

APPENDIX B

**CRS AND NRHP FORMS FOR PREVIOUSLY
SURVEYED RESOURCES**

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DWLG CX

Rd. 465

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CRS # 5-5878
Quad Samuel
SPO map # 10-11-07
Hundred Brook Creek
DOCUMENT 20-06/78/04/7

1. NAME OF LOCUS: BRK DWLG CX
2. STREET LOCATION: Rd. 465
3. OWNER'S NAME: Ray O'Neal TEL. # _____
ADDRESS: Box 269
4. TYPE OF LOCUS: a) structure b) district _____ c) archaeological site _____
d) other _____
5. SURROUNDINGS OF LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a) fallow field _____ b) cultivated field c) woodland
d) scattered buildings _____ e) densely built up f) other _____
6. THREATS TO LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a) none known b) zoning _____ c) roads _____ d) developers _____
e) deterioration _____ f) other _____
7. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER SURVEYS:
TITLE: _____ # _____
TITLE: _____ # _____
TITLE: _____ # _____
8. YOUR NAME: BERT TICHA TEL. # _____
YOUR ADDRESS: _____
ORGANIZATION (if any) CHAE DATE: 7/31/84

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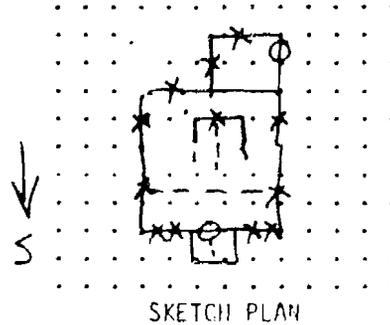
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CRS # 5-587
Quad Lanet
SPD map # 10-11997
Hundred Broad Creek
DOCUMENT 20-06/78/08/14

1. ADDRESS OF STRUCTURE : Rd. 465

2. DESCRIBE THE STRUCTURE AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE:

- a) Overall shape Cape Cod
stories 2
bays 3
wings
- b) Structural system brick
- c) Foundation materials brick
basement
- d) Exterior walls materials brick
color(s) red
- e) Roof shape; materials Cape Cod
cornice box w/ returned eaves; shingle moulding + led moulding
dormers South elevation (wall carry on beyond eaves)
chimney location(s) North elevation, large gable.
- f) Windows spacing 3 over 3
type sash double hung; 6 lights over 6.
trim plain architrave; brick sill.
shutters
- g) Door spacing center south facade.
type ?
trim
- h) Porches location(s) Patio south facade
materials
supports triangular brace
trim arched eading; shingle moulding.
- i) Interior details (if accessible)



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3. CONDITION: good _____ deteriorated _____

remarks: _____

4. INTEGRITY: a) original site _____ b) moved _____

c) if moved, when and from where _____

d) list major alterations and dates (if known) flat roof

kitchen on east side of north facade

5. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1940's

6. ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Lowe

7. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS:

a) barn _____ b) carriage house _____ c) garage _____ d) privy _____

e) shed _____ f) greenhouse _____ g) shop _____ h) gardens _____

i) icehouse _____ j) springhouse _____ k) other one car garage

describe: low gable balloon frame w/ novelty siding;

1 car garage - Cape Cod balloon frame w/ weather board siding

8. BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE ORIGINAL AND SUBSEQUENT USES OF THE STRUCTURE. NOTE ANY ASSOCIATIONS WITH HISTORIC EVENTS OR PERSONS:

9. Primary References: (include location of reference).

10. Surveyor: _____

Bert Jaha

Date of Form: _____

7/31/54

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Rd. 465

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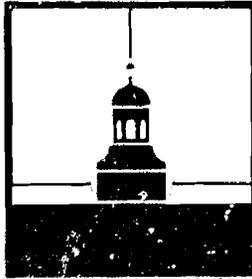
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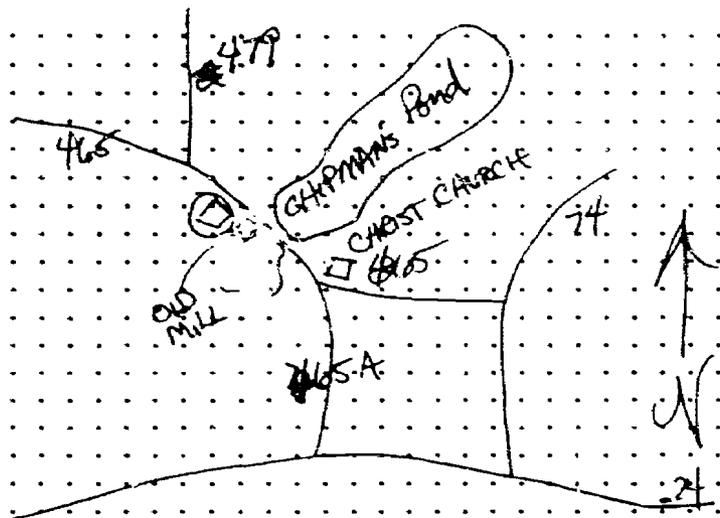
CRS # S-5830
Quad Laurel
SPO map # 10-1107
Hundred Broad Creek
DOCUMENT 20-06/78/04/7

1. NAME OF LOCUS: DWLG
2. STREET LOCATION: Rd. 465
3. OWNER'S NAME: _____ TEL. # _____
ADDRESS: _____
4. TYPE OF LOCUS: a) structure b) district _____ c) archaeological site _____
d) other _____
5. SURROUNDINGS OF LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
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TITLE: _____ # _____
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8. YOUR NAME: BERT LICHA TEL. # _____
YOUR ADDRESS: _____
ORGANIZATION (if any) CHAE DATE: 8/1/84

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8. SKETCH MAP

Please indicate position of locus in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and roads.



INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH

USE BLACK INK ONLY

9. COMMENTS:

Consider the following:

- a) relationship to setting
- b) associated traditions or stories
- c) noteworthy features
- d) comparison with others in area

Heading NW on 465 from 74,
1st house on left beyond mill + pond.

1/2 story gable dwelling with
3 bays on block foundation;
aluminum siding.
Post - 1868 unless moved.

Currently Not Available for Survey

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CHIPMANS MILL

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Chipman's Mill

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

On Road 465, 750 feet east of its intersection with Rd. 479

CITY, TOWN

Laurel

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

One

STATE

Delaware

CODE

10

COUNTY

Subsex

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Emma Jean Givens and Mr. James W. Lowe

STREET & NUMBER R.D. #1, Box 273

CITY, TOWN

Laurel,

VICINITY OF

STATE

DE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sussex County Court House

STREET & NUMBER The Circle

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown,

STATE

DE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Delaware Cultural Resources Survey S-400

DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs

CITY, TOWN Dover STATE DE 19901

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>Early 20th</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		century.

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the mill pond of the same name, Chipman's Mill is on Road 465 about two-and-a-half miles east of Laurel. The mill has deteriorated but the equipment, including stones, stone casings, hopper and turbine, are still in place or stored within the structure.

Chipman's Mill is composed of two separate structures, one of which was moved to the site in this century from an old mill nearby. The oldest structure on the site is the one-story east end of the mill. This section covers the millrace and houses the turbines and millstones. One of the most interesting features of the milling equipment within this structure is the large wooden crane which lifted the top stone. The structural system of this section of the mill has been changed several times; however, some of the framing shows evidence of mortise and tenon joints. Virtually all of the original exterior sheathing of the building is gone. Evidence indicates that it was clapboard. Lapped siding now covers this section. Abutted to the west end is a two-story structure with a shed-roofed wing. This was moved to the site. It is sheathed in shingle siding. Across the rear of the entire mill, several shed-roofed additions have been made. A tin roof is presently found on the entire structure. On the older section, it covers wood shingles.

The mill is currently threatened by several sources. First, the structure is situated on the turn of a road, and several cars have run into it causing considerable damage to its northeast corner. Second, when the race is in full operation, water overflows into the area under the mill resulting in rather severe erosion. Third, the building has been neglected since the mill ceased operation. The present owners hope to solve these problems and to restore the mill.

Around the mill is a low-density, residential area. Across the dam is Old Christ Church, a National Register property which dates to 1772. The church and mill serve as landmarks for the area.

FORM AS SUBMITTED TO OAHM

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PRE-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY PRE-HISTORIC	<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	
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1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	X <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chipman's Mill survives as one of the few remaining Delaware grist mills powered solely by water. Small mills of this type existed during the nineteenth century with predictable regularity on virtually every stream throughout Sussex County, yet very few remain today except as archaeological sites.

Though in a somewhat deteriorated condition, both the structure and water turbine grinding apparatus have been little altered since 1864, when Joseph Chipman first built the mill.

The map of Broad Creek Hundred, which appears in Beers Atlas of Delaware (1868), indicates the presence of a sawmill and wool carding machinery in the immediate vicinity of Chipman's Mill, but gives no indication of the presence of a grist mill at that time. It is possible that the present grist mill rests on the site of these earlier operations.

The mill continued to function within the social and economic framework of the surrounding rural agricultural community until the late 1940's, when it fell into disuse.

FORM AS SUBMITTED TO OAH-2

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beers, D. G. Atlas of the State of Delaware. Philadelphia: Pomeroy & Beers, 1868.
 Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware: 1609-1888; reprint ed., Port Washington, N.Y.: Kennikat Press, 1972.
 Thomas, Selma, ed. Delaware: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites. United States Department of the Interior, 1975.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Under 1/4 acre Latitude: 75° 32' 24"
 UTM REFERENCES Longitude: 38° 33' 42"

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated area is bounded on the north by the roadway, on the east by the creek, and on the south and west by an arbitrary line fifteen feet from the building.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Joan M. Norton, Architectural Historian & Dean E. Nelson, Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs DATE: October 1977
 STREET & NUMBER: Hall of Records, P.O. Box 1401 TELEPHONE: (302) 678-5314
 CITY OF TOWN: Dover STATE: DE 19901

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Lauren...

TITLE: Director, Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs

DATE: 12/14/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

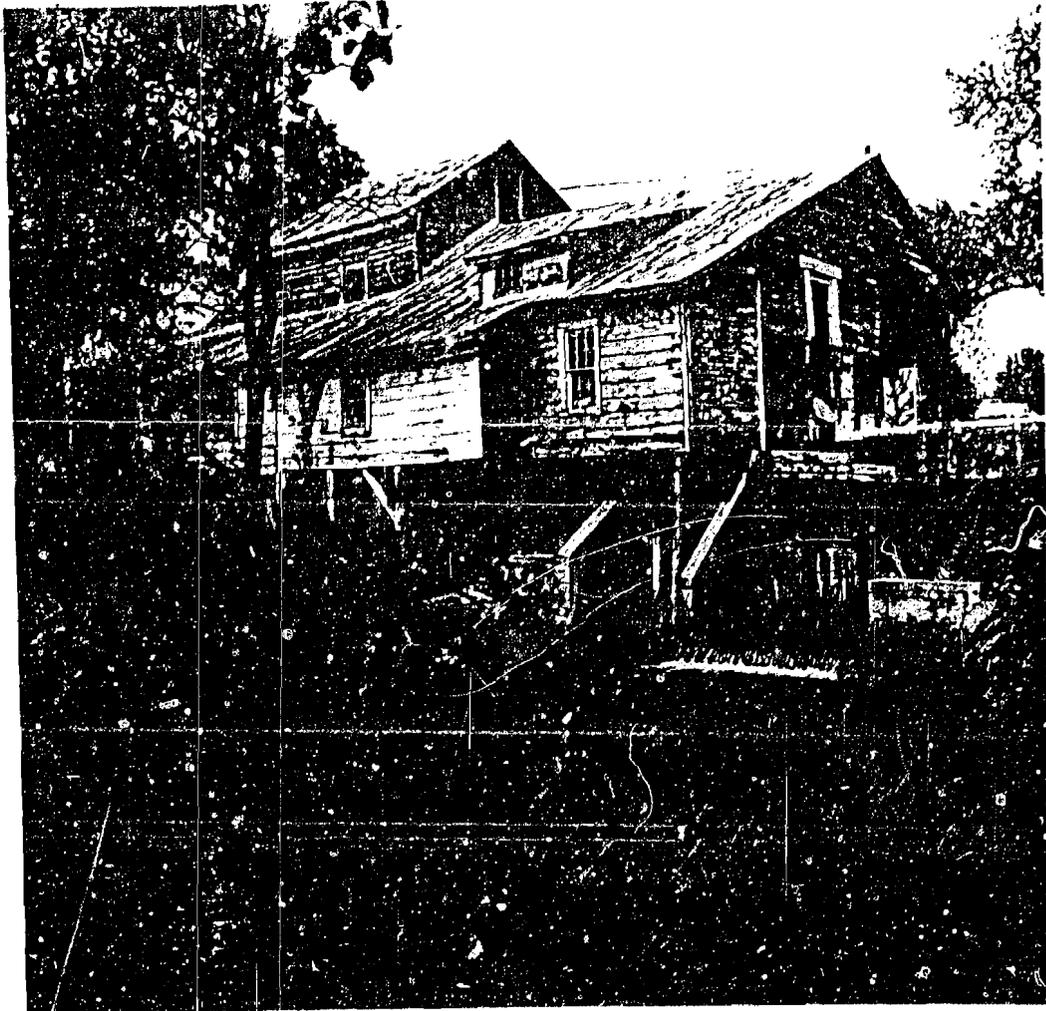
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: DATE

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Chipman's Mill (S-400)

Locat Near Laurel, DE

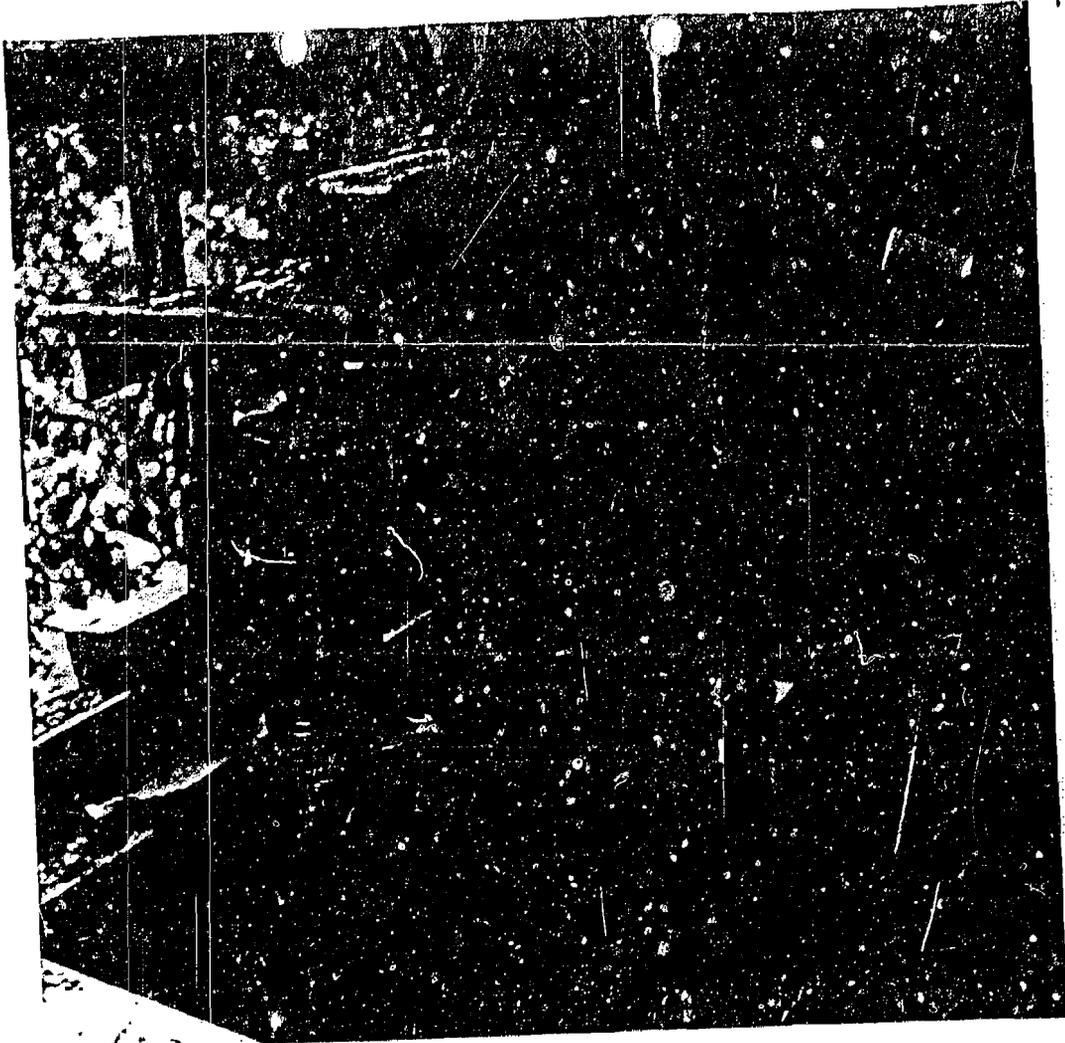
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Date: 1977
Location of: Division of Hist. & Cultural Affairs,
B/ASHP, Hall of Records, Dover, DE

Description:
View of mill from across the creek looking towards the
northwest.

Photograph Num:
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Chipman's Mill (S-400)

Near Laurel, DE

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Date: 1977

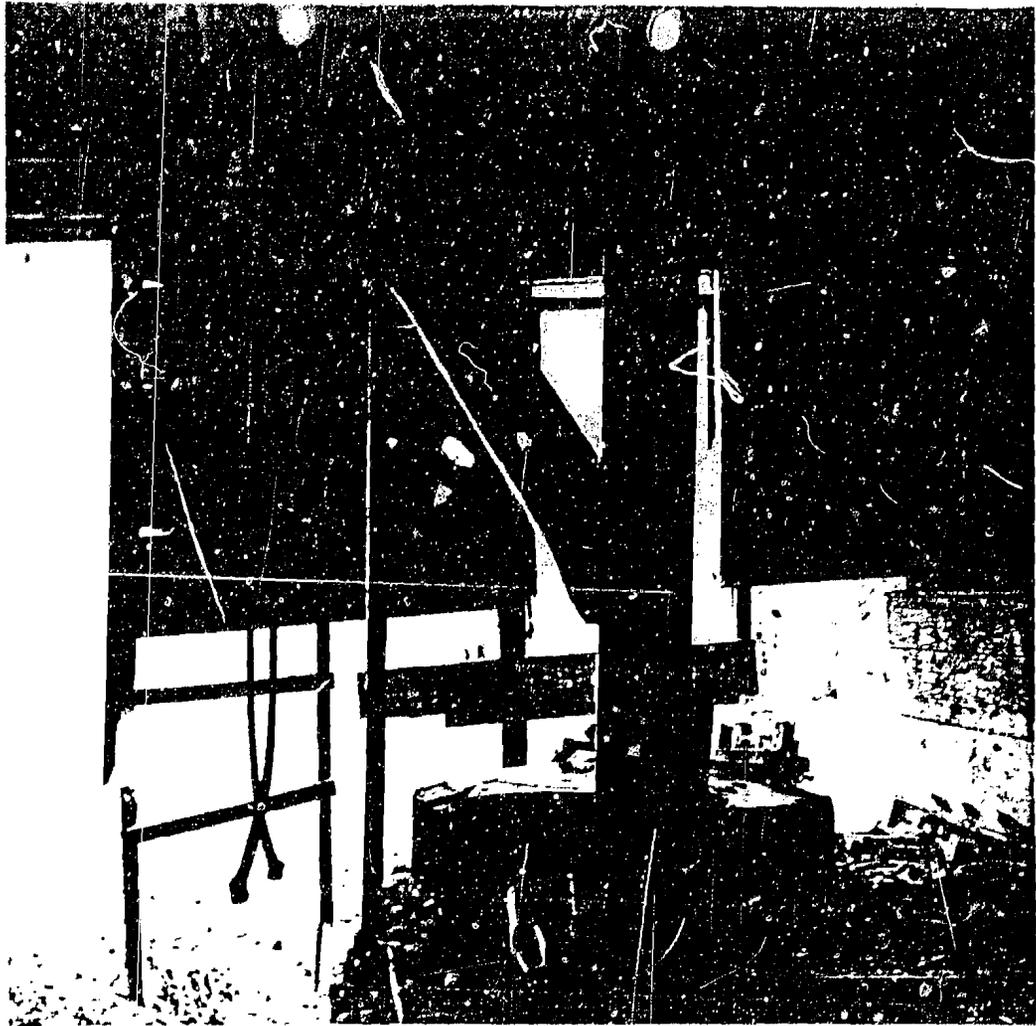
Location of Photo: Div. of Hist. & Cultural Affairs

Description:

3/4 view of addition to mill looking towards the southeast

Chipman's Mill

S-400 (1)



FORM AT [illegible] TO GARY

File: HPE 5.00
Chipman's Mill

June 1, 1978

Mrs. Emma Jean Givens & Mr.
James W. Lowe
R.D. #1
Laurel, Delaware 19956

Dear Mrs. Givens and Mr. Lowe:

I am pleased to inform you that on May 22, 1978, Chipman's Mill was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This action was taken by the United States Department of the Interior in response to our nomination of your property.

By this action, Chipman's Mill is recognized as possessing unusual significance to the history of Laurel. Beyond the recognition itself, inclusion in the National Register assures that this office will review all federal projects to determine any effect they may have on your property. Further, all National Register sites are eligible for federal preservation grants-in-aid administered by this office. We will provide you annually with application forms for these grants and will encourage you to consider this useful program.

We have a handsome framed certificate attesting to the National Register status of your property which has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State, and myself and which bears the Great Seal of the State of Delaware. We will contact you to arrange for a presentation of the certificate.

The State of Delaware shares the pride we hope you feel as a result of this recognition.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence C. Henry
Director/State Historic
Preservation Officer

LCH/JMN/bl

Enclosures

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Chipman's Mill

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The mill stone
and some of the
old beams which
are stored in the mill



View of rear of mill
taken from the east
side of the creek
looking northwest

Turbines which
powered the mill in
place about the race



View of front
of mill from
east



View of front of
mill looking
southeast from
road

Crane which
lifted the top
stone (made
of wood)

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Quad _____
SPO map no. _____
hundred _____

DELAWARE HISTORIC
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HALL OF RECORDS
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901
(302) 678-5314

YOUR NAME: Rick Givens TELE: 875-3058

YOUR ADDRESS: Route 1, Box 273 Laurel, Delaware 19956

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____ DATE: April 20, 1977

1. TYPE OF LOCUS: a. structure xx c. archaeological site _____
b. district _____ d. other _____

2. NAME OF LOCUS: Chipman's Mill

3. STREET LOCATION: Delaware Road 465 at Chipman's Pond

4. OWNER'S NAME: E. Jean Givens and James W. Lowe TELE: 875-3067

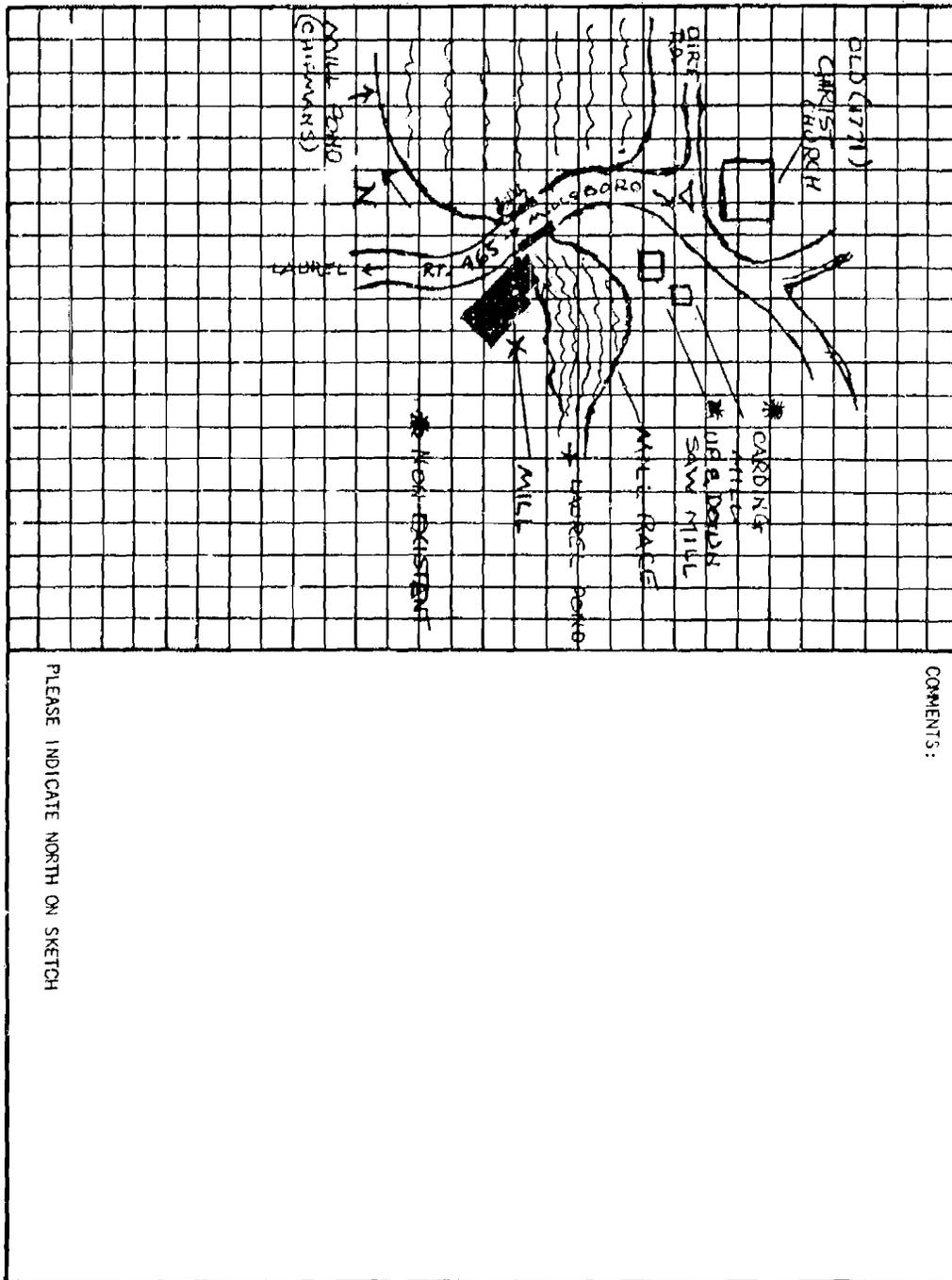
ADDRESS: Route 1 Laurel, Delaware 19956

5. THREATS TO LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a. none known _____ d. developers _____
b. zoning _____ e. deterioration xx
c. roads _____ f. other _____

6. SURROUNDINGS OF LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
a. fallow field _____ d. scattered buildings _____
b. cultivated field _____ e. densely built up _____
c. woodland _____ f. other pond and spillway

7. REPRESENTATION ON OTHER SURVEYS:
TITLE: _____ NO. _____
TITLE: _____ NO. _____
TITLE: _____ NO. _____

8. USE REVERSE FOR SKETCH MAP AND COMMENTS.
Please indicate position of locus in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and roads.



COMMENTS:

PLEASE INDICATE NORTH ON SKETCH

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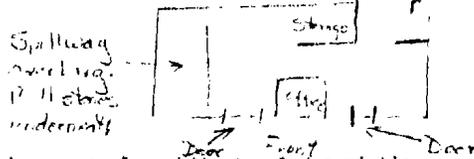
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CRS no. S-1100
Quad _____
SPO map no. _____
Hundred _____

1. DESCRIBE THE STRUCTURE AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE:

- a. no. of stories two 1/2 b. basement NONE c. no. of bays two
d. foundation construction concrete And Wood
e. structural system mortise and pin with rough pine siding
f. roof construction galvanized roofing at present, originally cedar shingle
g. plan shape (sketch if necessary)



h. general architectural description:

It is a one and one-half story structure with clapboard siding. The Mill is supported by wooden sills with hardwood flooring. This frame structure has an A-frame roof.

2. CONDITION: a. excellent _____ d. deteriorated xx
b. fair _____ e. demolished _____
c. good _____ f. site destroyed _____
3. INTEGRITY: a. original site xx b. moved _____
c. if moved, when and from where _____
d. list major alterations and dates (if known) _____

Roof changed from shingle to galvanized roofing
Date unknown

4. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY (mark "X" if extant, "0" if not):

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a. barn _____ | h. gardens _____ |
| b. carriage house _____ | i. landscape features <u>pond and</u> |
| c. garage _____ | _____ <u>spill way</u> |
| d. privy _____ | j. other <u>corn crib</u> |
| e. shed _____ | _____ |
| f. greenhouse _____ | _____ |
| g. shop _____ | _____ |

5. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: mid 1700's

6. ARCHITECT: Robert Houston (original structure)

7. BUILDER: Robert Houston (original owner)

8. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE ORIGINAL AND SUBSEQUENT USES OF THE STRUCTURE INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT ASSOCIATIONS:

Chipman's Mill has been in existence since the mid eighteenth century. A Mill at the location of Chipman's pre-dates Christ Church Broad Creek which was built in 1771. Robert Houston, then owner of a mill at the same pond, owned much of the land surrounding the pond and Church. In fact, the Church was built on part of the Houston Estate. It is assumed the building materials were furnished by Houston via an up and down sawmill near the Mill. The road which passes the Mill was the main route from Salisbury to Dover and was named "King's Highway" or "Stage Road". It is said a post office was located in this area since Laurel was not in existence. This Mill and pond was purchased in 1816 by John Chipman and remained in the Chipman Family until the mid nineteen forties. Until the present individual's assumed ownership, Carlton W. Lowe was the owner. Milling had a very important role in the economics of the Broad Creek and Little Creek Hundreds. As many as thirty similar mills were located around the area and

9. PRIMARY REFERENCES: at this time Chipman's is one of the last.

Mr. Elwood Chipman, West Street, Laurel, DE 19956

Mr. Carlton W. Lowe, Route 1, Box 266, Laurel, DE 19956

Mr. Carmel L. Moore, Route 2, Laurel, DE 19956

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CRS no. 5400
Quad _____
SPD map no. _____
Hundred _____

1. DESCRIBE THE STRUCTURE AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE:

- a. dimensions stories bays wings Structure is comprised of three sections Mill end is 1 1/2 stories - 3 bays wide, 2 bays deep The central portion is 2 1/2 stories, 2 bays wide It has a wooden box cornice. ~~A~~ A wing (1/2 bay) is attached (one bay), with a ~~small~~ ~~new~~ addition to it. A standing iron metal roof surmounts the entire structure. The mill ~~and~~ end and central portion exhibit lean-to roof lines. Mill end portion has single rear shed dormer Two end portions have roof overhang w/ exposed rafters and metal gutters; central portion has ~~box cornice~~ wooden box cornice
- b. foundation basement
- c. structural system
- d. walls - exterior materials
- e. walls - interior color (original) panelling trim
- f. roof shape materials dormers
- g. openings windows doors
- h. porches

2. CONDITION: a. excellent _____ d. deteriorated X
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c. good _____ f. site destroyed _____
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TOPOGRAPHICAL QUAD.

HUNDRED: Broad Creek

SUBJECT: Chipman's mill

ADDRESS:

OWNER:

TENANT:

INVESTIGATOR: M. J. J. DATE: Oct. 1973

REMARKS: from Schaaf's history;

- located 2 miles East of Lawrence.

- original was
- built by John Chipman about

the beginning of the 19thc.

- this grist-mill was built c. 1884
by its proprietors ~~etc~~ who included
Joseph Chipman.

HAER INVENTORY

1 NAME OF STRUCTURE Chipman's Mill		2 DATE 1884	3 NATURE OF STRUCTURE Grist Mill	4 INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION BULK: FOOD: GRAINS & CER(13)	
5 LOCATION STREET & NUMBER 1.2 miles east of Rt. 13 on Rd 465 at Chipman's Pond		CITY OR TOWN Laurel	COUNTY Sussex	STATE Del.	6 USGS 7 2 004D 8 UTM GRID REF 18.452970.4268060
7 OWNER OF PROPERTY ADDRESS Carleton Lowe RD 1, Box 266 Laurel, DE 19956					
8 CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED PULVIS UNEXPOSED ALTERED ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC					
9 DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND HISTORY NUMBER OF STRUCTURES DIMENSIONS FABRIC STRUCTURE & FORM SURVIVING MACHINERY FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT APPROX AREA OF SITE ALTERATIONS PRESENT USE ENGINEER ARCHITECT DESIGNER IMPORTANT EVENTS & INDIVIDUALS Original mill built c 1800 by Houston (?). The present mill was built by Joseph Chipman and others in 1884. It ceased operation c 1950. Two turbines, gearing and shafts, stones, cranes, and pulleys are still in the mill or in the yard of the owner. The owner wishes to have the mill restored by a reputable agency to which he will donate the mill. As there was once an up-and-down sawmill across the raceway, he foresees the possibility of setting up such a mill for which he has access to original equipment (though he would not say where). If no agency comes forth soon, he will destroy the mill because it is likely to fall into the raceway and upset his lake property.					
10 PHOTOGRAPHS & SKETCH MAP ON REVERSE SIDE					
11 RELATED SOURCES OF INFORMATION HISTORICAL REFERENCES (PUBLISHED ARTICLES, MANUSCRIPTS, REPORTS, DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS) CONTACTS (NAMES & ADDRESSES OF ANYONE WITH EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OR RELEVANT INFORMATION); TAPE RECORDINGS					
12 DANGER OF DEMOLITION OR DAMAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NATURE OF THREAT Owner may destroy it at the end of this year.					
13 PRIORITY 3					
14 EXISTING SURVEYS AND DATES: NNL NR HAER HABS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER S-400					
15 INVENTORIED BY YOUR NAME Tommy Guider		ADDRESS 163 Elkton Rd., D-2 Newark, DE 19711		AFFILIATION Hagley Museum	
		DATE June 1974			
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Historians and are recorded in the archives of Maryland and Delaware. Mitchell was born near Laurel in 1733, the son of James Mitchell and

burg, Va. on May 11, 1781. He was paroled after the Battle of Yorktown

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Sussex County Council President Oliver E. Hill (D-Laurel) said last week he will make every effort to see that politics doesn't enter into the selection of a new county finance director.

Local Citizens Mount Effort To Save Historic Laurel Mill

→ by G. D. Graves, Jr.

What is believed to be the last remaining unmodernized, water-powered grist mill in the State of Delaware is facing imminent demolition unless some means can be devised to restore the structure whose roots predate the Revolutionary War.

Some of the supporting hand-hewn beams of Chipman's Mill at the south shore of Chipman's Pond about two miles east of Laurel have gradually deteriorated over the last century, and the large frame building is in danger of toppling into the mill race below it unless restorative measures are promptly taken.

A group of local residents believe the historic value of the mill merits an effort toward its preservation through restoration and that the restoration project would make a meaningful contribution to the state's participation in the National Bicentennial Celebration in 1776. The citizens involved strongly believe the mill to be one of the few existing links with Delaware's colonial heritage within Western Sussex County which make it an appropriate target as a Sussex County bicentennial project.

The state's plans for the bicentennial celebration are still in the embryo stage, and it was not until last week that the Sussex County Council appointed the first five members of the 15-member committee which will be charged with the bicentennial observances within Sussex County.

Chipman's Mill is now owned by

Carlton W. Lowe of Laurel who in 1950 acquired the mill and surrounding 205 acres including the bottom rights of Chipman Mill Pond from Elwood Chipman, great great grandson of the original owner. Operation of the mill ceased in 1951 due to its obsolescence and relative high cost of operation without electricity. However, Lowe and Chipman in partnership from 1943 to 1950 ground the corn for 90,000 chickens at one growth cycle using the water-powered mill.

The only viable use for the present mill rests in its value as a historic site preserving a unique niche in Delaware's heritage and colonial past. Lowe does not personally have the funds to restore the mill to the point where it could serve as a museum or a historic site such as the designation given nearby Old Christ Church of Broad Creek. The church is situated about 250 yards to the east of the mill, and the history of the two buildings is closely entwined.

Carlton Lowe is willing to donate free and clear the mill site and some surrounding acreage to any bona fide non-profit organization or foundation willing to restore and preserve the mill for posterity. Failing in this, Lowe's only alternative will be to demolish the mill in the not too distant future.

When it became known that Lowe was contemplating the demolition of the historic mill, several area residents began to explore the means available to accomplish the mill's preservation. To date, no firm plans have been for-

mulated by these interested citizens, but thought is being given to the organization of a local non-profit association to achieve the purpose. A presentation is also being prepared for submission to some of the state's existing benevolent foundations oriented to the preservation of Delaware's heritage. No definite estimates have yet been made for the initial cost of restoring the mill structure, but the present condition of the mill with its water turbines and cog wheels intact and much of the beam work in the structure in prime soundness indicates that the costs do not involve a prohibitive amount of money.

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Sewer Referendum Set

Sussex County Council yesterday selected Saturday, April 27, as the date for a sewer system referendum for the Town of Blades.

Balloting will be from 1 to 3 p.m. in Blades Town Hall, Fourth Street.

All permanent town residents, 18 or older, are allowed one vote. Persons, firms or corporations owning real estate in Blades get one vote and two people jointly owning more than one

more than one vote. Leaseholders or any others, who may be uncertain of their voting rights, should call 856-7701, extension 215 or 216, and ask for Joann Dix.

An earlier sewer referendum for Blades and the area of Nanticoke Acres was defeated in 1971, 284 to 180.

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the Democrat. The winner of the County Council in January 1973, Hill said partisan politics is not going to enter into the filling of the position.

"As president of the County Council, I feel responsible that we should put the best person in the job," he commented. "You've got to go by the person qualified for the position."

"I won't ask whether they're Democrats or Republicans."

But Hill admitted he hasn't discussed the matter with the other two Democratic members of the council, and he didn't know how they felt about the position.

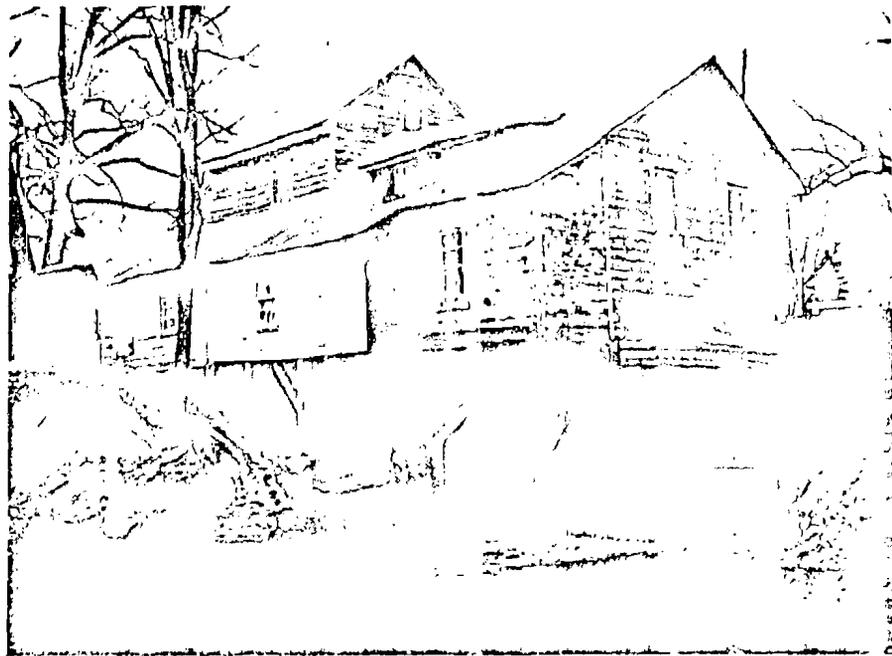
According to Hill there may be pressure from county Democrats to put a Democrat in the post, but he said the position of finance director is so important that politics can't be allowed to enter into it.

job in December, put in an application for it in February, and was interviewed March 5. The administrator is the first for Talbot County, he said.

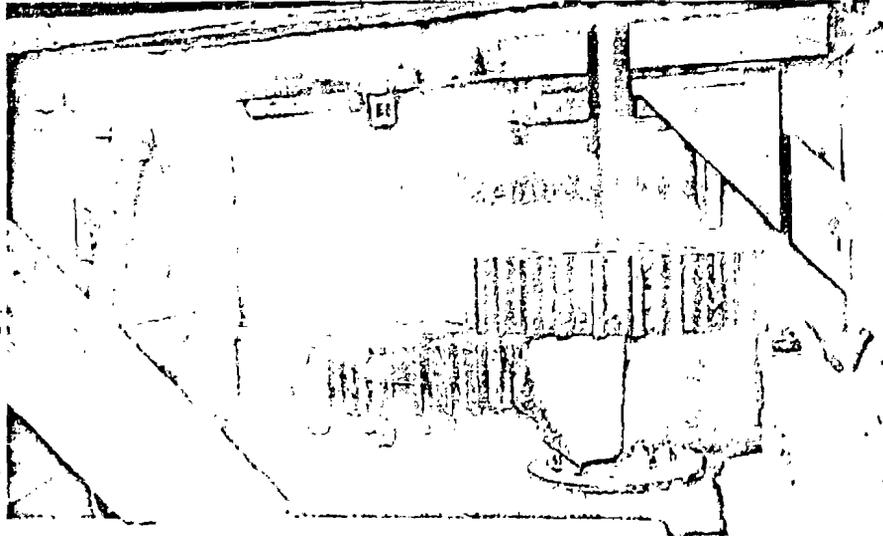
Sidwell and his wife presently live at Home Brook Beach, and he said he intended to hold on to the house and look for an apartment in Easton. Sidwell said he and his wife would use the house on weekends.

The Finance Director said he is leaving his job with "mixed emotions" because he will be leaving a number of "good friends" and associates behind while he will be gaining others at the same time.

Sidwell officially leaves the Sussex post April 13, and starts as the new County Administrator of Talbot County April 15.



Interested area citizens are attempting to mount a drive to restore Chipman's Grist Mill in Laurel which faces demolition. The roots of the mill predate the Revolutionary War.



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B. Thomas Elliott, State Senator David H. Elliott, Richard Givens, II, Re William J. Gordy, Harley R. Hickm Carmel L. Moore, G. Thomas S. J., Glenn W. Ward, all of Laurel; M. Sutcliffe of Newark and Laurel. Dr. James E. Marvil of Lewes, formerly of Laurel, is known to be interested in preservation of the mill but is out of the country at this writing and was unable to be contacted.

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Travel

By Dr. J. Steven Mach I
Part 13

English Foods and Cook-
I remember a conversation twenty years ago with some friends who had lived in England for a year, and particularly recall their comments regarding British food; they said it was not exciting - there was variety, and that it was well prepared.

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The following resignations were accepted with regret:

Mrs. Dorothy L. Wilkinson - French - Seaford Senior High School - effective June 30, 1974 (for retirement).

Mrs. Freenie G. Wainwright - Custodian - Frederick Douglass Intermediate School - effective June 30, 1974 (for retirement).

Mrs. Claudia C. Jones - Teacher aide (ESEA, Title I) - Kindergarten - effective March 29, 1974.

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The group interested in restoring Chipman's Mill has discussed with Carlton Lowe the possibility of reconstructing a replica of an up-and-down sawmill which probably operated under a rough shed in colonial days and a replica of the carding-machine which was operated about 100 yards east of the present grist mill by pond water running under the "King's Highway" to the "yellow hole" on the Lowe's property near Old Christ Church. Lowe is agreeable to donating this additional land for the creation of a small historical park embodying the three buildings which consisted of one of early Delaware's only "self-supporting" mill dam communities - food, clothing and timber - and which later supported a church. Much of this land has been cleared, and there is room for an access road at the mill and an egress road at the boundary of the church property with room for parking. Several huge

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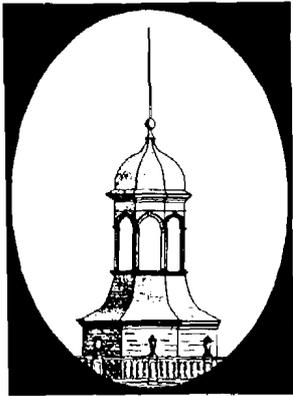
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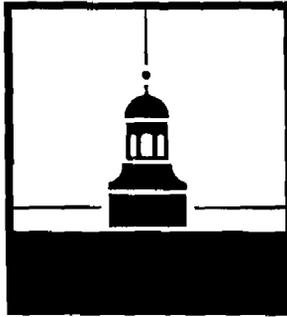
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5. NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS (date of determination):

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b. eligible Nov. 18, 1977 d. listed _____

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comments _____

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The time's a bad grind for venerable mill in Sussex

By NANCY E. LYNCH

Sussex Bureau

LAUREL — The sands of time have in no measure been grist for historic Chipman Mill near here. The 18th century mill, on the south shore of 65-acre Chipman Pond about a mile east of Laurel, is believed to be the oldest standing in Delaware.

But time is running out because the structure's original hand-hewn beams have deteriorated to the point where the mill is in danger of collapsing into its millrace.

The old saw and grist mill first attracted statewide attention seven years ago when Carlton W. Lowe, then owner, offered to give it and the two-plus acres it sits on to any nonprofit organization that would restore it. Or, he said, he would tear it down.

Lowe, who recognized the historical significance of the mill, also recognized that the building had to be either stabilized or razed. He made his give-away offer when he figured he didn't have the capital to restore it himself.

That was in 1974.

The mill is still standing but Lowe, now 75, is tired of waiting for a rescue effort. "I hate to see it go, I really do, but not a soul has come forward," he has said. "If we tear it down, we'll never hear the likes of it but people have had plenty of time."

Lowe at one time negotiated informally with Delaware Wild Lands Inc., a nonprofit group organized in 1961 to subsidize the natural preservation of land.

"That kind of died out," said Holger H. Harvey, Wild Lands executive director. "We're very sympathetic to restorations but we're not in the business. Our primary purpose is to save land."

Wild Lands, with offices in Odessa, maintains about 15,000 acres of Delaware land with an estimated net worth of \$6-7 million.

Lowe recently sold the mill to his son, James, and daughter, Jean Givens, who, Lowe says, have no interest in restoring it. But Lowe is a sentimental man who keeps putting off any talk of demolition.

The son of a carpenter, he is a retired farmer — and a great-grandfather — who developed some of his 200 acres along Chipman Pond into mobile home and family campsites. Lowe's Lake View Recreation Area is one of the state's largest inland camping areas.

Lowe knows the mill well, having managed it from 1938 to 1950 for Elwood Chipman, a descendent of the family for whom the mill



Staff photo by Susan L. Gregg

Historic Chipman Mill, near Laurel

and pond were named.

Lowe has said the mill has not been renovated in recent years and stands nearly the way it was when it first started up. He retired the mill in 1951, a year after he bought it and his 200 acres from Chipman.

He remembers its water power was enough to card 80 pounds of cotton a day, grind 50 bushels of corn and saw 800 feet of lumber. The original wooden cogwheels that drove the grinding machinery are still beneath the mill's flooring.

Not far from the mill is Old Christ Church, which was built in 1771-1772. Local historians, and Lowe have concluded that the boards used to build the church came from Chipman Mill, making the mill older than the church.

Early Maryland records indicate that before 1770, when the central part of Sussex County — which included the mill and pond — were still a part of Maryland's Worcester County, a Robert Houston owned the area.

Chipman Pond was then known as Houston's Pond. Houston operated the grist and "up and down" sawmill.

According to the records, Houston donated the land for the church and the lumber for its construction came from his mill. The Chipman

family bought the mill from Houston in 1816.

Lowe has always maintained that the land the mill is on is worth more cleared, as his family would put in additional campsites.

He's all but given up on any restoration, even though he had envisioned parking facilities next to a restored mill and a network of paths so tourists could also visit Old Christ Church, 250 yards away.

"The only demands I would make would be to know the plan of restoration and when it would be done. Also, the mill must be nonprofit and must be open to the public at least six months of the year," Lowe says now.

But since he has deeded his property to his children, he's not sure his give-away still applies. "We'd have to discuss it because the mill no longer belongs to me but I still hold an interest in it."

For now, the family has no plans for the mill. And Lowe is left with his thoughts on the nugget of history he can see from his living room.

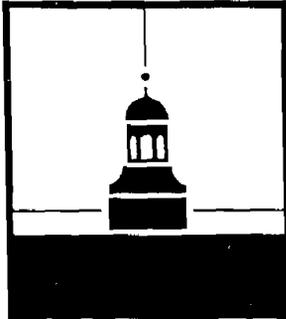
"What I think is disgusting is that people in western Sussex County are not interested in historical things," he muses. "You can't get something done unless the community is interested. You've got to want it."

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CHIPMAN'S MILL

Destroyed by arson -- 1987

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DOCUMENT 20-06/78/04/7

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ADDRESS: _____

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d) other _____

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6. THREATS TO LOCUS: (check more than one if necessary)
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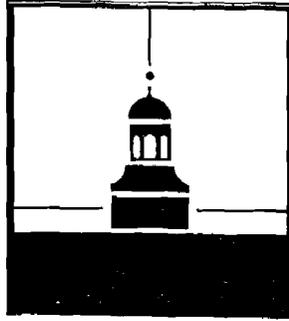
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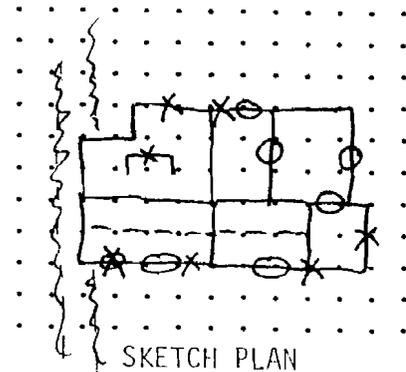


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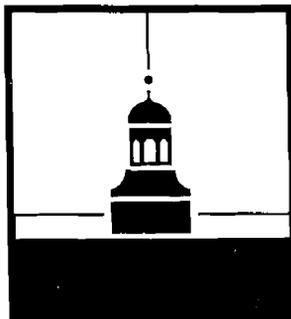
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- c) Foundation materials removed
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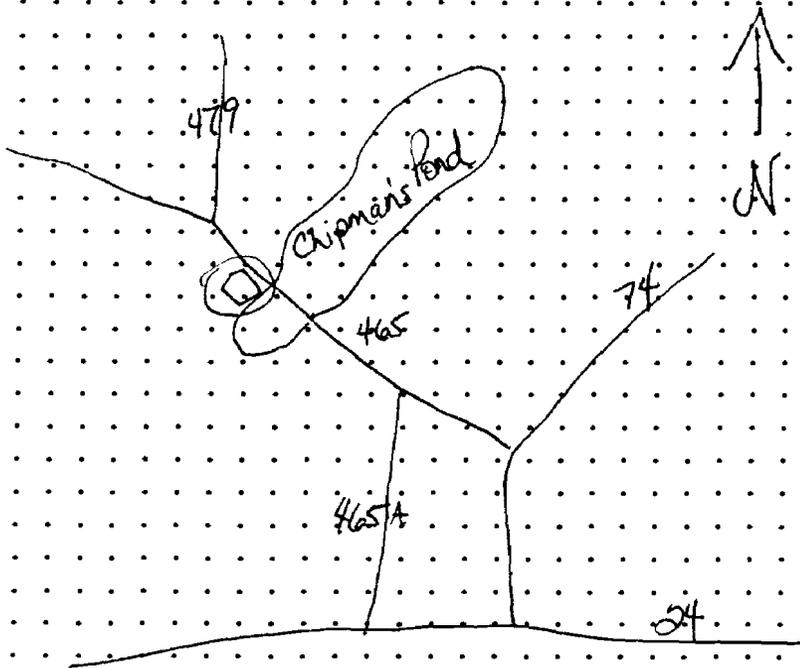
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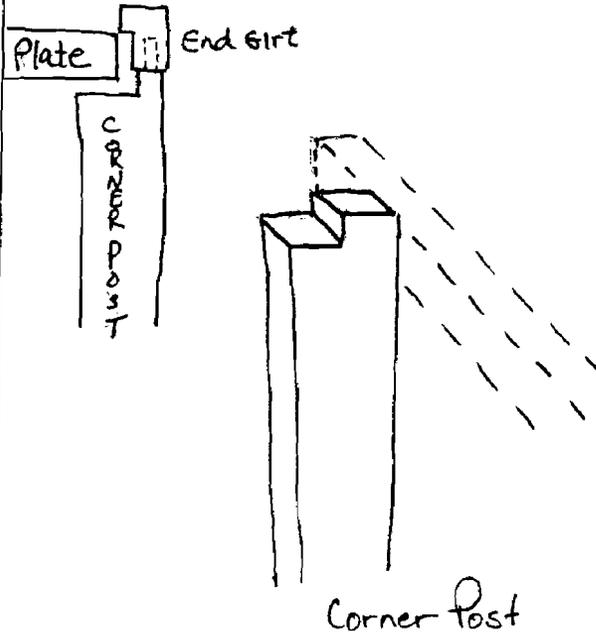


Heading NW on 465 from 74,
1st sawmill on left past Chipman's
Pond.

9. COMMENTS:

Consider the following:

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- b) associated traditions or stories
- c) noteworthy features
- d) comparison with others in area

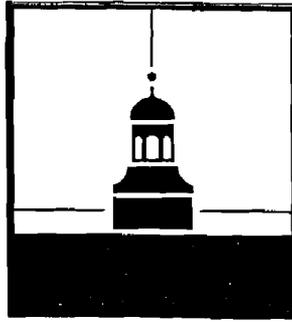


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