

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Utah	
COUNTY: Salt Lake	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.8.34.0024	DATE 8/12/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Little Dell Station

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **In Mountain Dell Canyon at Junction of Emigration Canyon Road (east of Little Mountain) and U-65.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salt Lake City vic. - E.**

STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49** COUNTY: **Salt Lake** CODE: **035**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	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) Girl Scout Camp

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Salt Lake City Corporation**

STREET AND NUMBER: **451 Washington Square**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salt Lake City** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Salt Lake City & County Building**

STREET AND NUMBER: **451 Washington Square**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salt Lake City,** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

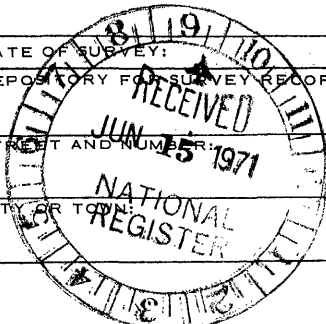
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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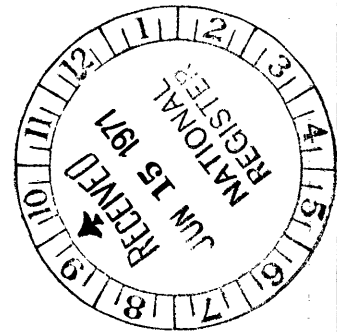
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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 Little Dell Station is built of reddish sandstone. The walls are about 18 inches thick. The gabled roof has a low pitch with an extended shed roof on the rear, all a part of the original structure. Two chimneys rise above a fire place on each end. Pictures of the site painted by Daniel Weggland in 1887 and in 1889 indicate the structure has undergone only the slightest modification. A sandstone and cement porch has been added to the front of the home.

Originally, the station was only part of the Stage Stop complex. Across the road from the front of the house were barns and corrals. These are all gone. Beyond them were the pastures and fields which provided forage and food for stock and travellers. Near the house to the rear, is a small spring which was used as a water supply source for the station. Across the fields east ran Mountain Dell Creek. Trees and shrubs have grown up around the home, but the setting remains little changed from the early days' uses.



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SIGNIFICANCE (continued):

Farm. By 1900, Salt Lake City Corporation had acquired the property as part of their water shed. The old station has been used for years as a girls' summer camp.

The building is still solid and in a remarkable state of preservation. Its future is uncertain, since another reservoir is planned for the canyon which is expected to back water up around the station. The parties involved are cognizant of the problems, and several proposals are under review for the best kind of salvage.

This historic building remains the sole survivor of the pioneer building between Big and Little Mountains on this important pioneer trail.

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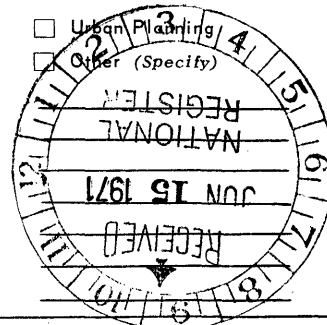
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Traffic through or into what became Utah faced serious geographic obstacles. As a consequence of the "successful" descent of Emigration Canyon by the Donner-Reed Party in 1846 enroute to California, the trace was opened. Mormon pioneers elected to follow that route in 1847, crossing from East Canyon Creek a tributary of the Weber River which emptied into Great Salt Lake to the north, over Big Mountain, from which pass they first glimpsed the Salt Lake Valley, into Mountain Dell Canyon.

A few miles below the Summit (3-4 miles) Ephraim Hanks, Feramorz Little and Brigham Young, Jr. established a camp (1856) below Birch Springs but up canyon from Little Dell. Their purposes were to provide a way stop for travelers, among whom were such illuminaries as Sir Richard Burton and Mark Twain, and members of the handcart companies, and to keep the pass over Big Mountain open when winter snows closed them. Hanks owned two big oxen to "plow" the trail with. The dislocation associated with the Mormon War moved Hanks from the area in 1858; however, he returned and remained until he moved to Parley's Park to the east in early 1860.

Little Dell Station appears to have been built by William B. Hardy in 1860. It became known as the "breakfast and supper stop" out of Salt Lake City, being the last or first stop on the old emigrant trail. From this point the trail continued down Mountain Dell Canyon a little more than a mile, then swung north and west across Little Mountain to begin the descent of Emigration Canyon. During the April 1860 to October 1861 run of the Pony Express, this station was also used by them.

In 1860, a route was opened through Parley's Canyon to the south and west allowing traffic, namely, via the Overland Stage Lines, to come from the Echo-Coalville area west over Silver Creek and Parley's Park (where the Kimball Hotel and Stage Stop was built), and thereby avoid the steep ascent and descent of Big Mountain and pass into Salt Lake Valley through Parley's Canyon, now the route of I-15.

Nevertheless, less affluent travelers persisted in their use of the old trail through the 1860's and beyond, and to stop and recruit at Little Dell Station. Hardy continued to farm nearby and was made Bishop of the Mountain Dell Ward. In 1883 he sold his property to the Union Pacific Railroad for their Park City line. Two years later Francis Armstrong, Salt Lake businessman, bought Mountain Dell for use as a summer home and Thoroughbred Stud
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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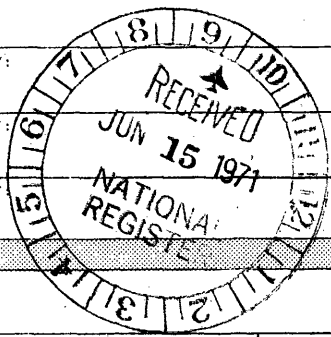
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"			
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **.52**

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: **Melvin T. Smith**

ORGANIZATION: **Utah Historical Society** DATE: **May 15, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **603 East South Temple**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salt Lake City** STATE: **Utah** CODE: **49**

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: *Milton L. Weilenmann*

Title: Milton L. Weilenmann
Utah Liaison Officer

Date: _____

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

Ernest A. Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date: _____

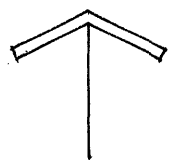
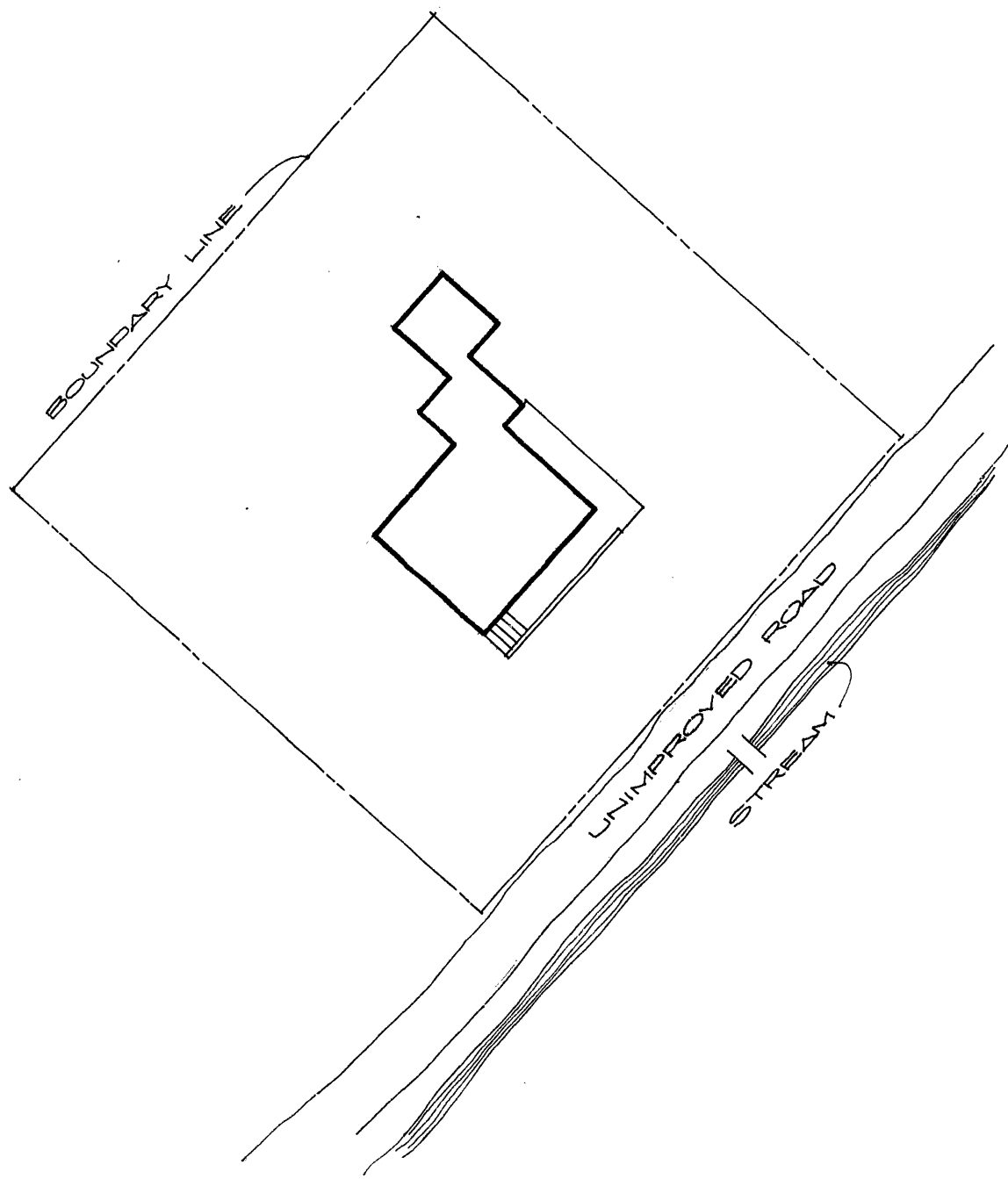
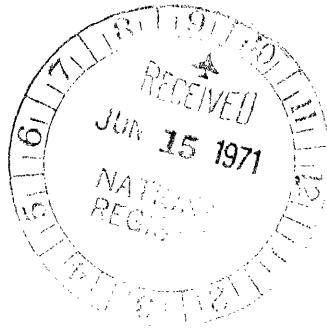
ATTEST:

William J. Montoya
Keeper of the National Register

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Date: _____

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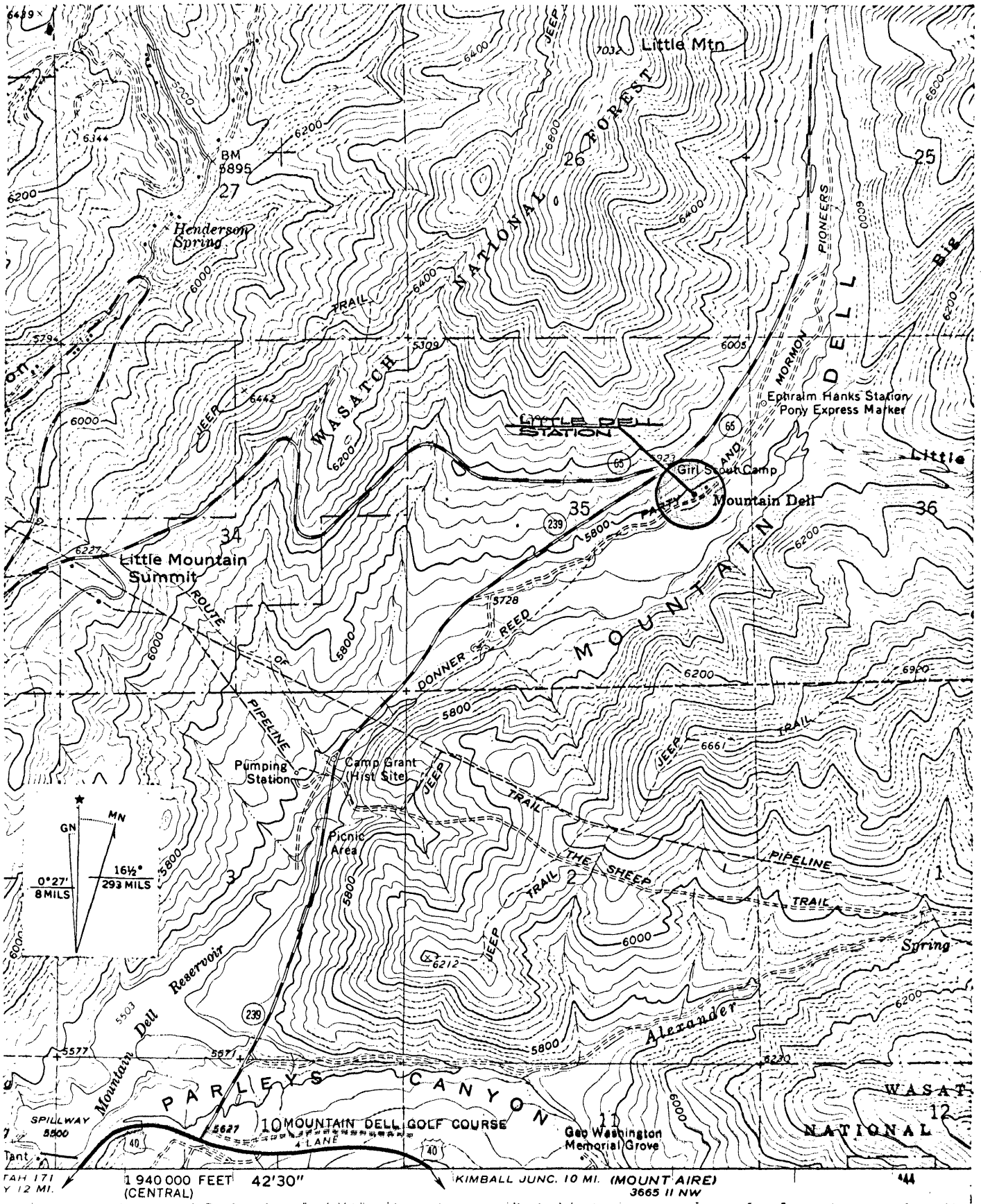


LITTLE DELL STATION

MT DELL CANYON, SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH

LATITUDE : 40° - 46' - 40"
LONGITUDE : 111° - 41' - 9"

DATE : MAY 1971
SCALE : 1" = 40'



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LATITUDE: : 40° - 46' - 40"
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