

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THE MILL PROPERTY

and/or common EVANS MILL PROPERTY

2. Location

street & number Governor's Bridge Road and Patuxent River not for publication

city, town Davidsonville vicinity of congressional district 7-33

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Betty Meggers Eyans

street & number 1227 30th St., N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code DC 20007

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2333

street & number South Street folio 434

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-849

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Evans property mill site is located approximately 400 feet north of Governor's Bridge Road and approximately 150 feet east of the Patuxent River near Davidsonville, Maryland.

An earthen dam intersects the course of Stone Branch, which flows to the Patuxent River from south to north on the property. The dam measures 276 feet before crossing the branch and continuing another 100 feet after being intersected by the stream. The surviving height of the dam is 4 feet above grade on the upstream side and is generally 5 feet across at the top. The dam also has an additional break in it which permits a dirt road to go through it to the west.

At the point where the dam once crossed the branch the millrace begins a straight run to the southwest and the mill site. The millrace is 380 feet in length. Surface features indicate the previous existence of diversion channels and holding or accumulation ponds shortly after its beginning at the dam. There are no further outstanding features until the race terminates at the wheel pit. Bricks have been laid at the point where the millrace meets the wheel pit. These bricks were apparently used as a foundation to support the flume.

All that remains of the mill site and house are features such as the wheel pit, a stone foundation of three walls, concrete flooring, two grinding wheels, bits of metal (millstone banding) and a metal belt pulley.

The wheel pit is 20 feet across at its widest point.

The remains of the stone foundation indicate a building roughly 25 feet by 17 feet. The complete northeast wall is still standing; it is constructed of sandstone and mortar. The other two walls are partially intact and are crumbling.

There are two millstones resting on the 3 inch thick concrete floor. They are of composite construction: Belgian Buhrstone chips and a binder, probably concrete, being the primary materials. Each stone is 4 feet in diameter.

The 3-4 inch wide pieces of metal appear to be iron. When placed together they describe a circle; this suggests they were most likely used as banding for the composite millstones.

In the wheel pit are found matching pieces of millstone. These pieces are not of composite construction and have the characteristic grooving of the more common stones.

Across the wheel pit is an iron pulley, 18 inches in diameter, resting on a soil berm opposite the millhouse.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

All that remains of this early mill is a ruin.

The land on which the ruin stands was conveyed by will from Henry Hall to Thomas Elliott in 1770.¹

Although it is generally agreed that the mill was in existence in the late 18th century, no reference is made to it until 7/29/1839 when the Mill, Mill Seat and Millhouse were conveyed to Thomas E. Beard from Thomas Elliott.²

In 1877 Charles Bassford purchased the Mill, Mill Seat and Millhouse for \$800 from the estate of Thomas Beard. The estate appears to have been rather difficult to settle as this purchase was not recorded until 9/30/1880.³

Mr. Bassford ran the Mill until the 1920's. During the period in which he was the miller he converted the Mill from cog to turbine. An interesting note is that this turbine is now at the Mayr mill site which is located off Patuxent River Road.

The property was purchased by William F. Meggers and Edith R., his wife, on 10/14/1949, to be used as summer property.

The property was then conveyed to Clifford Evans and Betty Meggers Evans, the present owners, on 3/19/70.⁵

Footnotes

1. Will. Box H #8. 1770
2. Deed. 7/29/1839
3. Deed, SH 16-305, 9/30/1880
4. Deed, JHH 543-40, 10/14/1949
5. Deed, 2333-434, 3/9/1970

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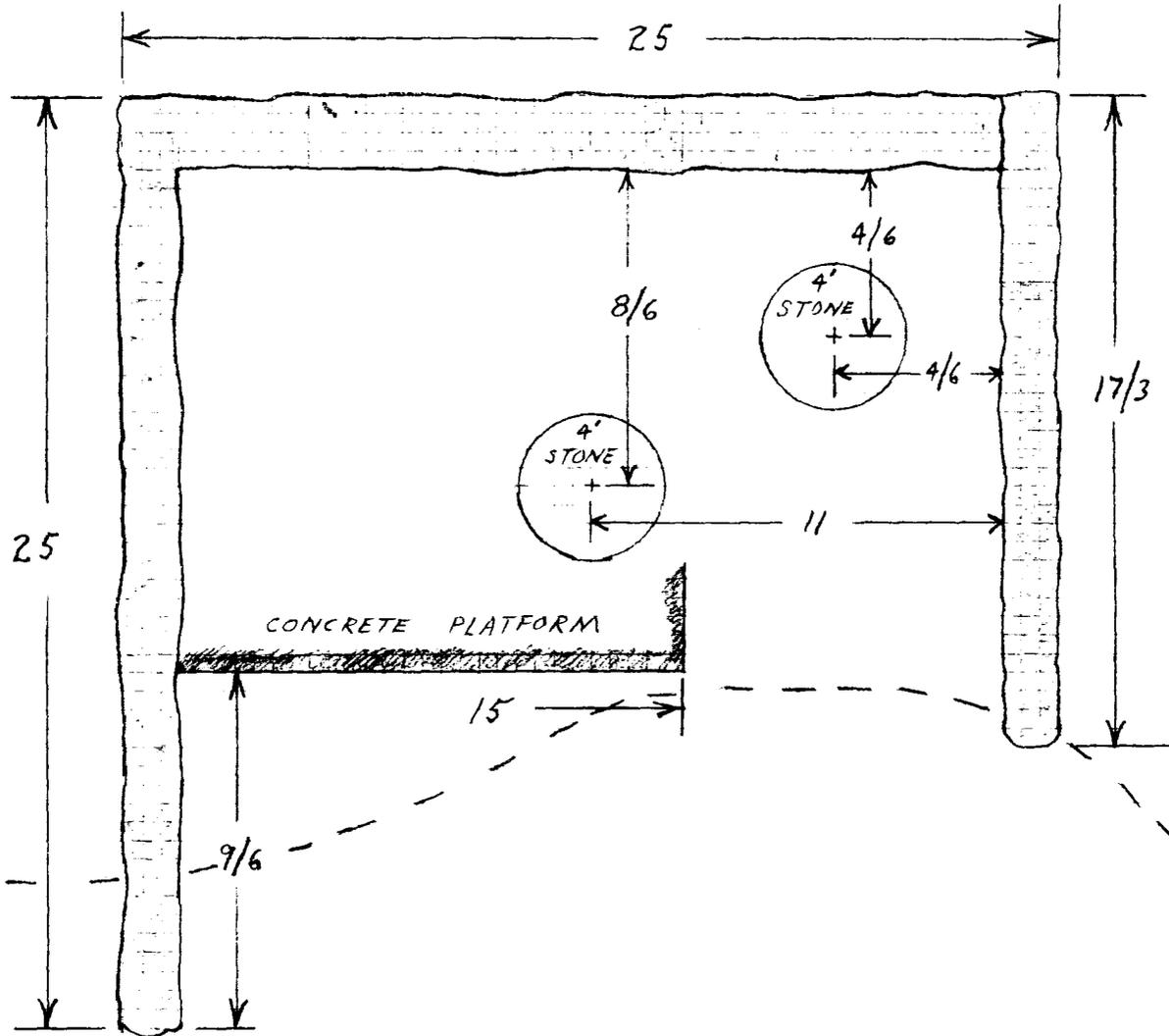
Approximately 100 feet to the north of the millhouse are the collapsed and decaying remains of what is understood to have been the miller's cabin. The configuration of the collapsed walls yields a dimension of 32 x 16 feet. Three types of nails were observed in the remaining boards: rosehead, machine cut and wire. According to the present owner and two other local sources, the cabin had been lived in by a Negro family until the early 1940's.

There is excellent archeological potential present at the site. Between the millhouse and the cabin are apparent trash pits. These seem to be undisturbed.

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Remaining
Stone wall

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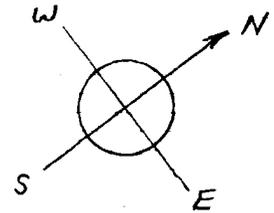


MEGGER PROPERTY

MILL

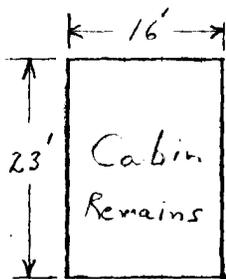
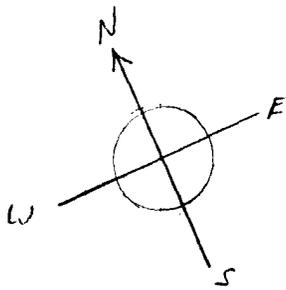
REMAINS

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MILL
RACE





Roadway Remains

MILL RACE

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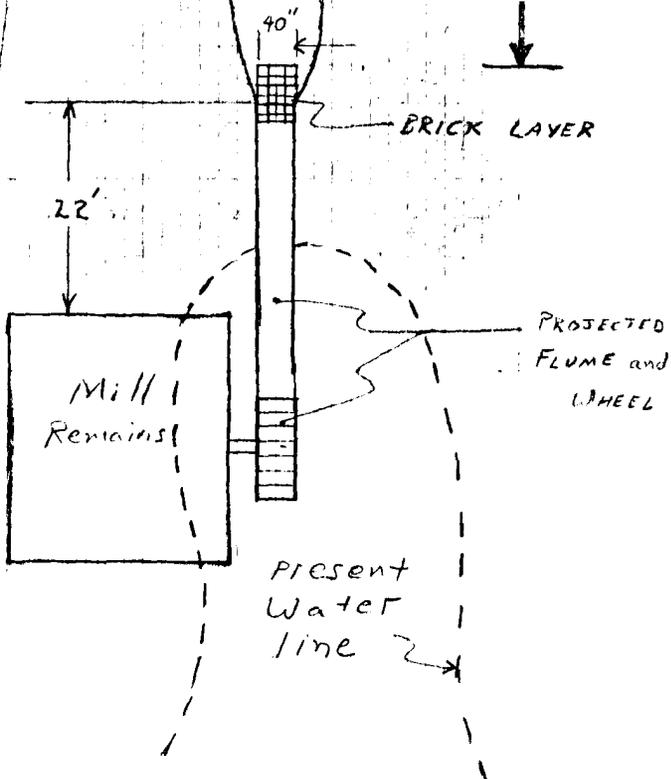
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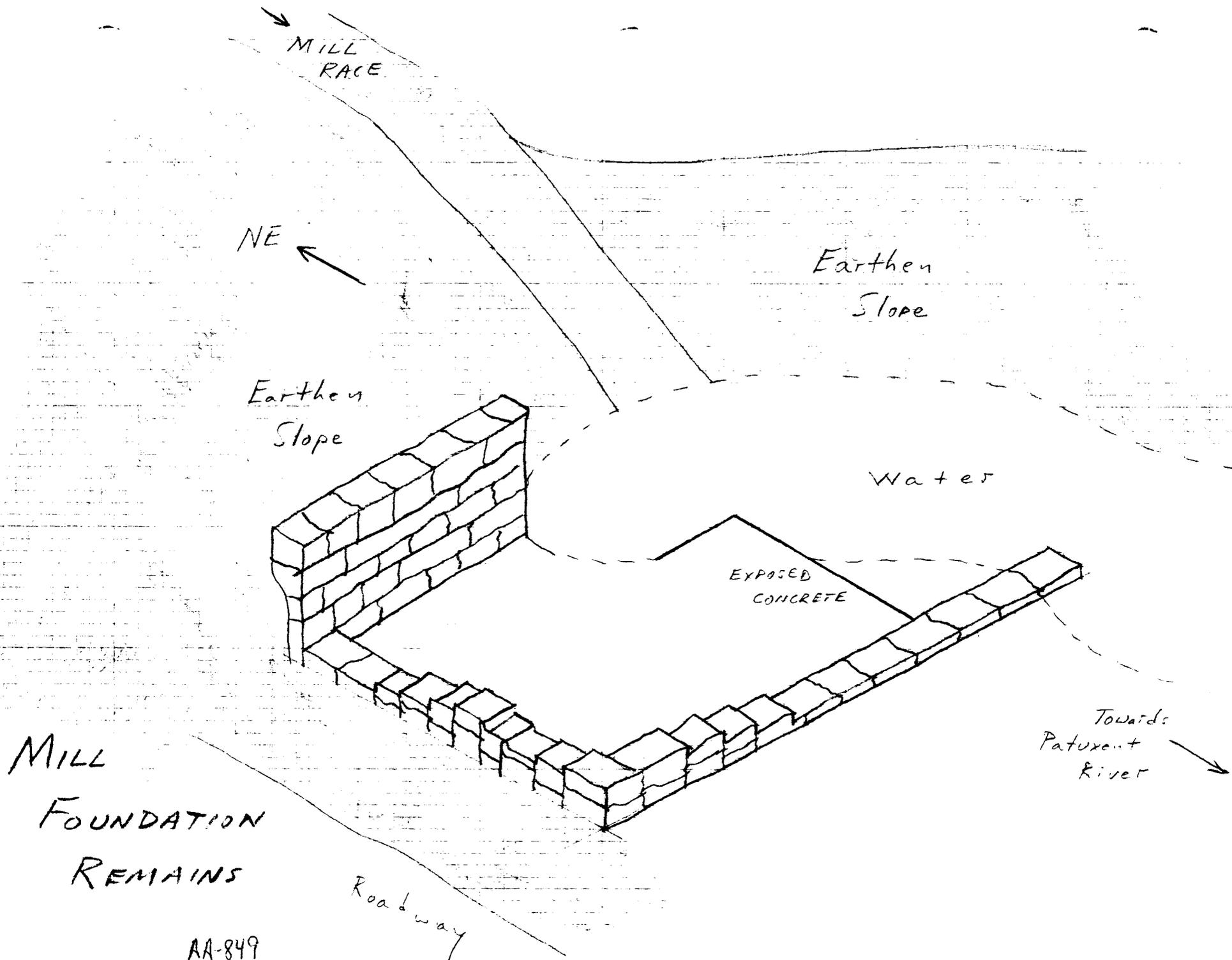
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