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Brick Mill Landing or Hardcastle Mill House

Circa 1790

Ridgely

Private

Standing on the edge of a dirt road near the Choptank River north of Denton is the brick house associated with Hardcastle's Mill. It is a small dwelling with the same fenestration as Castlebury on the adjoining farm. Its facade is laid in Flemish bond and has a sophisticated Federal string course.

"This house stands on part of a tract called Sayer's Addition, the part re-patented under the name Luck by Chance (1787). In 1797 Luck by Chance was purchased by John Hardcastle of Caroline County, son of Thomas Hardcastle. A deed of 1802 (Caroline County Land Records) mentioned John's grist mill. In the accounting of the disposition of his estate in 1816, his brick mill house is mentioned." (Horsey, E.F., Origins of Caroline County, Vol. II, at printer)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hardcastle Mill House

AND/OR COMMON

Brick Mill Landing

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

River Road, approximately .7 mile north of Holsinger Lane

CITY, TOWN

Ridgely

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harry A. Simon

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 47 E

CITY, TOWN

Ridgely

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21660

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 106

Folio #: 372

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hardcastle Mill House is located on River Road approximately seven-tenths of a mile north of Holsinger Lane near Ridgely in Caroline County. Built along the Choptank River, it is a small Federal style house depicting the affluence of a miller during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century.

The house is two storys with a gable roof and interior chimneys at both ends. The east facade is three bays with a three brick string course (in which the uppermost bricks protrude beyond the bottom two rows) between the storys. This facade has a central door way with newer two over two pane sash windows in the other bays. The windows and door have flat arch brick lintels. There is a box cornice with a serpentine molding. The molding continues along the eaves of the end gables and has a wood arch trim at the corners. The gable ends both had two casement windows which have been bricked in. The side and rear facades are of common bond, with windows in all bays on the rear facade and a door has been inserted in the south gable end. A one story screened porch extends across the east facade. The interior has a two room plan.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hardcastle Mill House is a fine example of the Federal style as applied on a small scale in this region. The house contains some refined details but generally presents a provincial appearance and retains country characteristics such as the two room floor plan. Built by a miller named Hardcastle, it reflects the status that millers held in the community.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H. C. Early Plantation and Manor Houses, 1934.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

February, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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