

CARR-911

BRILHART'S MILL

mid-19th c.

1311 Brodbeck Road
Hampstead vicinity

private

Brilhart's Mill is a mid-19th century mill that was in existence at least as early as 1862, when it appear on Martenet's Map of Carroll County as a grist and saw mill owned by Issac Green. In 1866, it was purchased by Michael S. Brilhart who rebuilt the mill structure to its present condition. It later required reconstruction on the interior because of damage by three separate fires during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It remained in operation by the Brilhart family until the late 1930s.

The mill structure is a representative example of the mid-19th century, two and one-half story grist mill popular throughout Carroll County. Its foundation level is constructed of stone and the upper two stories of common bond brick. It has a gable roof and the north gable end has central doors on the two stories and in the gable. This mill was damaged by three separate fires during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and its interior construction dates from the early 20th century. It is now used as a agricultural storage building and does not contain any milling machinery.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BRILHART'S MILL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1311 Broadbeck Road not for publication

city, town Hampstead vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Harry F. Schaefer

street & number 1311 Brodbeck Road telephone no.: 374-2320

city, town Hampstead state and zip code MD 21074

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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.

Summary: Brilhart's Mill is an example of the mid-19th century, two and one-half story grist mill popular throughout Carroll County. Its foundation level is constructed of stone and the upper two stories of common bond brick. It has a gable roof and the north gable end has central doors on the two stories and in the gable. This mill was damaged by three separate fires during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and its interior construction dates from the early 20th century. It is now used as a agricultural storage building and does not contain any milling machinery.

Description: Brilhart's Mill is located on the east side of Brodbeck Road, approximately .1 mile south of Maryland Route 482, west of Hampstead. The mill is located on the east side of the East Branch which runs in a north-south direction. There is a barn and two farmhouses located with the property which is identified with the street number 1311 Brodbeck Road.

The mill structure is representative of the brick grist mills constructed during the 19th century throughout this region. It is a two and one-half story structure built in a rectangular plan. The building is three bays by four bays with a gable roof. The foundation story is constructed of uncoursed fieldstone with large stone quoins. The building is set into a slope so that the foundation level is under ground on the east elevation, and the ground slopes down on the north and south elevations. On the west elevation, there is an entrance to the ground level and three windows.

The north gable end provided a pulley overhang for unloading wagons and moving materials to each floor. Thus the central bay in each story has an entrance, with windows located in the outer bays of each story. The east elevation has a ground level entrance on the first story and windows in the other bays. On the south gable end, a one story shed with wagon shed on the foundation level was added in the 20th century.

The interior of the structure was gutted by several fires and was rebuilt in the early 20th century. It is now used as a agricultural storage building and does not contain any milling machinery.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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History: The 1862 Martenet's Map of Carroll County shows this site as the grist and saw mill of Issac Green. In 1866, it was purchased by Michael S. Brilhart who rebuilt the mill structure to its present condition. The property is shown as Brilhart's Mill in the 1877 Atlas of Carroll County, and M. S. Brilhart is a patron of the Atlas listed a a miller born in York County, Pennsylvania.

According to Prall's Mills and Memories, there were two fires in the mill during the late 19th century. In 1913, a third fire occurred after which the interior was rebuilt by Michael Brilhart's son, David.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-911

Prall, Joan. Mills and Memories. Author:1985.
Martenet, Simon J. Martenet's Map of Carroll Co., Md., 1862
Lake, Griffin, Stevenson. Illustrated Atlas of Carroll Co., Md. 1877

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Westminster

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster state Maryland

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4. January 1985
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6. S & W Elev (camera facing ne)
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