

HA-178

1778

"Old Mill"

Rogers and McCann Mill

North bank of Deer Creek, 1/4 mile east of Md. Route 161

Darlington, MD

Public

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
"Old Mill", Rogers and McCann Mill
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
North bank of Deer Creek, 1/4 mile east of Md. Route 161

CITY, TOWN
Darlinton VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" 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 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
	not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Tawes State Office Bldg.

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
MD 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air STATE
MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	unknown	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The ruins of the "Old Mill" consist of the ruined stone walls of two or possibly three structures located on the north bank of Deer Creek in a horseshoe bend of the creek, about 1/4 mile downstream (east) of the Darlington Road (Md. Route 161) crossing in Harford County, Maryland. The site is heavily overgrown and almost inaccessible.

The largest group of ruins is about 60 by 36 feet. The most complete wall section has a wood framed opening above a smaller opening with a large stone lintel. The wall section has at least two other openings of different sizes. The rest of this ruin is mainly the corner sections of the structure, those parts containing large stones arranged in rough-cut quoins. On the inner side of one of these corner sections is evidence of a chimney flue.

The other ruins are smaller wall sections just north of the main ruin which suggest the location of a possible shed, outbuilding, or dwelling.

Also nearby the ruins is one of the cuts for the never-completed Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railroad (HA-14), begun in 1889.

This site was not field checked in this survey. The description and historical information were taken from the files of Mary Bristow, who visited the site in 1973 and 1975. The accompanying photos were taken in 1975.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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 ca. 1778

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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A full background on the "Old Mill" may be found in "The 'Mystery' of the Old Mill or Where There's a Mill, There's a Way", by Mary Bristow, Aegis, July 1, 1976. The site appears on both the Jennings and Herrick 1858 map and the Martenet map of 1878, identified as "Old Mill".

Note: Survey Number HA-178 was formerly assigned to Henry Holloway's Stone Cottage. Information on the stone cottage has been consolidated under HA-176, Stump-Holloway House.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bristow, Mary, "The 'Mystery' of the Old Mill..." Aegis, July 1, 1976
 Jennings and Herrick, Map of Harford County, 1858
 Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878
 McGrain, John, Molinography of Harford County (Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning, Historic Sites Survey)
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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

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 1983

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

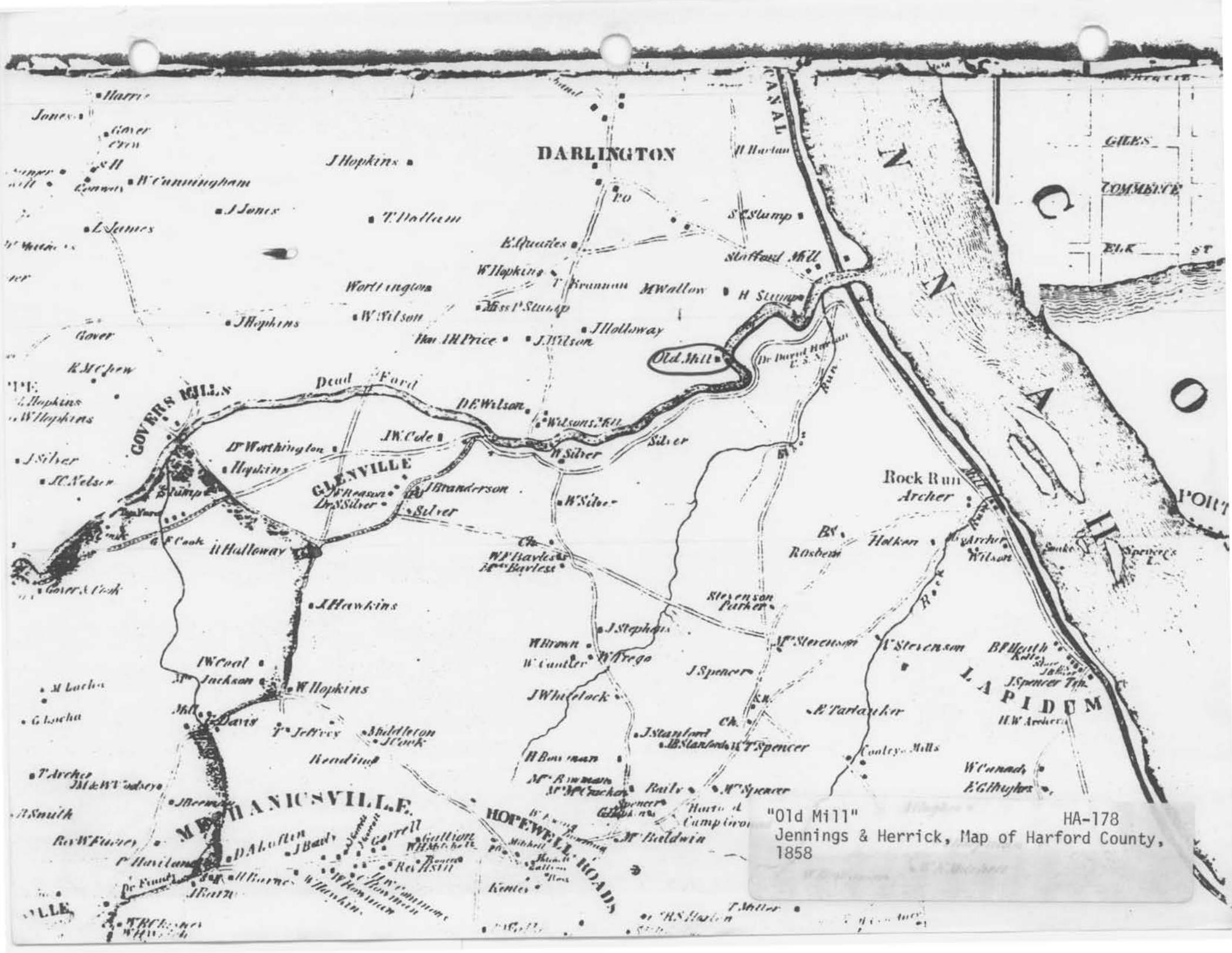
STATE

MD

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 131 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Old Mill

"Old Mill"
Jennings & Herrick, Map of Harford County,
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Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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Photo: Andrew Bristow

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View from north

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Harford County

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1975

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Chimney flue

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Wall detail

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