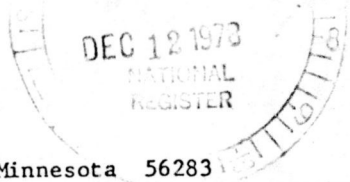


Historic Name: Gilfillan		County: Redwood
Common Name:		Community: Paxton Township
Owner's Name and Address: Anna Gilfillan Route 4 Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283		Address/Legal Desc.:
Classification: Building _____ Structure _____ Object _____ District <u>X</u>		Acreage: <u>12</u>
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <u>X</u> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Approximately 12 acres including farmstead buildings and drive in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36, T112 R35
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	Visible from the road: Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
Occupied: Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Present Use: Agriculture	
History: Date Constructed: Multiple Architect/Builder: Multiple		UTM Reference: Morgan Quadrangle, 15minute A. 94° 59' 27" Lat. 44° 27' 47" Long. B. 94° 59' 44" Lat. 44° 27' 36" Long. C. 94° 59' 48" Lat. 44° 27' 50" Long.
Original Owner: Charles D. Gilfillan Original Use: Agriculture		
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		Local Contact/Org.:
		Prepared by and date: Dennis A. Gimmedstad September 1978
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MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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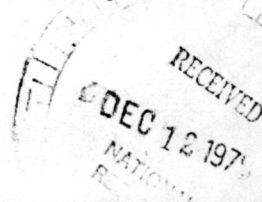
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Property **Redwood County Multiple Resource Area**

State **Minn.**

Working Number **12.12.78.4725**

TECHNICAL

Photos 24
Maps 12

average level

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12.13.78

HISTORIAN

Initially, there are several technical problems: ① No photos of archeo. sites ② Train Depots are both moved structures ③ level of significance not indicated. Moreover I have problems w/ this as an adequate MR nom. Everything nominated is a "best representative example" of chosen to fit pre-identified historical themes of County's development.

Conference
B. Franklin
3/26/79

In accepting this nomination we would gain properties in this county

but we would probably lose an equal number.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

- Agree with Brad - they may have omitted eligible properties ~~with~~ contained within historic districts. However, info on each survey sheet is adequate - complete to the point. - acreage ~~is~~ classifying on grain elevator. - I can basically accept -

Bradshaw
3.27.79

ARCHEOLOGIST

With regard to the 4 archeological properties: information is minimal - for 3 prehistoric sites boundaries appear arbitrary and unjustified, little or no information on subsurface (or sub-plowzone) remains, no info on what work done at site, etc. For the ~~last~~ Anglo-historic site, no ^{specific} discussion of archeological potential - leans more toward historical association.

Joy Bush
4-3-79
Conference?

OTHER

The area significance ~~does not~~ statement does not provide enough ~~site~~ site-specific reference. Sources as though survey methodology made deliberate attempt to come out with the kind of results necessary to permit predictive statements, but none are made. Also question ^{if really} only 4 of 57 sites in county ~~was~~ for possess information potential sufficient to warrant listing. If they were excluded because not enough yet known,

should have statement to that effect. Also need discussion of "adequateness" - or else risk false impression that all archeological resources in county are known. For the four sites nominated - probably could get most of info (with possible exception of boundaries) with phone calls.

Inventory _____
Review _____

HAER

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Return for questions raised by archeologist

Return
Franklin
4.20.79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back **5.3.79** Entered _____
Federal Register Entry _____ Re-submit **11/4.79**

Redwood Falls m.c.

Common Name:

Community: Paxton Township

Owner's Name and Address: Anna Gilfillan
Route 4
Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283

Address/Legal Desc.:
State Highway 67

Classification:

Acreage:

Building _____ Structure _____ Object _____ District X

Approx. 35 acres

Condition:

Verbal Boundary Desc.:

Excellent _____ Good X Fair _____ Deteriorated _____

T112 R35 Sec. 36 NE SW
The nomination includes all of the above 1/4 Section lying North of State Highway 67

Open to the Public:

Visible from the road:

Yes _____ No X

Yes X No _____

Occupied:

Present Use:

Yes X No _____

Agriculture

History:

UTM Reference:

Date Constructed: Multiple

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Survey _____ Date _____
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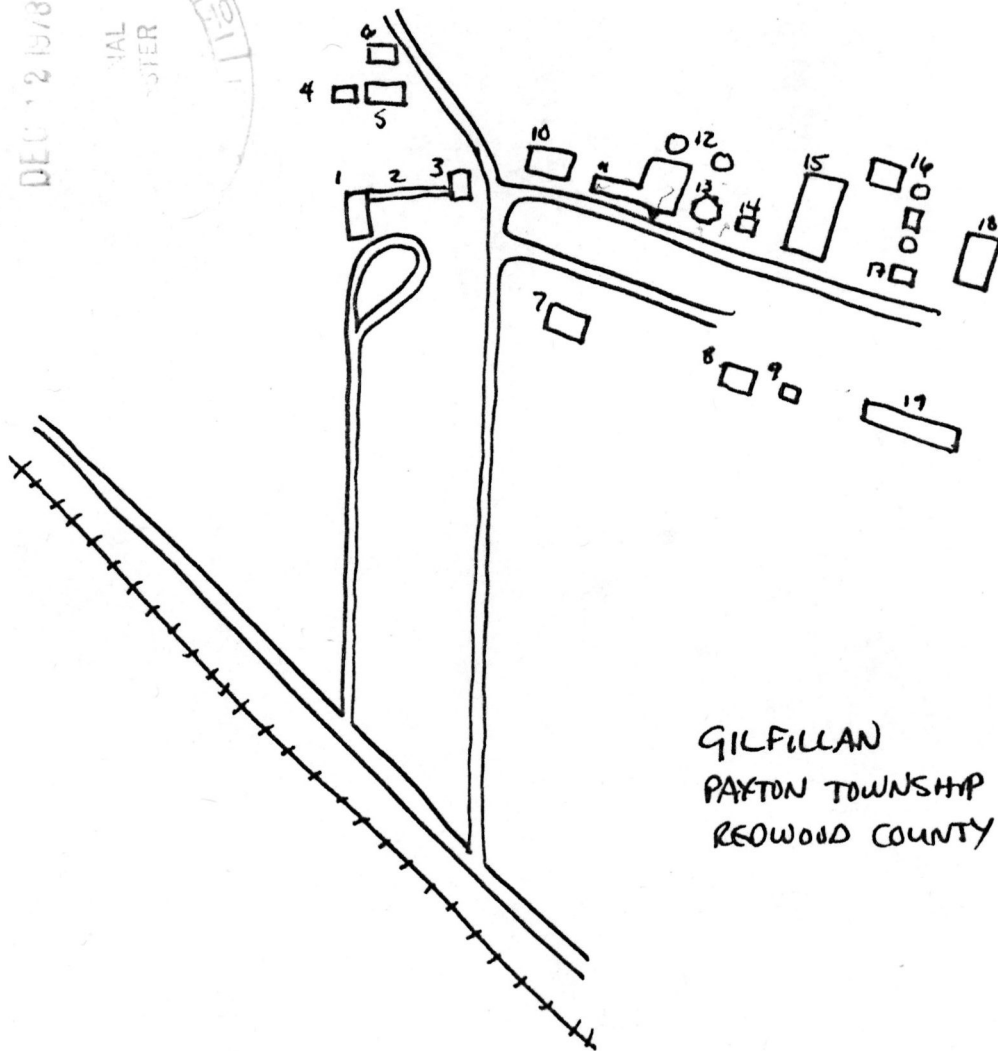
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SECO STORAGE
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15. MACHINE SHED
16. GRAIN STORAGE
17. HEN HOUSE
18. HOG HOUSE
19. MACHINE SHED

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 PAYTON



GILFILLAN
 PAYTON TOWNSHIP SECTION 34
 REDWOOD COUNTY

State MN (Redwood) Working Number

TECHNICAL Photos 28-5 level of significance CONTROL
Maps 12

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

see attached sheets - O'Connell 11/28/79
Well-written nomination covering a range of different kinds of properties: archaeological sites, both prehistoric and historic, farms, houses, railroad stations, churches, civic and commercial buildings, and engineering structures. All properties are eligible; in fact, selection process has probably been excessively stringent. (Continuation sheet acknowledges that further eligible resources may be identified.) County history is well-organized, identifies major historical themes represented by various resources. Add for further archaeological data - see below
Archaeological sites held for more information: Holmberg sites
Puum Creek Site
Telling Site
Lura Fugalls Wilder Site

Add O'Connell 1/11/80

ARCHEOLOGIST

Archaeological sites returned 7/31/80; remaining properties can be listed. Accept, noting historical resources only
- O'Connell 8/6/80

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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National Register Write-up _____ Send-back 9-16-80 Entered AUG 11 1980
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit _____

(archaeological prop)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Gilfillan in Redwood County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002143

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Redwood

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Redwood Falls

ADDRESS: Mn. Hwy. 67

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Gilfillan
Redwood County
MINNESOTA
(Redwood County MRA)

Working No. 24 June, 1988
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: _____
Action: ACCEPT 1/9/89
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

Approved
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:

The National Register has accepted additional information submitted by the SHPO. This information clarifies name, address and geographic location information on the original documentation.

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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

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

Registered in the
National Register

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage 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: _____



Redwood Co. Multiple Resource Area

Gilfillan

Paxton Twp., MN; Redwood County

Dennis Gimmestad DEC 12 1978

1978

Minnesota Historical Society, 690

Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101

General view (facing NW)

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1978

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Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

Main Drive and House (facing north)

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Garage, Machine Shop, Seed Storage,

Cattle Shed, Barn, Well House, Milk

House (facing N.W.)

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Managers and Bookkeepers Houses

(facing NE)

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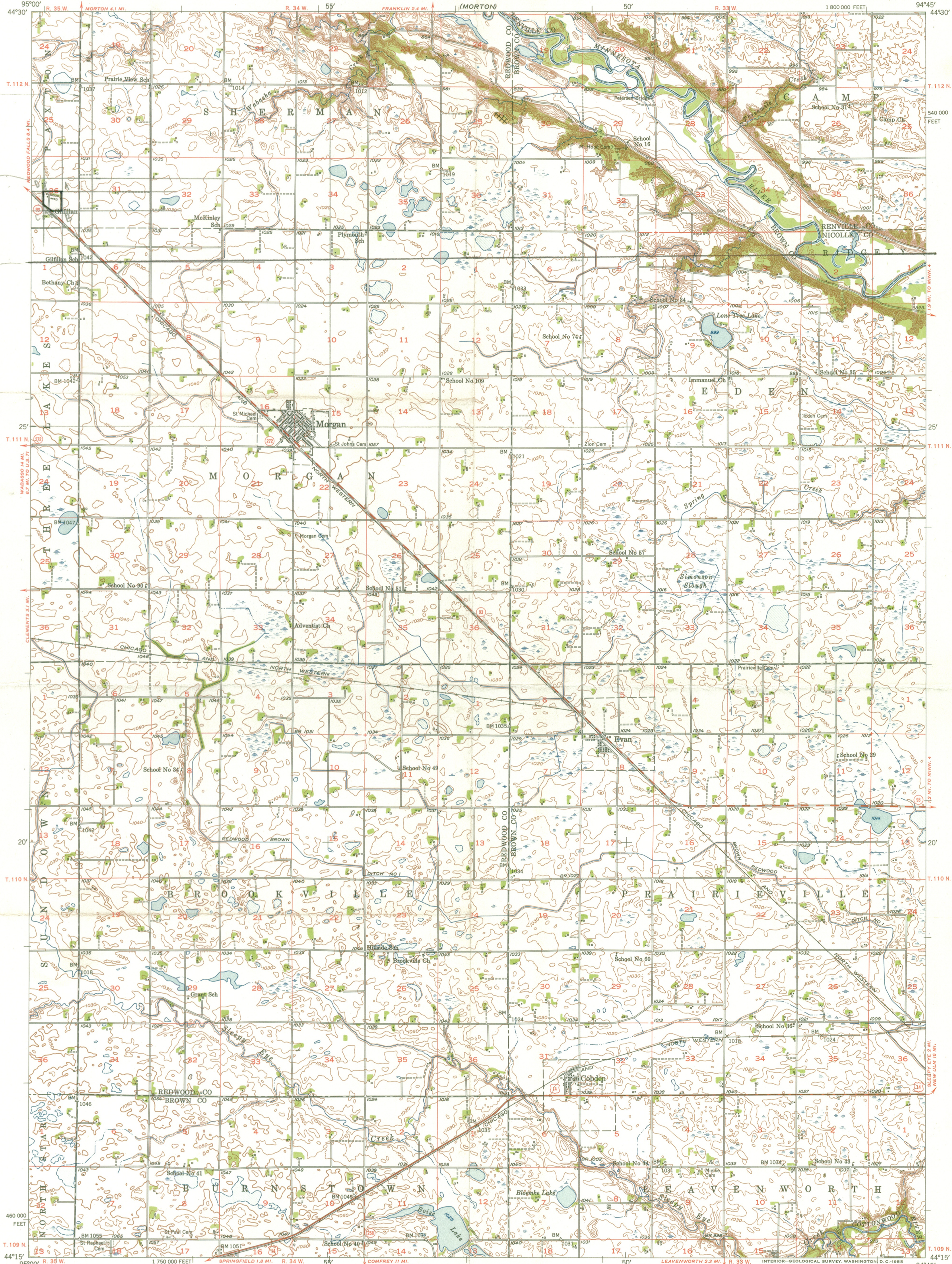
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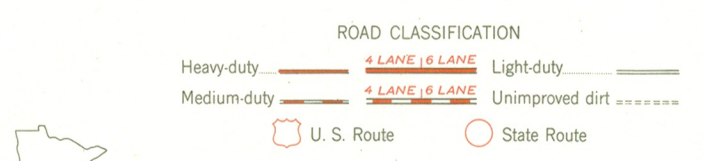
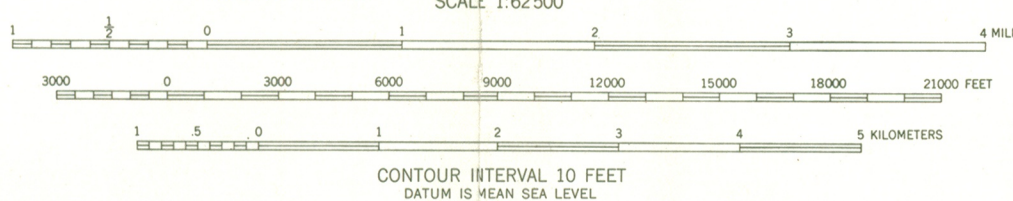
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