

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Marley Mill
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1/2 mile east of Childs on Cherry Hill Road
CITY, TOWN: Childs
STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY: X BUILDING(S)
OWNERSHIP: X PRIVATE
STATUS: X OCCUPIED
PRESENT USE: X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Cecil Investments
Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER: Marley Road
CITY, TOWN: Childs
STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: WAS 326
Folio #: 87
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court
STREET & NUMBER: Cecil County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN: Elkton
STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE:
DATE:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
CITY, TOWN:
STATE:

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Marley Mill site consists of several different buildings, ruins, and sites. Presently, three distinct buildings remain. They are all constructed basically of stone. Building number I is a small two story structure located between the mill race and the Little Elk Creek. It is now a private residence for the caretaker. It's two bays by two with a gable roof which has a shed extension to cover a small one story frame addition on the north end. This building has an entrance on the first floor facing west with a door in the upper story directly above it. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a box cornice. The exterior has been stuccoed.

Building #II is the largest structure on the site. It is now in very poor condition with out a roof. This building is built of stone and is two full stories in height with frame and brick additions. The doors and windows have hewn wooden lentile. It is roughly nine bays long by six deep with a very low pitch in the gable walls. The exterior is covered with stucco. Beneath the top of the gable walls is a brick cornice built in a style like dentil moulding. The walls are over a foot thick. This building housed the machinery when the mill was used to produce paper

Building Number III is a two story structure which is two bays long by two bays deep. The exterior walls, and the second story is frame with clapboard siding. The roof is of gable construction and covered with corrugated metal. The window sash on the first floor is 2/2 and 6/6 on the second. Protruding through the roof is a small brick interior stove chimney.

There are several new buildings on the site of no importance.

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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The first mill on this site was established by Col. Henry Hollingsworth in the late 1700's. It was a grist mill and was used to grind flour for the Continental Army. In the early 1800's part of the mill burnt (perhaps 1796). At this time a saw mill and oil mill also operated on this site. About 1808 it was acquired by Elk Forgh nails continued to be made here as they had been done in 1798 also charcoal was made as well as iron. In 1842 Robert Carter bought the mill and converted into a paper mill. In 1866, George Childs the owner of the Philadelphia Ledger purchased the site. After several different owners Howard Bathon became the owner in 1936. The mill was changed over produce brown corrugated liners. This became a prosperous industry with 150 employees and a million dollar payroll.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cecil County Tercentennial History

John McGrain, Malinography of Mills in Cecil County

George Johnson, History of Cecil County

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil Historical Trust, Inc.

DATE

January 1977

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. 2

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Rising Sun

STATE

Maryland

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