

ABSTRACT

WA-I-209

1869

Lehman's Mill

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Marsh Mills

AND/OR COMMON

Lehman's Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lehman's Mill Road, East of Marsh Pike

CITY, TOWN

Reid

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Better Foods Foundation Cooperative Assoc., Inc. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 9

CITY, TOWN

Greencastle

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Pennsylvania 17225

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 409

Folio #: 488

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This mill building known as Lehman's Mill is located on the south side of Lehman's Mill Road east of Marsh Pike, near Reid in Washington County. It is situated on sloping ground and faces north.

The building is a two and one half story, four bay brick structure set on fieldstone foundations. Attached to its east end is a two story, three bay frame addition said to have been built about 1878.

The walls of the main section display American or common bonding at all elevations with, generally five courses of stretchers between header rows. At each floor level tie rods with star shaped iron holders are present. A tablet set near an upper story door in the front elevation indicates that the brick structure was built by Hays and Company for H.F. Lehman in 1869.

Windows and doors appear to have been spaced evenly in the walls. Narrow window frames topped with broad lintels hold six over six pane double hung sashes. Entrances are framed similarly to the windows, most having four light transoms. All entrances have Dutch doors with each of their leaves embellished with three vertical panels. Pulleys boxed with wood are present in the west gable and above the entrances in the second bay from the east end of the front or north elevation.

The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and extends some distance beyond the walls of the building. The eaves are finished with several courses of molding. A brick chimney extends from inside the west end wall north of the roof peak. A metal flue is located at the exterior of the building.

Modern grist milling machinery has been installed in the mill which operates on a regular commercial basis. Some older machinery still in use includes the French Burr mill stone. Also present is a large metal mill wheel set below ground level. Most of the interior framing of the structure appears to be original.

Prior to the construction of this building, a stone grist mill was located on this site. It is said that the present mill rests on the foundations of the earlier structure. The stone mill is believed to have been in use as early as the 1760's.

Water to run the mill was held in a pond north of the building. The race led under the road to the mill wheel which is also located directly over a spring.

The Lehman's or Marsh Mill is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 1.4 acres, part of a grant called "Sprigg's Paradise." Across Lehman's Mill Road from the mill is a stone house, associated with the mill and other related structures. See form WA-I-211 for further information on the dwelling.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1869	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Hays & Company
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In 1739, 550 acres of land along Marsh Run were surveyed for Thomas Cresap and became patented as Long Meadows. Thomas Cresap is known as an Indian fighter and for his activity in the Pennsylvania-Maryland border disputes which took place during the early and mid 18th century. By 1746 Long Meadows had come into the possession of Daniel Dulaney a noted Maryland land owner who increased the size of the tract to 760 acres. About 1763 Colonel Henry Boquet purchased Long Meadows and owned it until his death in 1765. Boquet is remembered for his role in the French and Indian War particularly for his action in Western Pennsylvania. Under Boquet's ownership Long Meadows was increased in size to become "Long Meadows Enlarged" with 2,131 acres. Boquet's will indicates that a saw mill and tan yard were among the improvements on his plantation. It is not known whether these were on the site of Lehman's Mill. In June of 1765 Long Meadows Enlarged was acquired by Colonel Frederick Haldimand who in 1773 sold the property to Joseph Sprigg of Prince George's County. Joseph Sprigg's holdings of about 4,000 acres were resurveyed to form "Sprigg's Paradise." The portion of Sprigg's Paradise acquired by Thomas Sprigg contained 1,754 acres and included this mill property. Thomas Sprigg who lived in a large brick mansion which at one time stood along Marsh Pike, was a Brigadier General in the Maryland Militia and on the Washington County Committee of Observation in 1777. He was a member of the Convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States and served in the second and third congresses. He is generally believed to have been one of Washington County's wealthiest citizens in his time. At his death in 1809 he had an estate valued at \$85,758. Thomas Sprigg's holdings were divided among his three children, William O., Otho H. and Mariah. Mariah who married Dr. John Reynolds received 512 acres, the northernmost portion of Spriggs Paradise which included the mill property. She and Reynolds mortgaged this land in 1828 (KK/167). The mortgage document refers to the mill and saw mill. In 1832 the mill and the surrounding farm of 271 acres was purchased by Joseph Emmert for \$10,000 (MM/896). In 1846 he sold the mill farm then of 80 acres to David Brumbaugh for \$7,076. (IN10/152). In the agreement of sale (IN1/550), of March 14, 1846, it is noted that Brumbaugh occupied the property which was described as improved with a stone mill. Jacob Lehman purchased the mill and 10 5/8 acres in 1854 from Brumbaugh for \$11,500. (IN13/765). The mill descended through the Lehman family until 1964 when it was purchased by Better Foods Foundation Cooperative Association Inc.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baer, Amos C., Unpublished information on "Long Meadows."
Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author,
Lehman, W.B., Historical information on Lehman's Mill and vicinity.
Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.40 acres

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

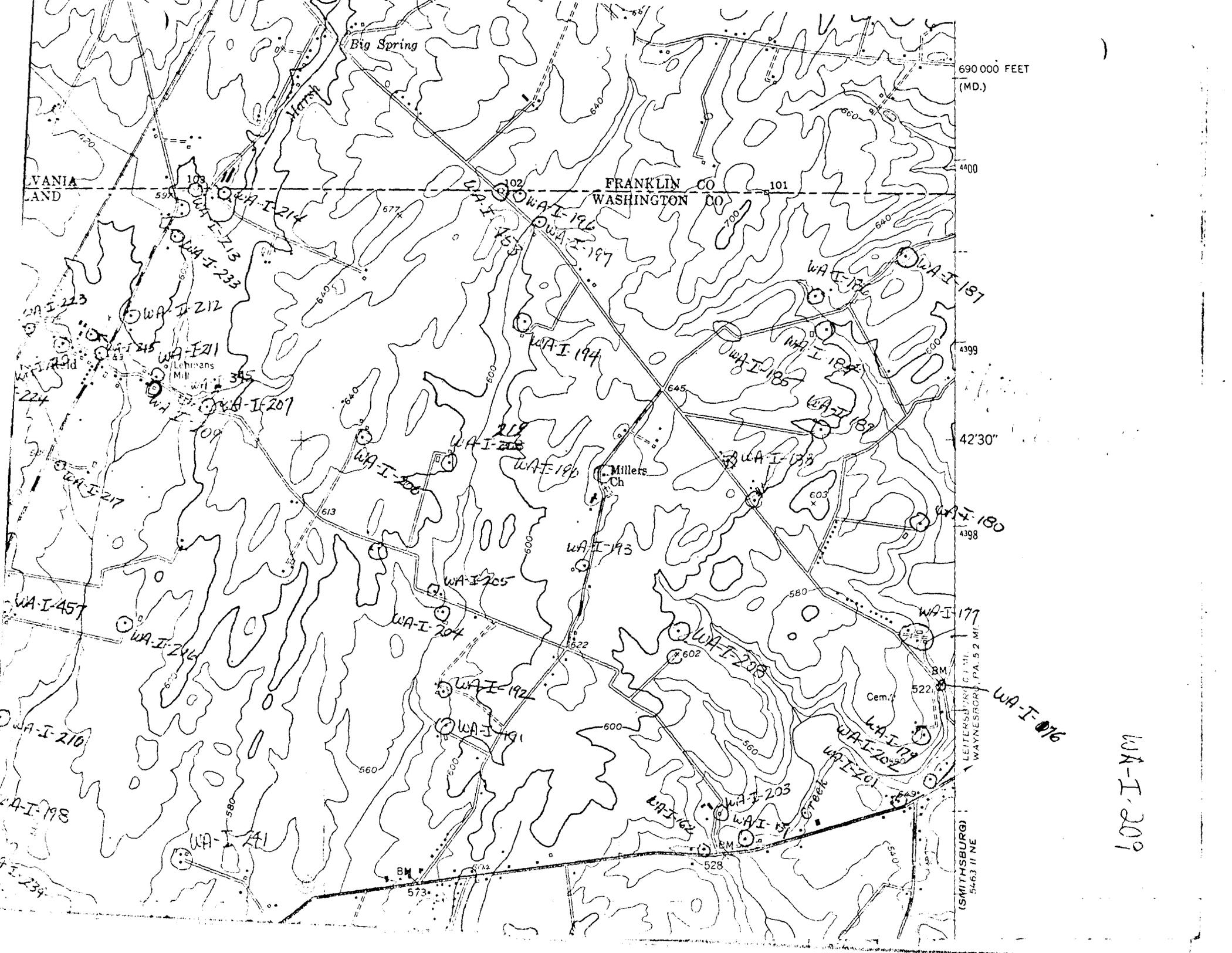
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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The mill is depicted on 1794, 1808 and 1859 maps of Washington County. It is believed by some historians to be one of the oldest mills in the East to remain in continuous commercial operation.

Further information on the Lehman family and the history of Lehman's Mill is to be found in the attached excerpt from T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County.



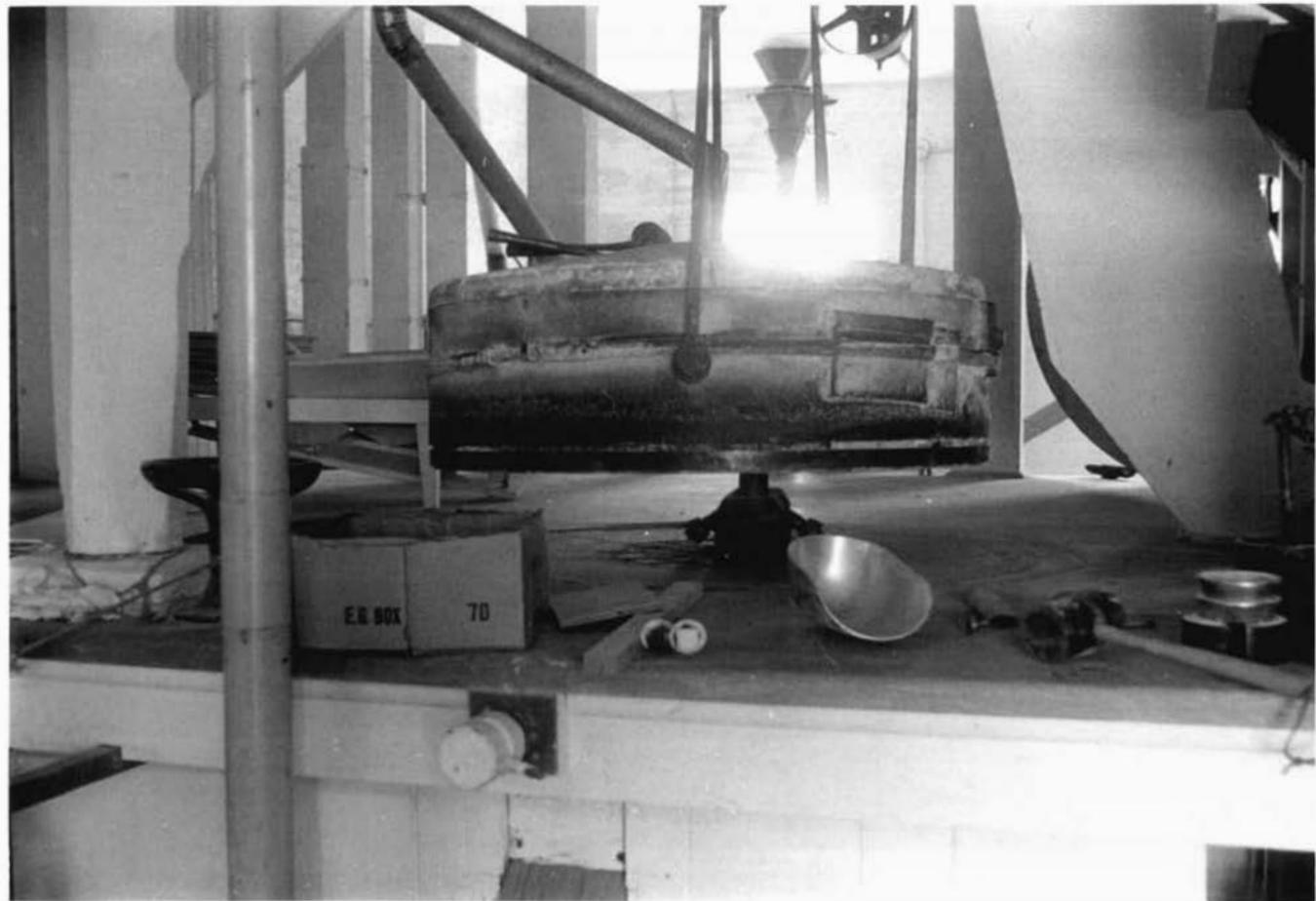


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