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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Stafford, W. R., Flour Mill and Elevator
other names/site number Stafford Mills/Port Hope Roller Mills and Elevator

2. Location

street & number 4310 Huron Street N/A not for publication
city, town Port Hope N/A vicinity
state Michigan code MI county Huron code 063 zip code 48468

3. Classification

| | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> objects |
| | | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> Total |

Name of related multiple property listing:
Port Hope

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Director, Bureau of History Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Alvin Byers Entered in the National Register 11-20-87

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Industry/processing/extraction --
manufacturing facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

same

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stonewalls Brick;wood/weatherboard; Metal/steelroof Metal/steelother N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Period of Significance

1870s - 1937

Significant Dates

1870s-1886

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See general bibliography

Previous documentation on file (NPS): None

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property About one acre

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

SE 200 ft. of W. R. Stafford Mill Reserve

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This includes the structure itself and a small tract around it.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title R. O. Christensen, National Register Coordinator
 organization Bureau of History date Sept., 1987
 street & number 208 N. Capitol Ave. telephone 517/335-2719
 city or town Lansing state Michigan zip code 48918

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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Historic name: W. R. Stafford Flour Mill and Elevator
4310 Huron Street
Port Hope, Huron County, Michigan 48468
Other names: Stafford Mills, Port Hope Roller Mills and Elevator

Description

The Stafford Flour Mill and Elevator is an L-shaped, gable-roof, timber-frame structure, with various shed-roof extensions, standing on level ground a short distance back from the Lake Huron beach. It appears the mill was built in three sections. The low structure at the north end of the complex may be the original grist mill, constructed at an undetermined date prior to the 1881 fire. The higher middle section was constructed in 1882, to serve as a custom flouring mill. The large elevator building at the complex's south end dates from 1886. The older parts of the mill were originally clad in vertical board and batten, the 1886 building in a veneer of dark red brick. Much of the brickwork was removed after 1903, when a railroad siding was built to the mill and openings cut in the walls for loading. Early twentieth-century steel sheeting now covers most of the wall surfaces except for the brick north wall of the main structure. The open interior with its 11 x 10 and 12 x 12-inch timbers has been little altered over the years, but the grain-milling equipment has been updated and a bean sorting room added.

Significance

The Stafford Flour Mill and Elevator is associated with the earliest days of commercial agriculture in Port Hope. The oldest part of the mill was a small grist mill built in the 1870s or possibly the 1860s, before the 1881 fire. The two major additions of 1882 and 1886 enlarged the mill from a small grist mill operation serving local needs almost exclusively to include a flour mill, with capacity of 100 barrels per day, that produced flour largely for the eastern market, and an elevator. The expansion of the mill in the 1880s reflected the development of agriculture in the area following the 1881 fire.

The original grist mill was described at the time of the completion of the new flour mill in 1882 as a "small mill" which "accomodated those in the immediate vicinity but was not large enough to answer the demand of the public or to be profitable to the owner." This mill, which used grindstones for milling, was to be used for "grinding small grist, buckwheat and feed" when the custom flouring mill was completed in 1882. The 1882 mill, which also used grindstones for milling, produced flour both for the local needs and for the East Coast market. In 1886 the elevator part of the structure was constructed and at the same time, probably, the grindstones replaced by rollers, providing additional flour-milling capacity.

The operation continued under the name of Stafford (by 1913 Port Hope) Roller Mills and Elevator until W. R. Stafford's death in 1916. W. R. Stafford, II, the son of W. R. Stafford's son-in-law, Frederick Stafford, then ran the mill under the name Stafford Milling Company. Flour milling ceased about the time of World War I. Today the mill/elevator does custom-grinding of feeds and serves as a storage and bagging facility for beans and grains and feeds.

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Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Name Port Hope MPS
State Haron County, MICHIGAN

| Nomination/Type of Review | Date Listed |
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| Cover | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 1. First Methodist Episcopal Church | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 2. Herman House | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 3. Leuty, Isaac, House | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 4. Masonic Temple | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 5. Melligan Store-Agriculture Hall | <u>1-4-88</u> |
| 6. St. John's Lutheran Church | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 7. Schlichting Building | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 8. Stafford, Frederick H. and Elizabeth, House | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 9. Stafford, W. R., Flour Mill and Elevator | <u>11-20-87</u> |
| 10. Stafford, W.R., Planing Mill Site | <u>11-20-87</u> <i>Substantive Review</i> |
| 11. Stafford, W.R., Saw Mill Site | <u>11-20-87</u> <i>Substantive Review</i> |
| 12. Stafford, W.R., Worker's House | <u>11-20-87</u> |

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Stafford, W. R., Flour Mill and Elevator (Port
Hope MPS)
Huron County
MICHIGAN

Working No. OCT - 8 1987
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 11/27/87 - 11/22/87
Action: ACCEPT 11-20-87
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Public Acquisition | Accessible | |

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Condition | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



STAFFORD, W. R., Flour Mill & Elevator

Port Hope, MI

R. O. Christensen

June, 1987

Neg.: Bureau of History

Facing SSE(original mill L, elevator R)



W. H. WILSON
Arcadian
High Storage Facilities

ECONOMY
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PORT HOPE
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STAFFORD, W.R., Flour Mill & Elevator

Port Hope, MI

R.O. Christensen

June, 1987

Neg.: Bureau of History

Facing SE (original mill L, elevator R,

Planing mill chimney for R)



HOPE

L

STAFFORD, W. R., Flour Mill & Elevator

Port Hope, MI

Evelyn Bray

Spring 1985

Neg.: Bureau of History

Facing NE (elevator in center, original mill L)

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500273