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2. San Marcos Milling Company Name:

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Location: On Nicola Alley, one block east of LBJ Dr. and one block south of Mo-Pac railroad tracks.

Classification: Category - building; Ownership - private; Status - unoccupied; Accessible - yes, restricted; Present use - commercial (storage).

Owner of Property: Mrs. Reuben H. Meeks 800 Bluebonnet Dr. San Marcos, Texas 78666

Description: Condition - fair; Altered; Original Site.

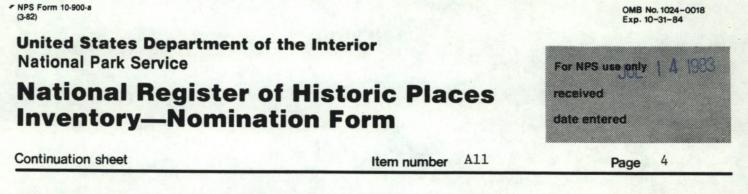
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Significance: Period - 1900- : Areas of significance - industry. Specific Dates -1910.

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Verbal Boundary Description - D. P. Hopkins Second Addition, parts of lots 15, 16, and 17. The nominated property forms a trapezoid with its base at the north edge of the Nicola Alley perpendicular to LBJ Street and measuring 158.33 ft. east to west; its eastern edge, at a 90° angle to the base, and measuring 277.77 ft. along the southern end of Edward Gary Street; the western boundary that extends, after a 90° turn from the western end of the base, to the intersection of two alleys; and the northern boundary, not parallel to the base, extending from the alley intersection to South Edward Gary. Includes main and auxiliary buildings, and immediate environs.

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North facade, camera facing south. Photo 8 of 150.

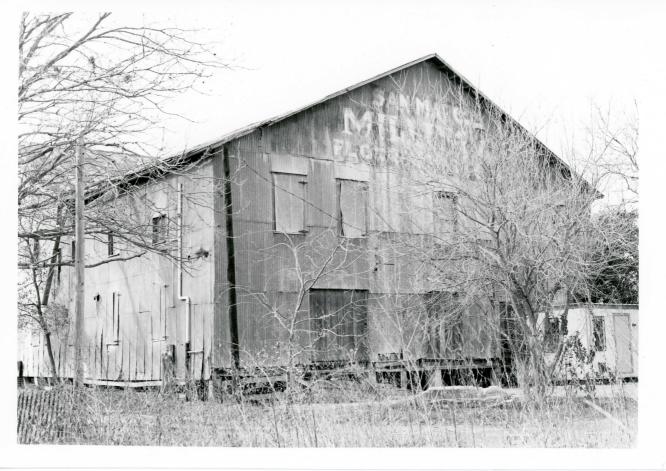


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East facade of north wing, camera facing west. Photo 11 of 150.



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