

MHT EASEMENTS ON THE WILSON'S MILL COMPLEX

1. HA-392          Wilson's Mill Tenant House
2. HA-25          Wilson's Mill Miller's House
3. HA-10          Wilson's Mill House (Main House)
4. HA-11          Wilson Mill

# Easements

HA-10

Wilson's Mill House  
702 Darlington Rd.  
Darlington vicinity  
Private

c. 1856

Wilson's Mill House is significant as one of the four main buildings in the Wilson's Mill complex, one of the oldest and most complete mill groups on Deer Creek. Mills of various types were built along Deer Creek from the mid-18th century through the end of the 19th century, contributing both to the further settlement of the county and to the growth of industry in the area. Wilson's Mill was both a grist and sawmill.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC Wilson's Mill House  
AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
702 Darlington Road  
CITY, TOWN Darlington  VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS  | PRESENT USE  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE        | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE      | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS                | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                           |

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Windon Fifth Real Estate Ltd. Partnership  
c/o Robert Olson Telephone #: (215) 667-3505  
STREET & NUMBER Suite 253  
111 Presidential Blvd.  
CITY, TOWN Bala Cynwyd, \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code  
PA 19004

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 1143  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse FOLIO #: 73  
STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
40 So. Main St.  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Bel Air, MD

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE c. 1970 \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Annapolis MD

# 7 DESCRIPTION

|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                              |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input 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

Wilson's Mill House is a mid-19th century, two-story stone house located on a hill above Wilson's Mill (HA-11) at the Darlington Road (MD 161) crossing of Deer Creek in Harford County, Maryland. The main section faces southeast toward the mill and the highway bridge.

The house consists of a two-story main section and a two-story ell addition with a one-story stone extension on the west end of the ell. The main section has a three-bay facade with a center entrance. The window openings and doorway have stone lintels and sills. The doorway has french doors, undoubtedly 20th century replacements for the original door, and a three-light rectangular transom. Fenestration is six over six modern sliding sash. A shed porch projects from the north end of the main section. A flagstone terrace extends around the main section to the rear of the house where the ell addition adjoins. Interior end chimneys project above the slate gable roof. The chimneys are brick above the roof.

The ell has a third interior chimney at the junction with the main section. A two-level open wood porch extends along the south side of the ell. A sunken stone water pump house built in 1932 adjoins the flagstone terrace near the west end of the ell.

The interior of the house has been altered, but the main section may have had two rooms on the ground floor and two on the second. The ground floor room is now a single space, with the simple original mantels in place. The ell contains the possible original kitchen and the present modern kitchen.

A storage shed, barn, garage, corncrib, and chicken coop, all built in the 1930's, are located west of the house. At various locations along the slope of the hill toward Deer Creek and the mill are small square stone buildings for garden equipment. The entire complex is now bordered on the north and west by orchards.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

HA-10

| 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY    | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>local history |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1856

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wilson's Mill House is significant as one of the four main buildings in the Wilson's Mill complex, one of the oldest and most complete mill groups on Deer Creek.

Mills of various types were built along Deer Creek from the mid-18th century through the end of the 19th century, contributing both to the further settlement of the county and to the growth of industry in the area. Wilson's Mill was both a grist and sawmill.

## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The mill house was possibly built in 1856 after the original log house burned. It appears on the 1858 Jennings and Herrick map as the D.E. Wilson house and on the 1878 Martenet map as the David Wilson house.

For further information on the complex, see Wilson's Mill (HA-11), Wilson's Mill Miller's House (HA-25), and Wilson's Mill Tenant House (HA-392).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

McGrain, John, Molinography of Harford County

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

Sept. 2, 1982

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

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

N. R. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| STATE:           |      |
| COUNTY:          |      |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY |      |
| ENTRY NUMBER     | DATE |
|                  |      |

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Wilson's Mill House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: West side of Darlington Road (Md 161) just north of Deer Creek

CITY OR TOWN: 1.7 miles south of Darlington on Md. 161.

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  |
|--|---|--|---|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <input type="checkbox"/>             | Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>           | Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                       |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>               | Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/>  | Both <input type="checkbox"/>               | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | No: <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)                                 |   |  |   |
| Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>  | Government <input type="checkbox"/>         | Park <input type="checkbox"/>                          | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>  | Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>         | Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>                                  |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>           | Religious <input type="checkbox"/>                     | _____   |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>   | Museum <input type="checkbox"/>             | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>                    | _____   |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Mrs Francis Joseph Stokes

STREET AND NUMBER: 1009 Westview Street

CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia STATE: Pa CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse, 40 S. Main St

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Md. CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |                                    |                               |                                       |   |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                               |                                       |   |
|           | Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Good <input type="checkbox"/>      | Fair <input type="checkbox"/> | Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>                    |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                               | (Check One)                           |   |
|           | Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> |                               | Moved <input type="checkbox"/>        | Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On a wooded hill above the mill, the miller's house is of stone, two stories high, three bays long and one room deep. It faces south with the ridge-line of the slate roof running east-west. A long wing runs north, two stories high, containing a modern kitchen.

Behind the house to the north is a small stone barn built by the Stokes, and a small stone-enclosed barnyard.

The house is simply a Federal country-craftsman-built house, the woodwork plain, the mantels carefully preserved.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>     | Education <input type="checkbox"/>               | Political <input type="checkbox"/>                      | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>             | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>                | Science <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <u>Architectural</u>                     |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>               | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>                      | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>               | Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>                        | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>              | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>                 | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>                |   | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>                   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Now the country ~~residence~~<sup>retreat</sup> of a wealthy Philadelphia family, their mill and house were purchased in 1931 by Mr. F. J. Stokes, and have been ~~wisely and carefully~~ maintained in simple Quaker taste until the present time.

Built after the original log house was burned in 1856, this house had been lived in by a succession of millers, David ~~Stark~~ Wilson, and D. Gilpin Wilson, who ran the grist-mill until 1931 although their business had been falling off in the 1900's.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mason, Samuel - Historical Sketches of Harford County  
p. 62-63

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE   | LONGITUDE               |  |
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|--------|------|--------|------|
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jean Ewing

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Nov '69

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

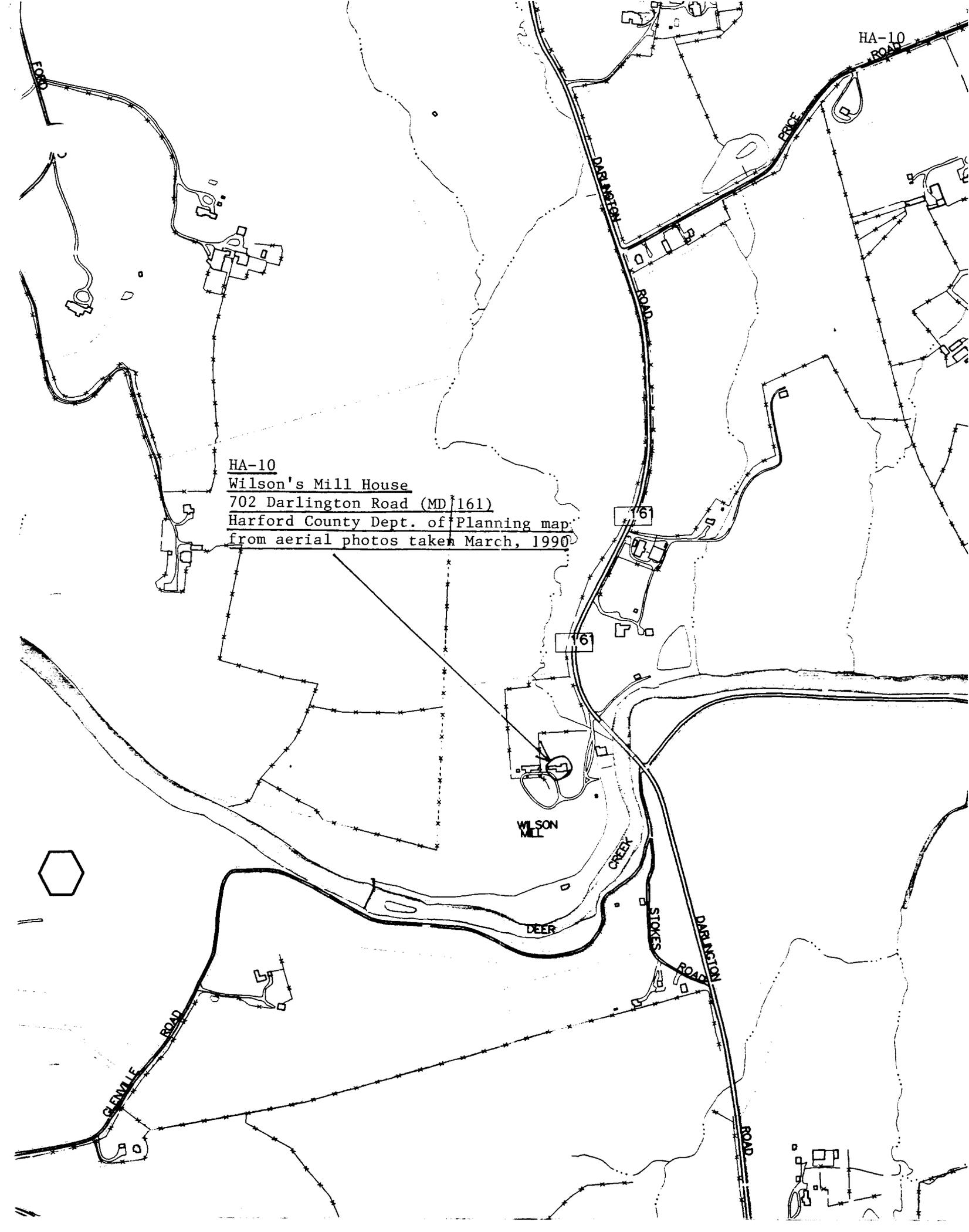
Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Form 10-445  
(5 62)

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. STATE <b>Maryland</b><br>COUNTY <b>Harford</b><br>TOWN <b>Darlington</b> VICINITY<br>STREET NO. <b>Rt. 161</b><br><br>ORIGINAL OWNER<br>ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b><br>PRESENT OWNER <b>Mrs. Francis Stokes</b><br>PRESENT USE <b>dwelling</b><br>WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>stone</b><br>NO. OF STORIES <b>two</b>   | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY<br>INVENTORY <b>HA-10</b>   |
|   | 2. NAME <b>Wilson's Mill House</b><br><br>DATE OR PERIOD <b>early 19th century</b><br>STYLE <b>federal</b><br>ARCHITECT<br>BUILDER           |
|   | 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE   |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></span>  |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Above the mill on a hill is the house which undoubtedly was built by one of the millers. It is two storys high and three bays long by one room deep with a long addition to the rear of the building. The interior treatment is extremely simple and retains some very plain Federal mantels. The grounds and outbuildings are very well maintained by the present owners.</p> |  |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered <b>no</b> Interior <b>good</b> Exterior <b>good</b></span>  |  |
| <br>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)  | 7. PHOTOGRAPH  |
| 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)<br>INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  | 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER<br><b>Michael Bourne</b><br><b>Maryland Historical Trust</b><br><br>DATE OF RECORD <b>May 9, 1968</b> |

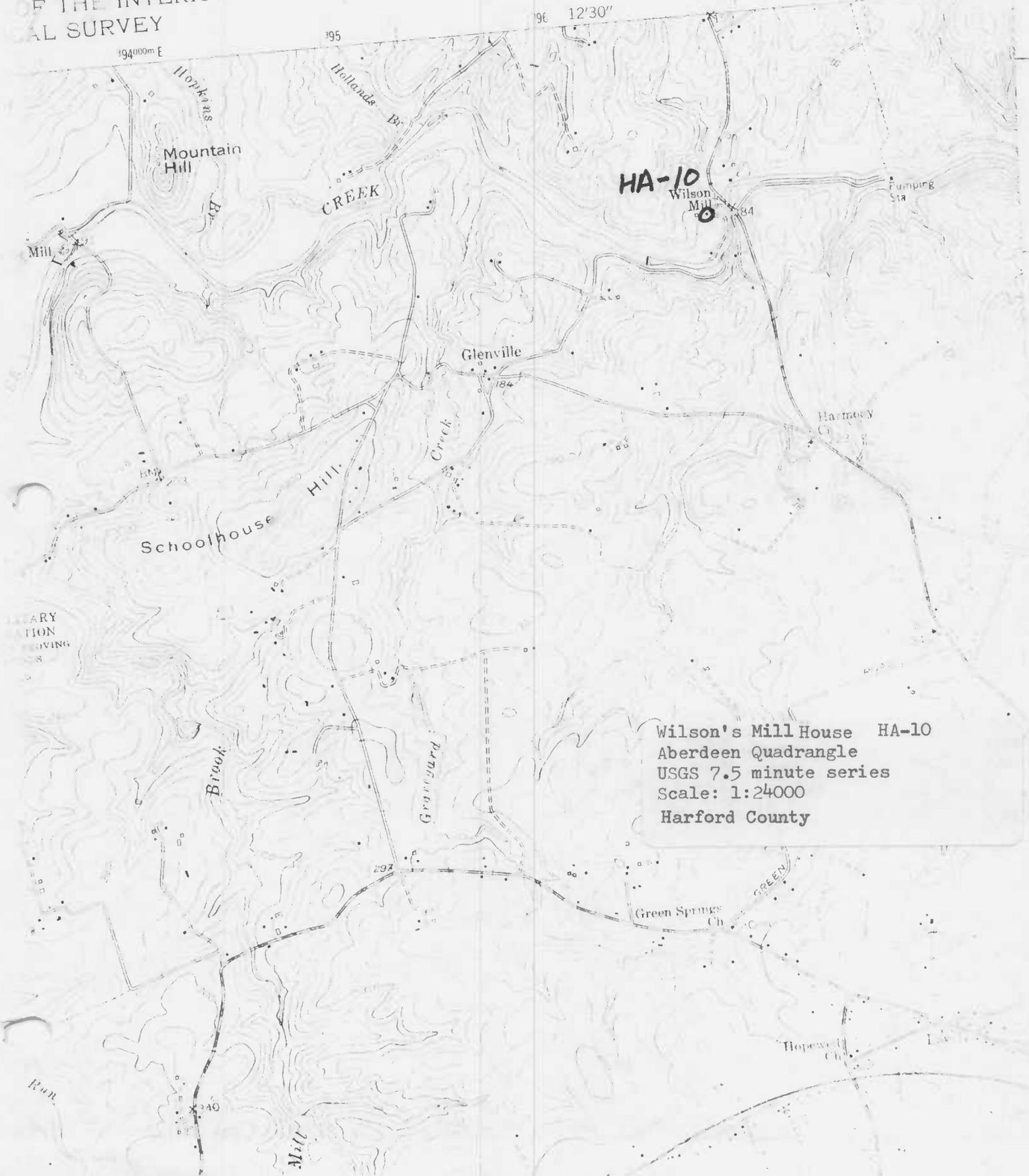
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO PHMS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



HA-10  
Wilson's Mill House  
702 Darlington Road (MD 161)  
Harford County Dept. of Planning map  
from aerial photos taken March, 1990



STATES  
OF THE INTERIOR  
SURVEY



Wilson's Mill House HA-10  
Aberdeen Quadrangle  
USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale: 1:24000  
Harford County

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Road



Wilson's Mill House  
Harford County, Maryland  
Photo: Janet Davis  
September 1982  
Wing, view from south  
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Wilson's Mill House  
Harford County, Maryland  
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September 1982

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Main section, view from northeast

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