

ABSTRACT
WA-I-413
Rose Mill Site
Funkstown Vicinity
private

18th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pleasant Grove Mills

AND/OR COMMON

Rose Mill Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Garis Shop Road and Antietam

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF Funkstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

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 **Not in use****4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

P. Lowell Fox

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 529

Folio #: 336

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED > 50%

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rose Mill site is located on the north side of Garis Shop Road at the Antietam Creek south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. Remaining of the complex is part of a dam across the Antietam, a large segmentally arched opening from the main mill and part of a wall around the arch and raceway. Foundations and a small stone and frame building also presumably a mill located on the east side of the creek were part of the complex as well. The site is situated at Rose Mill Bridge a three arched stone structure built in 1839 (WA-I-347). The bridge was constructed with an outshot on its northwest wing wall to accommodate wagons loading and unloading at the front of the mill.

The remaining parts of the mill site are of stone construction. It is possible that the upper stories of the mill were timber framed. Although the mill building was located on the west bank of the creek, another mill building associated with the complex is located immediately opposite it on the east side of the creek. This is a one and a half story stone and wood sided structure which was served by a separate raceway. It is a relatively small structure three bays wide with a frame addition to its east end. Its west end of stone rises from the water's edge and has openings to allow for the mill wheel mechanism. It is possibly a newer structure than the ruins on the west side of the creek.

East of this mill building is a white sided dwelling. It is a multi gabled building with porches having an outward appearance of dating from the late 19th century.

Still intact is a sizable portion of the mill dam just upstream from the bridge. It is constructed of layers of uniformly coursed native limestones.

South of the bridge on the east side of the creek, is a spring opening housed in a limestone arched vault.

According to 19th century deed records, the complex included a grist mill, sawmill, chopping mill and dwelling house. The name of the land grant on which it is located is "Palmyra." The property includes 45.941 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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According to a 1794 map of Washington County, a grist mill was in operation on this site marked with the name John Sharer. Deed records indicated that John Sharer had his land here, part of "Palmyra," resurveyed in 1815. Later the mill property belonged to John S. Rowland who in 1860 transferred it to Benjamin Rowland (IN15/105). During the 1860's in several dealings the property changed hands repeatedly being purchased in 1869 by Robert L. Rose (WMcKK1/303, WMcKK1/324). It remained in the Rose family until 1891 when it was sold to Elias Emmert and then in 1902 to Elvin H. Snyder (97/351, 116/184). It remained in the Snyder family until purchased by the family of the present owner in 1947 (243/558). According to a former owner an electrical plant was in operation on the site during the early 20th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Map of Washington County, 1794.

Washington County Land Records.

Varle, Charles, Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45.941 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

December 1977

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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.

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Claggett's Mill site
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 Map of the State of Maryland by Dennis Griffith, June 20th, 1794



EXPLANATION

	County Line
	Road
	D. ^s where it is a County Line
	D. ^s not Surveyed
	Mill
	Furnace
	Forge
	House of Worship
	Dwelling House
	Tavern
	W.H. Ware House
	This mark denotes the County Town

The Mills in the vicinity of BALTIMORE are too Numerous for insertion

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A Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, State of Maryland. Charles Varlé, 1808

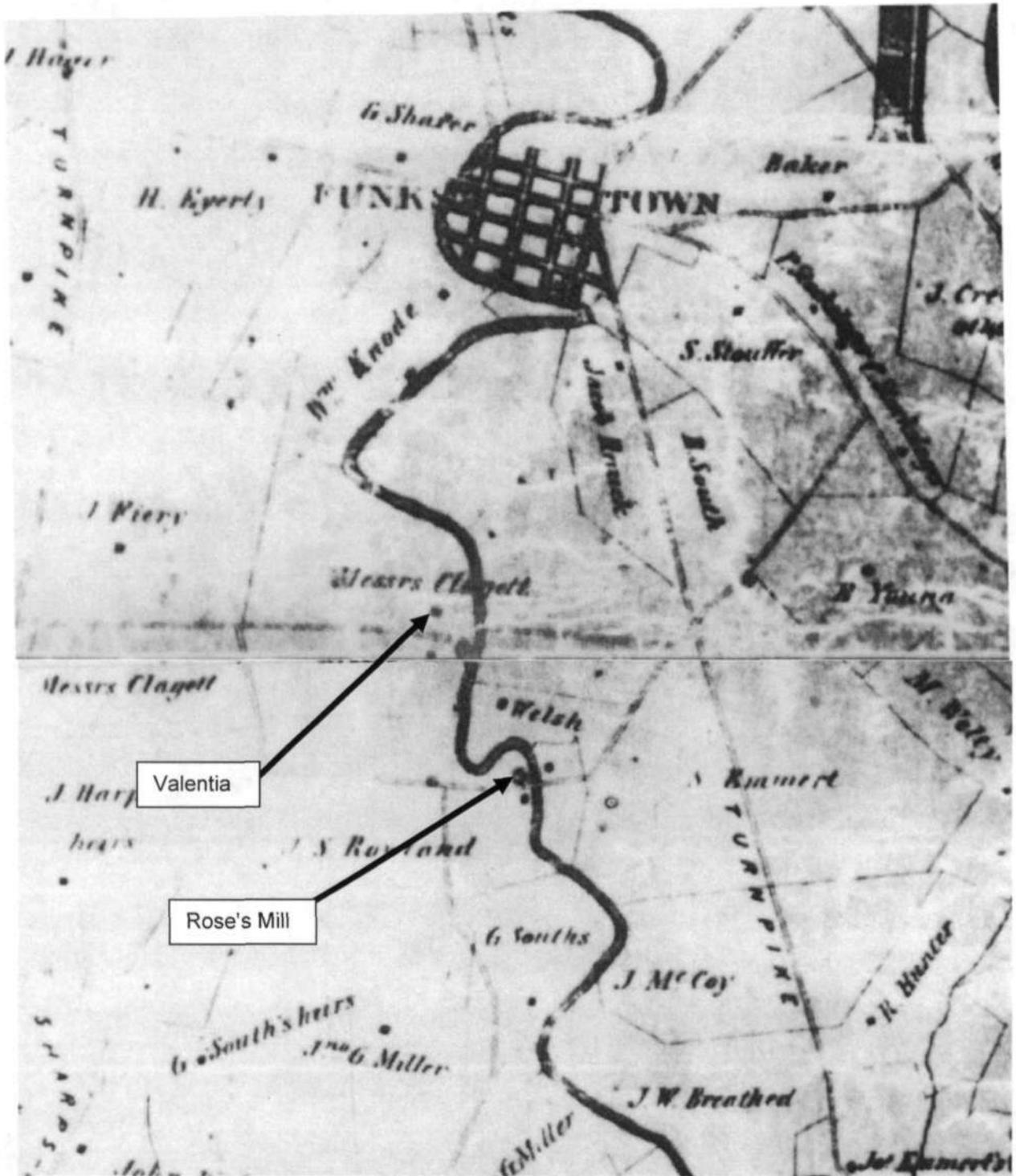


E **EXPLANATIONS.**

The Towns, Mills, Churches, Taverns, &c. are marked Thus

<i>The Towns</i>	<i>Crist & Merchant Mills</i>
<i>The Saw Mills</i>	<i>The Furnaces</i>
<i>The Forges</i>	<i>The Plantations or Farms</i>
<i>The Churches</i>	<i>The County Roads</i>
<i>The Taverns</i>	<i>The Stage Roads</i>
<i>The Division Lines</i>	<i>The Mountains & Hills</i>

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A Map of Washington County, Maryland. Thomas Taggart, 1859



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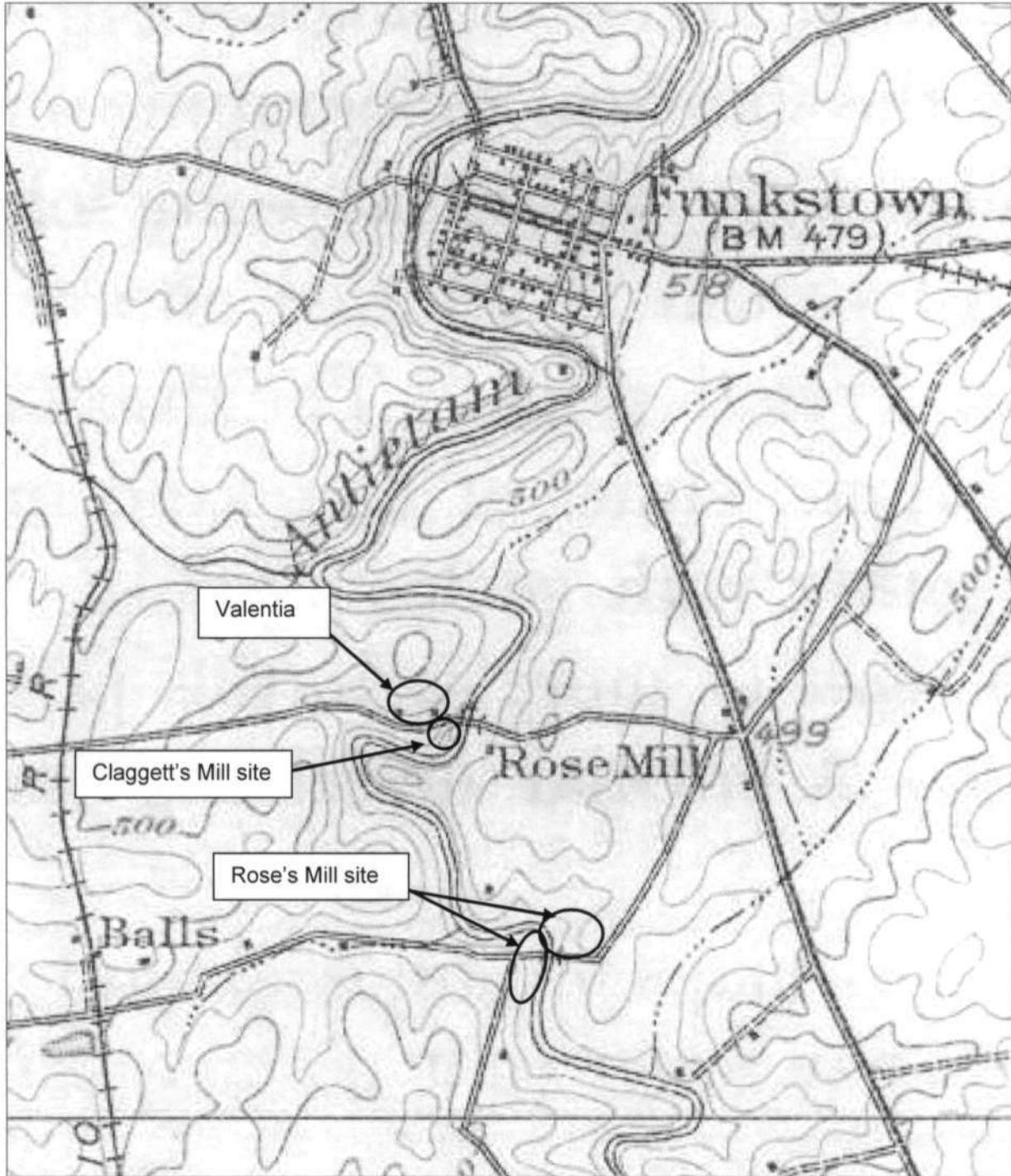
An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland. Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877



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USGS 15' topographic quadrangle Hagerstown, 1912 (Surveyed 1908, 1910)



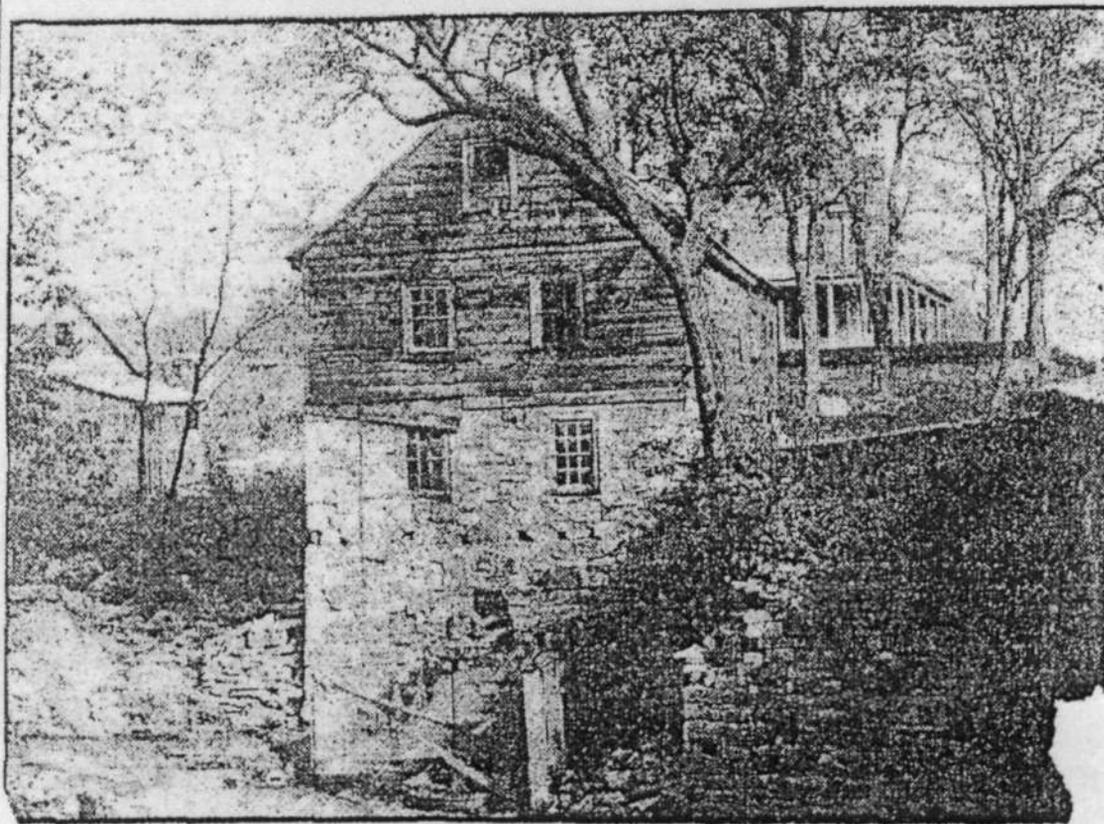
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Rose's Mill, site

Baltimore Sun
Monday, December 3, 1928

This tattered clipping from the Sun, December 3, 1928, is from the MHS clipping file. It matches the small structure in Paula Stoner Dickey's photos in the MHT file. Note the porch posts on the dwelling house. It was a cooper shop, a shop for making barrels. -- John McGrain

THE SUN, BALTIMORE, MONDAY

Ancient Washington County Mill



Hagerstown, Dec. 2 (Special)—This old mill, probably one of the oldest in Washington county, is on the Antietam creek, near Funkstown. Its age is estimated at 150 years. Across the stream can

still be seen the remains of the old Rose known in its day as the most modern plant in Washington county. The structure pictured has been both a barrel factory and a flour mill. Remains of an old wheel can still be seen in the w



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N.E. View

April, 1975

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N. elev. Mill bldgs.

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Mill Run, N.E. Quad

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Arched Spring opening. S.E. view
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S.W.

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Mill site and dam, with bridge. See 1200

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N.W. view

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