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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 Lemuel Milk Barn Carriage House
AND/OR COMMON
Stone Barn, Stone Barn Bakery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
165 North Indiana Ave.
CITY, TOWN
Kankakee
STATE
Illinois
VICINITY OF
17th
COUNTY
Kankakee
CODE
012
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
17th
CODE
091

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Junior Service League of Kankakee
STREET & NUMBER
165 North Indiana
CITY, TOWN
Kankakee
STATE
Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Kankakee County Court House
STREET & NUMBER
450 East Court Street
CITY, TOWN
Kankakee
STATE
Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
1. Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Kankakee County
2. Inventory of Historic Structures in Kankakee County
DATE
1. November 1974 2. October 1972
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Illinois Department of Conservation (405 E. Washington)
CITY, TOWN
Springfield
STATE
Illinois

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 Milk barn is in good condition and is located on its original site. It is a two story rectangular building with the long side running north and south. The barn was built between 1861 and 1868 as it appears in a lithograph entitled "Birdseye View of the City of Kankakee", published in 1869 by Ruger and Stores; Madison, Wisconsin.

The barn is built of limestone taken from one of many local quarries. While there have been alterations in the interior, the wide bracketed cornice on the exterior is original. The windows and their frames are mostly original. The original carriage entrance is the current pedestrian entrance on the west side. All door placements are original. New shutters were added to the windows in 1973. A cupola with a weather vane highlights the roofline and is placed at the crossing of the two gables. The current cupola is a restoration built in 1973 on the dimensions of the existing base.

In the interior, the roof trusses having been made of rough cut full dimension, are original. The floor elevations remain the same. Originally, the second story floor included a groom's apartment. This has been removed. The first story floor was changed to concrete in the 1920's. Part of the present first story floor was altered in 1970 by laying bricks coming from a portion of Dearborn Avenue, a street in the downtown business area which was eliminated for commercial building expansion.

After its original use as a livery stable, the barn in about the early 1920's was used as a car painting garage and then for about ten years was occupied by a sign painting company. Its next use was as a warehouse for a hardware store owned by Fred Swannell, Sr. In 1973 it was converted to a bakery and restaurant. At this time ovens were installed and located against an exterior stone wall. No physical changes other than prefabricated metal venting in the ceiling were necessary for this alteration. Sinks were installed and the kitchen floor was covered with floor tile which is still in place. Modern electric lighting was installed. The walls and partitions have been painted white which was likely the previous color. When the bakery and restaurant failed, the oven and other contents were removed and sold. There was no damage to the structure at this time. Currently, the barn is used as a meeting place for the Junior Service League and any other group which is interested in renting it.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<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 built between 1861 & 1868 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lemuel Milk Stone Barn is significant because of the contributions of its original owner, Lemuel Milk, and is one of the oldest examples of Italianate architecture in the downtown business district. Lemuel Milk was a leader in farming who pioneered in the drainage of local land and in the raising and breeding of purebred cattle and horses. Mr. Milk also was involved in two major business enterprises, a department store at Chebanse, Illinois and the Waldron Ice Company.

Mr. Milk came to the Kankakee area from the state of New York about 1855. Much of the land in the Kankakee area was described as wet prairie and was not tillable. Mr. Milk drained large acreages and then turned it to pasture for large herds of cattle and horses and finally to grain crops. One of his outstanding accomplishments was draining in 1871 what was known as the Kankakee swamp and lowering of Beaver Lake. At one time he was reputed to be one of the largest, if not the largest landowner and stock grower in Illinois and Indiana owning 25,000 acres.

Mr. Milk was a leader in merchandising. In 1868 he erected a huge building in Chebanse, Illinois to house a department store. When he determined that Kankakee was to be the area's major business center, he sold the store on March 1, 1883.

Another important business was the Waldron Ice Company which began in 1876. This was his largest business enterprise. Ice was harvested from the Kankakee River and nearly 500 men were employed in the operation. The ice harvest ran as high as 42,000 tons. It is reported that Mr. Milk used the Stone Barn for his ice wagons and their matched teams.

Mr. Milk was community minded and served as a trustee on the board of the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee. He helped to organize the Mound Grove Cemetery Association and served as president from 1882-1894. He is buried there.

In addition to Mr. Milk's contributions the barn is significant as an example of an architectural type which is disappearing in the downtown area. Only two other buildings remain which are contemporary or older. These are the First Baptist Church and the sanctuary of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

The Barn is also the lone remaining architectural fragment of the Milk homestead. Milk occupied a 17-room mansion once located on the corner of Oak and Indiana Avenue. The mansion no longer exists. The Barn was the carriage house where the family cow, matched black team of blooded horses, the provendor for the stock, and the carriage was kept.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois - Bateman, Newton and Selby, Paul: Editors, Middle West Publishing Co., Chicago, 1906.

History of Kankakee County - Kenager, William F. and LeTourneau, George R.; Editors. Middle West Publishing Co., Chicago, 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 2,000 sq. ft. (less than one)

QUADRANGLE NAME KANKAKEE

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Lemuel Milk Barn is located in Downtown Kankakee in the center of the block bounded by Oak, Dearborn, Court and Indiana Streets.

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

Stephen E. Liehr / Instructor

October 11, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Kankakee Community College

DATE

(815) 933-0277

STREET & NUMBER

Box 888

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Kankakee

STATE

Illinois

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

David Kenney

TITLE

Director, Ill. Dept. of Conservation

DATE

3/27/79

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

Charles A. Huntington

DATE

6.4.79

ATTEST:

William H. Brennan

6.1.79

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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In September 1975 the Kankakee Journal ran a series of short articles on Lemuel Milk by Bruce Brown.

Interviews on October 4 and October 10, 1978 with Don DesLauriers: Curator, Kankakee County Historical Society.

Property Milk, Lemuel, Barn Carriage House

State Ill. (Kankakee) Working Number 4.18.79.834

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TECHNICAL

Photos 5
Maps 1

CONTROL

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OK 4.18.79
HISTORIAN

Stone structure is only remaining portion of an estate. Italianate design.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

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Braham
5.23.79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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Braham
5.6.1.79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 7-3-79

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View looking Southeast
JUN 4 1979 10-4-78 #1075

1. Lemuel Milk Barn
2. Kankakee City Kankakee County
3. Anthony Iacuzzi
4. Photographer's File

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Welcome

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View of Original Carriage
Entrance JUN 4 1978 10-4-78

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View of East Cornice & Cypola

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View of East Facade

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View looking Northwest

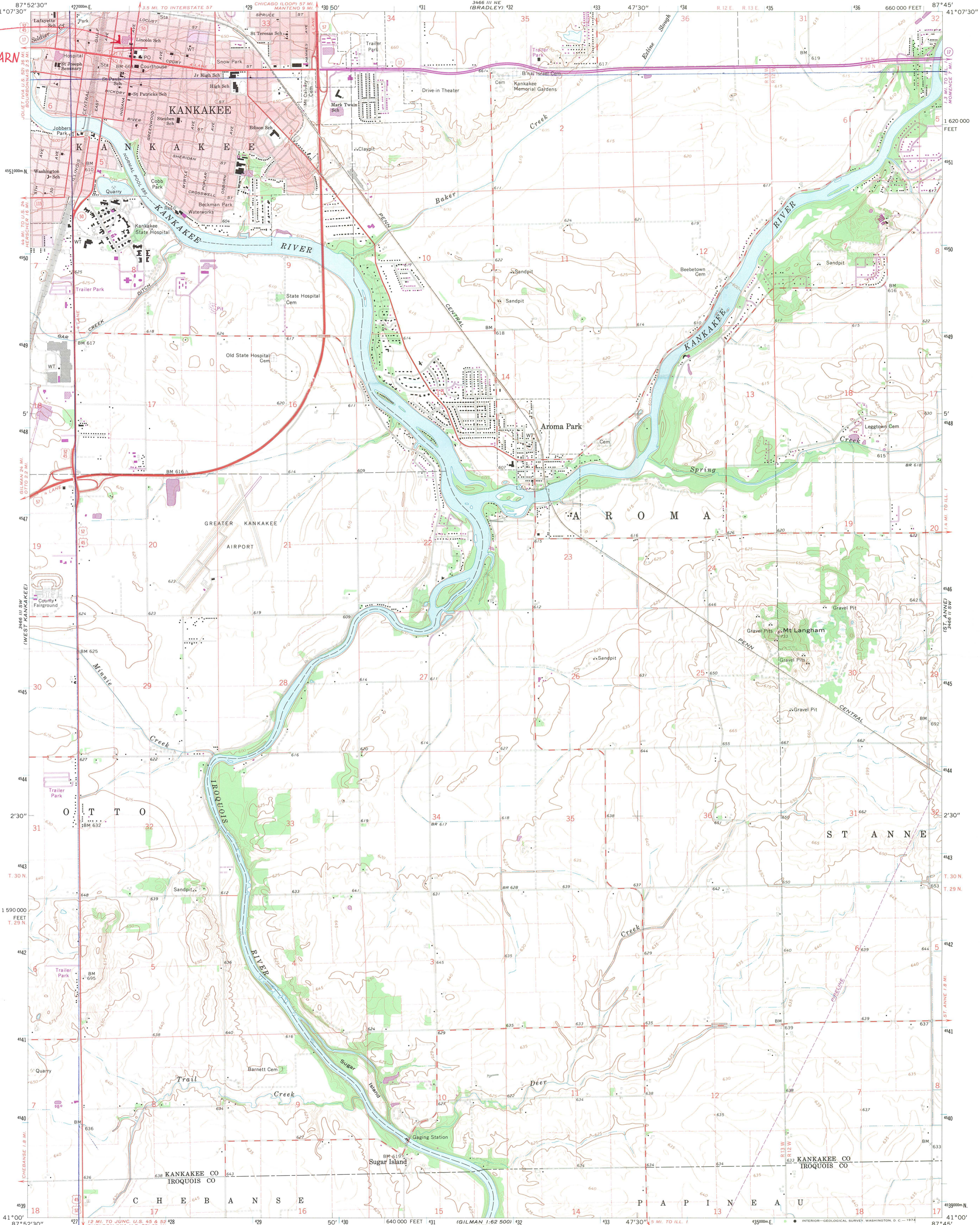
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LEMUEL MILK BARN
ZONE 16
E: 427 680
N: 4 552 360



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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960 and planimetric surveys 1963-64

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

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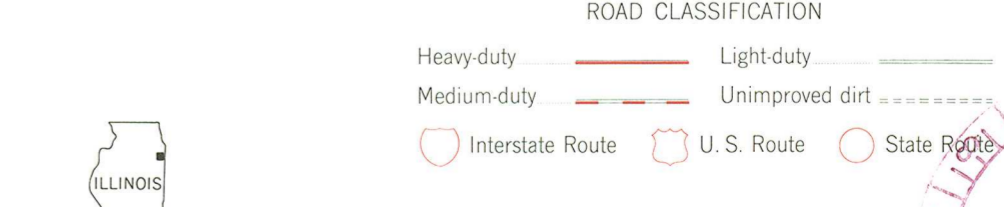
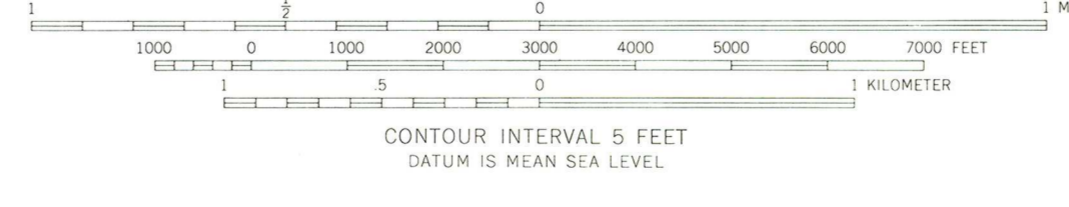
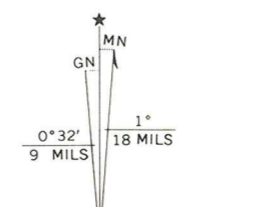
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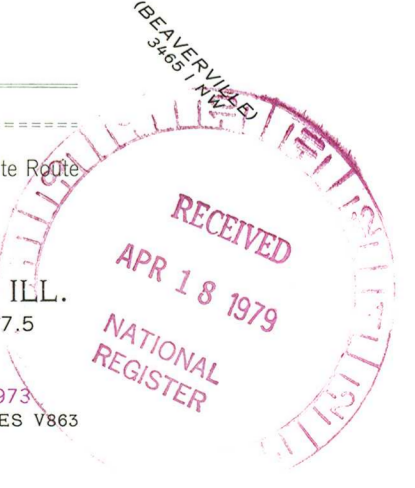
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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1964
PHOTOREVISED 1973
AMS 3466 III SE-SERIES V863



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

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Name

Location

Dutch Mill

Batavia vicinity
Kane County

Milk, Lemuel, Barn

Carrriage house

Kankakee
Kankakee County

Also Notified

Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson

Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Tom J. Corcoran
Honorable George M. O'Brien

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. David Kenney
Director, Department of Conservation
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400 South Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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