The Cumberland Paper Company
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Locust Grove, Cumberland
1890

Paper manufacturing began at this site on the western edge of the Narrows in 1890 when the Potomac Paper Company built a brick paper mill. The company produced pulp wood and paper "of all kinds", employing more than one hundred men. When the mill was sold to the Cumberland Paper Company in 1892 it was described as a "Sulphite Pulp and Paper Mill." An industrial directory of Cumberland published in 1899 estimated the mill's capacity to be "ten tons per day". The Cumberland Paper Company operated the mill until 1902 when it was sold to a West Virginian firm. Months later it was again sold to the Maryland Paper Company of Allegany County which became "financially embarrassed". The machinery of the mill was sold at auction and the buildings were abandoned. After decades of neglect all that remains are mounds of bricks and a tall smoke stack.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Cumberland Paper Company

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Between the Western Maryland and Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at the western end of the Narrows

CITY, TOWN: Cumberland X ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	X INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Cumberland Cement and Supply Co. Telephone #: 724-2000

STREET & NUMBER: 419 North Centre Street

CITY, TOWN: Cumberland ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 188
Folio #: 609

STREET & NUMBER: 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN: Cumberland

STATE: Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE:

DATE:

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

CITY, TOWN:

STATE:

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	X RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

All remaining of this industrial complex is a series of stone retaining walls, some brick walls and mounds of brick, and a brick furnace with a tall stack. The furnace and stack are made of brick laid in american common bond in random variations. It rests on a low stone foundation of coursed rock faced ashlar. The first stage of the structure is square to an approximate heights of twenty feet. At that point point it tapers in to a square stone base upon which the round stack rests. The tapered stack rises to an approximate height of one hundred and fifty feet. At a brick belt approximately thirty feet from the top it flanges out and is topped with a conical cap. Circular openings on the north and west of the first stage have round arches of double row header bricks.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Paper manufacturing began at this site on the western edge of the Narrows in 1890 when the Potomac Paper Company built a brick paper mill. (1) The history of the mill is interesting because of the five companies which produced paper there during it's fourteen years of existence, only one, the Cumberland Paper Company managed to stay in business for more than two years.

The Potomac Paper Company was incorporated in 1889, during an era of optimistic industrial expansion in Allegany County. (2) Easily accessible and relatively inexpensive supplies of high-grade coal and an excellent transportation network made the area "an attractive place to produce goods for a growing national economy." (3) The company produced pulp wood and paper "of all kinds", employing more than one hundred men. (4) In 1892 the mill was sold to the Cumberland Paper Company which manufactured paper there until 1902. The deed transferring the mill describes it as a "Sulphite Pulp and Paper Mill" with machinery including seven large engines, eighteen dryers, revolving reels, cutters, winders, four large digesters, a battery of four boilers, and an acid plant. (5) An industrial directory of Cumberland published in 1899 estimated the capacity of the mill to be "ten tons per day." (6)

The mill was sold in 1902 to a West Virginia firm, the Maryland Paper Company, which three months later conveyed it to the Maryland Paper Company of Allegany County. (7) The latter firm was "financially embarrassed" within three months when it admitted it couldn't pay its employees or creditors, of which there were many. The Recievers of the business continued the production of paper, which remained uninterrupted throughout the different conveyances. After managing the mill themselves for a few months the Recievers leased the business to the Southern Paper Company of Allegany County which within three months was also financially embarrassed. (8)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany county Land Records
Stegmaier, Harry I. Jr. et al. (Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va. McClain Printing Co.)
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12.47 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	David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator		
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites	DATE	August 31, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE	777-5944
CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE	Maryland 21502

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Although the employees and managers of the mill were convinced that with sound business practices they could produce paper profitably, the business was permanently closed in July of 1903. (9)

The mill was sold at auction to the Cumberland Paper Company which salvaged the machinery and abandoned the buildings. (10) After decades of neglect all that remains are mounds of bricks and a tall brick smoke stack in almost excellent condition.

(1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 72, Folio 697
(2) Allegany County Certificate of Incorporation Liber 1, Folio 111
(3) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons W. Va.: McClain Printing Company) p. 220
(4) Certificate of Incorporation Liber 1, Folio 111 and Stegmaier, p.220
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(6) Sam Griffin, Cumberland Its Industries and Its Men, The Independent Industrial and Historical Edition (Cumberland: The Independent Publishing Co., July 10,1899)
(7) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 91, Folio 190 and Liber 90 and Folio 567
(8) Allegany County Equity Case #5340
(9) Ibid
(10) Ibid

TITLE SEARCH

Cumberland Paper Company
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 188, Folio 609
Grantee: Cumberland Cement & Supply
Grantor: Allegany County Commissioners
Notes: 13¼ acres known as "Old Paper Mill"
Date: December 17, 1940
Consideration: $600.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 188, Folio 305
Grantee: Allegany County Commissioners
Grantor: George G. Young, tax collector
Date: October 29, 1940
Consideration: $394.00

Miscellaneous docket of the Circuit C ourt of Allegany County #1739
Grantee: George G. Young, Tax Collector
Grantor: Maryland Wood, Fiber, Plaster and Supply Company
Notes: Grantor paid no taxes between 1936 and 1938, mentions an old brick building in very bad repair.
Date: July 20, 1939

Allegany County Deed: Liber 97, Folio 682
Grantee: Maryland Wood, Fiber, Plaster and Supply Company
Grantor: Cumberland Paper Company
Date: July 31,1905
Consideration: $8,326.25

Allegany County Deed: Liber 95, Folio 440
Grantee: Cumberland Paper Company
Grantor: Maryland Paper Company of Allegany County
Notes: Transfered by receivers as shown in Allegany County Equity Case #5340, Recievers leased paper mill to Southern Paper Co. of Allegany County from May to June when that company also went out of business.
Date: July 22, 1904
Consideration: $26,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 90, Folio 567
Grantee: Maryland Paper Co of Allegany County
Grantor: Maryland Paper Company
Notes: Grantor a company from West Virginia
Date: August 5, 1902
Consideration: $102,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 91, Folio 190
Grantee: Maryland Paper Company
Grantor: Cumberland Paper Company
Date: May 14, 1902
Consideration: $102,000

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Allegany County Deed: Liber72, Folio 697
Grantee: The Cumberland Paper Company
Grantor: The Potomac Paper Company

Date: December 31, 1892
Consideration: $37,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 69, Folio 60
Grantee: Potomac Paper Company
Grantor: Union Mining Company

Date: September 4, 1890
Consideration: $2,500.00

INVENTORY NO: 133 DATE: AL-V-B-105 9/21

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: PAPER Factory Chimney & ruins Smoke Stake

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Locust Grove

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: V B 105

NAME OF OWNER: Cumberland Cement & Supply Co

ADDRESS: D.134 No Liber Folio 419 N Centre St 724 2000

map 15 12.47 Acres (MILL)

STORIES: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: stone retaining walls – ruins of factory

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(✓) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. RANDOM
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
( ) LOG
( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone coursed rock face ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: openings on N&W
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( ) w/ round arches w/
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN double rows of headers
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

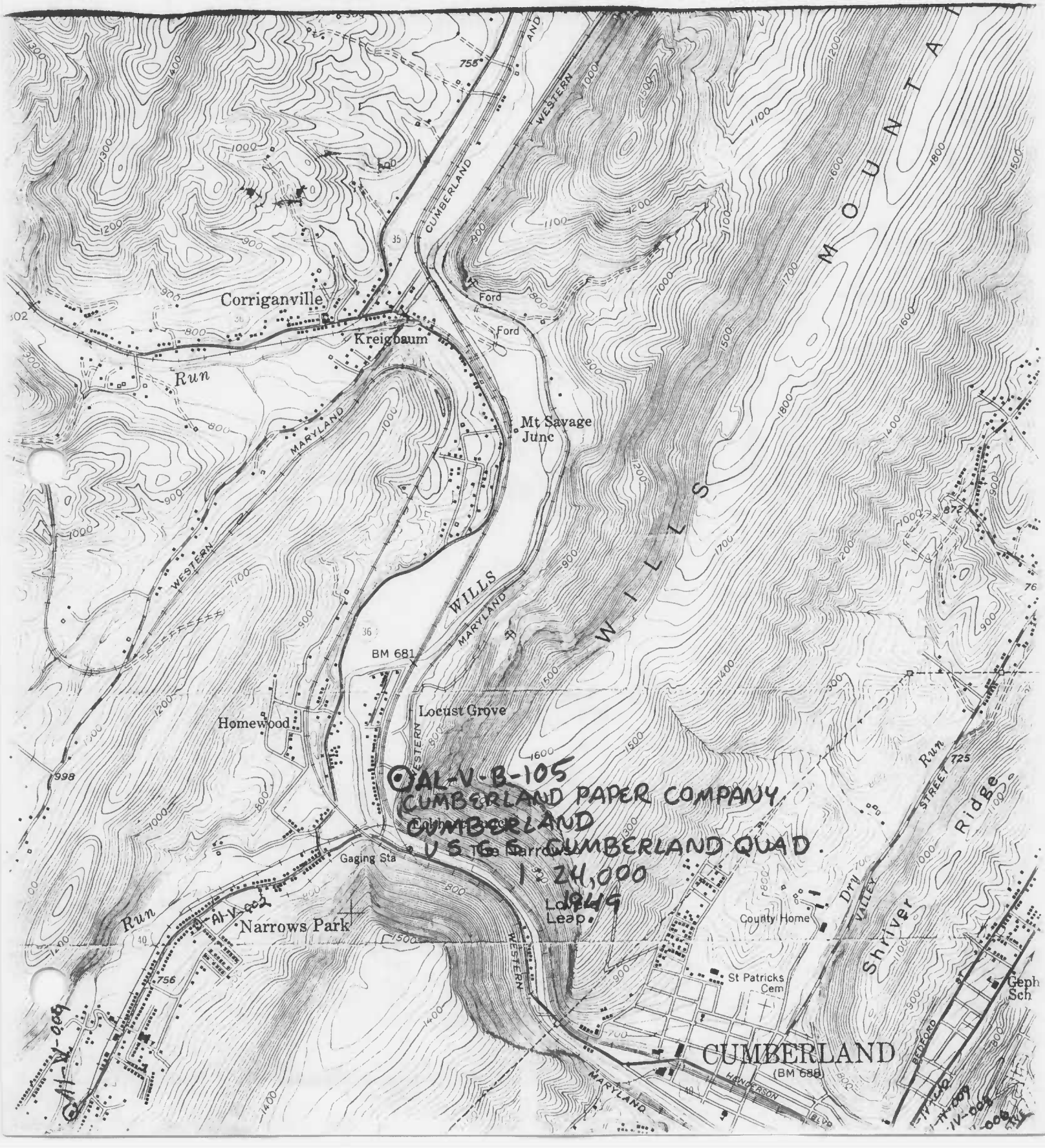
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) Conical cap original( ) replaced( )
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: tower ~ square to 20' tapers to sq. stone base for stack

USE:
SIGNIFICANCE:
DATE CONSTRUCTED:
CONDITION:



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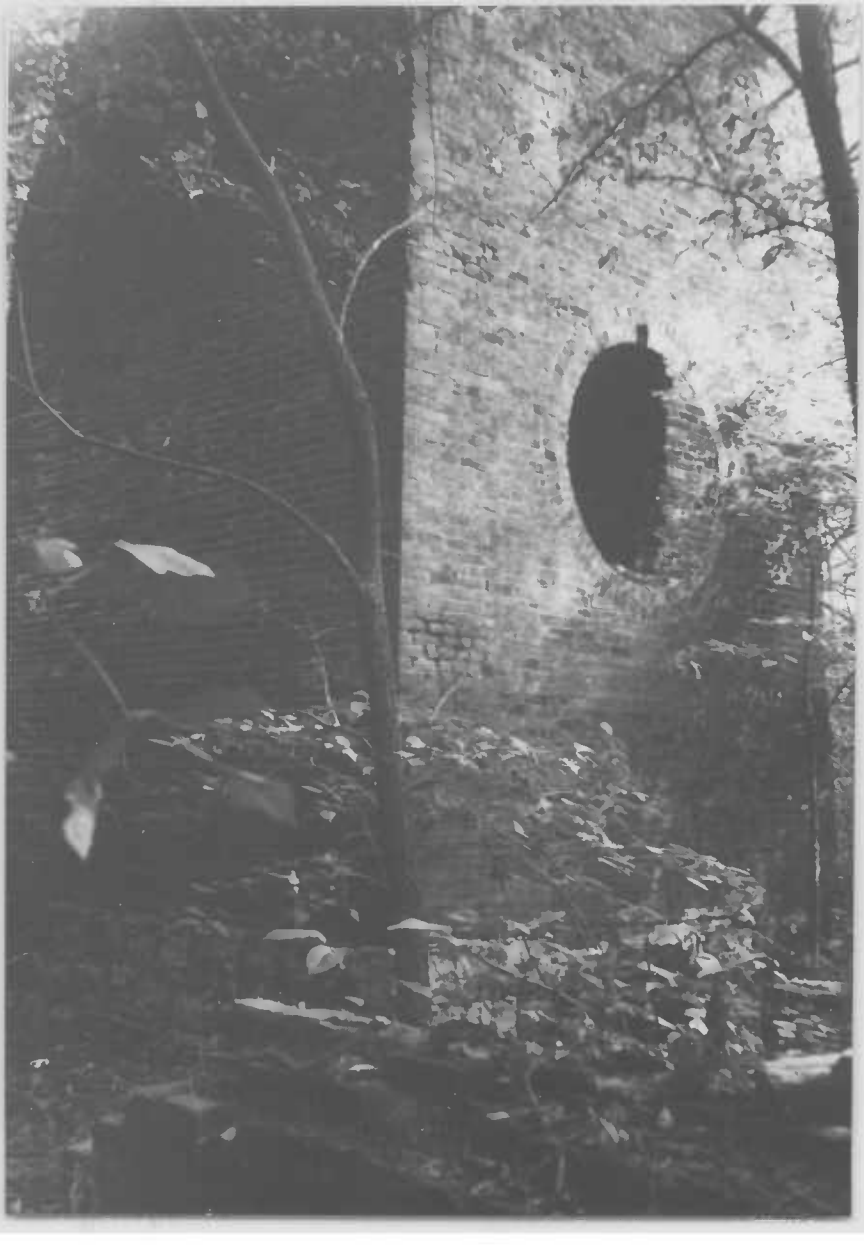

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