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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Missouri	
COUNTY: Platte	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	McCormick Distillery
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Highway JJ			
CITY OR TOWN: Weston *			
STATE Missouri	CODE 64098	COUNTY: Platte	CODE 165

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: McCormick Distilling Company			
STREET AND NUMBER: Highway JJ			
CITY OR TOWN: Weston	STATE: Missouri	CODE 64098	CODE 29

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Recorder of Deeds, Platte County			
STREET AND NUMBER: Platte County Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Platte City	STATE: Missouri	CODE 64098	CODE 29

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Missouri Historic Sites Catalogue			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1963	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Historical Society of Missouri			
STREET AND NUMBER: Hitt and Lowry Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE: Missouri	CODE 65201	CODE 29

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* Congressional District #6--The Honorable Jerry Litton

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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
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Although there are several buildings and sites on the McCormick Distillery grounds in Weston, Missouri, the historical nucleus of the nineteenth-century distillery remain intact. The old "bland-water" spring, from which pure water was drawn, continues to be used in the production of McCormick bourbon and other whiskeys. In addition, the rock building constructed by David Holladay in 1857 is standing on the property and is the primary distilling facility of the McCormick operation. The limestone caves originally used by Holladay for the storing and aging of whiskey have been reopened and repaired by the McCormick Distilling Company and are accessible to tourists. These three sites, the rock distillery building, the caves, and the "bland-water" spring, constitute the three essential components of the distilling process, and all survive from the time of their use by David Holladay's distillery. These three historical facilities are the only portions of the McCormick Distillery nominated herein to the National Register of Historic Places.</p> <p>McCormick's "bland-water" spring is the primary source of water for the distilling of McCormick bourbon. The subterranean spring flows into a limestone pool approximately twenty feet by fifteen feet in diameter. The pool is fed directly from the spring, and when filled to capacity is nearly 25 feet deep. Approximately 1,200 gallons flow from McCormick spring during a 24-hour period. McCormick Distillery taps the spring by means of an underground pipe located at the south side of the pool.</p> <p>The waters of the spring are excellent for the manufacture of smooth bourbon whiskey since the water maintains a constant 54-degree temperature, regardless of outside weather conditions. Furthermore, the water is virtually free of iron deposits and various acids which could react with the alcohol and spoil the taste of the bourbon. The present owners of the distillery complex, the Cray Family, have attempted to preserve the integrity of their spring by erecting a screened pavilion around the pool, allowing visitors to view the spring while retarding possible damage from debris or mischief.</p> <p>The rock distillery building, constructed in 1857, is a rubblestone structure of limestone. Although the original building has been obscured in recent years by the construction of an office wing on the east (front) facade, and by the placement of large tanks close to the building, the early structure is relatively intact. It is a rectangular-plan, two-story structure having major appendages added to the east and south facades which obscure original fenestration. The roof peak follows the long-axis of the structure. Interior partitions, if any existed, have been removed and replaced by steel catwalks between the various tanks and vats used in the distilling process. The roof was replaced following a fire in 1957, and the building was re-tuckpointed. The new roof reportedly simulates the appearance of the former, with the exception of the shed-like projection near the southeast corner. This extension was done to allow taller distillery appliances and machinery to protrude through the roof. The present roof is a medium-gable pitch, constructed of metal, and supposedly replaced a</p>	

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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) 1857 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The spring at Weston is noted on the earliest extant map of the Platte Purchase. This 1838 map, executed to describe the region surrounding Ft. Leavenworth, locates the spring at a junction in an old Indian trail which had traversed western Missouri many years before cartographers entered Platte County. A claim to the property containing the spring was registered on March 1, 1846, ten years after the annexation of the Platte region to Missouri. Land titles were not recorded in Platte County until 1844, but the earliest abstracts show no claim registered for the spring until they were purchased by William J. Norris, who eventually sold his tract to Benjamin Holladay in 1849, for \$8,000.¹ Holladay, a stagecoach entrepreneur of considerable wealth, apparently did not develop a distillery on the site of the spring until his brother, David Holladay, speculated that the existence of the "bland-water" spring might provide an ideal location for the distillation of spirits. Accordingly he commissioned a Mr. Beloit to travel from Peoria, Illinois, to "locate and plan the distillery," for which he was paid \$178.80 on February 2, 1857.²

David Holladay's business ledger indicates that work began on the rock distillery building during April, 1857. Apparently work had progressed significantly by May, 1857, since his records show the receipt of several "distillery books" during that month, suggesting Holladay's first brew was begun that spring. On August 5, 1857, Holladay paid his stone mason, and in September, ordered the installation of 7,798 shingles for the distillery building.³

The construction of the building coincides with the transfer of the spring and surrounding land from Benjamin Holladay to David Holladay's "Platte County Hemp Manufacturing and Distilling Company," in September, 1858.⁴

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PRIMARY SOURCES

Business ledger of David Holladay, Platte County Hemp Manufacturing and Distilling Company, 1856-1860, in possession of McCormick Distilling Company, Weston, Missouri.

Cray, Richard B., President, McCormick Distilling Co., Weston, Missouri, interviewed by Stephen J. Raiche, staff member, Missouri State Historical Survey Office, April 1, 1971. On file at Missouri

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		39° 23' 54"	94° 52'	43"
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten

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: Stephen J. Raiche, Chief Research Historian		
ORGANIZATION	Missouri State Park Board State Historical Survey & Planning Office	DATE April 4, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 176, 1204 Jefferson Building		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Jefferson City	Missouri	65101 29

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 _____

Title Director, Missouri State Park Board, and Missouri State Liaison Officer
Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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McCORMICK DISTILLERY

Missouri State Historical Survey (state)

1973

Missouri State Park Board

P.O. Box 176

1204 Jefferson Building

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Code: 29

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roof of similar design and material composition. The destruction was limited essentially to machinery and all walls of the distillery survived the fire. The fire exposed early fenestration in the rock walls by removing certain later appendages. The east (main) facade included a large double doorway having a jack-arch, with three equidistantly spaced rectangular-plan windows in the second floor. The center window was raised closer to the roof peak. This window treatment is currently quite obvious in the facade.

The caves used for aging the whiskey are located several hundred yards north of the rock distillery building. The caves occur in a limestone bluff and have been reopened by the McCormick Distilling Company for use by visitors. Interpretive signs, walkways, and a protective pavilion have been erected near the cave opening.

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MCCORMICK DISTILLERY

It is uncertain whether the Holladay brothers operated a hemp manufactory in Platte County, but the distillery was obviously successful since the initial spirits were aged sufficiently to be marketed by October, 1858. Originally, Holladay traded small quantities of his whiskey for supplies, such as brooms, meal and salt. Quantity sales began in November, 1858. By December, David Holladay was marketing his beverage in quantities as great as 757 gallon lots, at a price of 35¢ a gallon.⁵ Holladay's ledger also suggests that he constructed a cooperage and boarding house on the distillery property, both indispensable to the distilling process, since barrels and accommodations for workers were both scarce on the Platte frontier.⁶ Apparently construction of the distillery was financed by Benjamin Holladay, as the ledger records payments of several large notes to his accounts after liquor production commenced.⁷

Although the type of whiskey produced by Holladay cannot be determined, it is assumed that he manufactured "corn liquor" since his papers indicate rather substantial purchases of the grain during 1858 from numerous Platte Valley farmers. It is interesting to speculate that Holladay may have also produced beer in Weston, since an entry in the ledger mentions purchase of a quantity of hops.⁸

Unfortunately the Holladay ledger ceases to record distillery finances after January 12, 1860, but David Holladay's will and testament specifically mention the existence of a functioning distillery at the spring in 1888. Although little is known of David Holladay's operation between 1860 and 1888, it is certain he was producing whiskey in Weston until his death in 1893, and that his heirs continued the distillery. During the execution of David Holladay's estate in 1894, the probate court allowed his son-in-law, a Mr. Barton, to continue manufacture of whiskey, using the name "Holladay-Barton."⁹ However, because of a disagreement among the heirs, the distillery was sold at public auction and the proceeds divided among the various descendants. The spring and distillery passed from possession of the family on July 18, 1900.

The opportunity to distill spirits at Holladay's facilities attracted George H. Shawhan, a distiller from Lone Jack, Missouri, who had lost his original distillery in a fire. The timely sale of the Holladay distillery prompted Shawhan to recommence operations at Weston. There is no indication that the distillery ceased production during the change of ownership, and by 1902, the brands "Shawhan," "Holladay," and "Lone Jack" whiskeys were distributed throughout the Missouri-Kansas market area.

Shawhan Distilling Company was ordered into receivership by the Platte County Court in 1916 for non-payment of debt, and their whiskey stock was placed in

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storage. With the passage of the prohibition amendment in 1919, the distillery was closed and remained inoperative until 1933, when the property was re-occupied by the "Old Holladay Distilling Company," a corporation controlled 97% by Shawhan's receivers. The firm was reincorporated in 1939 as the "Old Weston Distillery."

In the years following World War II when liquor was scarce, the proprietors of Old Weston Distillery sold their property to a holding company known as United Distillers, who bought the distillery primarily to acquire 30,000 barrels of whiskey stored in the warehouse. The present owners of the spring and distilling plant at Weston, the Cloud B. Cray Family, of Atchison, Kansas, purchased the property in 1950 from United Distillers. Mr. Richard B. Cray manages the distillery under the name "McCormick," a title acquired from a defunct Platte County distiller in Waldron, Missouri. The original McCormick Distillery was not reopened after Prohibition, and since the Cray Family had also acquired the Waldron facility, the name was changed to their Weston operation.¹¹

McCormick Distillery continues today the 116-year history of liquor production using the old spring and original Holladay rock distilling building. The "bland-water" spring, free of iron deposits and acid impurities, will continue to provide water in sufficient quantity to maintain an operation indefinitely at the old Holladay distillery.

FOOTNOTES

1. Property abstract, McCormick Distilling Company, Weston, Missouri. Platte County, Missouri, Deed Book "G", p. 328.
2. Business ledger of David Holladay, February 2, 1857, p. 2.
3. Business ledger of David Holladay, September 16, 1857, p. 4.
4. Property abstract, McCormick Distilling Company, Weston, Missouri. Platte County, Missouri, Deed Book "O", p. 156.
5. Business ledger of David Holladay, December 7, 1858, p. 37.
6. Business ledger of David Holladay, pp. 8, 9, 34, 36.
7. Business ledger of David Holladay, August 15, 1858, p. 9.
8. Business ledger of David Holladay, July 14, 1858, p. 35.

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9. Platte County, Missouri, Record of Probate Court, Book 2, p. 490.
10. St. Louis Republic, October 9, 1904.
11. Atchison Globe, (Atchison, Kansas), September 21, 1967.

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McCORMICK DISTILLERY

State Park Board, 1204 Jefferson Building, Jefferson City, Missouri,
65101.

Map of a Reserve Near Ft. Leavenworth, June 21, 1838. Original in possession
of United States Army, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Platte County, Missouri. Official Record of the County Probate Court,
Record Book 2.

Property Abstract in possession of the present owner, McCormick Distilling
Company, Weston, Missouri. April 1, 1971.

NEWSPAPERS

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The Story of the Old Weston Distillery, 1856-1936. Weston, Missouri:
Private printing, 1936.

Weston Old Homes Tour and Heritage Festival. Weston, Missouri: The
Weston Chronicle Press, 1969.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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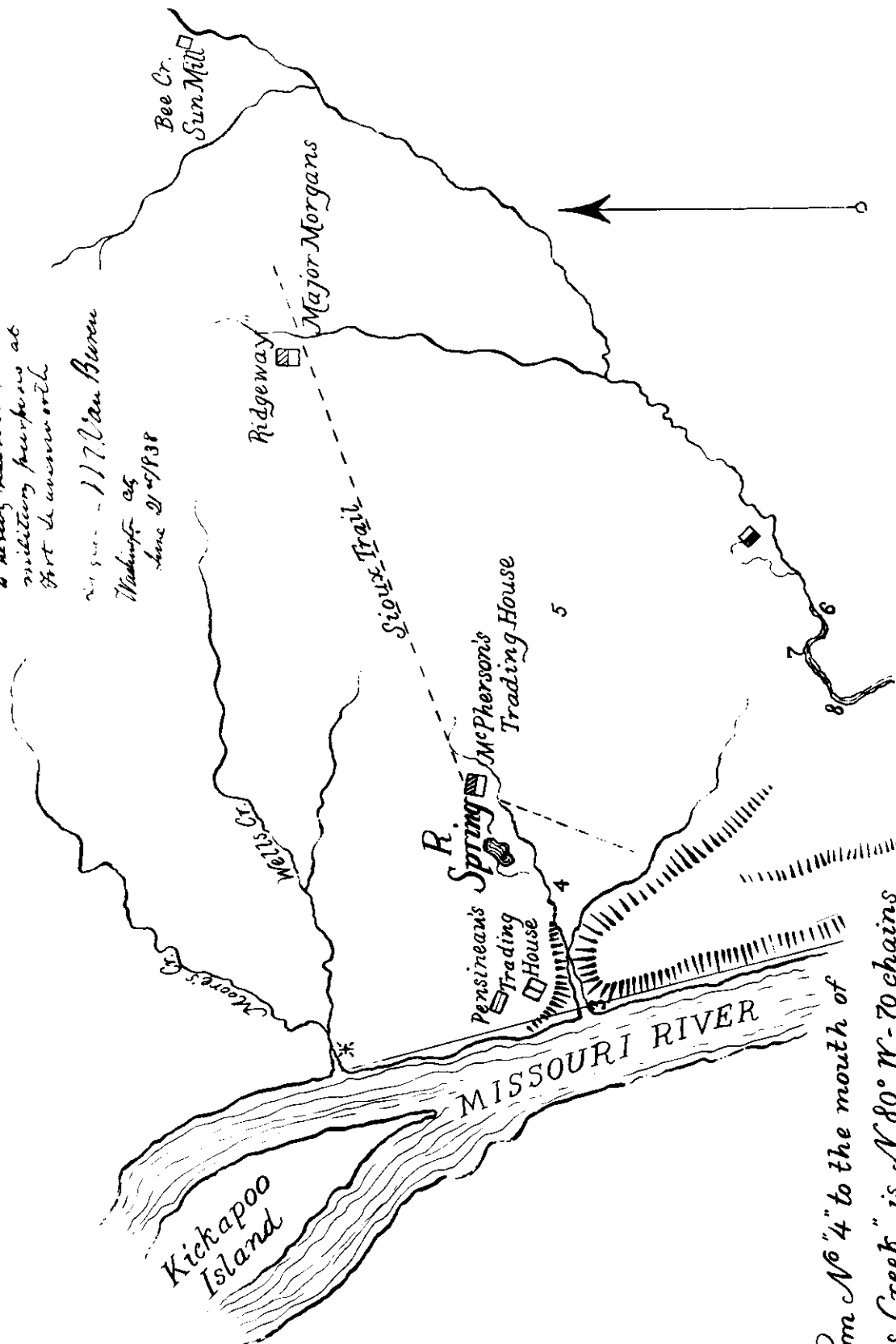
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Missouri	Platte	Weston
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Highway JJ		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
Map of a Reserve near Ft. Leavenworth	June 21, 1838	not to scale

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

Map of a
Reserve near
Fort Leavenworth

The land referred to
and located in the vicinity
is hereby reserved for
military purposes at
Fort Leavenworth

Reserve - 117 Van Buren
Washington as
June 2nd 1838

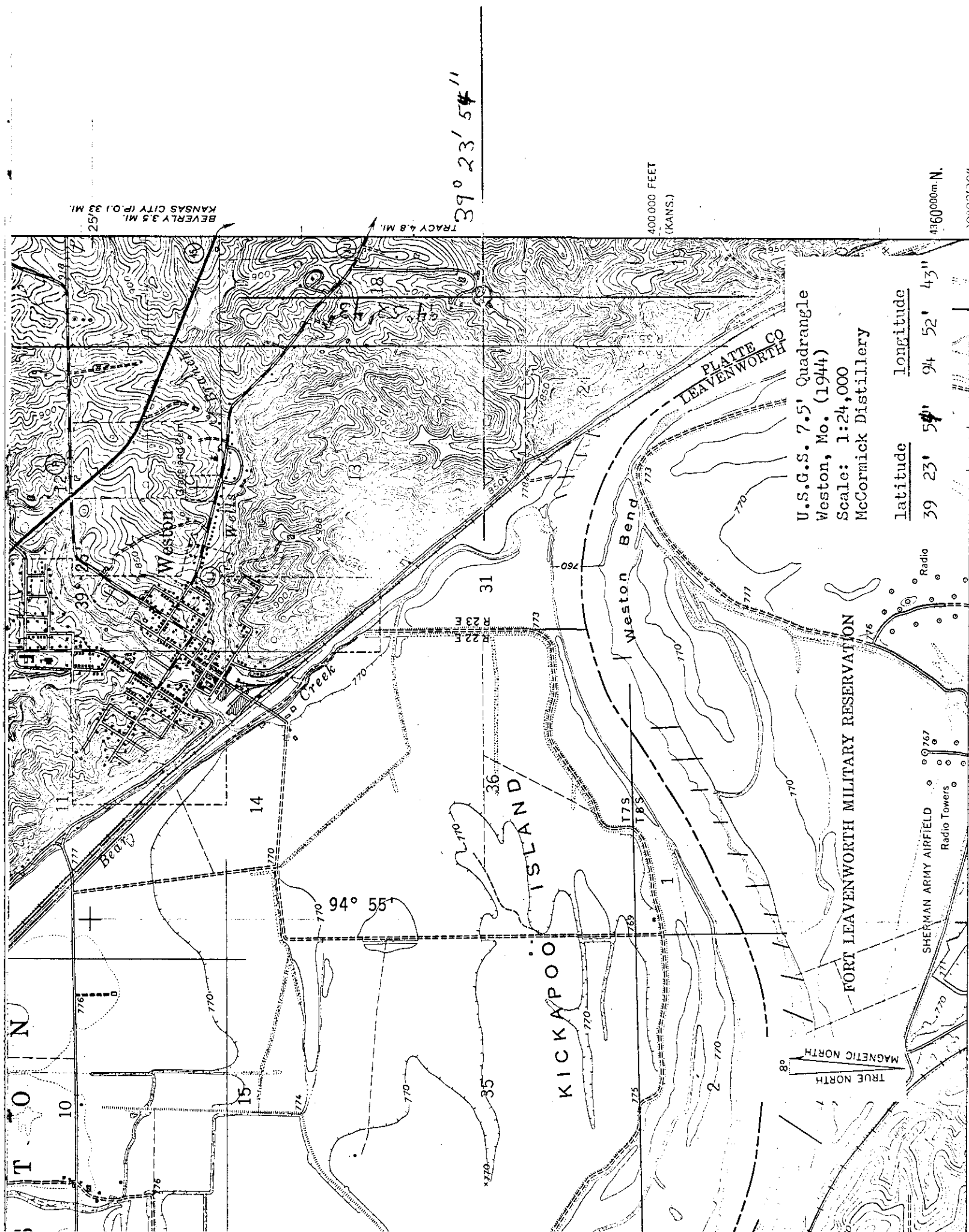


* From No "4" to the mouth of
"Wells Creek" is N 80° W - 70 chains

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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' Quad- rangle, Weston, Mo.-Tracy, Mo.	1942	1:62,500

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BEVERLY 3.5 MI.
KANSAS CITY (P.O.) 3.3 MI.
25'

TRACY 4.8 MI.

39° 23' 54" N

400,000 FEET
(KANS.)

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
Weston, Mo. (1944)
Scale: 1:24,000
McCormick Distillery

latitude	longitude
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FORT LEAVENWORTH MILITARY RESERVATION

TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH

SHERMAN ARMY AIRFIELD
Radio Towers

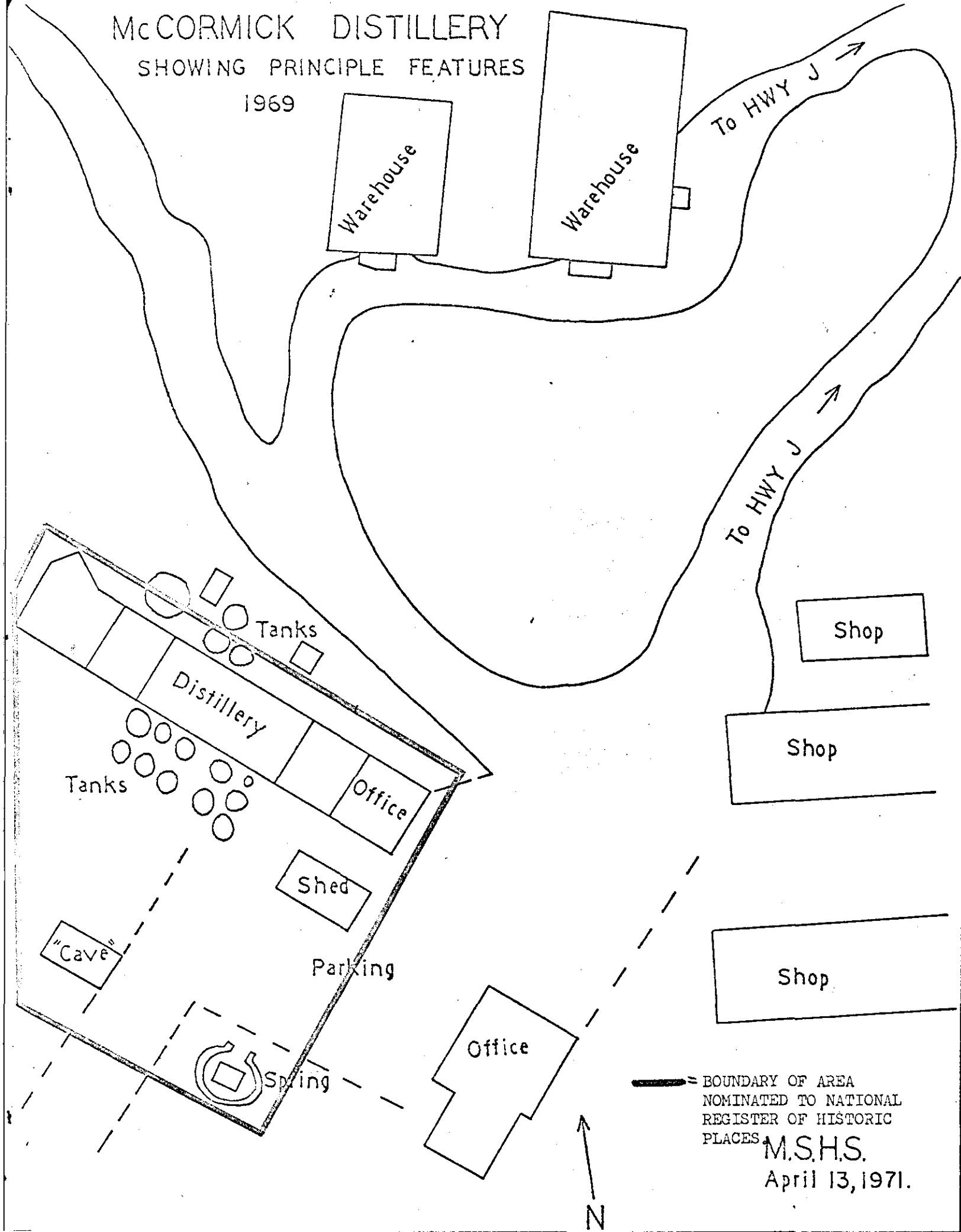
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Map of Bonded Premises, McCormick Distilling Company Weston, Missouri	1969	not to scale

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McCORMICK DISTILLERY
SHOWING PRINCIPLE FEATURES
1969



M.S.H.S.
April 13, 1971.

MCCORMICK DISTILLERY

COUNTY:	Platte
LOCATION:	Highway JJ, Weston, Missouri
OWNER:	McCormick Distilling Company
ADDRESS:	Highway JJ, Weston, Missouri
DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:	03-17-73
DATE SENT TO JEFF. CITY:	(05-02-73) 12-13-73
DATE SENT TO D.C.:	12-14-73
DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:	12-18-73
DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:	04-16-74
DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE (AND PRESENTOR):	
DATE FILE REVIEWED:	

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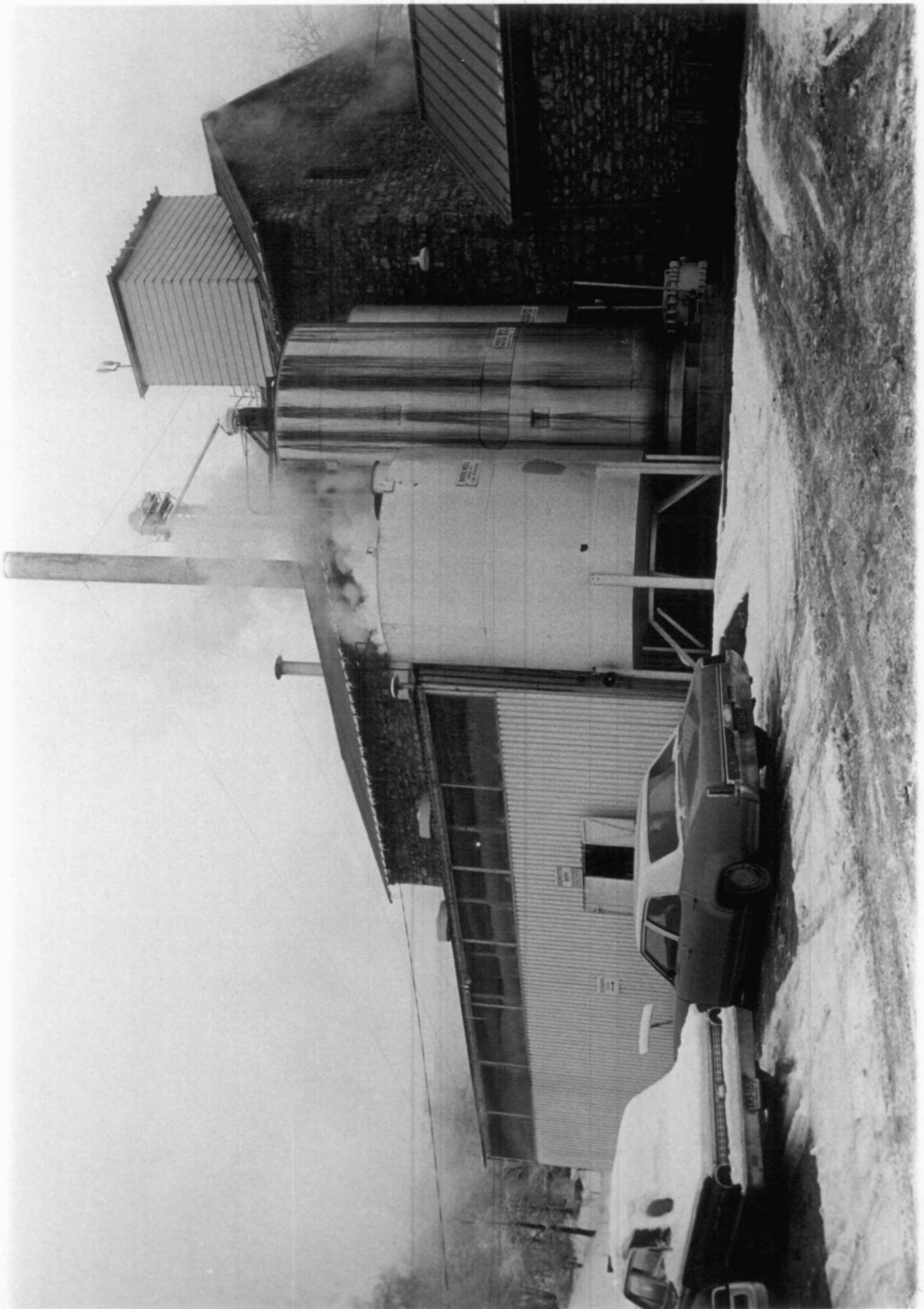
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT H.R. Grant, Mo. State Historical Survey & Planning Office	DATE August 22, 1970	NEGATIVE FILED AT Mo. State Park Board, Bx. 176 Jefferson City, Mo. 65101
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. General view of McCormick Spring, showing protective pavilion constructed by Cray Family. East-northeast facing west-southwest.		



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Stephen J. Raiche Mo. State Park Board	February, 1973	Mo. State Park Board, Bx. 176 Jefferson City, Mo. 65101
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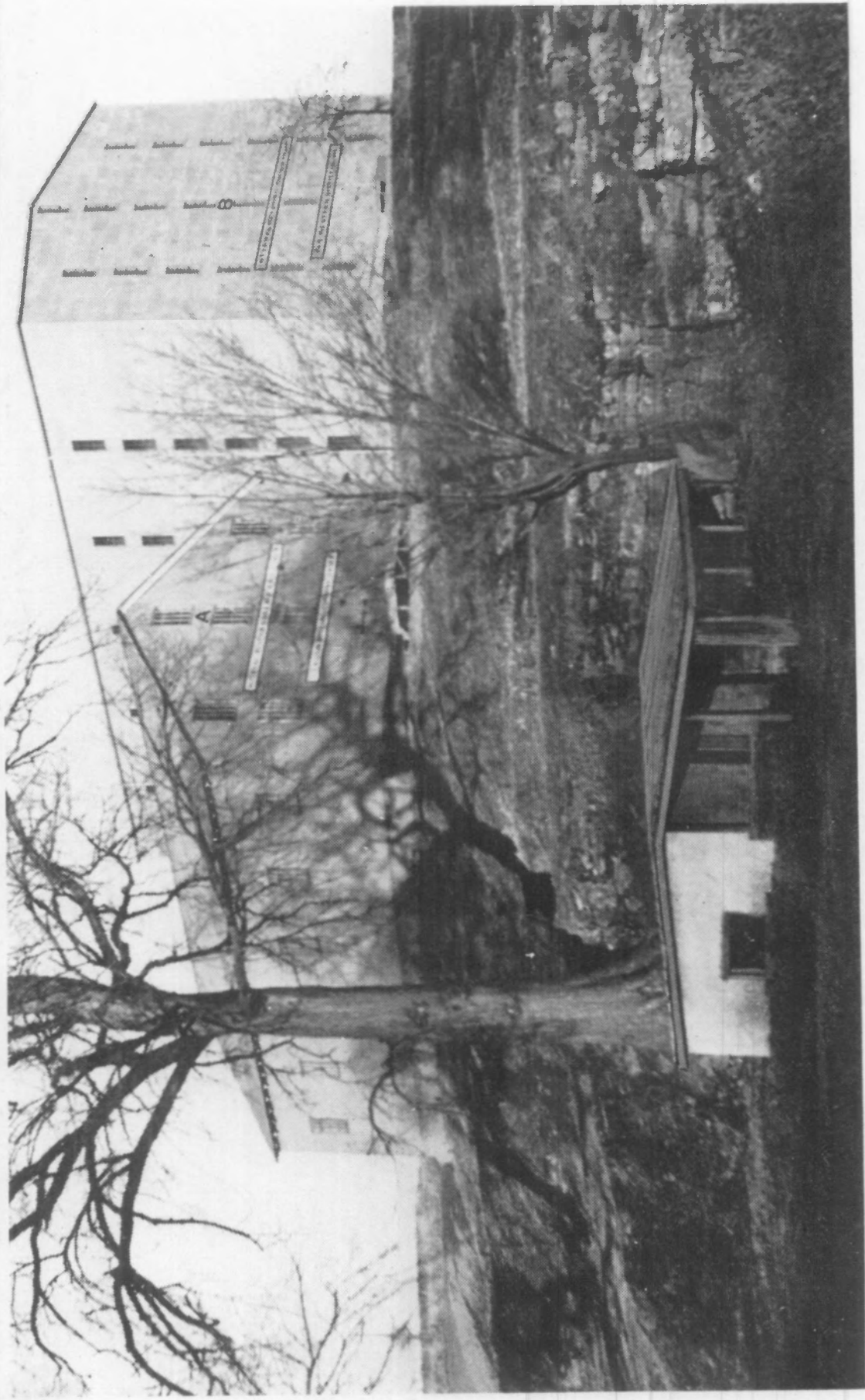
Rock distillery building, remnant of David Holladay's original distillery, built about 1857. Southwest facing northeast.



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Old Weston Distilling Co. The Story of Old Weston Dist.	1936	Mo. State Park Board, Bx. 176 Jefferson City, Mo. 65101
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

General view of McCormick Spring and Reservoir pool before protective pavilion installed. West-southwest facing east-northeast.



THE OLD SPRING THAT STARTED IT

In the foreground is the spring that gave Major Holladay his idea for a distillery at this place. There are several other such springs on the property. This limestone spring water is used exclusively in the production of Old Weston Whiskies.