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An error in the legal description has been found on page 1 of the
aforementioned report and the following illustrations:

Figure 4: Table showing value of resistivity
soundings.

Figure 5: Table showing value of resistivity
soundings. (cont.)

Map showing the relief of the granite surface.

Topographic map of the Milbank Granite area,
Grant County.

The legal designations R47W and R46W should be amended to R48W
and R47W, respectively.

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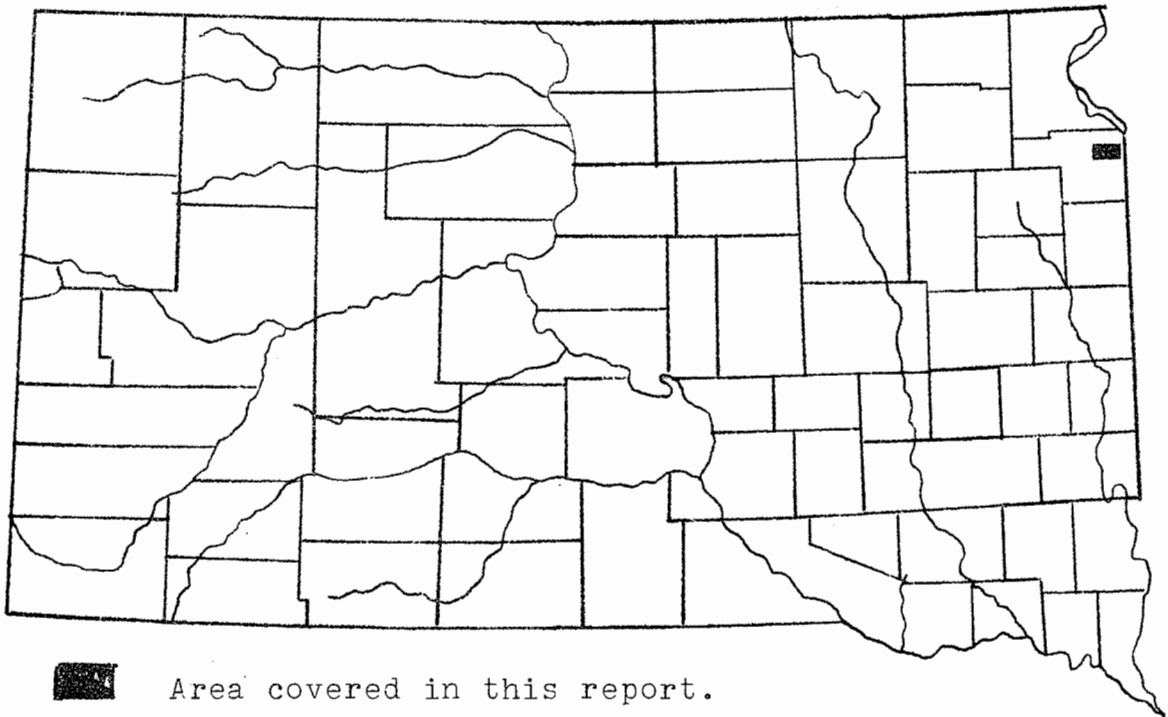


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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this investigation and survey was to determine the depth to the granite bedrock in order to help operators of the quarrying industry to expand their operations or aid others now interested in new developments.

The original quarries were opened on granite outcrops where a minimum amount of stripping was required. Today, however, stripping methods are well developed; hence quarries can be opened up on places where the granite bedrock is reasonably near the surface. Once an area has been stripped of overburden so that the granite bedrock is exposed, the opening will remain for quarrying operations for many years to come.

In this respect quarry sites are limited by the depth to the granite bedrock; it depends chiefly on how deep an operator can strip economically. Thirty to thirty-five feet is perhaps the practical limit.

Location of the Area

The Milbank granite area, as it is commonly known, is a small area five miles east and one mile south of Milbank, in Grant County. It is located in Sections 12 and 13, T 120 N, R 47 W and in Sections 7, 8, 18, 17, T 120 N, R 46 W. Figure 1. The Minnesota state line is one mile east of the latter section.

The area covered by this investigation is three miles long and one mile wide, and includes all the granite quarries operating at the time of the survey.

Acknowledgements

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The State Geological Survey wishes to express appreciation to the citizens of Milbank and of the area over which the

survey was carried, for the many courtesies extended, such as permission to enter fields.

Appreciation is also extended to Mr. E. G. Stengle and members of the Dakota Granite Company for many courtesies, which contributed much to the success of the survey.

Nature and Scope of Work

The survey consisted primarily of taking electric earth resistivity soundings in more or less detail over the strip of land mentioned above.

The equipment used for the sounding was a Resistance Gradiometer, manufactured by the Heiland Research Corporation, Denver, Colorado. It consists of a gas motor-driven AC generator, a direct reading alternating current with amplifier and galvanometer, housed in an instrument box, field wires, iron and copper stakes. Figure 2. The method is an accepted type for geophysical exploration, and it is not deemed necessary to describe the working of the equipment, because it has been described many times in the scientific literature dealing with that phase of geophysics.

The altitude and location of each station was determined with a plane table and alidade, and a topographic map was made of the area.

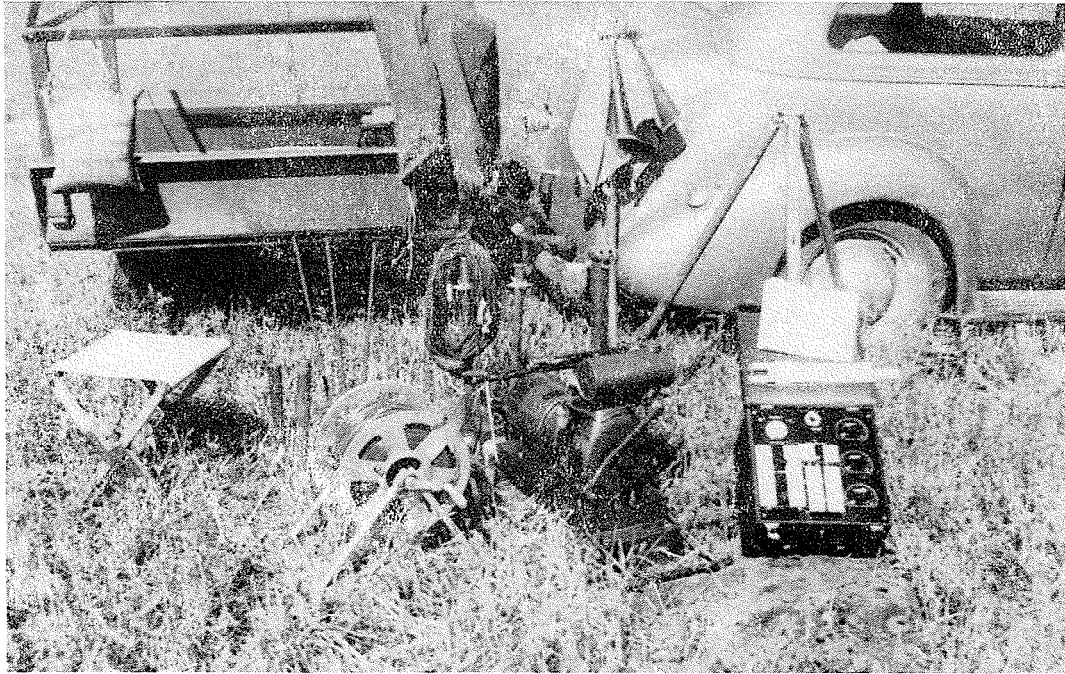
During the first part of the season, the survey was carried on in pastures and cornfields; later, as the harvesting was completed, it was carried on in the stubblefields.

The sounding procedure required an operator, a recorder, and a stake driver; all persons assisted in the assembly, take down, and loading the equipment at the completion of a station.

After several stations were made, the plane table survey was completed for that portion of the work.

There are several places in the area where no resistivity soundings could be taken because the ground was in such a condition that current would not yield a potential sufficient to be measured.

The extremely dry condition of the ground was probably the main reason for weak potentials. In these places soundings could sometimes be taken down to 60 feet if the power probes were watered, or if the generator was speeded up to higher voltages.



Resistance Gradiometer used for sounding.

Figure 2

The high land area in the southeast of the SW of section 12 was such a spot. It is underlain with gravels on which is very thin soil. This was assumed to be the reason that soundings could not be taken in this locality. The hill in the NW of the SW of 18 would not yield potentials sufficient to be measured. An area in the south center of section 7 lacks a few soundings because the ground was extremely dry and hard.

GEOLOGY

The rocks of the Milbank granite area can be divided into three natural divisions with respect to origin and age. First, the granite foundation upon which all subsequent rocks lie; second, the rocks of marine origin, such as shales, limestones, and sandstones, that cover the granite, especially where it is deep beneath the ground; third, a mantle of glacial drift composed of boulder clay, sand and gravel.

In the immediate vicinity of the granite outcrops and quarry sites the granite bedrock is reasonably shallow. It is assumed that the glacial drift forms a mantle cover over it. The marine rocks apparently have been removed.

The granite bedrock outcrops in several places in the north part of section 13, in the south part of section 7, and the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17. Some of the outcrops stand out prominently as bosses; others appear as flat surfaces.

The granite in the outcrops is deeply grooved by glacial action. The surface is deeply weathered and much flaking or spalling occurs from exfoliation.

The granite is hard and highly crystalline. It consists of distinctly visible grains and is composed of approximately 60% dark red feldspar belonging to the orthoclase group, 25% clear quartz and 15% biotite mica. This mineral composition gives the rock a rich, dark color which is well described by its trade name, Mahogany granite. The Mahogany granite is the general type of granite quarried in the area; however, variations in color have given rise to such trade names as American Rose, and Royal Purple. The color of the granite depends largely on the color of the feldspar it contains.

The granite is a deep-seated igneous rock; its depth is unknown and in all probability it can be assumed to be at least hundreds of feet thick, so there is little danger in quarrying operations of running out of rock. Its lateral extent is enormous. The knolls and ridges which appear as outcrops are part of one large body or mass, as it underlies the entire country.

The granite has been struck six miles west of the outcrop at a depth of 456 feet.¹ In Milbank it is below 300 feet. Five miles south of Milbank it is reported 220 feet below the surface. A well nine miles south of Milbank struck it at a depth

1. Report of Investigations 20, The Geology of Grant County, South Dakota, E. P. Rothrock, 1934, p. 15.

of 240 feet. The southernmost granite is reported one and one half miles east of Albee, ten miles south of the quarries, where it was struck 125 feet underground.

Apparently the granite surface slopes north, west and south of the area. These long, deep slopes are overlain by marine stratified rocks which are shales, limestones and sandstones of the Cretaceous system. The Milbank granite area appears, then, as an island surrounded by these marine rocks. Figure 3. The following log of the Milwaukee Railroad well #1 at Milbank shows the sequence of the formations encountered:

<u>Depth</u>	<u>Log</u>
8- 41	glacial drift and gravel
41- 85	clay, dark slate grey, silty, Carlile?
85-140	sand, fine, angular
140-142	sand, fine, coarser, light grey
142-230	clay, slate grey, some carbonized wood
230-249	marl, dark grey, chalk pellets, <u>Globigerina</u> , <u>Textularia</u> , <u>Greenhorn?</u>
249-256	sand, medium to fine grain, micaceous, angular shark's teeth and spines, fish vertebrae, teeth, <u>Globigerina</u> , <u>Inoceramus</u> , <u>Greenhorn</u> limestone, sandy, some hauerite
256-273	<u>Greenhorn</u> limestone with <u>Inoceramus</u> prisms
273-300	<u>Graneros</u> clay, dark grey, bentonitic, flaky
300-330	sand, fine, angular, considerable selenite
302-304	clay with fossil shells
304-308	clay, dark blue grey, hard, brown ironstone concretions
308-312	arkosic grit and conglomerate of pegmatite, granite, glassy quartz, cemented
315	secondary green copper mineral (malachite or chrysocolla)
	Milwaukee R.R. well No. 2 may have been in arkose to 400 foot depth

Almost the entire area is overlain by a mantle of glacial drift which is composed of boulder clay, sand and gravel. This mantle forms the surface and conceals all the older rocks, except for the small outcrops of the granite bedrock. These deposits are debris left by the melting ice sheet.

DEPTH TO GRANITE

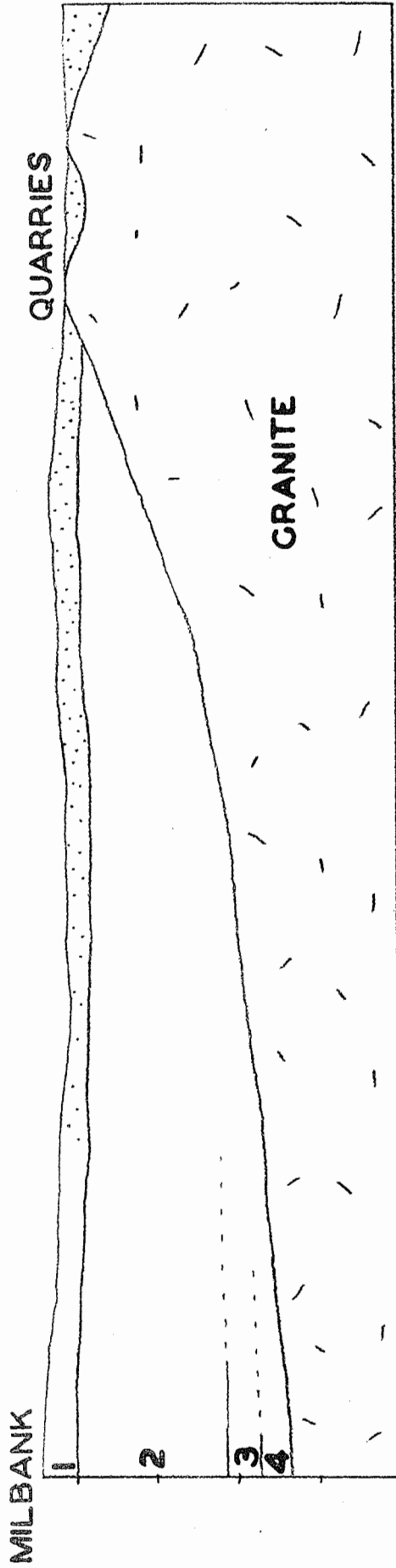
A general picture of the relief of the granite surface in the Milbank granite area can be observed from the map (in pocket) in the back of this report. The relief is represented by contour lines which show the altitude above sea level. The granite surface lies at various depths below the surface of the ground. The shallow and deep places are about equal in total area.

In many instances the granite surface is probably much more rugged than is illustrated. This condition cannot be shown unless many more soundings could be taken than were made on this survey.

The depth to the granite at the sounding is shown in Figures 4 and 5 as well as on the map.

The trend of the outcrops show the position of the granite as a prominent ridge from the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 13 to the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 7. The outcrops in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 18 are buried hills separate from the prominent ridge designated above. However they are all part of the granite bedrock of the area. (see cross-sections on map in pocket).

A shallow granite ridge is in the eastern portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 18 and in the vicinity of the church in the same quarter section. The areas of deep granite are shown as hatched or depression contours; in these places the granite is sometimes as much as 100 feet beneath the surface of the ground. The contours showing closures or high areas on the granite surface will have depths to the granite generally from 20 to 40 feet.



1 DRIFT 2 CARLILE 3 GREENHORN 4 GRANEROS

FIGURE 3

INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Various methods have been developed for interpreting resistivity data accumulated from soundings taken in the field, in order to solve a problem pertaining to depths of buried material. They are divided into two groups: first, qualitative methods, whereby the shape or appearance of a depth curve is assumed to show thicknesses of and depths to underlying formations; second, quantitative methods of analysis, whereby formulae or families of calculated master curves are applied to field data.

In the qualitative method abrupt changes in slope of the potential-drop-ratio curves are assumed to indicate changes of material. For quantitative analysis the Wetzell-McMurry Standard Curves were used for three layer cases. The resistivity curve is plotted logarithmically which makes it independent of units of resistivity and electrode separation used. This is matched with a master curve, and if they agree, the resistivities and depth are observed. Roman and Tagg formulae and curves were used for the two-layer cases. The method of interpreting Potential Drop Ratios by correcting for normal ratio, as described in Resistance Gradiometer, Description and Operating Instructions, page 17, Heiland Research corporation, was not used. It was found that the resulting curves were too irregular to permit interpretation by this method. This may have been due to a rough granite surface, lateral anomalies, or lithologic variations in the drift mantle. The tables showing values of resistivity soundings are a detailed summary of the resistivity survey. Figure 4 and 5.

The first column shows the number of resistivity stations; this is followed by the location of the stations, or soundings. They are located with respect to land survey divisions (see index map at base of table). Figure 5. The stations are numbered in the order they were made, but are not listed in order, because during the first part of the survey, it was necessary to work in pastures, hayfields, and corn fields, and later, as the harvesting progressed, the soundings were taken in stubble fields. The column labeled altitude of surface, is the altitude above sea level of each station taken during the topographic survey.

Under the Wetzell-McMurry column are the values taken in the process of fitting the resistivity curve on a standard curve. The thickness of the first layer is represented by h_1 , the thickness of the second layers by d , and their com-

bined thicknesses, (the depth to the third layer), by h_2 . The columns under P_1 , P_2 , P_3 are the resistivities of the layers in Ohms per foot as observed. The columns under the Tagg and Roman are analogous to the latter. The diagram at the bottom of table (Figure 4) is an illustration of the thickness, depth, and resistivity of the layers. In the column labeled Qualitative, is the value assumed to be the depth to the granite as that point appears on a plotted potential drop ratio curve as an extreme point of inflection, or at the terminous of a smooth portion in the upper part of the curve. The cumulative column has values showing a change in trend in the resistivity curve, presumed to be the top of the granite according to a method described by John A. Trantina, geologist, Corps of Engineers, Pickstown, South Dakota. The last column shows the altitude above sea level of the top of the granite. This value is obtained by subtracting the depth from the Surface Altitude. These figures are the basis for the contour map (in pocket) showing the relief of the granite surface beneath the ground.

The entire area is covered by a mantle of glacial drift which is composed of clays, sands, and gravel. In it at varying depth is the water table. These materials have various thicknesses and positions beneath the surface. They become two, three, or multiple layer cases with the granite.

Predictions resulting from the quantitative analysis will show thicknesses and depths to the layers in the drift mantle, which are true but will not yield the depth to the top of the granite unless it is a near surface layer. The granite must be the second or third layer of a two or three layer case. If this is the condition, the top of the granite can be predicted with reasonable accuracy. When the drift mantle is composed of clay lying directly on the granite it is a two layer case, when the mantle is composed of a layer of sand and gravel lying on the granite, and clay being the surface layer, it becomes a three layer case.

The map showing the position of the granite beneath the ground as shown by contour lines is derived from the interpretation of resistivity soundings. Several determinations were proved by the drill and found to be reasonably accurate.

The following table is a list of resistivity stations which were drilled; Column I gives the values for h_2 , the depth as determined by the Wetzel-McMurry master curves; Column II gives the drilled depth:

	I	II
<u>Station</u>	<u>h₂</u>	<u>drilled</u>
13	13	14
72	16	18
97	20	27
107	30	29.6
Test Well	36	33
Test Well	15	20

The main point brought out by the analysis is that when the granite is predicted to be shallow (within reasonable stripping depth) or deeper, it can be counted on as the position of the granite surface.

In obtaining the figure which represents the altitude of the top of the granite, both quantitative and qualitative analyses were used. Where a depth value was shown by quantitative and it agreed closely with the qualitative, the former was used for the depth desired. However, the statement by Wetzel and McMurry, ".....it is not claimed that this interpretation method may be used automatically to grind out answers..."¹ may be applied to any method of interpreting resistivity data.

It stands to reason that of all the curves produced, some will not yield to any methods of interpretation, the greater portion of the curves yield the points in question. When quantitative methods could not be applied, a point was taken by direct observation by the qualitative method.

Some field curves could be fitted with several standard curves which yielded depths in close agreement to one another. The following table shows a list of stations:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Depth</u>
5	53 56 58 60
6	20 22
8	55 56 58 60
10	50 50
19	94 98 103
63	25 27

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1. Howard V. McMurry, W.W. Wetzel, "A Set of Curves to Assist in the Interpretation of the Three Layer Resistivity Problem," Geophysics, Vol. II (October, 1937), 341.

TABLE SHOWING VALUES OF RESISTIVITY SOUNDINGS

MILBANK GRANITE AREA

STA	LOCATION	ALTITUDE OF SURFACE	WETZEL-MC MURRY			TAGG			ROMAN			QUALITATIVE	CUMULATIVE	ALTITUDE TOP OF GRANITE	
			h ₁	d	h ₂	ρ ₁	ρ ₂	ρ ₃	h	ρ ₁	ρ ₂				h
40	SW NE 13	1090	40	0	140	800	2400	80						50	1050
30	SE	1083	6	18	24	140	14000	1400						55	1059
31		1089	16	49	65	500	165	50						60	1024
32		1088												60	1048
33		1089	36	64	100	310	103	31000						90	989
141	NE SW	1069	11	34	45	400	1200	400						30	1024
142	NW SE	1072	75	225	30	260	26000	260	39	561	4188			30	1042
143		1067	7	23	30	240	720	24000	18					40	1037
37		1069												55	1014
34	NE	1094	7	22	29	250	25	2500						45	1065
35		1089	9	27	36	170	17	1700						40	1053
36		1089												65	1024
28	NW NW 18	1094	22	68	90	200	66	20000						75	1004
29		1087												70	1017
135		1076	68	22	90	600	200	60000						60	1006
136		1071	8	24	32	150	450	15000						40	1039
8	NE	1084	15	45	60	500	50	50000						63	1024
9		1084	10	10	20	220	2200	73						25	1064
10		1086	18	32	50	240	24	24000						60	1036
11		1077	8	22	30	210	630	70						30	1047
12		1084	5	15	20	120	1200	120						30	1064
46		1074	26	64	90	180	1800	18000						90	984
26	SW NW	1088	6	20	26	180	1800	540						65	1062
27		1088	27	80	35	400	4	4000						50	1053
22		1094	5	17	22	260	2600	86						25	1072
23		1088	9	27	36	300	3000	300						40	1052
24		1085	15	45	60	520	1560	520						55	1025
25		1087	25	9	34	500	5	1500						85	1053
74	SE NW	1075												25	1050
72		1075	12	4	16	130	1300	390						35	1057
73		1082	10	10	20	160	1600	16						50	1028
75		1078												55	1029
18	NW NE	1084	55	55	110	450	150	45000						35	1051
20		1086	27	8	35	200	66	600						55	1016
21		1082	16	50	66	220	22	2200						55	1036
45		1086	12	38	50	280	93	28000						50	1016
70		1066												30	1069
13	NE	1082	9	4	13	235	23500	235						75	992
14		1082	22	68	90	700	233	2100						65	1024
15		1084	15	45	60	330	110	900						45	1034
16		1079												45	1034

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GRAVEL SURFACE MATERIAL ACCORDING TO DAKOTA GRANITE CO. 70 FT.

FITTED WITH CURVES H₂ 55, 56, 58, 60

FITTED WITH 2 CURVE H₂ 50, 50

AUGER HOLE DRILLED TO GRANITE 18 FT.

SEVERAL AUGER HOLES TO GRANITE 14 FT.

TABLE SHOWING VALUES OF RESISTIVITY SOUNDINGS
(CONTINUED)

STA	LOCATION		ALTITUDE OF SURFACE	WETZEL-MC MURRY				TAGG			ROMAN			QUALITATIVE	CUMULATIVE	ALTITUDE TOP OF GRANITE				
	1/4	1/4		h ₁	d	h ₂	ρ ₁	ρ ₂	ρ ₃	h	ρ ₁	ρ ₂	ρ ₃				h	ρ ₁	ρ ₂	
102	SW	NW	120	47	1073	36	54	90	165	1650	1650	218	515	2920	263	562	2650	80	25	983
101	SE		1073		7	21	28	110	11000	37								35		1045
145	SW	NE	1072		6	17	23	115	11500	115								35		1049
97	NW	SW	1073		10	10	20	235	23500	78								30		1046
95	SW		1076		22	23	45	840	2520	270								50		1031
96			1073		12	8	20	420	42000	140								35		1053
98	NE		1074		75	225	30	265	2650	795								65		1044
99			1072		8	22	30	160	16000	63								30		1042
100			1073		9	15	24	165	16500	495								40		1049
144	NW	SE	1072		10	30	40	310	3100	930					288	331	615	65		1032
87			1080		10	30	40	250	615	2050								40		1040
83			1063		21	63	84	170	17000	173	410	2320			302	596	2810	70		979
30			1076		51	17	68	80	8	800								60		1008
85	NE		1064		5	35	40	120	12000	12000					31	407	7740	40		1024
84			1063		6	20	26	150	15000	1500	13-17	460	3680		1620	316	12300	30		1037
81			1068		5	14	19	155	1500	1550	19	603	11457					45		1049
86			1065		7	20	27	165	16500	1650								35		1038
104	SW		1083															30		1053
103			1096															40		1056
137	SE		1088															40		1048
136			1081		21	32	53	50	500	5000								60		1028
90	NW	SW	7	120	46	1075	10	30	40	580	193	5800						55		1035
97	NE		1079		10	30	40	205	615	2050	289	302	1715	295	490	3430		45		1039
91			1075		7	20	27	160	480	160								40		1048
88	SW		1061		7	23	30	200	20000	2000	20	441	∞	126	441	∞		40		1031
89	SE		1071		18	54	72	540	54	54000								65		999
110	NW	SE	1086		27	27	54	450	45	45000								45		1032
111			1094		7	22	29	150	15000	50								25		1065
93	SW		1085		28	18	46	410	41	41000								55		1039
109	NE		1090		6	20	26	145	1450	48								20		1064
112			1084		26	79	105	490	163	1470								95		979
113			1085		9	27	36	75	750	225								40		1049
92	SE		1088															55		1033
114			1087															65		1022
115	NW	SW	8	120	46	1046	11	44	55	120	1200	12000						45		991
116			1059		17	16	34	150	450	1500				288				30		1025
117			1047					30	210	21000	70							40		1017
118	SW		1084		7	53	60	175	1750	17500								40		1024
119			1083		9	27	36	360	36	36000								45		1047
120	SE		1090		10	10	20	155	15500	1550								20		1070
123			1046		9	29	38	260	2600	26000								50		1008

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DRILLED TO GRANITE 27 FT.

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Sheet No.	Corner	1055	9 27	36.1	180	1800	18000	19	15	195	∞	40	1019	Notes
126														
124	NW SE	1061	25 37	62.56	560	5600		21 585				40	999	CORRELATES WITH STA. 107
121	SW	1043										30.	1013	
122		1043	48	0 40.	420	42000						50	1003	
125		1054										45.	1009	
128		1054	4 28 32.	98	980	9800		20 314	25 295	∞		25	1022	
127		1054	19 28 47.	41	410	4100						50	1007	
130		1061	8 23 31.	115	1150	335	18		31			25	1030	
134	NE	1061	6 19 25.	300	30000	300						25	1036	
129	SE	1050										45.	1005	
131		1072	9 27 36.	300	3000	9000						30	1036	
132		1057	6 39 45.	190	1900	19000							1012	
133		1059											1034	
1	NW NW 1/3	120 47	6 11 17.	90	9000	9						25.	1061	
2		1074	7 23 30.	270	2700	810						24	1044	
107		1075	75 275 30.	150	15000	1500	20	314	16.6 2850	11100		40	1045	DRILLED TO GRANITE 29.6 FT.
108		1072	18 27 45.	100	10000	10000						40	1027	
94	SW	1077	10 30 40.	200	20000	20000			272 407	∞		45	1037	CORRELATES WITH STA. 97
3		1080	2 7 9.	60	6000	600							1071	
106		1078	12 36 48.	245	24500	2450						50	1030	
105		1074	9 26 35.	1800	18000	60	14.7 375	2400 324	661			40	1039	
43	SE	1069					13.3 687	∞	19 631	∞		25.	1044	
44		1065										35.	1030	
42		1065	36 52 83.	210	2100	21000						95	977	
41		1072	14 56 70.	135	1350	1350						65	1002	
4	NE	1074	22 0 22.	300	900	900			53 202	2490		24	1052	
5		1095	14 44 58.	350	3500	35						55	1037	FITTED WITH 4 CURVES H ₂ 53, 56, 58, 60
6	NW NE	1091	8 14 22.	200	20000	2000						15	1069	FITTED WITH 2 CURVES H ₂ 20, 22
7		1099	8 24 32.	150	15000	15						30	1067	
38	SW	1089										75.	1014	
39		1089	28 42 70.	125	1250	12500						70	1019	

INDEX MAP

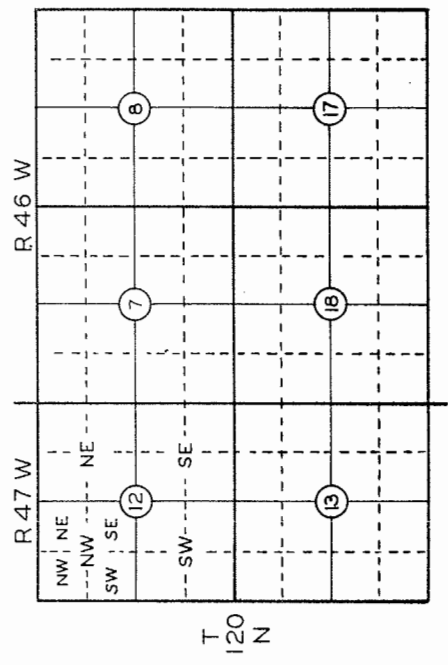


FIGURE 5

It is the opinion of the writer that the above determinations are in accord with the true depth to the granite.

The following table is a list of resistivity stations showing the agreement between determinations of two layer cases where the Tagg and Roman methods were used:

<u>Station</u>	Tagg	Roman
	<u>h₁</u>	<u>h₁</u>
84	13-17	16-20
87	28	29
88	20	12
57	18	23
102	21	26
107	19-20	17
126	19	15
128	20	25

These values are not necessarily the top of the granite surface but the depth to a second layer in the drift mantle which is probably the water table or a bed of sand and gravel. In station 107, a bed of gravel was encountered by the drill from 18 to 23 feet, which agrees with the prediction of a two-layer curve.

The resistivity of granite as determined from the Wetzel-McMurry master curves, is in the region of 104 Ohm ft. or more, whereas the resistivity of drift material is much less; however, the resistivity of granite for many stations is very low. For example at Station 97, the resistivity of the third layer (granite) determined from the master curve is 78 Ohm ft. It may be assumed that this is caused by the ground water.

GRANITE PRODUCERS

The quarries in the Milbank granite area are working to full capacity. A total of nine companies are located in the area, as follows:

Hunter	Figure 6
Dakota	Figure 6 and 7
Delano	Figure 6
Cold Springs	Figure 7
North Star	Figure 8
Columbia	Figure 8
Melrose	Figure 8
Kaddez and Company	Figure 8
B.F. Coggins	

The production is primarily monumental and dimension stone of quarried granite. The Hunter and Dakota Companies are South Dakota firms, the B.F. Coggins Company is located in Elberton, Georgia; this firm has recently purchased granite rights in this area in preparation to opening a quarry and erecting a fabrication plant. The remainder of the companies operating in the area are Minnesota firms.

The Hunter Granite Company maintains a fabricating plant in Milbank and all of their stone is hauled by truck from the quarry to the plant. They have a sawing unit at the quarry. Recently, a new stiff leg derrick has been put into operation at the quarry. It is probably the largest capacity derrick in South Dakota of that type. Their product is known as Hunter's Royal Purple and Hunter's Variegated Mahogany.

The Dakota Granite Company has its entire works in the granite area. It consists of the quarry and sawing units and fabrication plant.

The Dakota operates two quarries; one produces a granite known as the Dakota Mahogany and the other produces a granite known as American Rose.

The Cold Springs, North Star, Melrose, and Columbia Granite Companies are Minnesota operators; all their stone is trucked to points in Minnesota. The Delano and Kaddez quarries are the most recently opened, having been in operation only a short time.

All quarries in this area are from 60 to 140 feet deep, except those of Kaddez and Delano, and have been operating

for many years. The distribution of the quarries is shown on the Topographic Map (in pocket).

Aside from the dimension stone produced, there are numerous piles of waste rock in the area. Some of these grout piles, as they are known, are as much as 60 feet high and 400 feet long. They contain rock of all sizes and dimensions, plus the smaller chips from fabrication. All the stone in the grout piles is considered waste, but in the future, the use of this stone will be in demand.

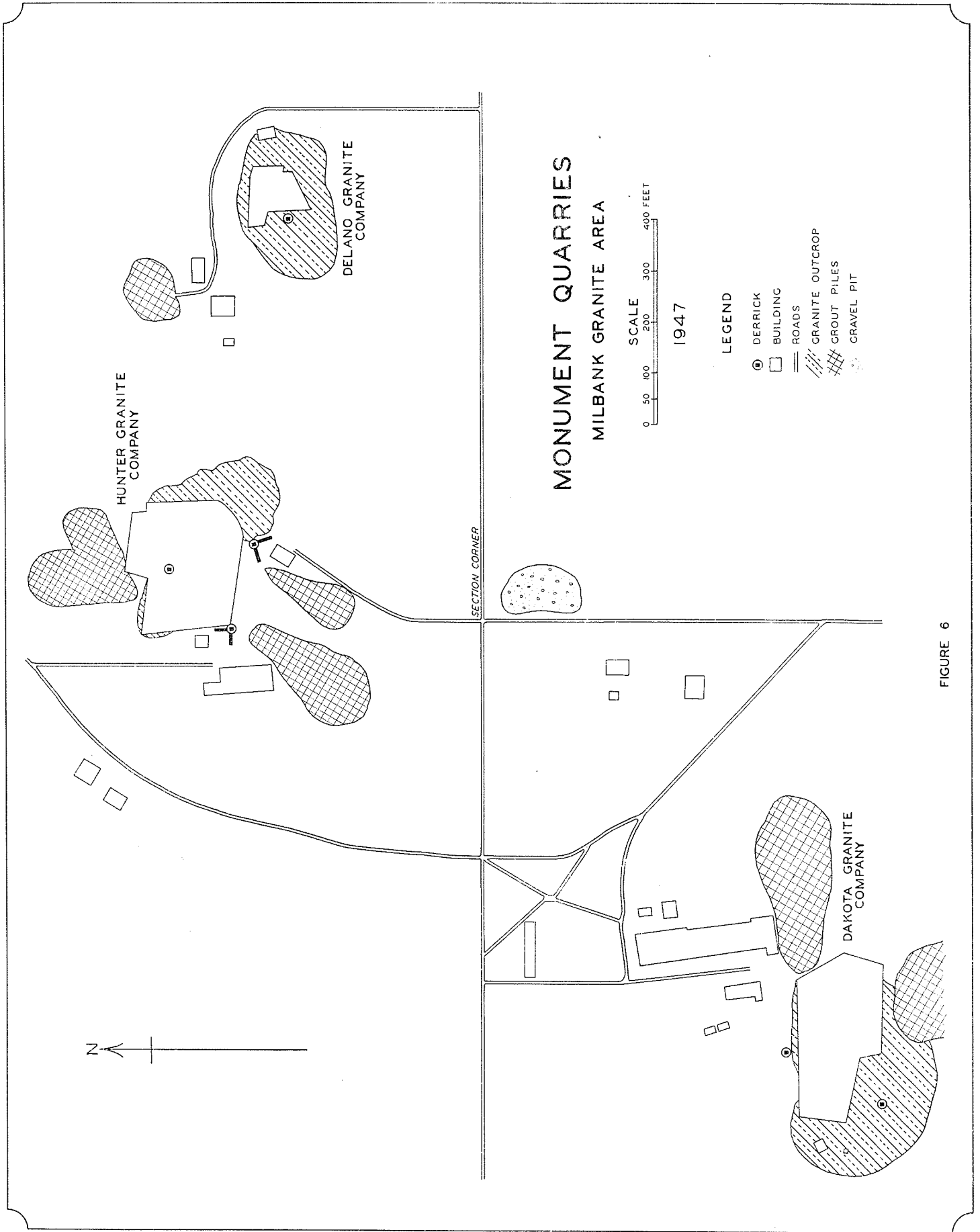
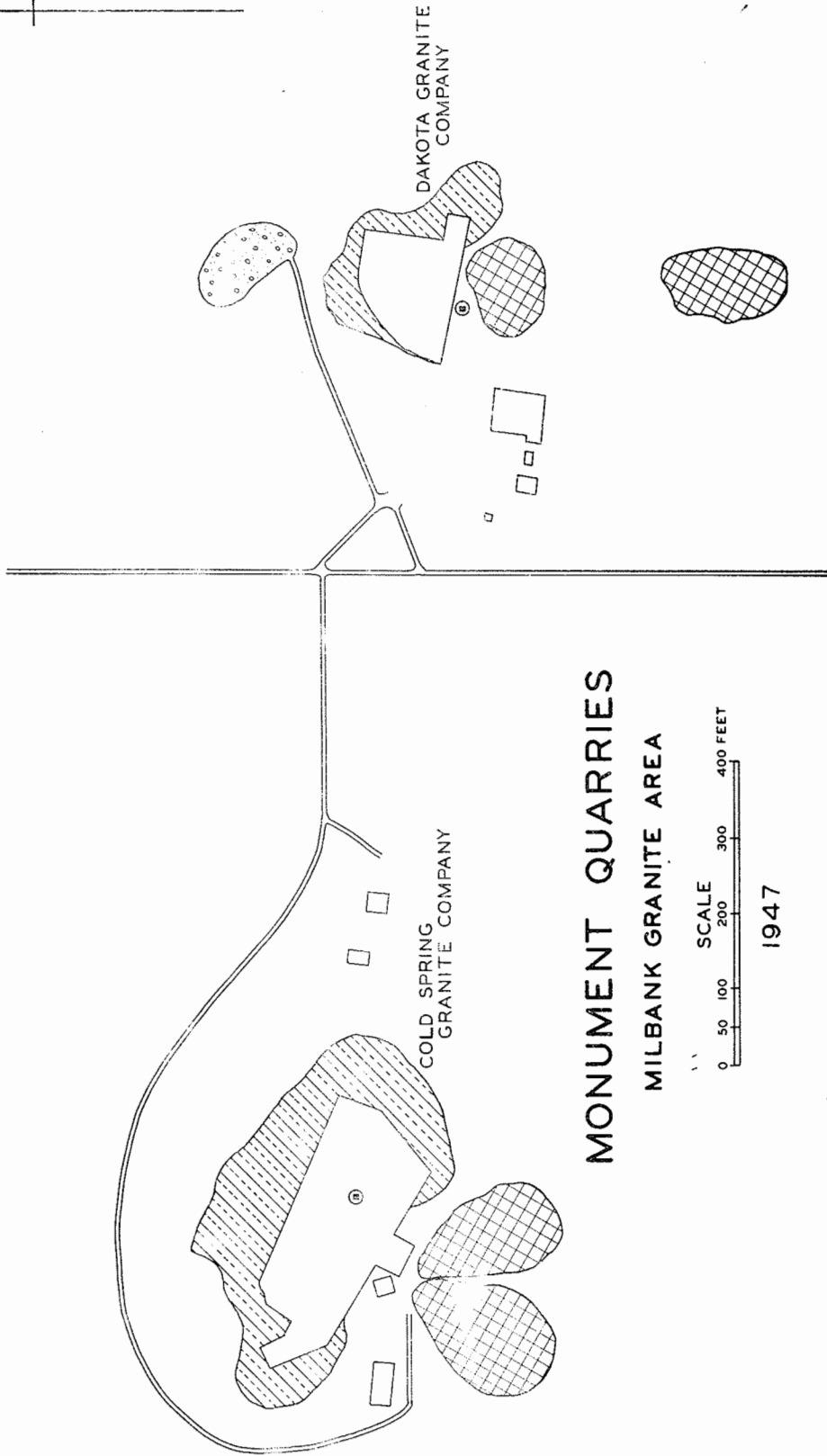
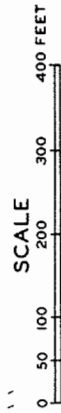


FIGURE 6



MONUMENT QUARRIES
MILBANK GRANITE AREA

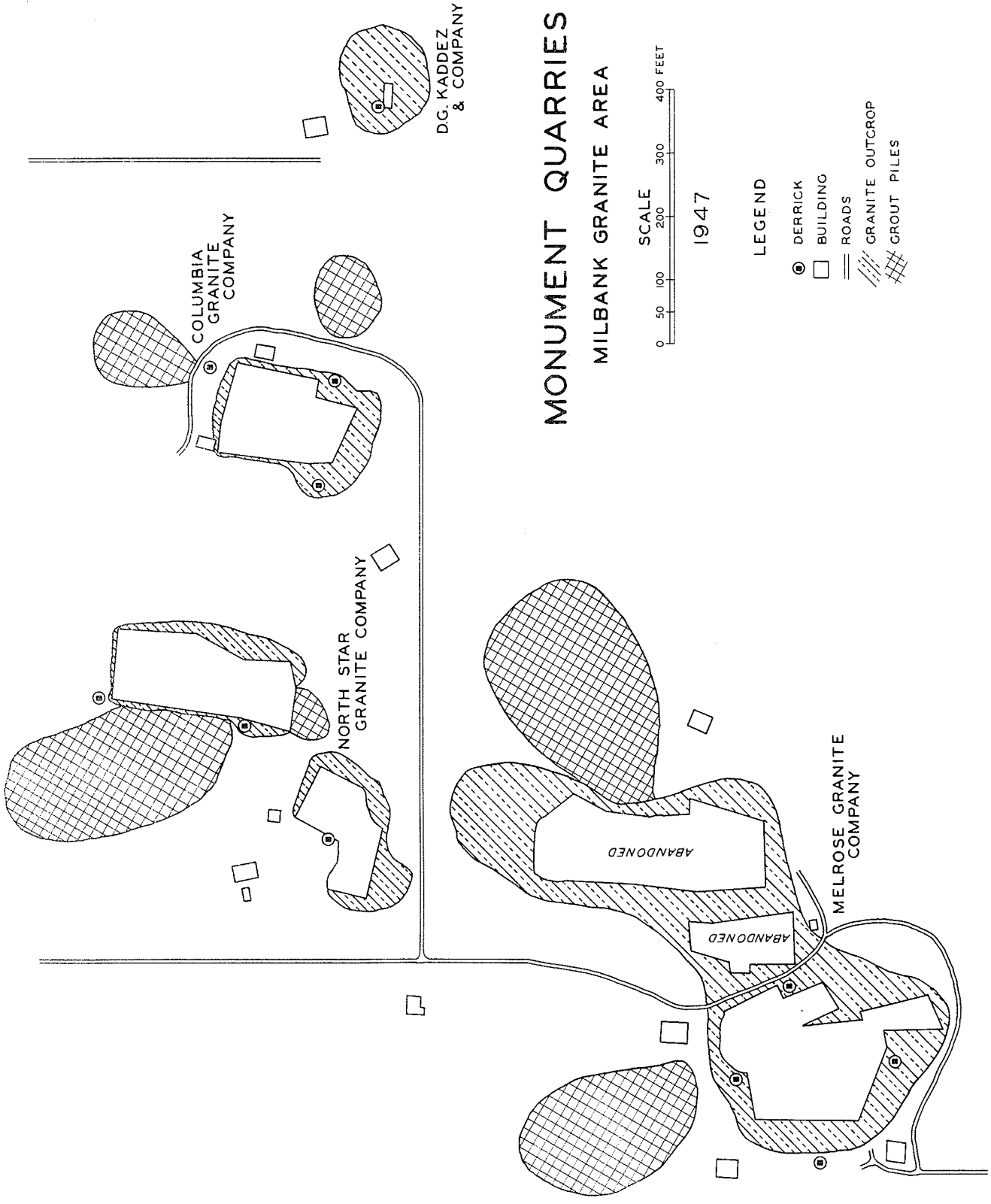
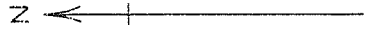


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LEGEND

- DERRICK
- BUILDING
- ROADS
- GRANITE OUTCROP
- GROUT PILES
- GRAVEL PIT

FIGURE 7



MONUMENT QUARRIES
MILBANK GRANITE AREA

SCALE
0 50 100 200 300 400 FEET

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- DERRICK
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FIGURE 8