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Kaese Mill
Accident
Private

1868

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It is powered by a 20-horsepower iron overshot wheel manufactured by the Fitz Water Wheel Co., Hanover, PA. The wheel is 16 feet in diameter and is located on the south elevation.

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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Kaese Mill

and/or common Kaese Mill

2. Location

street & number Fish Hatchery Road n/a not for publication

city, town Accident vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Garrett code 023

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Honorable Clifford and Mrs. Nellie Friend

street & number Route 2, Box 105

city, town Accident vicinity of state Maryland 21520

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse

street & number Third and Alder Streets

city, town Oakland state Maryland 21550

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Coal Basin Historic Sites Survey
title Maryland Historical Trust has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

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Continuation sheet Kaese Mill
Garrett County, Maryland Item number 7 Page 1

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Kaese Mill, built by the German immigrant miller Henry August Kaese in 1868, is a two and one half story frame water-powered grist mill located on Bear Creek, north of Accident in Garrett County, Maryland. The mill stands on the south side of Fish Hatchery Road near the junction with Collier Road in a rural and heavily wooded area.

The mill rests on a concrete and stone foundation which replaces the original foundation damaged by a W.P.A. road crew in the 1930s. The two and one half story frame building is three bays wide and four bays deep and faces north on Fish Hatchery Road. The walls are covered with unpainted weatherboard siding and the steeply pitched gable roof with standing seam metal. The windows all have 6/6 sash, although a few have been boarded up or knocked out. There is a large central opening on each story of the front facade through which grain and other supplies were hoisted by the mechanism located at the top gable. Entrances are located on the north and west elevations.

Kaese Mill is powered by a twenty horsepower iron overshot wheel manufactured by the Fitz Water Wheel Company of Hanover, Pennsylvania. This rim-leverage wheel, now kept uncovered, is a c. 1900 replacement of the original wooden wheel installed in 1868. The original cogs, wheels and mechanisms of the wheel were all wooden, but have been replaced by iron ones.

A mill race runs from Bear Creek, east of the mill, under Fish Hatchery Road and directs water into a wooden flume which begins three hundred feet east of the mill. The head race was originally supported on two wooden posts at the wheel but later had to be replaced on dry layed stones. The head is created naturally by the flow and direction of the Creek - no dam was necessary. There was no race built and the water simply flowed through a shallow ditch back out to the creek.

The mill itself is still operational, although now run only occasionally by the present owner to grind buckwheat. Much of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century machinery and milling equipment still remains, including the French-made stone burrs with straight furrows, steel roller mill, sifters, a gyrator, a bolting reel, grain chutes, hoppers and a balance scale. Several of the pieces of machinery still have the manufacturers' names on them. For example, the gyrator has the words "This Gyrator built by the Wolf Co., Chambersburg, Pa., Patented December 21, 1857," inscribed on its base and there is an inscription "American Bolting Reel" on the bolter.

The machinery is in good to excellent condition and has been only slightly altered since the turn of the 20th century. There has been some damage to the more fragile portions, however, i.e. squirrels have eaten some of the canvas chutes and the Japanese silk screening in the sifter is torn on some of the plates. The large rubber belts now used are replacements of the older worn out leather ones.

See Continuation Sheet No. 2

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The lumber used in the construction of Kaese Mill was sawn at a small water-powered saw mill located near the original mill pond approximately halfway between the present mill and Bear Creek. No above-ground remains of the saw are still standing, however.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1868 Builder/Architect Henry August Kaese, Sr.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: A, C
Applicable Exceptions: none
Level of Significance for Evaluation: state

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Kaese Mill near Accident in Garrett County is the only fully operational water powered grist mill in Maryland.

It is unaltered, in good operating condition and displays a virtual museum of mill machinery inside. It was built in 1868 by Henry August Kaese, Sr., an immigrant miller from Germany who settled in Garrett County shortly after the Civil War. Kaese Mill, like many of the other flour and grist mills which once stood throughout Garrett County, was once an important economic and trading center. Many of these mills were also centers of social and political life in their immediate areas by virtue of the fact that they served as U. S. Post Offices. Kaese Mill alternated this honor for many years with the Engles Mill which once stood nearby, depending on which political party was in power. The mill is still operated by descendants of Henry Kaese.

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Garrett County, Maryland

HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The Kaese Mill near Accident in Garrett County is significant as the only fully operational water-powered grist mill in Maryland as well as one of the oldest mills of any kind in the state. Although there are several functioning grist mills still standing in Maryland, such as Wye Mill in Talbot County, Stanton's Mill in Garrett County, Rockland Mills in Baltimore County and others, these have either been converted to other forms of power or are presently used as museums. Kaese Mill is therefore an important example of a commercial enterprise once very common in Garrett County and Maryland.

Probably the earliest mill built in what is now Garrett County was Vrooman's (Froman's) Mill which was erected near the mouth of Mill Run in 1774. Vrooman's Mill, the first of two flour mills, eight sawmills, and one woolen factory to be built in the nineteenth century on Mill Run, featured an overshot water wheel and a mechanical blower for winnowing. Gristmills were built throughout the nineteenth century in such rural communities as Swanton, Grantsville and Selbysport and formed the basis of such towns as Kitzmiller and Oakland, the future county seat. Of these nearly two dozen mills, only the Kaese Mill and Stanton's Mill near Grantsville (listed in the National Register) still stand.

Early nineteenth century Garrett County gristmills served vital functions in self-subsistent agrarian frontier communities. The traffic they generated often provided virtually the only contact isolated farmers had with the outside world and were sometimes constructed through an agreement with small groups of farmers who considered the convenient siting of a mill a practical necessity. Due to the scarcity of money the millers of the early nineteenth century in Garrett County customarily retained a portion of grain from each bushel brought in as a standard "toll" for their services. Mills were therefore an important part of the barter economy of early nineteenth century Garrett County.

Mills were also centers of community activities. Not only were they meeting places for the exchange of news, but they also served as area trading posts for bartered goods. For many years, Kaese's Mill and nearby Engle's Mill competed both commercially and politically. Both communities served as U. S. Post Offices, but the location changed depending on which party was in office: Kaese Mill when the Democrats were in power and Engle's Mill when the Republicans held office.

Henry August Kaese, the founder of Kaese Mill, was an immigrant German miller who moved to Western Maryland with his wife in the 1850s. Before settling in the Accident vicinity, he operated grist mills in West Virginia and at Borden Shaft, in Allegany County, Maryland. For a few years he worked at the aforementioned Engle's Mill before building his own mill and home on newly cleared farmland.

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Kaese Mill

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

A sawmill was first built on the flood plain just below the mill to supply the lumber for the construction of the grist mill. While the grist mill was under construction Kaese lived in a small house which now stands in back of the present owner's home. When the gristmill was completed a larger frame house was constructed about where the driveway now exists. When the present owners built their home they razed the old house.

Although the mill is now only operated infrequently by Senator Friend, Kaese Mill in its heyday once employed between five and six men on two shifts working both day and night. Unlike most other gristmills still standing in the state, it is privately owned and not operated as a museum.

10. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat, and are defined by Fish Hatchery Road on the north and east, Maryland Route 219 on the west, and Bear Creek on the south.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The nominated property, approximately 7 acres, encompasses the resource within its immediate setting and maintains its historic orientation to Bear Creek and Fish Hatchery Road.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Schlosnagle, Stephen. Garrett County: A History of Maryland's Tableland. (Parson's W. Va.: McClain Printing Co., 1978).

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Approximately 7 acres

Quadrangle name Accident, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	7	6	4	6	6	1	0	4	3	9	0	0	3	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

1	7	6	4	5	6	8	0	4	3	9	0	3	7	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

D

Zone	Easting				Northing									

E

Zone	Easting				Northing									

F

Zone	Easting				Northing									

G

Zone	Easting				Northing									

H

Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 4.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Geoffrey Henry with contributions by Donna Ware

organization Maryland Historical Trust date 1984

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

8-8-84

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Garrett Cty. -58,

Kaese mill

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Mr. Paul T. Calderwood
Garrett County Historical Society
P.O. Box 26
Deer Park, Maryland

September 29, 1967

Dear Mr. Calderwood,

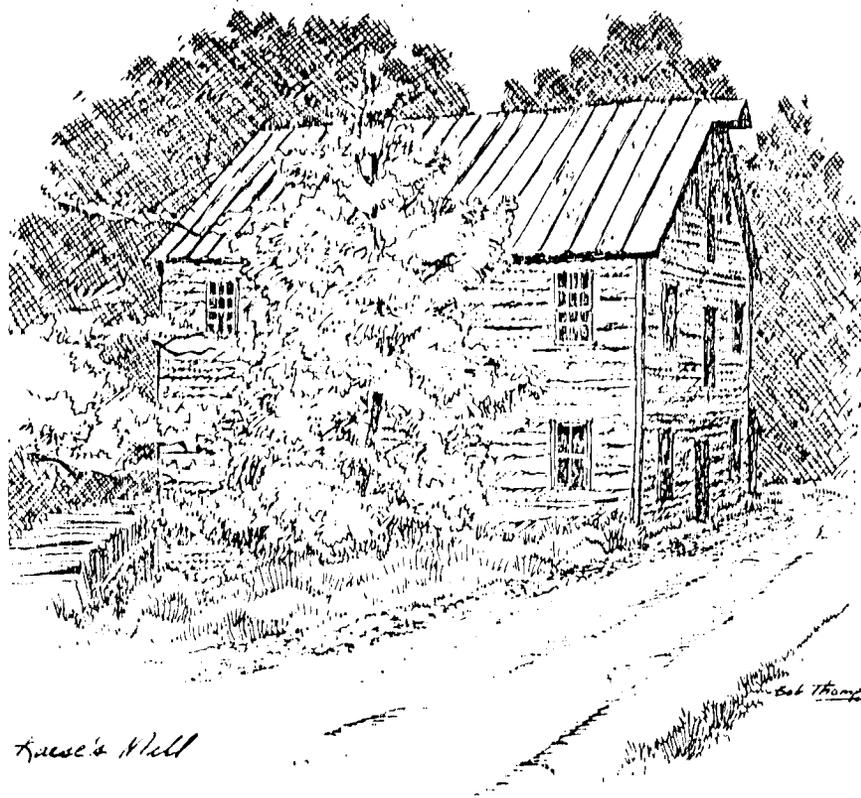
You were very kind to call on us at Annapolis on Thursday to bring in the report on the Kaese mill in Accident. We also appreciate your request that the Maryland Historical Trust consider steps to preserve this unique relic of an earlier way of life.

We deeply appreciate the assistance you have given us in recording other Garrett County landmarks and look forward to a very pleasant relationship with your Society and its members.

Very truly yours,

Orlando Ridout IV
Director

OR/ap



Kaese's Mill

Kaese's Mill, Bear Creek. This mill was the last to operate in the County. It is located on the road to the State Trout Hatchery. It belongs to Senator and Mrs. Clifford Friend. Mrs. Friend was the daughter of the builder of the mill. The etching was made by Robert Thompson of Alexandria, Virginia.

close to town. Here we dispatched Hetrick and Kaupp to reconnoiter the town and to find out more definitely of their real whereabouts. Our spies soon returned with the information that the two villains had gone out to stay over night at old Captain West's place, with all of their plunder. By this time the rain was pouring down in torrents, so that we were drenched to our skins, and found it difficult to keep our locks and powder dry. We hurriedly agreed to abandon pursuit until the next day.

Early the next morning we hastened to Accident, and soon learned that another party of gentlemen were after them. The Glotfelty boys of the Glades, and their neighbors, routed them early at the West farm, giving them a hot chase and a close shave for their lives.

It seems the old captain had played a trick on his obnoxious guests, by hiding their clothes and their accouterments away in another room, locking the door, so they had to flee minus these essentials. Each of the

two had barely time to get a horse out of the stable before the Glotfelty boys were right on them, but each of the rebels rode away at full speed, cutting their bundles loose, the boys firing at them without effect.

But the boys were in close pursuit, and soon one of the rebels, lagging behind, abandoned his horse and disappeared in the woods. The other, having old Mr. Specht's fast horse, soon out-distanced the boys, and when he found that he had gained sufficiently on them, as he happened to come past the old Mr. McHenry place he compelled an old Negro to give him his best suit of clothes, hat and gun. Then, meandering all day ahead of the boys, he pulled up for the night at the old stone tavern (Tomlinson?) on the pike. His pursuers thought it expedient to stop with some farmer a few miles on the other side until the next morning, thinking they could capture their game more easily. But he was on to their job, and before they had arrived he had taken his departure in the direction of Salisbury. They were successful in capturing their man that forenoon in P. S. Hays store. He was handcuffed and taken to Grantsville, and from thence sent to Cumberland and lodged in jail. But subsequently a band of rebel raiders broke into the city, looting it and breaking open the prison. The prisoner made his escape.

We afterwards learned that these two chaps were deserters from the 54th. Pennsylvania Volunteers, but whether they were ever captured or court martialed I do not know.

Well, the boys felt none the worse over the excitement and fun. All, no doubt, would have felt better if the fellows could have had their just punishment, but the farmers were all too glad to get their horses back, and the merchants, too, having most of their goods returned. So, on the whole, it was something to think of and talk about for some time afterward. I shall not soon forget that night's experience. On our return home, when we got to the Bear Creek hills, we discharged our guns. There was a mighty roar and thunder down through the glen. Soon every house in the neighborhood had a light shining--all wondering what would happen next.

*"Mingled with doubts, hopes and fears
With aching hearts and burning tears;
But few are left of the Noble Ten
That guarded the road through Bear Creek Glen."*

Footnotes: When the Editor of TABLELAND TRAILS read this story to his Uncle Thaddeus Hinebaugh, several years ago, the latter provided the following comment about Accident, Md. as he remembered it about the time that the "Noble Ten of Bear Creek" were living:

"Richard Fairall built the house in which your family lived during World War I. It is now occupied by Earl Ault."

"The store of Richard Fairall is now the Matthew Store--for

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GARRETT COUNTY

A History of Maryland's Tableland

By

Stephen Schlosnagle

and

The Garrett County Bicentennial Committee



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The front dust cover depicts Kaese's Mill on Bear Creek near Accident. It was built by Henry August Kaese in 1868. He was a skilled miller and came with his wife Caroline to the Accident district where he worked on another mill along Bear Creek before he built his mill. After his death, his son, Henry August Kaese, Jr., took over and operated the mill until his death. The Honorable and Mrs. Clifford Friend have owned and operated the mill since 1930. Mrs. Friend is a daughter of Henry A. Kaese, Jr. This mill is the only gristmill still in operation in the county. Mr. Friend recently restored the flume.

-Engles?

The pen and ink drawing was done by Mrs. Adeline Sincell Ruckert on location in 1972.



McCLAIN PRINTING COMPANY
PARSONS, WEST VIRGINIA 26287

From article entitled "The Name Accident", No 6, Vol. 2, June 30, 1951
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FLOUR MILLS

Engle's Mill was built in 1835 by Samuel Engle, then owner of the farm located on Bear Creek near the present site of the State Fish Hatchery. At that time there were seven families—Engles and Swalps—living in log cabins. One cabin was used as a church and school. About 1868 a large plank house was built to be used as a dwelling, a store, and wayside inn, as the Bittering-Accident Highway was a main thoroughfare. The graveyard nearby showed twelve members of these families were buried there.

In 1889 the property was acquired by Samuel A. Miller, who lived there until his death in 1928.

After the flour mill was in operation, a German man and wife, Henry and Caroline Kaese, operated the mill for Mr. Engle and also helped to clear a farm. Henry Kaese came to Accident District as a skilled miller. Maple syrup was made in a primitive way. The elder Mr. Kaese once told Mr. Ralph Miller that he began in America by working twelve hours a day on the farm and six hours a day more in the flour mill at the rate of six dollars per month.

Engle's Mill was operated last by Silas Miller, who operated it until approximately the time of the death of his father, and has since been destroyed.

During the '60's a second flour mill was erected just below the site of Engle's Mill on Big Bear Creek. This mill was owned and operated by the elder Henry Kaese until his death, then by his son, Henry, until his death and is still in operation.

The exact date of the building of Weller's Flour Mill is obscure, but we do know that it was built by Jeremiah Durst and a man named Meese. This mill was located on the South Branch of Bear Creek about a half mile below where U. S. Route 219 crosses this stream. In recent years

Sisler's sawmill has been operating near the former site of Weller's Mill.

Mr. Weller, who owned the property and had the mill built, was the grandfather of Harry, Joe, and Walter Collier, and gave the mill its name. Peter Reitz and Joe Garber were among those who operated the mill. Weller's Mill was closed about 1894.

LUMBER

About 1894, J. W. McCullough, of Friendsville, Maryland, and H. E. Clark, of Loch Haven, Pennsylvania, erected a sawmill at the junction of Big and Little Bear Creek, using a wooden tramway to convey logs to mill. They began as Clark and McCullough and later became the Bear Creek Lumber company.

In 1898 Walter S. Taylor built a large band mill at Friendsville and about twenty miles of narrow-gauge railroad up Big Bear Creek over Negro Mountain and across Meadow Mountain almost to Swanton, transporting about one and a half million feet of logs yearly for approximately six years. Clark and McCullough removed the hardwood, and the Meadow Mountain Company the spruce on the same railroad. The road was taken up to Engle's Mill and then taken over by David and Jacob Staller, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, known as Johnstown Planing Mill Company, who operated a mill at Friendsville and the North Branch of Bear Creek railroad for about four years.

At the same time the Carter Brothers, known as the Lock Haven Lumber Company, operated the South Branch railroad with a mill at Friendsville. The railroad was taken up entirely. J. W. McCullough, George D. Browning, and W. W. Savage also used this same railroad in a lumbering operation extending from Rock Lick to the Upper reaches of the South Branch of Bear Creek in the Weller's Flour Mill area.

WEST AND FAIRALL FAMILIES

Sir Thomas West, an English knight, was the emigrant ancestor of the West family of Accident, Garrett County. He was sent to Virginia by Queen Elizabeth as treasurer of the colony.

Dying on the voyage, he was succeeded by his two sons, John, who inherited the title, and Charles. Joseph West came to Prince George's county from Virginia. He married Sarah Ellery and lived at "Locust Grove" in Frederick County.

Captain Truman West, grandson of Joseph West, was born in 1800, and married Susanna Johnson, cousin of the first Governor Thomas Johnson of Maryland. They settled in a part of Allegany County, which is now Garrett County, in 1832, near Accident, and called their home Woodland Farm. This farm included at least part of what are now the farms of Carl Miller, B. O. Aiken, Frank Spear and Willis Silber.

Captain Truman West was a first cousin of Governor Francis Thomas who owned a farm at Frankville in Garrett County. Governor Thomas was sent as ambassador to Peru and on his return brought the first Peruvian sheep to Garrett County.

The large West plantation was one of those which came to be divided into several small farms at the time of the German immigration to the Accident region.

Alexander Fairall, who was born in 1830 and educated in Charles County, Maryland, just before the Civil War married Elinor West, the daughter of Captain Truman West of Woodland Farm.

The Fairalls were of English-Irish descent.

Of the large family, the five sisters were locally famous for their beauty. Martha married Richard West; Mary, the Welly, of Grantsville; Rachel, the Mortimer Carr, of Cumberland; and Harriett, Dr. E. H. Bartlett, of New England.

WEATHER: '70's, SUNNY
HISTORIC RESEARCH

at Ken's reading
(and trail), looking
possible site.
clarified and may

2. Close Look at
Co. Planning
May, 1973. C
the site found

MGS NOTEBOOK OF KAY YOUNG

COAL REGION SURVEY
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1980

WEATHER: '70's, SUNNY
HISTORIC SURVEY

49

Ken picked me up at my apartment and
from there we drove ste. 90 to Eckhart.
There, we proceeded out of town (mine grounds)
as designated on the USGS map. It was
heavily overgrown.

A rather large structure appeared next
to it on the map. All that was left was a
rather large stone foundation, (located on
the north side of the shaft).

We then drove to The Abing and
picked up the tax maps at the Glens.

From there we took ste. 98 west to
ste. 219 south. We turned onto Collier Rd.
and followed it to the intersection with
Sick Hatchery Rd. We turned west onto
Sick Hatchery Rd., just as we turned the
corner on the south side of the road stood
the Kase Mill.

Direct across the street was a white
house surrounded by a series of outbuildings.
We talked to Mr. Friend, the owner.

His wife was a Kase, and her grandfather
built the mill.

Mr. Friend is 84 yrs. old and has only

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kaese Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fish Hatchery Road, South side, approximately 1000 feet east of Rt. 219 and 2 miles

CITY, TOWN North of Accident

Accident

VICINITY OF

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nelle Kaese Friend

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Fish Hatchery Road

CITY, TOWN

Accident

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21520

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Kaese Mill, constructed in 1868, is a 2-story frame water-powered grist mill located north of Accident on Bear Creek. It is powered by a 20-horsepower iron overshot wheel manufactured by the Fitz Water Wheel Co., Hanover, PA. The wheel is 16 feet in diameter and is located on the south elevation.

The mill rests on a concrete and stone foundation and measures 3 bays by 4 bays. The walls are covered with weatherboard siding and the gable roof with standing seam metal. There is a central entrance on the facade, north elevation, which opens directly onto Fish Hatchery Road. There are central openings at the second story and attic level of the facade through which materials were hoisted into the mill by a hoist above at the gable peak. There is another entrance at the north end of the west elevation. The windows are 6/6 sash.

A mill race runs from Bear Creek, east of the mill, under Fish Hatchery Road and directs water into a wooden flume which begins 300 feet east of the mill. The flume was once supported by a wooden frame--the present owner has replaced this with a fieldstone base.

The mill, still marginally used by the present owner to grind buck-wheat, retains its 19th and early 20th century equipment: stone burrs with straight furrows, made in France (according to the owner), steel rollers, sifters, a gyrator, a bolting reel, grain chutes, hoppers, a balance scale, and the previously mentioned Fitz Water Wheel. Leather belts have been replaced with rubber ones.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY March 7, 1935.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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DATE

October 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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STATE

Maryland 21401

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Kaese Mill
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Footnotes

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Charles E. Hoyer, "Engle Family," Garrett County History of Pioneer Families. Oakland: Mountain Democrat, March 7, 1935.

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Ibid.

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The Glades Star, "The Name Accident", Vol. 2, No. 6, June 30, 1951, p. 90.

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A large wooden box (lumber yard) from a quarry opposite. 300 ft east of mill. It, along with a part of the site which once had a quision canal to the mill will direct the flow of water to the mill.

The wheel is set at the base of the present wheel to a new location which made by the FITZ WATER POWER Co. (date signed on the wheel) and was put in operation around 1900.

The wheel drove a series of gears and belts located in the basement. The machinery in the mill has been removed. Some were preserved. The entire mill is a ruin, together with in the millstone (diameter 4 feet) and rollers.

Several names of the machinery are: "AMERICAN BELT AND ROLLER CO. DIVISION."

THE GRATOR BUILT BY THE ROLLER CO. CHAMBERSBURG, PA. PATENTED, DECEMBER 21, 1830 (Serial number assigned July 7, 1877).

He said when the mill was built in operation it employed about 5 men and about two days a week. They changed the gear for water and

used for power. One of the original wheels are located



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across the street from the mill on the
embankment. They too are slight furrows.

The millrace is original, however had
had to be rebuilt twice since 1930.

The head race was supposed originally
on two wood posts at the wheel, but had
since been placed on dry-laid stone.

The head is created by a dam
to flow and direction of the creek. No dam
was needed. Mr. Friend said it was a 20 hp.
head.

There was no tail race. The water
simply flowed through a shallow ditch back
at the old creek.

We then drove further down Mill Hatley
Rd. to look for the remains of the Engine Mill.
There was none. The area is now used as pastureland.
Ken had a report that it had been razed
some years ago.

We ate lunch at a scenic lookout on
route 219.

We then drove to 48 to Friendville
and turned onto Friendville Addition Rd. to
Mill Run Rd. above Sellersport. All of Mill
Run on both sides of Friendville Addition Rd.
has been re-channelled by the Army Corps
of Engineers, when they built the ~~Friendville~~ Lake.

We then drove back to Friendville
west to Blaine Farm Rd. to Good Hope Rd.
The mills on Mill Run and Good Hope Rd.

appear to have been waded out when they
put in the lake. I saw one small black
snake at the last place we stopped.

We then headed back to 48 and
Cumberland.

COAL REGION SURVEY
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1980

WEATHER: 80° HUMID
HISTORIC RESEARCH

Ken and I spent most of the day at the
Allegheny County Library in Cumberland. We
looked through books in the Maryland Room.
I recorded approximate locations of sites on the
USGS maps and found some references in
obscure local history publications. Much of it
has been plagiarized, so we are not sure of the
original source.

I also found the mill laws in the state
law books.

Later afternoon we went across the street
to the County Court House. We were looking for
old county maps, however they either don't
have any (which I find hard to believe) or
they are not kept in the records room.
The woman there didn't understand what
we were talking about. The maps may be
at the county highway department.

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Kaese Mill mgs NOTEBOOK 24

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1868

Mr Friend

K. LAPOSTOLLE

wooden coops,
wheeler wheel original
wheel now 75 years

Fitz
Water
wheel
Co.

Rebuilt forebay 3 yrs ago.

Henry August Kaese I
grandfather of Mrs Friend

Original mill
wheat rolls after 1900
original burrs in front of
house
Corn, buckwheat,

Henry August Kaese II
ran mill after the Ist

Kaese Mill is located on the Accident
Road, Garrett County, It is situated
on the South side of Fish Hatchery
Road near the junction of Collier Road.
The mill is owned by Mr. Friend
and was built by His wife's grand-
father Henry August Kaese I in
1867-8. A sawmill was first built
on the floodplain just below the mill
and supplied the board and lumber
for the construction of the Grist
Mill. While the grist mill was
under construction Kaese lived

in a small house which now
stands in back of the Friend's home.
When the gristmill was completed a
larger frame house was constructed
about where the Kaese driveway now
exists. When the Friends built their
home they razed the old house,
move the first temporary quarters
back built the present house,
upgraded the yard and landscaped,
remodeled the barn, and
eventually turned an early
chicken coop into a tractor shed.

The grist mill stands now as it
was built except for a few
repairs made by Mr. Friend
as follows:

- in the northwest corner the
foundation has been pushed in
by frost so Mr. Friend constructed
a new wall (stone) outside of the
old one, the latter is still intact
though bulging into the cellar.
- the foundation wall to the
road (North) side was damaged
when a W.P.A. road crew raised
the level of the road by about
3-5 feet. This caused the foundation
wall to bulge in so it was
removed and replaced with
a solid cement wall along the
entire front end of the mill.

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Use the rear (south) of the structure the race which supplied water to the wheel (from the east, Little Bear Creek), was originally up on poles or "stilts"; Mr. Friend has replaced those with a base of large field stones.

Mr. Friend has also repaired the wooden race often especially the gate mechanism at the head of the race.

The original water wheel was wooden, size unknown. It was replaced ~~in~~ 1900 with a 16 ft. high iron wheel. The original cog wheels and mechanism were all wooden and have been replaced by iron ones.

Mr. Friend has also put up some corner braces inside the mill because it was swaying a bit in heavy winds. The braces were attached to the joists and the frame posts.

BRACE 

The machinery in the mill is operational. There has been (Mr. Friend still grinds buckwheat flour)

some damage to the more fragile portions though, i.e. Squirrels have eaten some of the canvas shroofs and the Japanese silk screening in the sifter is torn on some of the "plates". The large belts now being used are made of rubber, replacing the older, leather ones.

Mr. Friend said that originally the wheel had been covered. He has kept the iron wheel painted (as recently as last week) and it appears to be in very good condition.

There are 300 acres of farmland associated with the House Mill and Mrs. Friend told me that the Hesses hired a farmer to operate this acreage. They also kept hogs, chickens and cattle which they fed with the grain they received for the grinding services. In its heyday the first mill was run night and day and five millers were employed to run it.

Mr. Friend has had some trouble with adolescent vandals

using the windows as targets for rocks.

Mr Friend wanted to know if my study would be like the rest. He said that there had been quite a few studies done in the past few years by geologists (and historians) but it seems that none of the information is ever returned or shared with the folks in the study area.

It becomes increasingly hard to keep people interested and retain their cooperation when insensitive professionals choose to ignore them when the project is completed and/or the professional journal article is written.

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operated the mill as a hobby.

The Kaese's were a family of millers from Germany. They began construction of the mill from 1867 to 1868.

The mill was constructed first. The Kaese's lived in a small building (now used as a work shed) still standing on the property. This building has been (moved from its original location). This was home until the main house was built.

The original house was a large 12 room frame. It had no bathroom or running water.

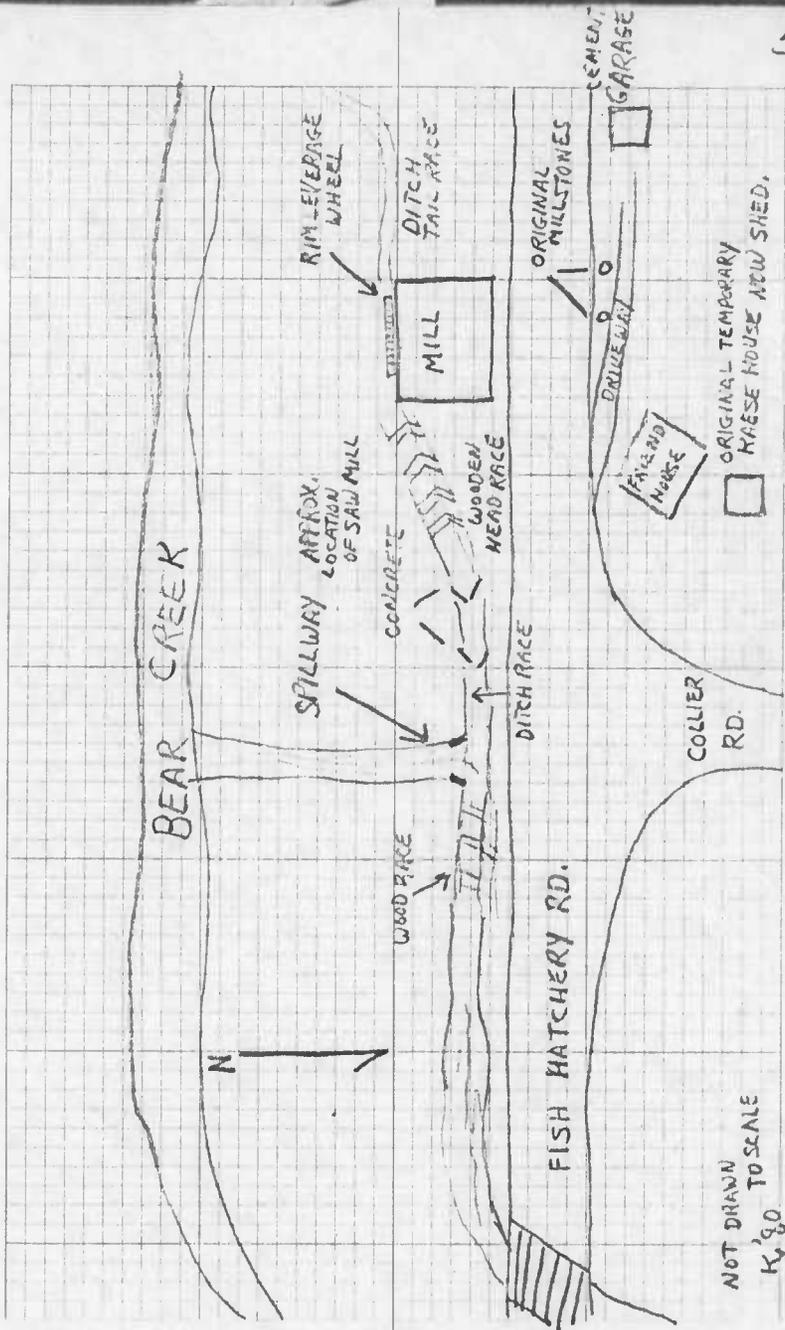
Mr. and Mrs. Friend moved to the property in 1950. They were going to move the old house back and remodel it, but found it not economical so they tore it down and built the present house.

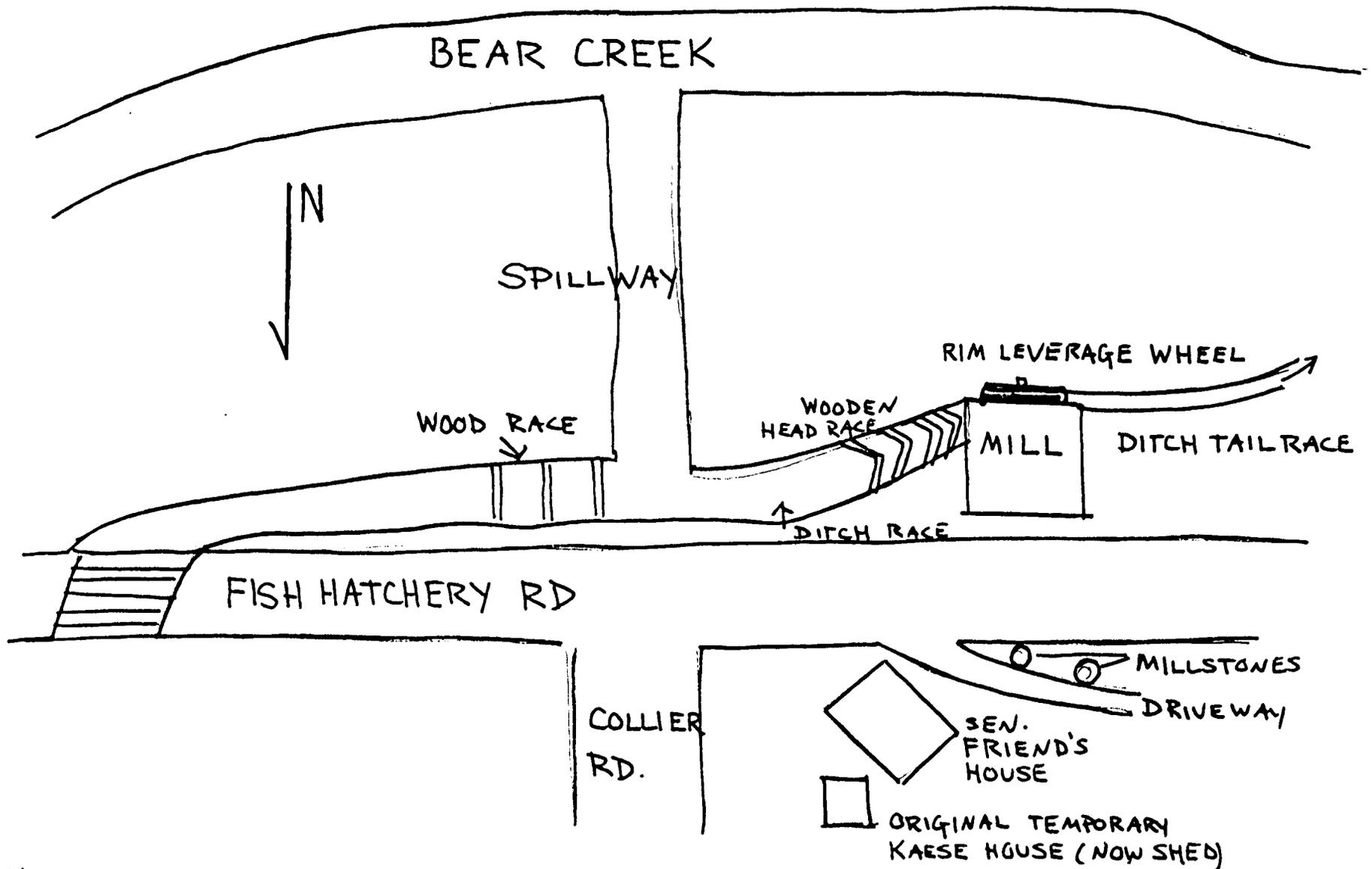
The land has been re-landscaped and the driveway put in.

The mill once had a water powered saw mill located near it, however this is now gone.

The mill itself is a 3 stone frame structure, set on a dry laid full stone foundation.

The front leads out onto Fish Hatchery Rd. There are two top levels and a lot to bring grain up to the machinery. There are windmills at the front and on both sides of the mill. Another door leads into the mill on the west side.

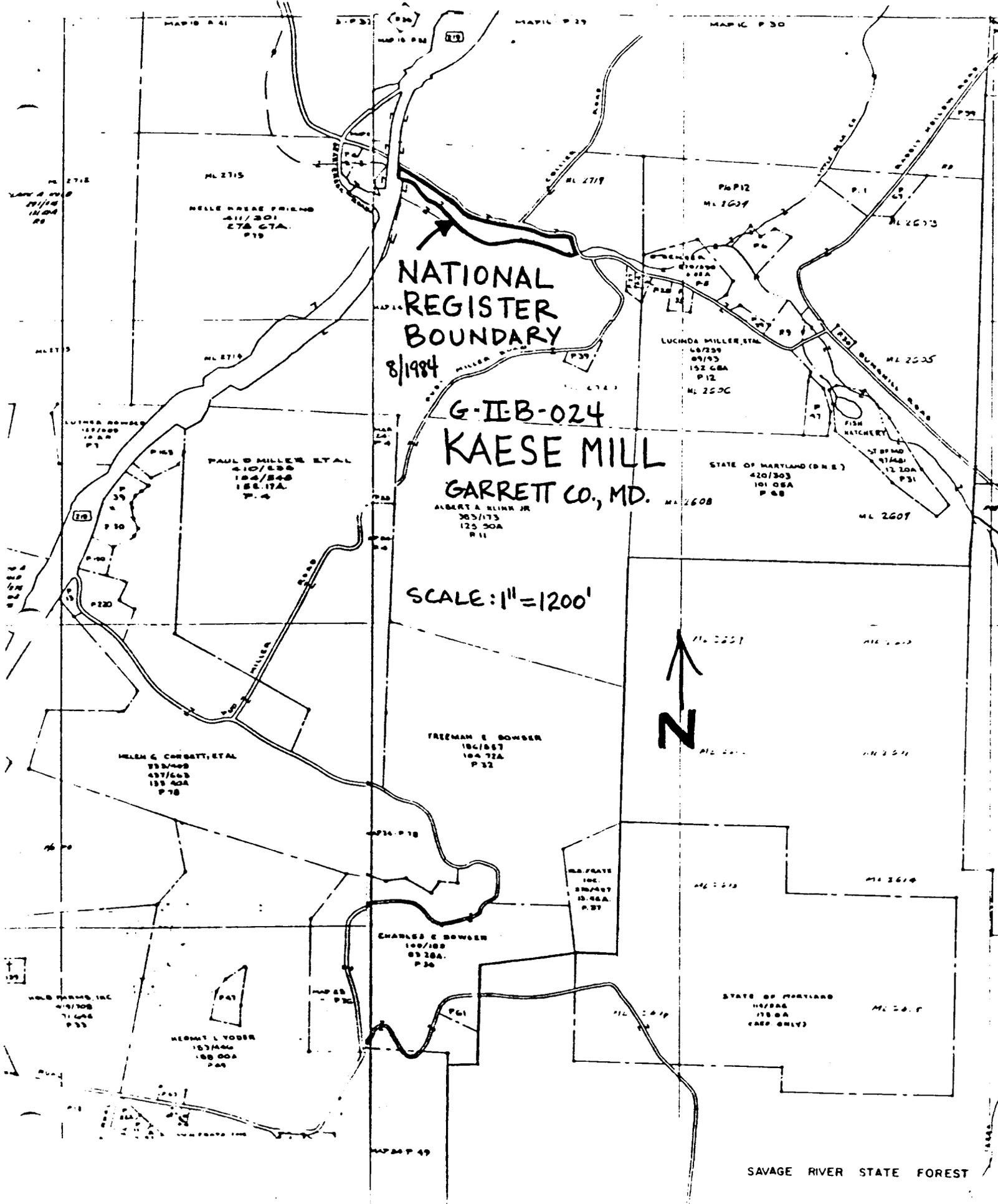




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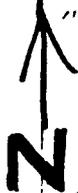


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SCALE: 1" = 1200'



Savage River State Forest

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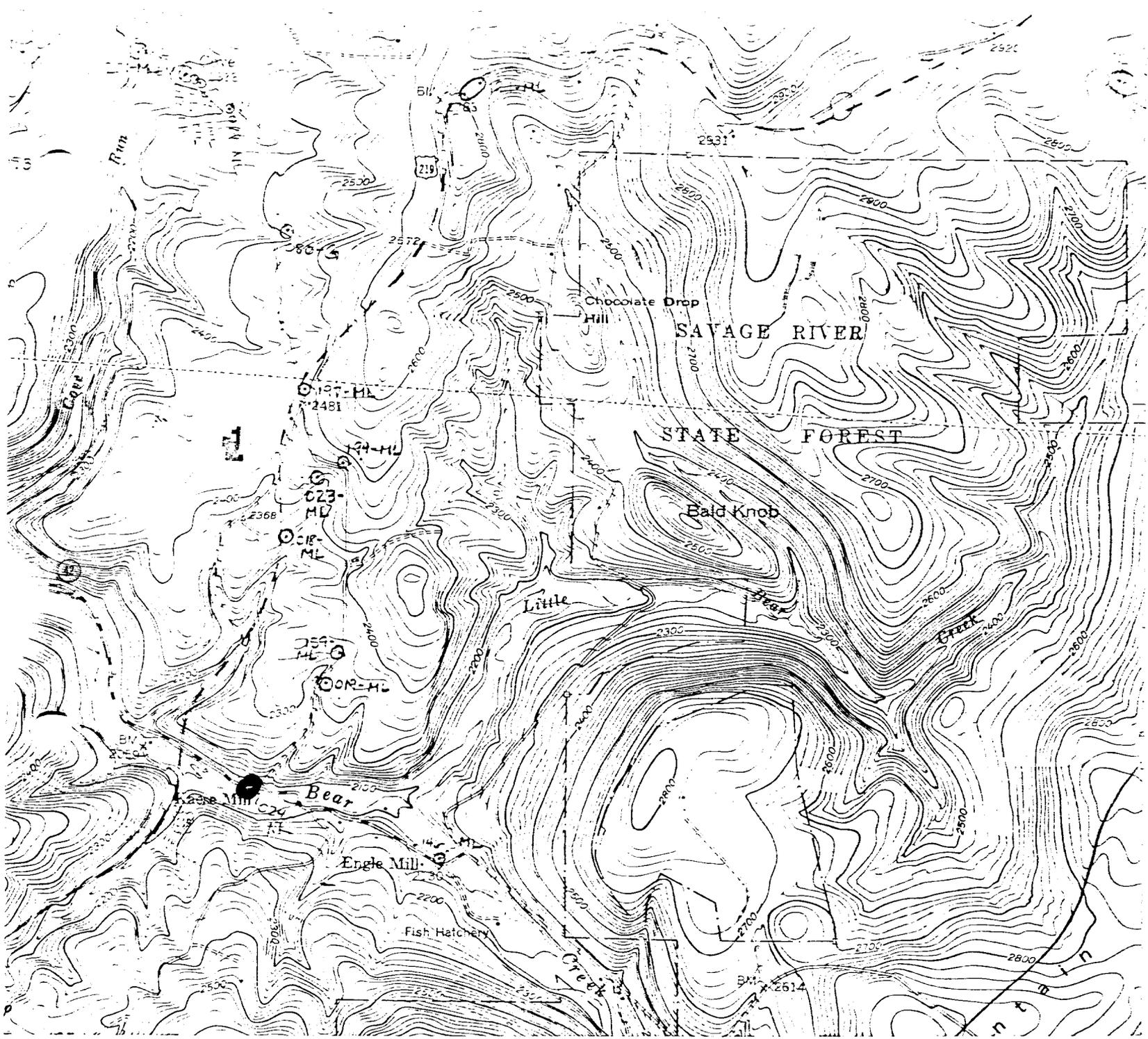
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 Kaese Mill
 Fish Hatchery Road, South side,
 approximately 1000 feet east of Rt.
 219 and 2 miles north of Accident