

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Minnesota</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Marshall</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <b>JUN 4</b>	DATE <b>1973</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Old Mill**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Larson Mill**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: *about 9 miles W of* *on the visible bank*  
**in Old Mill State Park**

CITY OR TOWN:  
*Newfolden Minn.*

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23** COUNTY: **Marshall** CODE: **089**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Still used as a mill</b>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**State of Minnesota, Division of State Parks**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Centennial Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

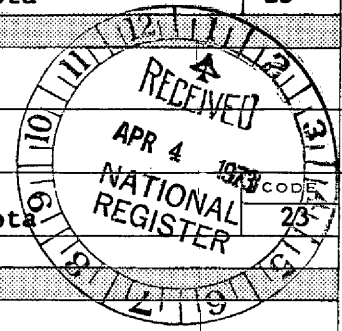
**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Marshall County Courthouse, Register of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Warren** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 10**



**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Minnesota State Register of Historic Sites**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Minnesota Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**690 Cedar Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Mill is located on the Middle River in the Old Mill State Park, in Marshall County, Minnesota. The mill is an unpainted frame building divided into two rooms. The room where the milling took place is about 25 feet high, 15 feet wide, and 25 feet long. The roof on this portion is gabled with hand split shingles. The rear portion is about 12 feet high where it meets the front section and slopes to about 7 feet in the rear. It has a flat roof with hand split shingles. The mill was moved about 1/2 mile downstream to its present location in 1897.

Inside the mill is the original milling machinery. In the rear is an eight horse-power Case engine built in 1878, which is used to power the milling machinery. The mill has been restored to working order and still grinds flour today.



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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) **1889**

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
		Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

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

The Old Mill is one of the best remaining examples of an early frame grist mill in western Minnesota. Built in 1889 by John Larson, son of the earliest miller in the area Lars Larson, the mill was used for grinding flour for the local farmers at 50¢ per sack. It was powered by an eight horsepower steam engine made by Case in 1878. John operated the mill until about 1914 when he sold it to his cousin. The property was finally purchased by the state in 1937.

Restoration of the mill began in 1952. The original case engine was found and the Case Company verified that the engine was made in 1878. The engine was then carefully restored, along with the greatly deteriorated mill, and in 1958 was dedicated and opened to the public. Flour is still ground there, using the original engine and machinery, in order to demonstrate to the public how the mill was operated 85 years ago.

In September of 1958 Russell Fridley, Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, presented an award of merit for "...the difficult restoration of an early Minnesota grist mill...", to the Marshall County Historical Society on behalf of the American Association for state and local histories. In February of 1959 the Old Mill was the recipient of a George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Program from dedication of restoration of Old Mill

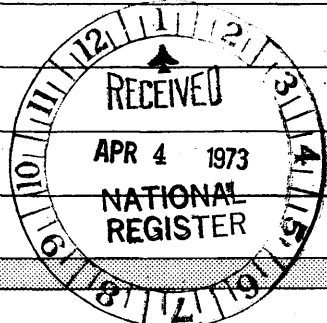
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

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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:  
**Diana Mitchell, Survey and Planning**

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **March 7, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Building 25, Fort Snelling**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

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: Russell W. Fridley

Title: Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date: January 12, 1971

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

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

Date: 6/4/73

ATTEST:

Harold Reed Ford  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5/25/73

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Helena Lyman  
1/19/89

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Old Mill in Marshall County,  
Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 73000983

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Marshall

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Larson Mill

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** Argyle

**ADDRESS:** Co. Rd. 39 in Old Mill State Park

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

**Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**

**Date**