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Amos-Wiley Mill

Architectural Survey File

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Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the “vertical files” at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

N. P. FIELD SHEET
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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Amos - Wiley Mill
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: South-west corner of Amoss Road and Amoss Mill Road			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input 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: John S. Amos			
STREET AND NUMBER: Amoss Mill Road			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of Circuit Court			
STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main St			
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air	STATE: Maryland	CODE	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Three ^{and a half} story mill with overshot wheel.

Construction: stone first floor and part of second floor, log part of second floor and third floor, frame under the A-roof for the half-story above the third floor. There is a small brick chimney in the ~~north~~ ^{north}-east corner. The ridge line runs ~~east-west~~ ^{north-south}.

Fieldstone walls in urgent need of shoring up and restoration. Log walls checked with stone in need of re-caulking; several logs are 20 to 30 feet long. Clapboards above the third floor appear to be hand-split.

Windows 6 over 6 except at the half story where they are 6 over 3.

Mill race trough wooden, mill wheel of iron may have replaced an original wheel about a hundred years ago.

Timbers in side need shoring up, and machinery alignment re-set.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

between 1771 - 1781

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☒Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☒

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☒Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☒Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐*Educational
science and
history.*

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

(see attached sheet)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Melton, Our Harford Heritage p. 187-9
Harford County Directory p. 311-12
The Baltimore Sunpapers The Sunday Sun
27 June 1948, 13 December 1964.

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				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Joan S. Swirp</u>		
ORGANIZATION: <u>Maryland Historic Trust</u>	DATE: <u>Nov '69</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>50 State Circle</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Annapolis</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	CODE

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 _____

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Their stone-ground flour mill is believed to have been built by Matthew Wiley Sr. ~~but~~ who acquired the land, part of a tract called "Good Prospect" between 1771 and 1781.

Matthew willed this property to his son David in 1840, who left it in turn to his sons Joseph and Matthew, the latter continuing to operate the mill until 1886. After a brief ownership by Joseph Payne it was sold to Isaac Amos on 4 May 1891, whose son, John, began work there as a small boy and has continued its operation until the dam was damaged in 1967.

A popular place to visit by Baltimoreans, it has been photographed ^{by A. A. Bedline} and written about ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ the Sunday Sun.

Eager to keep the mill of interest to the public, John Amos ~~shows it to~~ offers to show it to anyone who shows down along the old road ~~running past~~ the mill, and has added a small collection of old tools to hold the public's interest.