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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Maryland | |
| COUNTY: Baltimore Co. | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Valley Paper Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 2008
west side Valley Mill Road, 6th District between Walker Road and Bentley Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:
near Freeland

STATE: Md. CODE: COUNTY: Baltimore Co. CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|---|---|---|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <input type="checkbox"/> | Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes: |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> | Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> | Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> | Government <input type="checkbox"/> | Park <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | Comments <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> | Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Monroe B. Dell

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
BC Land Records, Liber 3476, f. 141; Parcel 131, Map 11; Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Towson Md. 21204

ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 85.5

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> | Good <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> | Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> | Moved <input type="checkbox"/> | | Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A low rambling wooden structure of one story with a tall chimney. Clapboard millers house on the property in good condition. Recent repairs permitted the present owner to run some experimental batches of paper.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> | 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 17th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1825**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This is a small one-family 19th Century paper mill fully equipped and capable of producing paper by the old method.

This mill was built by Peter Shauck c. 1825; it is shown as J. Schauck's paper mill on Sidney's map of 1850. It passed to a Mr. Knight and then to J. Abrams, who appears in the 1877 Hopkins atlas. Then it passed to Joseph Gore, who rebuilt it. Then to Joseph Young, Jr. and the Bently Paper Mill Company. Bently became insolvent and the mill was bought by Ernest Young and in 1938 he was making 5 tons/diem of gray wrapping bogus.

The mill is on Little Falls and Valley Mill Road, a low rambling structure with a tall chimney; a clapboard miller's house is nearby. The mill was out of service a long time, but the present owner undertook some repairs in 1969 and in 1971, Mr. Clarence Lintz stated* that the mill had been fired up and successfully produced a batch of paper for its owner as an experiment.

* to J. Mc Grain - May 1971.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Paper Making In Baltimore County," E. May Cross, Federation PTA News, March-April 1938, ~~1~~ 4:1.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John McGrain

ORGANIZATION: **Baltimore County Historical Society** DATE: **Sept. 5, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
9811 Van Buren Lane

CITY OR TOWN: **Cockeysville** STATE: **Md.** CODE: **21030**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

This mill, intact and still full of machinery in 1982, was built about 1888 and is apparently the third paper plant to occupy the property.

The first mill had probably been built between the time of the 1818 tax list (when no paper mills were found in that neighborhood) and 1823, when the Assessor's Field Book showed that Philip Kroh owned 97 acres of the tract "Disappointment" and a paper mill.

The 1833 tax ledger showed that Jarrett Shauck had come to own 50 acres of the tract "Vaughn's Disappointment" and a paper mill worth \$2000, also two gristmills.

The 1850 Baltimore County map by J.C. Sidney showed Jarrett Shauck's paper mill at this place. The 1850 census of manufacturers listed Jarrett Shauck's mill with \$2000 capital investment, water-powered production, five each male and female employees, and an annual output of 10,000 [reams?] of printing and wrapping paper, worth \$30,000.

The Baltimore County Advocate of February 21, 1852, reported the burning of Jarrett Shauck's paper mill on Little Gunpowder.

Shauck sold the parcel containing "mills and machinery" to Abijah L. Knight in 1860. However, in the same year, Knight was an expert witness on the subject of water-power sites in a lawsuit involving land near Parkton (Wood-v.Withers). Knight testified that he was carrying on a paper mill, but he also stated that when he got the property from Shauck earlier that year, "There was a stone building about 30 feet square, with some old machinery in it for a paper mill, a small frame country dwelling; there was no mill or race or dam. I think there were about 60 acres of land to this improved water power." (Judicial Records EHA 30:64).

Later deeds show that Charles P. Knight and William H. Johnson were operating the mill but became bankrupt in 1869. Abijah L. and Amanda Knight conveyed to an assignee, Albert G. Maxwell. Maxwell sold the mill to John J. Abrahams in 1872.

The 1880 State business directory listed Jos. Abrahams as a paper maker at Bentley Springs. The 1880 manufacturers' census listed John Abrahams with \$5000 capital investment in a paper mill, 4 employees, and annual output of 110 tons of wrapping paper (\$4400), working over an 8-month season. The mill was then equipped with a tub engine and two beaters; maximum capacity was 1400 pounds. The paper machine had a 44-inch wide cylinder; the roll bars were 28 inches wide by 22 inches in diameter. There was a boiler and a 15 hp steam engine.

In 1881 (April 23), the heirs of J.J. Abrahams advertised in the Maryland Journal to sell a paper mill property on Little Gunpowder near Bentley's Springs known as the Valley Mill; there were 80 acres and a paper mill built of frame. There was also a mill race, water race, etc.

William H. Abrahams bought the mill in June 1881 and in 1883 sold to John W. Gore. County transfer books show that Gore built a new paper mill before 1889; the "old paper mill" was dropped from the tax rolls. Gore sold to Joseph Young in 1893. Young sold to the Bentley Paper Mills, Inc. in 1919.

By 1924, the corporation was in default and the court appointed Paul Y. Waters receiver. Waters conducted a public sale on August 12, 1924, and sold to Louis A. Dieter. Waters reported to the court that he had operated the mill as receiver for 26 weeks and made a profit of \$1400. Water's newspaper advertisement described the property as "improved by a paper mill with up-to-date equipment and in good running order with mill and dam and seven-room frame dwelling house."

Dieter conveyed a few months later to Bentley Paper Co., Inc. In 1928, when William S. Hart, Sr., was doing his Johns Hopkins thesis on the decline of the Maryland paper industry, he visited Valley Paper Mill and listed Paul Y. Waters as its president. The works had 7 employees and was manufacturing 8000 pounds per annum of grey bogus. The paper was made from old newspapers and was used for lining crates. The machinery was worth \$18,000. In 1925, the mill had been making toilet paper, paper towels, and grey bogus; profit had been \$3000 to \$5000 per annum. Wages then ranged from \$3.60 to \$4.25 per diem.

In October 1931, Ernest R. Young bought the works and held it until 1945 when he and his wife sold to Henry K. Williamson. Only 17 days later, Williamson sold to Freeland Paper Company, Inc. In 1955, the plant was sold to Freeland Paper Products, Inc.

By 1957, Freeland Paper Products was in default of mortgage and a public sale was ordered by the courts. Elmer R. Haile advertised the plant in the Jeffersonian of February 15, 1957:

The improvements thereon consist of a paper mill, dwelling, ware house, storage building, spring house and other outbuildings.

Included in the mill are all appliances, machinery and equipment of every kind and description used in the manufacture of paper, including mill dam, mill race, and water rights thereto belonging and appertaining.

This is an old established paper mill, fully equipped with all motors, machinery and appliances essential to the manufacture of paper, and will be sold so equipped. A splendid opportunity for any interested in that line of business.

Resolute Paper Products Corporation of New York bought the works for \$25,000 at the 1957 sale. In January 1959, they sold the entire 85-acre property to Monroe B. Dell and wife, "particularly the paper mill."

On August 27, 1982, Mr. Dell showed Richard Parsons and Geoffrey Fielding of the B.C. Public Library, and John McGrain of the Office of Planning and Zoning through the mill. Mr. Dell stated that he had not manufactured paper since 1966 or 1967. He believed that the equipment would operate if needed. The mill contains a large electric motor and also a Parker slide-valve steam engine. The water-powered turbine is still set in the ground under the downstream end of the mill but is probably out of action.

Dimensions of this building given in the 1918 tax ledger during the ownership of Joseph W. Young were:

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| Mill | 20 x 31 | |
| | 50 x 71 | (\$1000) |
| Stone Building | 20 x 38 | (\$304) |