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Folck's Mill
Rt. 48 and DeHaven Road
Cumberland, Maryland
First Quarter of 1800's

Folck's Mill was a brick grist mill built early in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. For over a hundred years, it served as a commercial center and a mill for local agricultural produce. The mill was damaged in August of 1864 when it was the scene of a day-long skirmish between Confederate and Union troops. All that remains of the various mill structures and the home of the owner are stone foundations.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Folck's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. Rt. 40 and Dehaven Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland State Roads Comm.

Telephone #: 383-4200

STREET & NUMBER

300 West Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 267

Folio #: 357

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MHT Index for County Survey

AL-9

DATE

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

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- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The ruins of Folck's Mill are located north of ^{SR} Route 40 between Evitt's Creek and Dehaven Road.

All that remains of this once lucrative business and home are stone foundations of a mill, a barn, and an ice house. The large grist mill made of handmade brick was powered by a water driven wheel. Local history suggests that a sawmill was also driven by this wheel. Evitt's Creek, which supplied the power was relocated in connection with the road construction that caused the demolition of the buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

The builder and original owner of the Folck's Mill complex was Thomas Beall of Ninian. In 1830 the property was sold to John Folck Sr. ¹ Aside from its agricultural and commercial importance as a mill for local farm produce, Folck's Mill's fame is largely derived from its being the scene of Allegany County's only Civil War fighting.

Confederate troops under the Generals Ransom and McCausland who had burned Chambersburg, Pa., were advancing on Cumberland in late July 1864. With plenty of warning Union troops and three companies of local volunteers met the Confederates at Folck's Mill on July 31. After a little rifle firing the skirmish developed into a day long artillery duel. This ended when the Confederates broke the engagement and crossed the Potomac at Greensprings unhampered. ²

The property eventually passed on to the Wolfe family who were operating the mill around the turn of the century.

1. Allegany County Land Records, Liber R, Folio 165
2. Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Originally published, Washington, 1878, reprinted, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1972) pp. 416-417.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 107 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street Rm 305

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Folck's Mill DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC	
<p>(9A) <u>Folck's Mill</u></p> <p>Folck's Mill, which has long since disappeared except for its foundation, was situated on Evitts Creek at the Baltimore Pike. Late in the day of July 31, 1864, a Union force under the command of General Kelly met and repelled a 2,000-man Confederate force that was marching on Cumberland. The engagement never became heated as it was begun by cannonading which was followed by scattered musket fire. With the covering of darkness, the Rebel soldiers retreated south and crossed the Potomac River at Green Spring.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; A staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Md., Jan. 1965		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD _____	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Folcks Mill

"Here in Ewitt's Creek Valley on Aug. 1-1864 General McCausland's Confederate Cavalry returning after burning Chambersburg, (Pa.) was surprised by General Kelley's Union troops from Cumberland. The Confederates were repulsed and retreated across the Potomac at Oldtown."

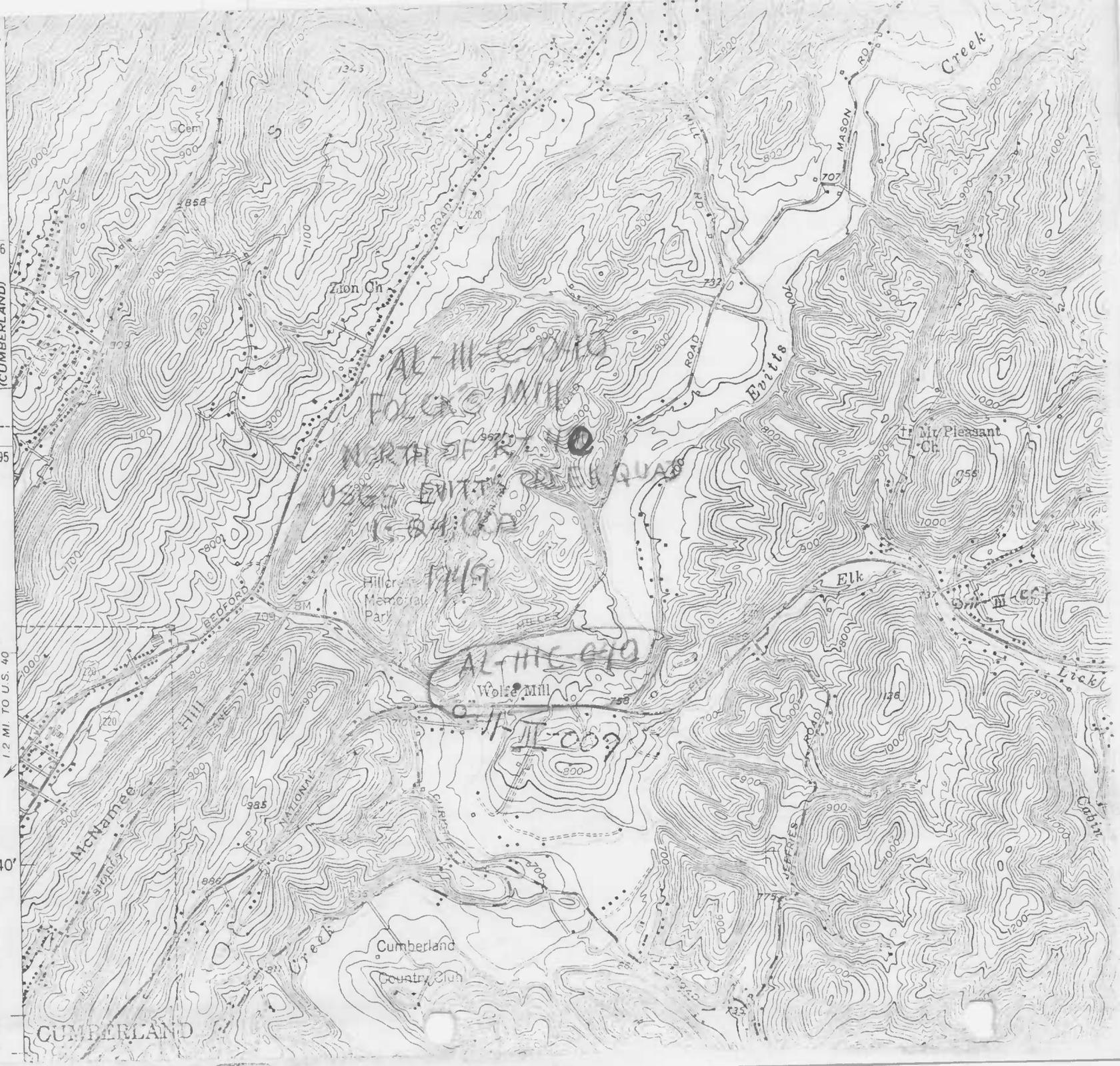
- Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission
- on Shrine Club lawn - 1965

NOTE: This was installed on Shrine Club lawn because of highway construction. The skirmish took place directly across from the Shrine Club on Folck's farm. It was the only Civil War action in the area.

- Source: Hazel G. Hansrote, Sec. Civil War Centennial Committee of Allegany County, Md.

P.S. Maps showing the battle area are in the hall of the Shrine Club and in the Civil War room at History House. - H.G.H.

4397
5263 III NE
(CUMBERLAND)
4396
4395
KEYSER, W. VA. 22 MI.
1.2 MI. TO U.S. 40
40'
CUMBERLAND
C 12 MI.
J. S. 270





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FOLCK'S MILL SITE

DEHAVEN Rd and RT #48 West, Cumb

WILLIAM J. PRATT

1/17/78

NORTH