mr. Ernie H. Klink
1813-10th. Ave.
Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208

and his sister
Mrs. Mabel Pust
Littleport
Iowa 52055

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
DATE REC'D	4/6/77
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT
<input type="checkbox"/>	TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)
DATE ACTION TAKEN	4-8-77
INITIALS	EJK

STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT OF IOWA
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date: 11 May 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Having received approval by Iowa's State Nominations Review Committee, please find enclosed completed National Register nomination forms for the following historic property:

Motor Mill Townsite, Clayton County, Iowa

This is submitted for review by your staff in accordance with procedures for entering properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Attached is a copy of the procedures used by this Division to meet requirements pertaining to public notification and comment as requested by the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrian D. Anderson".

Adrian D. Anderson, Director

STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT OF IOWA
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER



SUBJECT: Procedures Concerning Nominations of Historic Properties to the National Register of Historic Places.

1. Nomination forms submitted to Division.
2. Division staff edits nomination forms to prepare them for consideration at quarterly meetings of State Nomination Review Committee.
3. Public notification of meeting in paper of greatest circulation (Des Moines Register) 10 days prior to meeting. Property owners notified of meeting date and opportunity to comment approximately 10 days prior to meeting date. Copies of nomination forms forwarded to Review Committee members approximately 10 days prior to scheduled quarterly meeting date.
4. Nomination Review Committee reviews nominations and comments received, and recommends approval or rejection of nominations. Property owners notified of Committee's decision and given an opportunity to comment (20 days).
5. Twenty days after notification of owner concerning the Committee's decision, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall sign nomination forms for State and transmit them to the National Register of Historic Places.
6. N.R. staff review nominations and approves or rejects; federal register will publish notification and opportunity for comment.
7. National Register will notify State Historic Preservation Officer of its decision, and SHPO will notify Board and Property owner and person nominating the property.

SEP 7

1976

Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208
September, 2, 1976

Senator John Culver
Washington D. C.

Dear Sen. Culver:

A great day in Iowa but very much in need of rain through the Belle Plaine area.

First to introduce myself; I am Ernie H. Klink from Belle Plaine, Iowa, a Pharmacist and live in Belle Plaine, Iowa since 1925. I am married and have one child, a son, who is a Dr. in Milwaukee, Wis. We have 4 grandchildren.

My wife and I spent 45 years in our own pharmacy here in B. P. We sold the store in 1969, but I have continued to be busy, doing relief work for other Pharmacists who want to take vacations.

I am a native of Clayton County, Iowa, having been born on the Motor Farm 6 miles south of Elkader, on the Turkey River, Motor on the Turkey River was at one time planned to be a thriving town in Clayton County. A man by the name of Thompson built the Motor Mill, the exact date not being known, but was around 1850, the architectural work is tremendous, consisting of 7 stories I cannot begin to give all the history of Motor.

The Mill papers are now in Washington, awaiting approval for the 'National Records' of Historical places, having been approved by the state, my sister and I now own the Motor Farm which includes the 'Motor Mill', and we do want to keep it in repair as a place of interest for visitors, and to preserve for all time. If approved by the National, we plan to apply for a Grant to assist us in shingling the same and replacing windows which have been broken.

We have had contact with Mr. Anderson at Iowa City, and it does need approval in Washington.

Knowing that you are one of our active Senators, who gets things done, and knowing your interest in Clayton County, and what you have done in McGregor, where I first started my Pharmacy career, I am bringing this to your attention, and asking your support.

I am enclosing a copy of The 'Triple H, Motor News' and would appreciate very much hearing from you and also meeting you.

Respectfully


Ernie H. Klink, R. Ph.
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Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208



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Chief, Historic American Buildings Survey
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Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

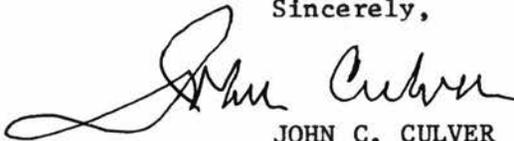
I have been advised of an application recently submitted for approval, for Historical Buildings designation, for the Motor Mill near Elkader, Iowa. Attached are photo copies of a letter by the owner and of a painting of the mill, which, I believe you will find of interest.

I would deeply appreciate your giving every proper consideration to the application and advising me of your decision at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for your attention.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


JOHN C. CULVER

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Honorable John C. Culver
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Culver:

Thank you for your recent letter in behalf of Mr. Ernie H. Klink concerning the nomination of Motor transite in Clayton County, Iowa, which includes the Motor Mill building, to the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination is being reviewed by the National Register office to determine technical and professional sufficiency and conformance to the National Register criteria for evaluation. We expect ^{the} review to be completed in the near future and will advise you immediately if the property is listed in the National Register.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Gumbly

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September 17, 1976

Honorable John C. Culver
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Culver:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter on behalf of
E. H. Klink, R.Ph., concerning nomination of the
Motor Mill building in Clayton County, Iowa, for
listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest and will provide you a
reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt
Director

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