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GENESEE WOOLEN MILL SITE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN WAUKESHA COUNTY LISTED IN NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Genesee Township, Wis. - The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the listing of the Genesee Woolen Mill Site Historic District in Genesee Township, Waukesha County, in the National Register of Historic Places. National Register designation provides access to certain benefits, including qualification for grants and for rehabilitation income tax credits, while it does not restrict private property owners in the use of their property.

The Genesee Woolen Mill Site has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its association with the woolen industry, an important early industry in Waukesha County. The woolen mill industry is significant for its role transitioning farmers from wheat production to the dairying industry. While the statewide decline in wheat growing did not occur until 1870-1880, southeastern Wisconsin experienced its initial decline between 1850 and 1860. At the same time, these counties showed a sizeable increase in the number of sheep raised. Specifically, in Waukesha County, sheep numbers in 1860 tripled from those recorded in 1850. During the early settlement period, the relationship between farming and local milling was closely interwoven. The property has unique features and high integrity and its significance is enhanced in that it is the only remaining industrial woolen mill site in the county.

This property is private. Please respect the rights and privacy of the owners.

The register is the official national list of historic properties in America deemed worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

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