HA-178
"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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**NAME**

HISTORIC
"Old Mill", Rogers and McCann Mill

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

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

CITY, TOWN
Darlington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

**CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME
Department of Natural Resources

STREET & NUMBER
Tawes State Office Bldg.

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, ZIP CODE
Annapolis MD 21401

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE
Registry of Deeds, etc.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

_FEDERAL_ _STATE_ _COUNTY_ _LOCAL_

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
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.
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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.
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, Molinigraphy of Harford County (Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning, Historic Sites Survey)

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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

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 1983

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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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
Map of Harford County, 1878

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

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"Old Mill"
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Aberdeen Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000
"Old Mill"

Harford County
Photo: Andrew Bristow
1975
Negative Location: Andrew Bristow, Bel Air, MD
View from north
1/3
"Old Mill"
Harford County
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1975
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Chimney flue
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Wall detail
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