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Ceresville Flour Mill
Mount Pleasant
Private

1813
Built by William Williams

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Ceresville Flour Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
South Side Route 26

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mt. Pleasant VICINITY OF

STATE COUNTY
Maryland Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Frederick County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 464
Folio #: 573

STREET & NUMBER
North Court St.

CITY, TOWN STATE
Frederick Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

F-8-72

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ceresville Flour Mill is a substantial three and one-half story random limestone gable roofed structure with numerous auxiliary buildings which faces north from the south side of Route 26 in Ceresville.

Built and used commercially as a mill since 1821, very few changes have been made to the exterior appearance of the main building. The principal facade is three bays wide and three and one-half stories high.

Entrances are located in the second bay on the first and second level. The entrance on the first level has a replaced door with small wood lintel and a stone indicating the date "1821" located in the transom area below a stone jack arch. Located directly over this entrance on the second level is another entrance with deep recessed paneled doorway with small five light transom and stone jack arch.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first, second and third levels are the original double hung 12/12 windows with stone jack arches. Located in the fourth level are three double hung 6/6 windows with single horizontal stone lintels. A vertical panel door with small frame gable roofed pulley shelter is located at the top of the gable. A similar shelter is located just below the second bay on the third level.

The main block extends five bays deep on both sides with the original double hung 12/12 windows with stone jack arches occupying each bay, except for the second bay on the first level of the east side which has been opened as a side entrance.

The rear of the main block rises four stories high and is three bays wide. A shed roofed random limestone addition accommodating a large semicircular arch at either end once directed the millrace into the grinding operations.

Located in the remaining bays on the second and third level are the original double hung 12/12 windows with stone jack arches.

The south gable is constructed of brick laid in common bond. Double hung 6/6 windows are located in each bay on the fourth level and centered in the top of the gable except the first bay which has been removed.

The entire structure is constructed on a random limestone foundation and covered by a replaced standing seam tin roof with cast iron snowbirds and replaced boxed cornice. One corbeled brick chimney rises from the northwest corner of the building. Four pedimented dormer windows with double hung 6/6 windows extend from the east and west sides of the roof.

Numerous frame one and two story German sided and vertical board and batten buildings including a warehouse, wagon shed, and receiving area, as well as the present milling equipment are located on the premises.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1813 BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Williams

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The new stone mill had six floors and two rows of dormer windows. The machinery for the mill came from nearby Catoclin. In 1826 the mill manufactured 30,000 bushels of wheat a year. 'The additional output was 5,000 bushels flour, 7 bushels rye, 132 tons of meal and 180 tons of feed.'⁴

Production of these products was done through water power and later, electricity. In 1813, two sixteen foot waterpowered, overshot water-wheels were used. Water was indirectly powered by Israel's Creek approximately one and one-fourth miles from the mill, and the dam from the creek poured into the millrace which was two miles long. The sixteen foot fall on the creek drove the overshot wheels seven feet broad at eight revolutions per minute to develop twenty-five horsepower.⁵ Water was supplemented with steam engine power in 1850. Back-up power was added in 1890, and wheels were powered by both water and a gasoline engine."

¹John McGrain, Mill Papers, Maryland Historical Society, 1977.
²Ibid.
³O.H. Williams Papers - Manuscript #908, Vol. IX, #964.
⁴The Herald, May 25, 1826.
⁵McGrain Papers.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McGrain, John, Mill Papers, Maryland Historical Society, 1977.
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Bohn, Suzanne, Ceresville Flour Mill Paper, Hood College, 1978.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

8/8/80

STREET & NUMBER

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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Ceresville Flour Mill (con't)

The Ceresville Mill Property was sold by a trustee for Williams in March, 1829 for \$12,000.00 to Cornelius Shriner.⁶

In 1855, upon the death of Cornelius Shriner, his son, Edward A. Shriner, obtained the property. Upon his death, his son Edward D. Shriner, was willed the mill.⁷

In 1903, the property was sold to the Felton family who operated it until 1947.⁸

Finally, in 1947, the current owners, the Kelly family, purchased the business.⁹

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⁶Frederick County Land Records, Liber JS 42; Folio 71.

⁷Ibid., Liber ES 5; Folio 632.

⁸Ibid., Liber DHH 17; Folio 496.

⁹Ibid., Liber 464; Folio 573.

¹⁰Most of the material has been obtained from the Ceresville Flour Mill paper by Suzanne Bohn, Hood College, 1978.

WALKERSVILLE QUADRANGLE

Ceresville FLOUR MILL
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Fountain Rock
Quarry
Lime
Kiln

Ceresville

Mt Pleasant

Old Quarry

Addison
ROAD

Run

RIVER

194

300

300

300

300

97

373

329

288

317

350

360

300

300

300

326

360

400

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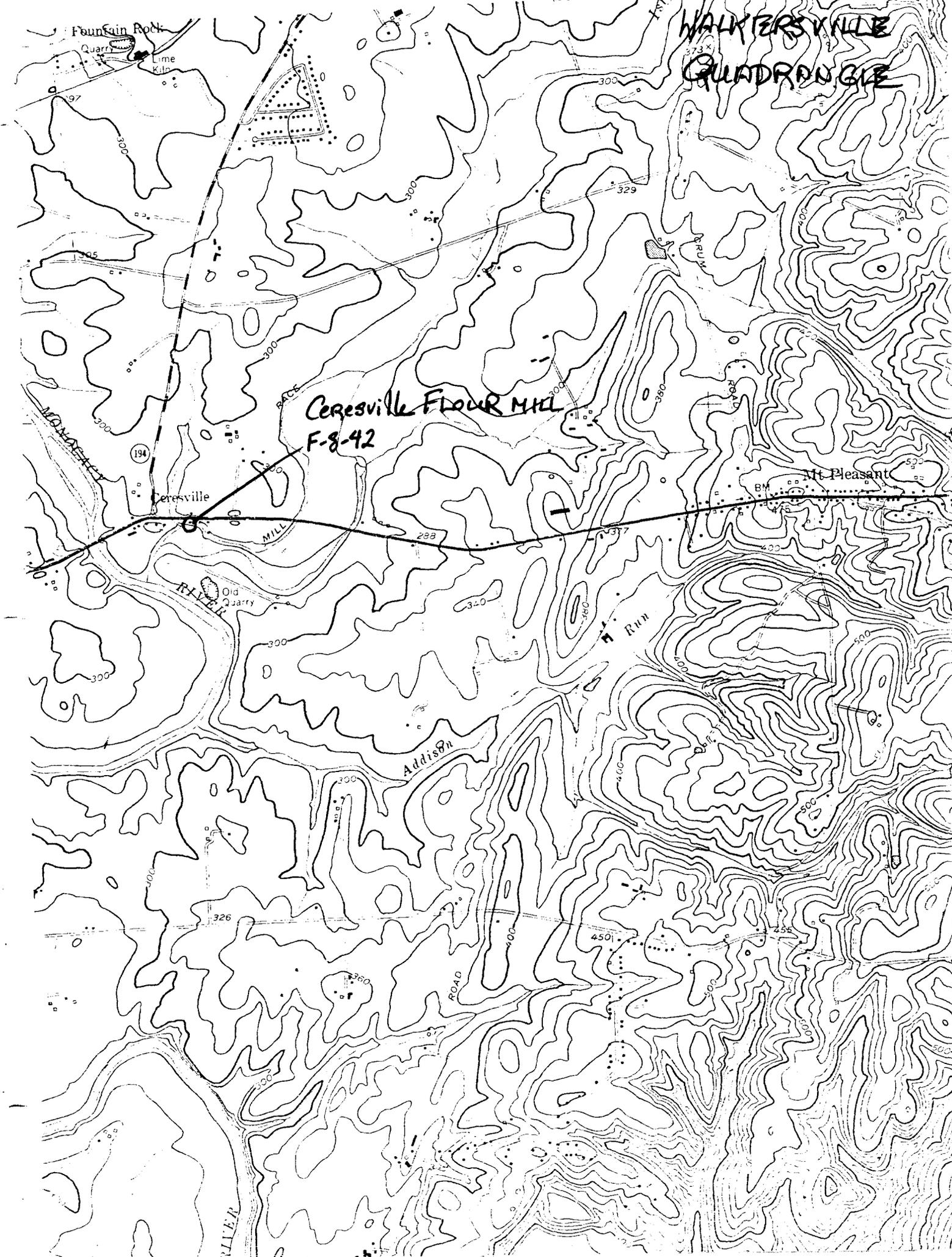
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3/3 Rte 26

Casewille

⊗ Northeast elev

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F-8-42 Crewville Mill

5/3 Rte 26

Crewville

NORTH EAST BLVD

CRW 6/80



F-8-42 (Cresville Mill
S/S Rte 26
Cresville
NIEST RELIQUARIA)

CPW 6/80



F-8-42 Creenville Mill

3/3 Rte 26

Creenville

SOUTH EAST BLWN

CRN 6/30