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# **National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**

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USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form

Property Name: Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed

County and State: Malheur County, Oregon

Name of Multiple Property Listing:

Historic and Architectural Resources of Nyssa, Oregon

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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name: Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed (Thompson, Al and Son's, Feed and Seed other names/site number: Tobler's Feed and Fuel Company)

Farmers Feed and Seed

Oregon Trail Agricultural Museum

#### Location

street & number: 117 Good Avenue

not for publication N/A

city or town: Nyssa vicinity N/A

state: Oregon code: OR county: Malheur code: 045

zip code: 97913

Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed	Malheur County, OR
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Hamended, I hereby certify that this _X_ nominate eligibility meets the documentation standards for Register of Historic Places and meets the procedu forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the proNational Register criteria. I recommend that this nationally statewide _X_ locally. ( comments.)	ion request for determination of registering properties in the National ral and professional requirements set perty _X_ meets does not meet the property be considered significant
James Jameh	_ August 5, 1996
Signature of certifying official/Title Deputy SH	PO Date
Oregon State Historic Preservation Offi	ce
State or Federal agency and bureau	
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4. 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): other (explain):	
	Date of Action
∠ Signature of Keeper	Date of Action

Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed	Malheur County, OR
5. Classification	
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	
_x_ private	
public-local	
public-State	
public-Federal	
Category of Property (Check only one box)	
_x_ buildings	
district	
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6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	
Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Warehouse	
Agriculture Processing & Sto	orage
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	
Cat: Recreation and Culture Sub: Museum	
7. Description	
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions	
Other: Vernacular - Industrial	,

Al Thomps	son and Son's Feed and Seed	Malheur County, OR
Materials (F	Enter categories from instructions)	
founda	ition: concrete	
roof: u	nknown	
walls: v	vood, concrete block	
other:	corrugated steel panel system	
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В	Property is associated with the lives of persons signi	ficant in our past.
	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of of construction or represents the work of a master, values, or represents a significant and distinguishable lack individual distinction.  Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information or history.	or possesses high artistic le entity whose components
Criteria Co	nsiderations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)"	
A	owned by a religious institution or used for religiou	us purposes.
B	removed from its original location.	
C	a birthplace or a grave.	
D	a cemetery.	
E	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
F	a commemorative property.	
G	less than 50 years of age or achieved significance w	ithin the past 50 years.

Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed	Malheur	County, OR
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from i	instructions)	
Agriculture		
Commerce		
Industry		
Period of Significance: 1938 - 1945		
Significant Dates: 1938		
Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B i	is marked above): N/A	
Cultural Affiliation: N/A		
Architect/Builder: unknown		
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain	the significance of the property or	n one or
more continuation sheets.)		
9. Major Bibliographical References		
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources us	sed in preparing this form on one	or more
continuation sheets.)		
Previous documentation on file (NPS)		
preliminary determination of individual	listing (36 CFR 67) has been	
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Primary Location of Additional Data		
State Historic Preservation Office		
Other State agency		
Federal agency		
Local government		
University		
Other		
Name of repository:		
10. Geographical Data		
Acreage of Property: 0.41 acres	Nyssa, Oregon-Idaho 1	:24000
UTM References (Place additional UTM refe	rences on a continuation sheet)	
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the b	oundaries of the property on a co	ntinuation
sheet.)		
Boundary Justification (Explain why the bour	ndaries were selected on a continua	ation sheet.)

### Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Donna Hartmans

organization: Arrow Rock Architects

date: November 1995

street & number: 711 Wyndemere Drive

telephone: 208 - 344 - 3722

city or town: Boise state: ID zip code: 83702

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### **Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name: Nyssa Historical Society street & number: P.O. Box 2303 telephone: 503 - 372 - 5069

city or town: Nyssa state: Oregon zip code: 97913

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county and State: Malheur County, Oregon

name of multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural

Resources of Nyssa, Oregon

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

The Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed building is a vernacular structure in Nyssa, Oregon. Located one block south of Main Street, the commercial center of town, and two blocks west of the railroad - industrial corridor, the Feed and Seed building functioned for over fifty years as a mill and retail outlet for farmers in Malheur County. The size and massing of the mill complex relates to its interior functions and processes that evolved over the course of its history as a feed and seed business.

### SITE

The Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed is located in the Original Townsite of Nyssa on the southeast corner of South Second Street and Good Avenue. This building and associated structures occupy approximately one quarter block. The site includes the main mill and warehouse building, one elevated storage bin and five circular grain storage bins to the east, and one elevated storage bin to the south.

### **STRUCTURE**

The 1949 Sanborn Map indicates the original building, constructed in 1938, was approximately square, twenty feet in height, with loading docks at the east and west sides and a two story elevator at the west center of the building. Today the Farmer's Feed and Seed building is approximately 106 feet from north to south and 70 feet from east to west. The north part of the building is one and one half stories in height, the south portion is two stories in height and the elevators and equipment is two to three stories in height. The original 5,150 square foot, 1938 building is wood frame construction with wood columns and trusses. An office addition to the east occurred after the 1949 Sanborn Map was issued. This addition blends with the original 1938 exterior. The 1955 milling area is a 1,860 square foot concrete block addition to the south. The 1968 batch mixer area is a 750 square foot remodeled section at the southeast corner of the original 1938 building.

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The 1968 remodeling involved the construction of a basement area for the batch mixer and the installation of rooftop storage bins and elevators supported by steel columns which

manipulated the original roof line.

### **EXTERIOR FEATURES**

The north or retail facade of the building facing Good Avenue has a stucco finish. Four large fixed glass windows punctuate the wall to the left; a six pane wood entry door with transom and a pair of large wooden swinging doors are to the right. A large fixed glass window had been located to the right of the entry door which completed the retail facade of the building but this window was removed in 1993 when the Agricultural Museum was moved into the building and a large doorway was required.

The west facade is sided with standing seam metal siding which is original. The roof line steps down once as the roof slopes to the south until it meets the two story concrete block addition. A passage door and window at the retail corner of the building are sheltered from the weather with a metal awning. A concrete ramp-walkway-loading dock extends the length of the west facade from the retail door to the southwest corner of the building. Three sliding doors access the various spaces at the west along the loading dock. A forty foot truck scale for weighing grain is located along the ramp directly in front of the retail door.

The south side of the building is the two story 1955 concrete block mill addition. A detached steel framework at the south side supports elevated feed bins. Trucks driven beneath the bins could be filled with turkey feed - an important aspect of the business that began in the late 1940s. Also located at the southeast corner is a grain dump pit for unloading grain into the basement processing area.

The east side of the building is sided with the standing seam metal siding which is original. Three sliding doors access the various areas of the mill. Two nine pane metal fixed windows are located at the retail office spaces. Located at the roof above the south addition is the corrugated metal enclosure for the molasses mixer. At the roof of the

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1968 remodeled area are the bins for the batch mixer. Rooftop catwalks and ladders connect the areas.

To the east of the main building are five detached one story circular corrugated metal storage bins approximately twenty feet in diameter with conical metal roofs connected to elevators. These bins were built in the late 1970s. Located between the circular bins and the main building had been eight detached elevated bins on steel framework of which one remains. Many of the elevators connecting the various bins and equipment have been removed. A photo from the late 1960s shows the building masses were united with a band of checkerboard squares; three rows of alternating red and white squares painted around the upper walls. This motif was of the Purina Company whose products were sold by the Feed and Seed business.

#### INTERIOR ORGANIZATION

The retail display area of the north section of the building includes office spaces to the northeast and a utility/storage room. The area where Office 2 is now located was originally a livestock demonstration pen where a calf or lamb was kept to show various feed products. The space was later enclosed for office space. Two small restrooms had been located along the south wall next to the utility room. The retail display area had a service counter at the northwest corner. The remaining space was occupied with shelves and racks for merchandise. The floor of the entire space is concrete. Walls have been finished with plaster and/or gypsum wallboard. The ceiling is now open to the roof structure. The original 2' x 4' acoustic panels were removed in 1993 when the large door was cut into the north facade. The smaller office spaces still retain ceilings of 2' x 4' acoustic panels with fluorescent lighting. A doorway at the south wall accessed the mill warehouse. This doorway was infilled in 1993 for fire code purposes when the Agricultural Museum acquired the building for exhibit space.

The warehouse space was accessed by a ramp from the retail area which was infilled in 1993. It is now accessed only by the exterior docks at the east and west. At the northeast corner of the warehouse are two small rooms; one was used for storage of insecticides, the

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other for antibiotics. Two handicap accessible restrooms were added in 1993 at the northeast corner of the room for the museum. The original 1938 equipment is no longer extant. Locations of some of the activities are visible. At the southwest corner of the room was another livestock demonstration area. The flooring in this area was covered with tar, then chicken wire was embedded in the tar to protect the wood floor. Some of the imprinted tar is still visible. Also in the floor near the second sliding door is an infilled area where a platform scale was installed for sacking seeds. Next to the scale was a chopper mill which probably aligned with the two story grain storage bin that is shown on the 1949 Sanborn Map. The rest of the space was used for warehouse storage. This space is now to be used for museum exhibits. The ceiling is open to the roof structure. Walls are mainly exposed to the wood structure and left unfinished. The walls of the restrooms, insecticide room, and antibiotic room are finished with gypsum wallboard. The south and east walls at the 1968 remodel are finished with standing seam metal panels.

The 1968 batch mixer area integrates some of the 1938 roof structure as two timber columns are extant at the west end of the space. Primarily the area was gutted and rebuilt to accommodate the new technology with some of the equipment extant. The batch mixer allowed the mixing of various proportions of grains for up to two tons of feed. Eight different grains located in the rooftop holding bins were directed to a scale and weighed at the main level, then dropped into the two ton mixer at the basement level. The mixture was then augered into the elevator and bulk bins for dispensing. The rooftop holding bins and the mixing bin are supported with a steel framework evident inside. The floor is concrete with a concrete stairway to the basement at the south wall which leads to the mixer equipment. The walls are unfinished and ceiling is open to the roof structure.

The 1968 batch mixer area opens into the 1955 mill area at the south end of the building. This area of the building served many milling functions with a its greatest capacity being rolling and grinding of grains. Along the south wall of this two story room are twelve elevated bins for various ingredients. Proportions were measured into a weigh buggy and manually rolled to the vertical mixer and augered to the top of the pellet mill. Here the grains were steamed and then forced down through the pellet punch. The pellets were then dropped into the pellet cooler and shaker at the basement level. The pellets were

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then conveyed to the holding bins at the south side of the building for truck loading of bulk quantities, or the pellets were bagged in smaller quantities for retail sale. Also at the basement level was the steam generator room in the northwest corner, the molasses tank room at the southwest corner, and the conveyer from the grain dump pit at the south side of the building. The dump pit conveyor moved grains to the grain cleaner, hammer mill, and the roller mill in the basement for processing. The hammer mill pulverized the grains for use in the pellet process.

The floor of the 1955 mill area is concrete and the walls are unpainted concrete block. The ceiling is open to the roof structure. Located on the roof is the molasses mixer to molassify feeds for pellet processing. The room is accessed by two large sliding doors, one at the east and one at the west, and a passage door at the south. A concrete stairway at the north wall accesses the basement. Much of the equipment in this room was abandoned and sold after 1991 when the feed processing business ceased and the building was sold. The remaining equipment represents about half of what was used in the processing of grains.

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Al Thompson's Feed and Seed is locally significant under Criteria A and C. As a commercial and industrial building catering to the agricultural economy of Nyssa and its surrounding rural areas, the Feed and Seed building makes a contribution to the broad patterns of the history of Nyssa, Oregon. Located in the Original Townsite of Nyssa and constructed during the third building phase of Nyssa, 1935 - 45, the Feed and Seed building represents the agricultural boom that the area embraced during the second half of the 1930s and early 1940s. To meet the conditions of Criteria C, the Feed and Seed building portrays a vernacular character in its construction which relates to the technology and evolution of grain processing.

### **CRITERION A**

Prior to 1917, milling of grains occurred in mills in Payette, Idaho, twenty-two miles north of Nyssa, or in Parma, Idaho, eight miles east of Nyssa. In 1917 Phineas Warren constructed and operated the first mill in Nyssa on South First Street and King Avenue. This business was called the Nyssa Flour Mill. It was essentially a flour mill but did custom milling of grain for livestock later. The Nyssa Flour Mill operated for about thirty-seven years until 1954 when fire destroyed the mill.<sup>1</sup>

The second mill in Nyssa is shown on the 1949 Sanborn Map as the Colorado Milling and Elevator Company, Nyssa Elevator. It is extant, though unoccupied, and is located along the railroad tracks at the east end of Ehrgood Avenue in the Original Townsite of Nyssa. A note on the map indicates the construction date as 1928, though it is not known if this date includes the entire warehouse - elevator complex. This milling company operated for about thirty-eight years and was a competitor of the Farmers Feed and Seed. The Colorado Mill ceased operations in 1966.<sup>2</sup>

Al Thompson and Sons began their milling operation in the mid 1930s in a building near the railroad tracks at the east end of Good Avenue. In the late 1930s the railroad decided to build a new passenger station on the property where Thompson's mill building was located next to the railroad tracks. Thompson's business was then temporarily located at the southwest corner of Good Avenue and South First Street.

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The success of Thompson's mill business during this late 1930s agricultural boom led to the construction of a new building at the present site on the southeast corner of Good Avenue and South Second Street in about 1938/1939. This facility had grain grinding and seed cleaning equipment, a retail store for livestock and agricultural supplies, a coal service, and a feed delivery service.<sup>3</sup>

In approximately 1946, Hugh and Lloyd Tobler bought Al Thompson's business and renamed it Tobler's Feed and Fuel. At this time the business expanded to include a turkey and chicken feeding operation. Feed for the poultry was milled and then transported to other feeding locations where the birds were raised. In 1955 the two-story concrete block pellet mill was added to the south end of the original building. Operations in the new addition included grinding and rolling of grains, manufacturing of pellet feed, molassifying feeds, and seed cleaning. Bulk bins were installed for bulk delivery of feed. The new facility required two shifts of workers with production of twenty-five to fifty tons per day at peak production times.<sup>4</sup>

In 1959 the Stringer family bought the business and it was at that time that it became known as the Farmers Feed and Seed Company. In 1968 the southeast corner of the original mill building was remodeled and the batch mixer operation was installed. A shop and seed cleaning building were constructed east of the circular storage bins - these structures, though extant are no longer part of the property. The Feed and Seed business operated until 1991. In 1993 the building and grain storage bins were donated to the City of Nyssa for the purpose of an Agricultural Museum. Connected with the Feed and Seed business is the grain storage operation located four blocks south on Second Street and King Avenue near the railroad tracks. This aspect of the business still functions as Farmers Grain and Seed and has a grain storage capacity of 550,000 bushels.<sup>5</sup>

The Feed and Seed's success as a local business for over fifty years is based upon the agricultural boom that occurred with the completion of the Owyhee Dam in 1935 and the expansion of agriculture over a broader area of irrigated land in Malheur County. Though the milling processes changed and the building evolved as technology dictated, the Feed and Seed building represents a beginning of an economic change that thrust Nyssa out of

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the Depression of the 1930s. Other parts of the nation did not feel economic relief until the early 1940s with the beginning of World War II.

The success of the Farmers Feed and Seed is also dependent upon the fact that the Colorado Milling and Elevator Company, Nyssa Elevator went out of business in 1966. It did not have the grain storage capacity as that of the Farmers Feed and Seed business at that time. For the Colorado Mill to remain competitive at that time, it would have also been necessary for the business to upgrade its facilities and equipment. This can be demonstrated by the fact that it was also at this time - 1968 - that the Farmers Feed and Seed business expanded production to include the batch mixer operation. This would have surpassed the Colorado Mill in production capabilities if that mill had still been in business. Thus, the Farmers Feed and Seed maintained its strong position as the dominant mill, feed, and seed business in Nyssa for almost another twenty-five years. Other milling, feed, and seed competitors were located in Vale, Oregon twenty miles to the west, Ontario, Oregon, thirteen miles to the north, Caldwell, Idaho twenty-five miles to the east, and Weiser, Idaho thirty miles to the northeast.

#### **CRITERION C**

The Feed and Seed building is significant under Criterion C as an example of vernacular industrial architecture. The building functions in three ways. The storefront which makes the public presentation on Good Avenue is human in scale. It is defined as a retail center with its large display windows facing Good Avenue and its interior is more finished to accommodate trade and management functions of the business. The milling and warehouse spaces south of the retail and office areas are sized for equipment and processing. The storage space accommodated vast quantities of milled products for dispensing and delivery. These spaces are largely unfinished and represent the processing and storage functions of the building. The original 1938 building is largely intact, the structure, fenestration, and spaces are still clearly defined, though milling operations evolved since its original construction.

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Anderson, Andy, former manager of Farmers Feed and Seed, 1970 - 87. Interview and

tour of facility by author, 25 October 1995. Interview by author March 21, 1996

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#### Common Information

- 1) Al Thompson and Son's Feed and Seed
- 2) Malheur County, OR
- 3) Photographer: Donna Hartmans
- 4) Date of Photographs: October 1995
- 5) Negatives: Arrow Rock Architects, 711 Wyndemere Drive, Boise, ID 83702

### PHOTO LIST

- 6) North and east facades of Feed and Seed building. Circular grain storage bins to the left.
- 7) 1 of 8
- 6) West facade
- 7) 2 of 8
- 6) Looking northeast at circular grain bins and elevated bin
- 7) 3 of 8
- 6) Looking west at interior of retail area now museum exhibit space
- 7) 4 of 8
- 6) Looking northeast at interior of warehouse area now museum exhibit space. Partitioned rooms with doors at center rear of photo are new bathrooms installed in 1993.
- 7) 5 of 8
- 6) Looking southwest in 1968 Batch Mixer area.
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6) Looking east in 1955 mill area. Pellet mill and pellet punch at center.

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6) Looking southeast in 1955 mill area. Pellet mill and pellet punch at center left, grain bins along south wall.

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### VERBAL DESCRIPTION

The nominated area is located in SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 19 S, Range 47 E Boise Meridian in the City of Nyssa, Oregon. It is identified as Lots 5 - 9 of Block 14 of the Original Townsite of Nyssa, Oregon. Otherwise identified as Tax Lot 4000.

#### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated area includes the property occupied by buildings now associated with the Oregon Trail Agricultural Museum formerly the Farmers Feed and Seed. The buildings being the main mill building and grain storage bins to the east and south occupy a area approximately 150 feet by 120 feet.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Henry Schneider, "Out of the Past," <u>Gate City Journal</u>. While Mr. Schneider was City Manager of Nyssa, he researched the City Council Minutes and wrote a series of articles celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the incorporation of Nyssa. The weekly column began 5 January 1978 and ran for forty consecutive weeks.

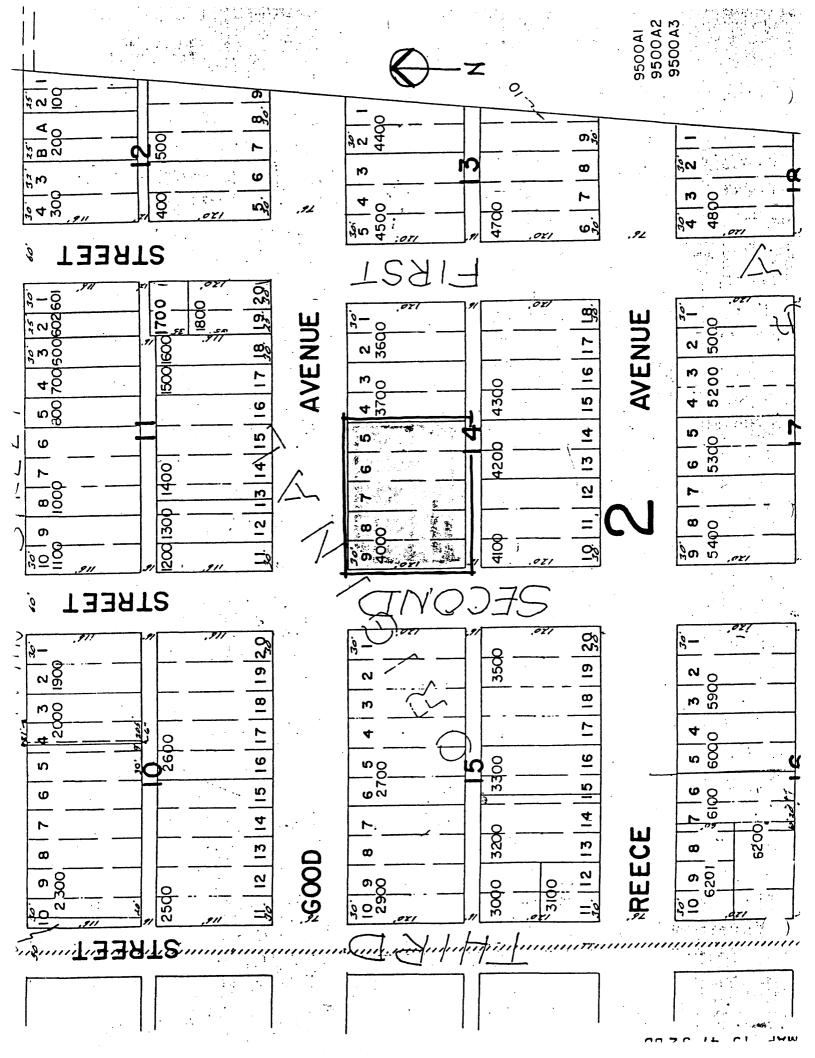
Also Andy Anderson, former manager of Farmers Feed and Seed, 1970 - 1987. Interview and tour of facility by author, 25 October 1995. Additional interview by author 21 March 1996.

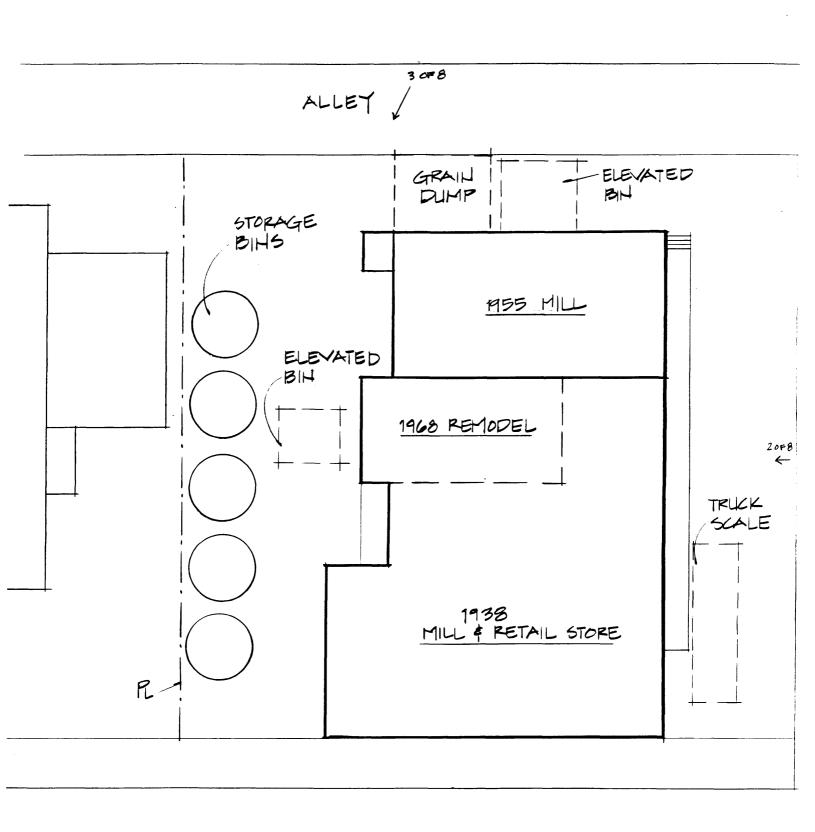
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1949 Sanborn Map. Also interview with Andy Anderson.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Andy Anderson and Max Long, "History of Farmers Feed and Seed," 9 December 1994, [Photocopy]. Also interview with Andy Anderson.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid.





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11 = 20'-0"



