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"Old Mill"
Rogers and McCann Mill
North bank of Deer Creek, 1/4 mile east of Md. Route 161
Darlington, MD
Public

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
"Old Mill", Rogers and McCann Mill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
North bank of Deer Creek, 1/4 mile east of Md. Route 161

CITY, TOWN
Darlington

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	X PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
	not applicable	X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Tawes State Office Bldg.

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD

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	__UNALTERED	XX ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	XX RUINS	__ALTERED unknown	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The ruins of the "Old Mill" consist of the ruined stone walls of two or possibly three structures located on the north bank of Deer Creek in a horseshoe bend of the creek, about 1/4 mile downstream (east) of the Darlington Road (Md. Route 161) crossing in Harford County, Maryland. The site is heavily overgrown and almost inaccessible.

The largest group of ruins is about 60 by 36 feet. The most complete wall section has a wood framed opening above a smaller opening with a large stone lintel. The wall section has at least two other openings of different sizes. The rest of this ruin is mainly the corner sections of the structure, those parts containing large stones arranged in rough-cut quoins. On the inner side of one of these corner sections is evidence of a chimney flue.

The other ruins are smaller wall sections just north of the main ruin which suggest the location of a possible shed, outbuilding, or dwelling.

Also nearby the ruins is one of the cuts for the never-completed Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railroad (HA-14), begun in 1889.

This site was not field checked in this survey. The description and historical information were taken from the files of Mary Bristow, who visited the site in 1973 and 1975. The accompanying photos were taken in 1975.

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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	X ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
XX 1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1778 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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A full background on the "Old Mill" may be found in "The'Mystery' of the Old Mill or Where There's a Mill, There's a Way", by Mary Bristow, Aegis, July 1, 1976. The site appears on both the Jennings and Herrick 1858 map and the Martenet map of 1878, identified as "Old Mill".

Note: Survey Number HA-178 was formerly assigned to Henry Holloway's Stone Cottage. Information on the stone cottage has been consolidated under HA-176, Stump-Holloway House.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bristow, Mary, "The 'Mystery" of the Old Mill..." Aegis, July 1, 1976
Jennings and Herrick, Map of Harford County, 1858
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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
Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning	March 1983
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 South Main Street	(301) 838-6000 ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	MD

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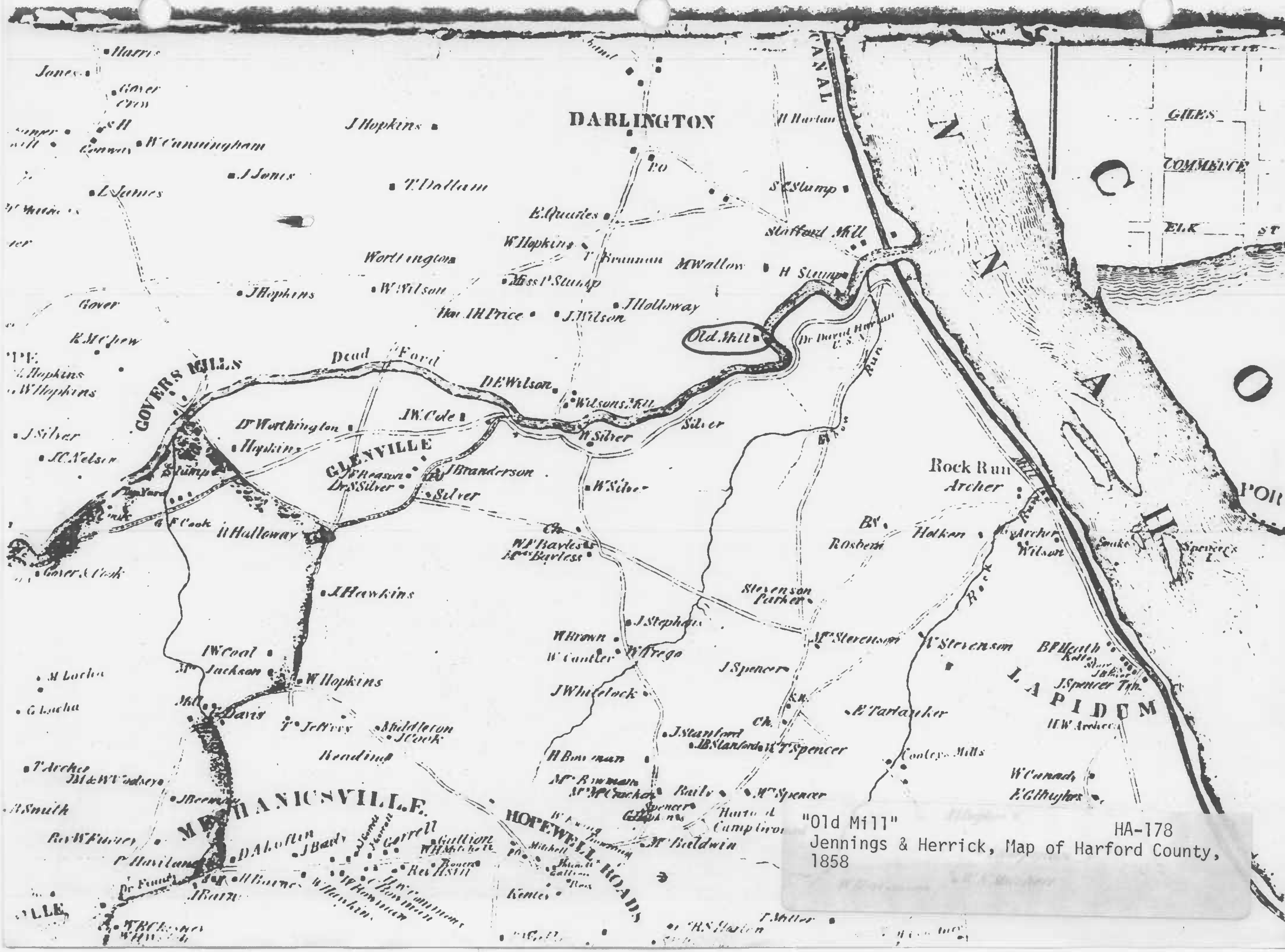
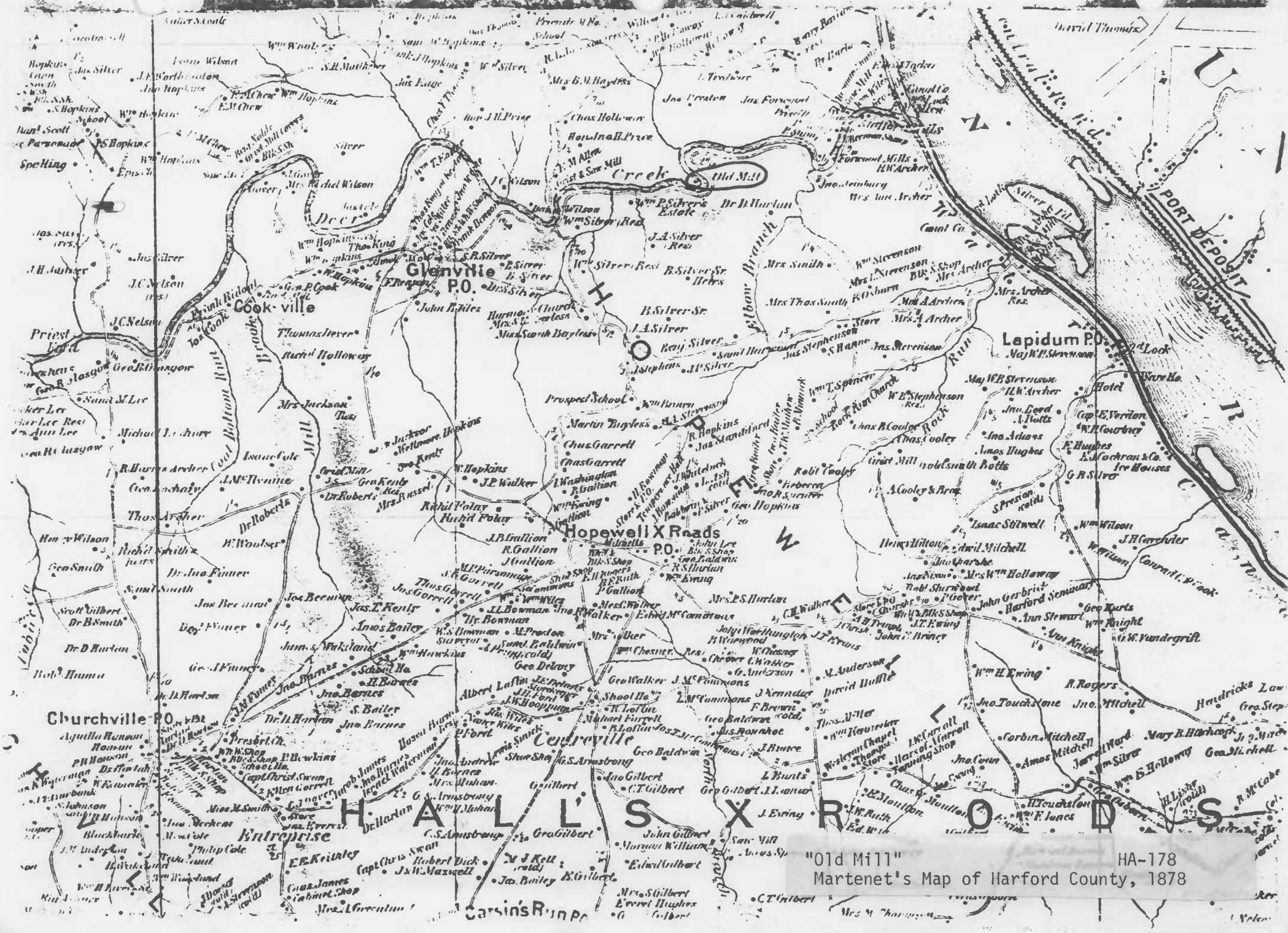
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



"Old Mill" HA-178
Jennings & Herrick, Map of Harford County, 1858



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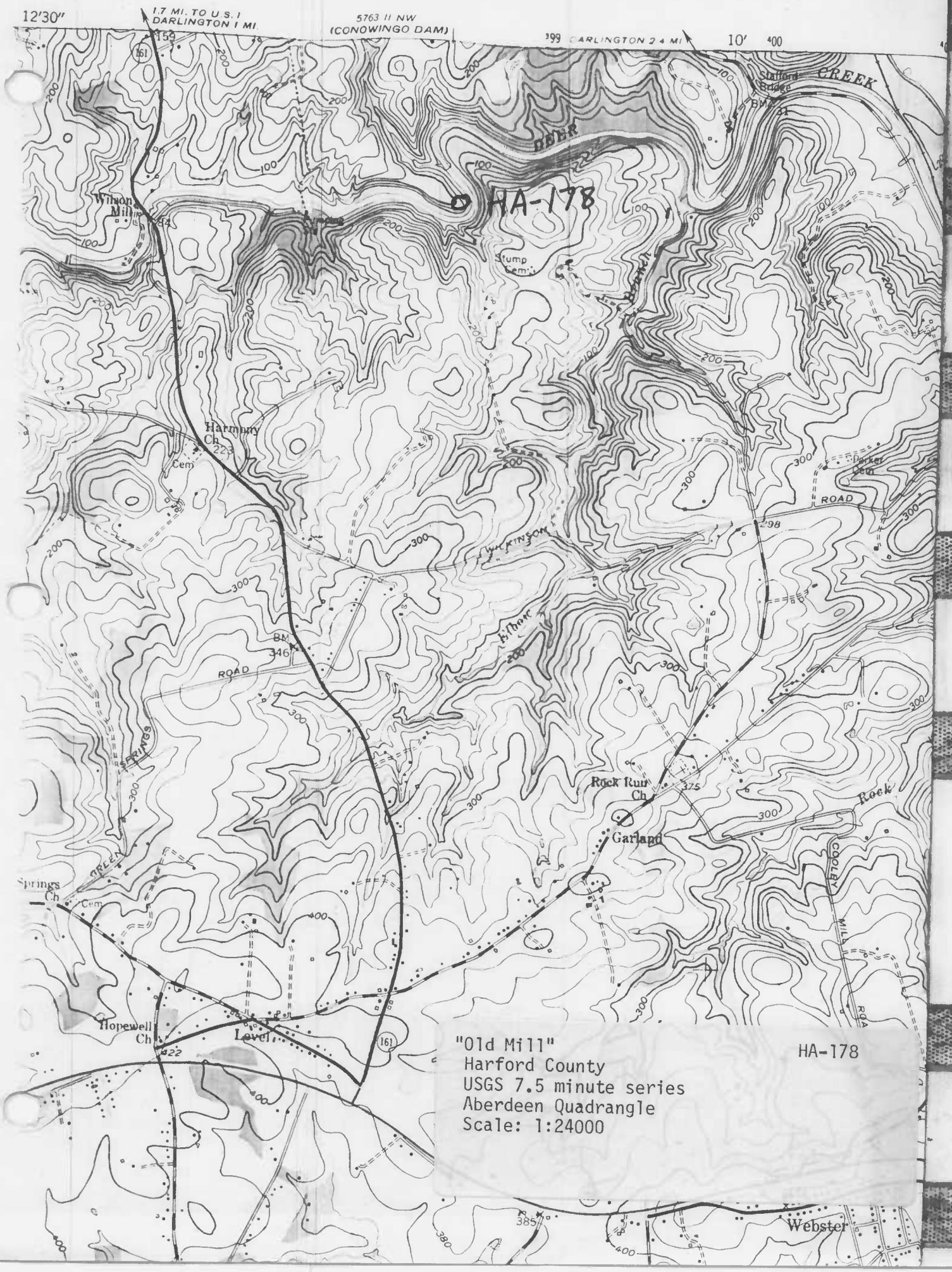
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878



"Old Mill"
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Aberdeen Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000

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"Old Mill" HA-178
Harford County
Photo: Andrew Bristow
1975
Negative Location: Andrew Bristow, Bel Air, MD
View from north
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"Old Mill" HA-178
Harford County
Photo: Andrew Bristow
1975
Negative Location: Andrew Bristow, Bel Air, MD
Chimney flue
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"Old Mill" HA-178
Harford County
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1975
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Wall detail
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