

Roxbury Mill
HO-12
Glenwood vicinity
Howard County
Surveyor: Kathryn G. Smith
December 2002 (Field Inspection – September 2002)

ADDENDUM

Section 3. Owner of Property.

John E. and Janet F. Cremeans
4152 Roxbury Mill Road
Glenwood, MD 21738

Section 4. Location of Legal Description.

Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City
Liber 4639, Folio 279
Tax Map 21, Parcel 87

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Section 7. Description.

Condition: Ruins

The remains of Roxbury Mill lie south of the Glenwood area of Howard County. The site is located to the east of Roxbury Mill Road (former Route 97), approximately one-quarter mile from its intersection with the present Route 97. The remains of this grist mill are found in a wooded area containing large sycamore trees, near a small bridge crossing Cattail Creek. The mill was dismantled in Summer 2002 due to safety issues and concerns about vandalism. The fieldstone foundation, the interior post-and-beam assembly to house gears and pulleys, and the steel waterwheel were intact at the time of documentation in September 2002. The waterwheel will be removed in October 2002. Window and door openings with exterior stone lintels, interior wood lintels, and wood frames and sills, are evident in the foundation. Former elements of the mill, such as lumber, hoppers, and various types of equipment, are scattered on the ground around the mill foundation. Some of these elements will be used in a functional reconstructed mill (though not identical to Roxbury) to be built by the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club as part of a farm heritage museum, which will be located on a different site that is yet to be determined. The Roxbury Mill Miller's House (HO-169) and the Wilson Place at Roxbury Mill (HO-294) still stand near the mill site. These homes were previously part of the early Roxbury Mills village.

The rectangular foundation consists of plain and split fieldstone and measures approximately 40 feet 8 inches by 30 feet 8 inches. The foundation walls are approximately 2 feet thick.

The north façade contains a 4-foot door opening slightly east of center.

The three-bay west façade features, from north to south, a 4-foot window opening, a 4-foot 8-inch central door opening with an interior wood sill, and a 3-foot window opening, from which a stone lintel measuring 13 feet 5 inches in height has fallen to the ground. This window opening has a partial wood frame and an interior wood lintel.

The south façade contains, from west to east, an approximately 11-foot opening offset to the west of center. An overshot steel waterwheel is located directly outside this opening. The waterwheel is assembled via riveting as opposed to welding. The diameter of the waterwheel measures 11 feet, the wheel width is 6 feet, and the spokes are 5 inches wide and 5/8 inches thick. The paddles measure 13-1/2 inches from top to bottom. A window opening with a wood frame, a stone sill, and an interior wood lintel occurs to the east of the waterwheel. This window opening is too high from the ground to measure, but it is topped with a stone lintel more shallow in height than those on the other elevations.

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Section 7. Description (cont'd).

The three-bay east façade features, from south to north, a window opening filled with stone, a former 4-foot central door opening (now converted to a window) with a wood lintel and circular-sawn sill, and a 3-foot window opening with a huge stone lintel measuring 15 feet 2 inches in height. All three openings on this façade have interior lintels made of hewn lumber.

A post-and-beam apparatus to support the mill's gears and pulleys fills the south end of the foundation's interior. Concrete blocks support the posts. The lumber is a combination of circular-sawn and planed members. Rusted gears are present.

Various types of structural lumber are strewn across the ground outside the foundation; it is not possible to determine its former location inside the mill. Hand-hewn, up-and-down sawn, circular-sawn, and sawn-and-planed elements are present. In one ground location, hand-hewn lumber measures 10 by 8 inches, circular-sawn lumber measures 9-1/2 by 2 inches, and sawn-and-planed lumber measures 12 by 11 inches. Many structural members have pegged mortise-and-tenon joints.

Other mill elements can also be found on the ground. Hollow posts to house conveyor belts are planed and beaded one inch from the corners. A wood pulley case displays the inscription, "The Wolf Co., Chambersburg, Pennsylvania." A small wood hopper, a large beaded wood hopper, an iron hopper, and a Eureka Dustless Receiving Separator are present. A platform to support the former millstone has up-and-down sawn floor joists with square-headed cut nails. Wood wedges to secure the millstone are visible inside a circular opening in the platform. No millstones currently exist at the site. John Frank, President of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, recently removed one millstone. It is located in storage at Mr. Frank's home, along with the mill's flour dressing equipment.

Mr. Frank describes the mill as rising to a height of 33 feet at the roof ridge, encompassing two-and-one-half stories and a cellar. Before dismantling, the building had a tin roof. Most window panes were missing; those remaining appeared "old." The mill did not have a fireplace. A brick chimney with stovepipe openings was located in the interior northeast corner of the building. Platforms to secure millstones were located in the southeast and the southwest corners, with a swing arm located in the center. According to Mr. Frank, the millstones were replaced with a steel burr mill in the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century. A sign that read "Roxbury Mill" had been painted on the weatherboard on the north exterior wall, but vandals removed it.

According to the present owner, John Cremeans, steel gears and the steel waterwheel were installed circa 1917. Roxbury Mill operated until 1962. In 1972, Hurricane Agnes damaged the mill's foundation and left a hole in the roof that was never repaired. This led to the deterioration of the mill and its subsequent dismantling. Hurricane Agnes also destroyed the millrace and dam, located approximately one mile up Cattail Creek.

Section 8. Significance.

The previous Maryland Historical Trust form included attached narrative information on Roxbury Mill and a copy of a license from Oliver Evans, but the source was not clear. It has been confirmed that this documentation was from John McGrain, Baltimore County historian. The narrative came from the Howard County chapter of his manuscript, “The Molinography of Maryland,” located on microfilm at the Maryland State Archives. The original engraved license is enclosed with Chancery Papers No. 11,141 at the Maryland State Archives.

Oliver Evans invented a system in 1787 that sped up and automated flour milling, thus reducing labor costs. Evans’ invention significantly increased mill construction in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Most large merchant mills and small rural mills adopted the new system. According to Mr. McGrain, if a miller paid Evans for the use of his patented invention, Evans issued a license, one side of which was a copperplate engraving from the *Young Mill-Wright and Miller’s Guide* written by Evans and published in Philadelphia in 1795.

John Cremeans, current owner of the Roxbury Mill property, resides in what was previously identified as the Wilson Place at Roxbury Mill (HO-294). Mr. Cremeans supplied the following information:

“J. D. Matthews,* who later founded Glenwood, built a house and store in the town of Roxbury Mills in 1825 and there are some indications that he was Davis’ partner in the mill at that time. (My house was built at that time and I believe it was Matthews’.) Matthews left the partnership after a few years and moved to what became the village of “Mathews” (later Glenwood) where he opened the general store that became “Pindell’s.”

Raymond Smallwood, Jr. operated the mill on Fridays and Saturdays from his father’s death in 1958 until 1962 when his mother sold the mill to Shelley Grover. Ray, who is still living and who owned the house immediately to the West of the Mill until 5 years ago, told me this himself. Also several older residents of the area, e.g. Charlie Hobbs and Bill Pindell, confirmed that the mill was running when Grover bought it in 1962.

In the 1920’s, a man named Ed Higgins bought the house I now live in and opened a still in the back part of the house. He was allegedly the biggest bootlegger in the west county. He got his “middlins” from Ray Smallwood’s mill and bought his sugar from several local stores. (Bill Pindell told me he sold Higgins sugar each year as long as he was in business. Higgins limited his purchases to 900 pounds because storekeepers were required to report any purchase of 1000 pounds or more.) Ray Smallwood, Jr. told me that the “Feds” raided Higgins’ still in the late 1920’s, smashing the still and mash boxes and pouring the whiskey out the windows. Many older locals have also told me that Ray Sr. sold bootleg whiskey at the mill well into the 1950’s.”

*Published Howard County histories identify “James B. Mathews” as the founder of Glenwood.

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Section 8. Significance (cont'd).

NOTE: A copy of a hand-tinted historic photograph of Roxbury Mill in the 1930s, taken by the Jones Sisters, is submitted with this documentation. A black-and-white copy is also provided. Courtesy of John McGrain, Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, MD.

Section 9. Bibliography.

Cremeans, Jack, Owner of Roxbury Mill, Glenwood, MD, to Kay Smith, Historic Sites Surveyor, Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning, Ellicott City, MD, 26 September 2002.

Electronic mail correspondence with John W. McGrain, Baltimore County Historian, Office of Planning, Towson, MD, 22 October 2002.

McGrain, John W. ““Good Bye Old Burr”: The Roller Mill Revolution in Maryland, 1882.” *Maryland Historical Magazine* 77, no. 2 (Summer 1982): 154-171.

Section 10. Geographical Data.

Acreage of surveyed property: approx. 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting: 2.7 acres

Quadrangle name: Woodbine, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification:

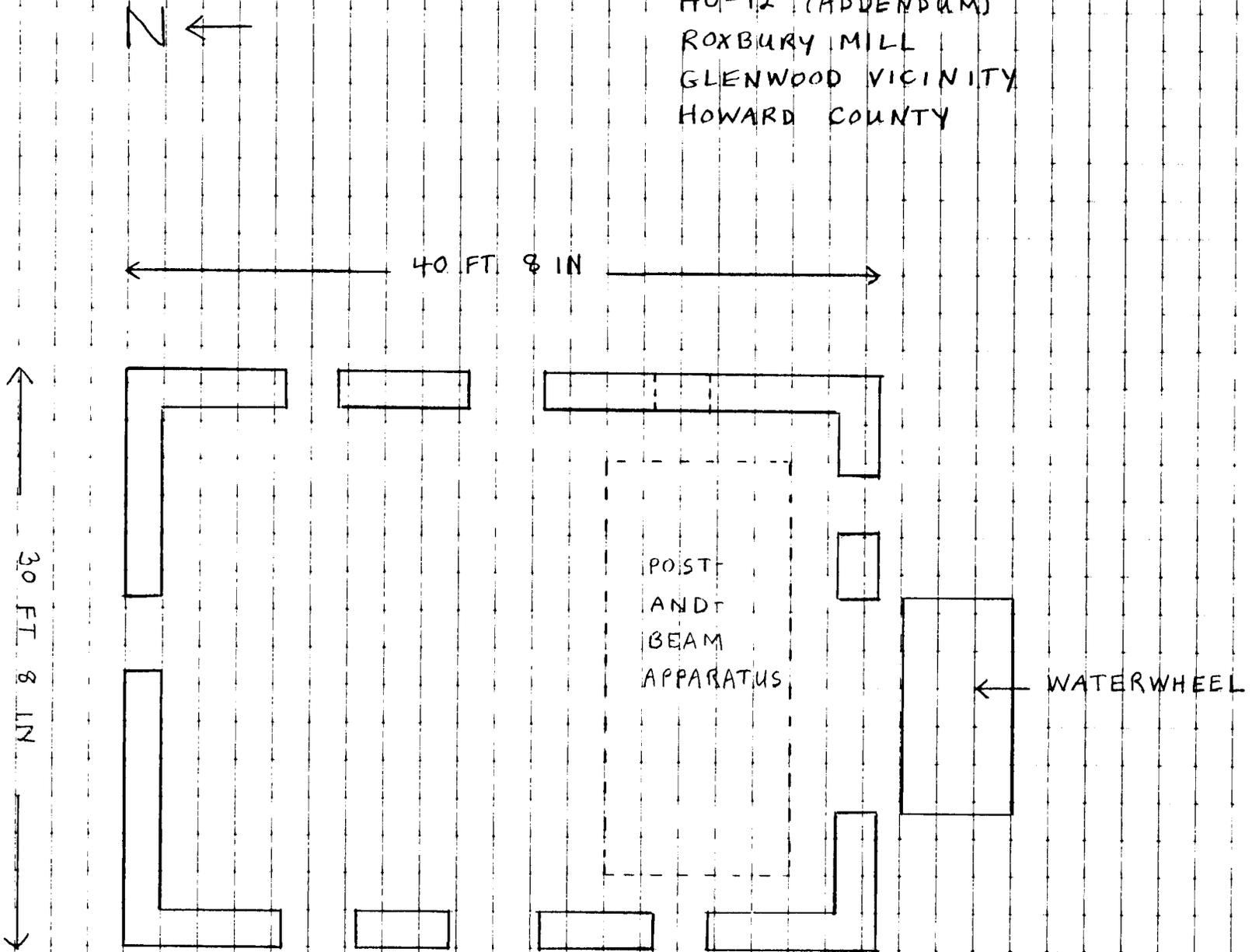
Tax map 21, parcel 87. The area surveyed included the ruins of the mill (foundation and waterwheel) and the surrounding ground upon which former elements of the mill were scattered. The entire historical setting is the same as the area to which the owners hold title.

Section 11. Form Prepared by

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Ellicott City, MD 21043
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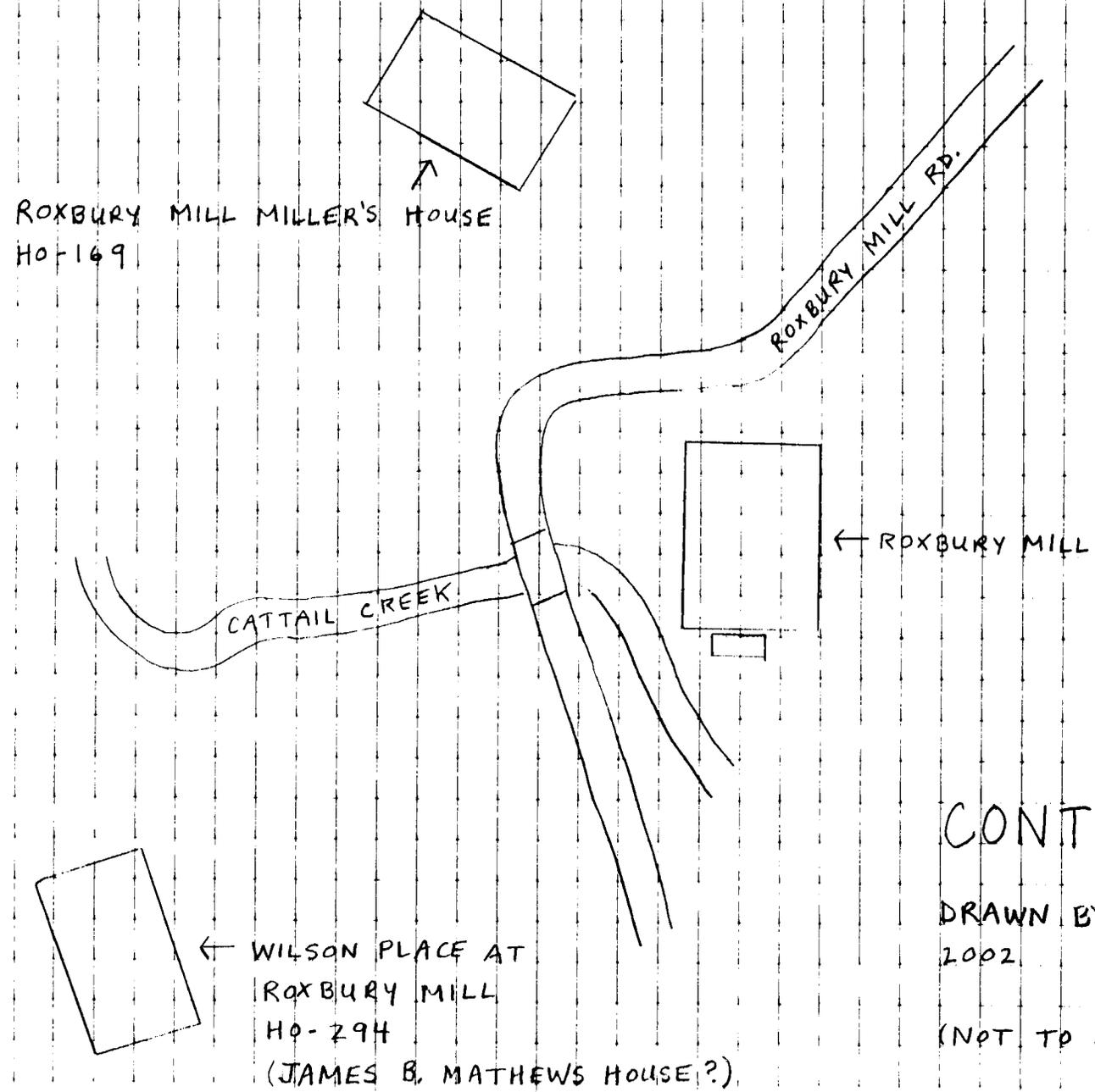
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GLENWOOD VICINITY
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FOUNDATION
(APPROX. SCALE 1/8" = 1 FT)

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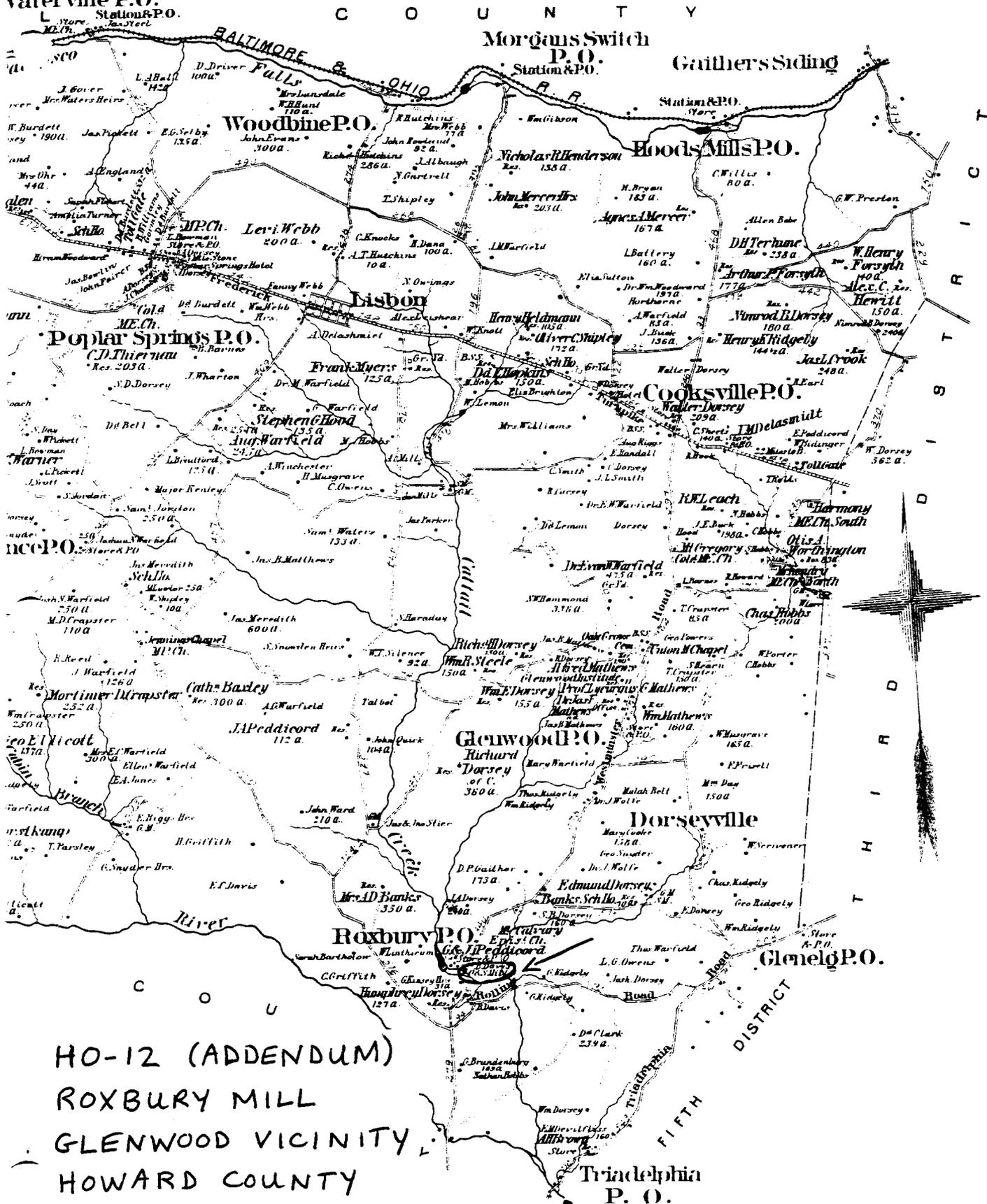


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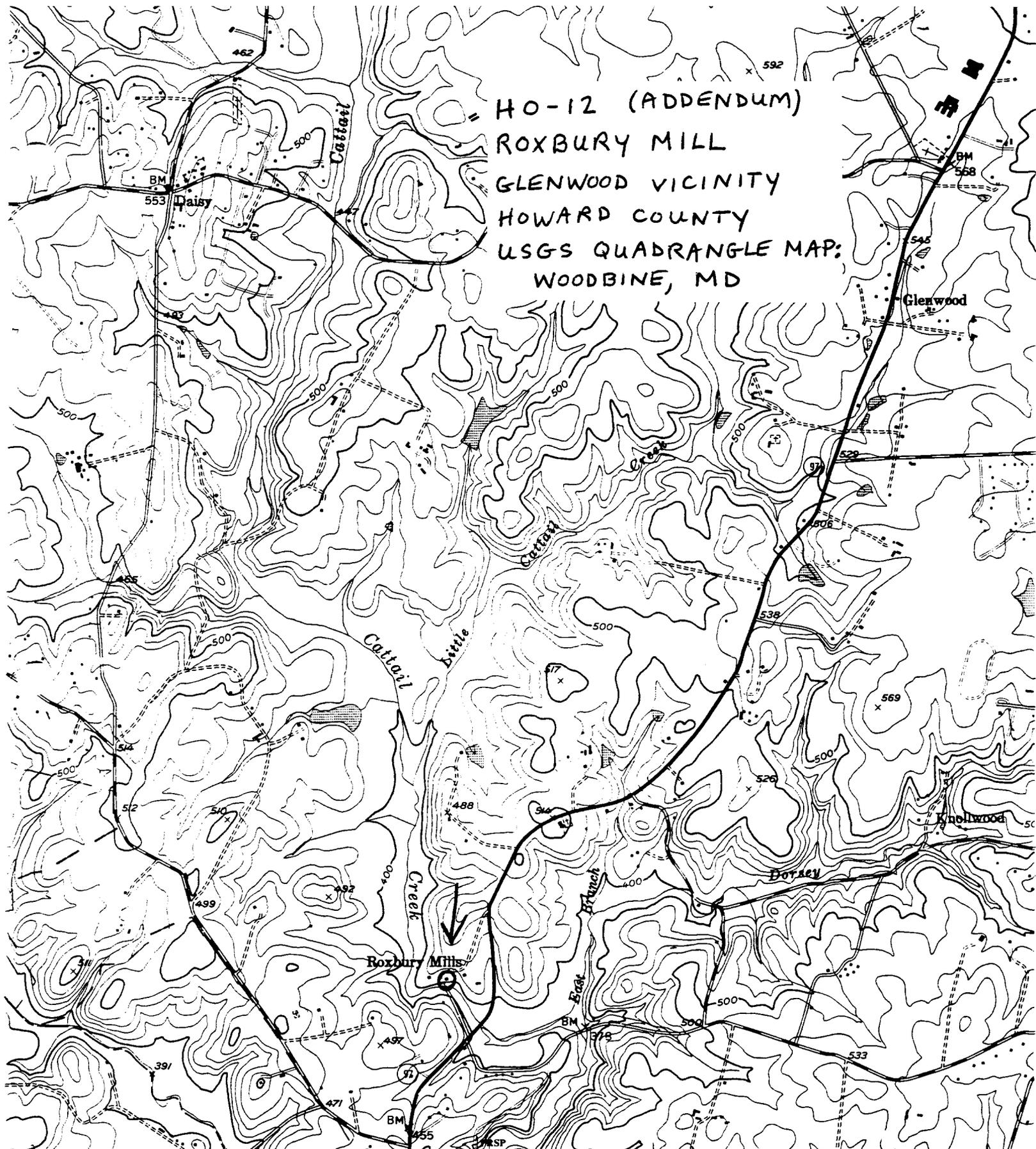
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L. Moore Stations P.O.
M.E. Ch. Steel



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 ROXBURY MILL
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 HOPKINS ATLAS, 1878

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 ROXBURY MILL
 GLENWOOD VICINITY
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 USGS QUADRANGLE MAP:
 WOODBINE, MD



(SANDY SPRING) 5562 II NE

SUNSHINE 2.1 MI.
 BROOKVILLE 5 MI.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 325

SCALE 1:24 000



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Roxbury Mill

Howard County, MD

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September 2002

Negative: MD SHPO

Wooded setting, view facing SE

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Roxbury Mill

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Negative: MD SHPO

NW corner

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Negative: MD SHPO

South elevation

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Negative: MD SHPO

SE corner

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Roxbury Mill

Howard County, MD

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September 2002

Negative: MD SHPO

Waterwheel

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September 2002
Negative: MD SHPO
Waterwheel
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Roxbury Mill

Howard County, MD

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Negative: MD SHPO

Post-and-beam apparatus, view facing south

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Roxbury Mill

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Negative: MD SHPO

gears & pulleys, view facing SE

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Roxbury Mill

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Variety of hand-hewn and sawn lumber

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Small wood hopper (left) + Eureka Dustless Receiving
Separator (right)

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Large beaded wood hopper

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Negative: MD SHPO

Iron hopper

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Roxbury Mill

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Negative: MD SHPo

Platform for mill stone

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Roxbury Mill

Howard County, MD

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Negative: MD SHPO

Roxbury Mill Miller's House (HO-169)

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Roxbury Mill

Howard County, MD

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Negative: MD SHPS

Wilson Place at Roxbury Mill (HO-294)

(James B. Mathews House?)

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High School

Spring Lake

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Roxbury Mill

Howard County, MD

Jones Sisters

1930s

Photo obtained from John McGrain,
Baltimore County Office of Planning,
Towson, MD

SW corner

Circa 1795

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ROXBURY MILL
Glenwood
Private

Basically a very simple clapboard structure with heavy stone foundation, Roxbury Mills is two and a half stories high, three bays wide and three bays deep with gabled roof running north-south and brick chimney located in its northeast corner. Fenestration is rectangular and proportionally scaled with central north entrance, and wide south basement entrance.

The original tract patented in 1700 as "Hard to Get and Dear Paid For" probably held an earlier Dorsey Mill. Later owned by Allen Bowie Davis of Glenwood who also owned Glenwood Mills in Montgomery County, Roxbury Mill is shown on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas as B. Davis grist and saw mill.

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District 4

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Roxbury Mill					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Roxbury Mill Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Grover, Shelley A. and Wife					
STREET AND NUMBER: 9310 Wire Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	20901	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Records Office					
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland	21043	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 21, p.87					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	21401	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Roxbury Mill is a two and a half story frame building with full stone basement three bays wide and three bays deep with gabled roof running north-south. Fenestration is proportionally scaled rectangular in shape with double-hung sashes holding six-over-six lites. A third story window rests in the north and south walls with a central first floor entrance on the north wall and a wide basement entrance on the south elevation.

A brick chimney is located in the north east corner of the building.

A second basement entrance is located in the central bay of the west wall flanked by two rectangular windows surmounted by flat stone lintels.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An alternate name for Maryland 97 near Roxbury is Roxbury Mill Road. The old mill which was once located on old 97 has since been by passed by the present main road. (Initially almost all roads led to a mill and were so named.)

According to Mr. John McGrain, an authority on early Maryland industry, the original tract was patented in 1700 as "Hard to Get and Dear Paid For". The present mill is probably the second mill on the site since an earlier Dorsey Mill is conjectured. Dorsey was succeeded by Samuel Davis, a Quaker minister. A Mr. Allen Bowie Davis then took over, son of Thomas. He also owned Glenwood Mills in Montgomery County.

Roxbury Mill is shown on the 1795 map and also the G. M. Hopkins Atlas of 1878. The latter shows the building as B. Davis grist and saw mill.

Roxbury is described as a "rocky and romantic settlement", with a general store and post office (established in 1832). Roxbury was the last operating grist mill in Howard County. Raymond Smallwood, who died in 1958 was the last miller. Mrs. Smallwood still occupied the house in 1967.

Served by the Cat Tail Creek, the mill is of clap board with a stone foundation.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J. D. Founders of Ann Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland.
Baltimore, 1972

Hopkins Atlas 1878

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 21, page 87

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora B. Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

RIGGS MILL (4)

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Shown in the atlas on Cabin Branch, 1 mile from the Patuxent, this was a gristmill belonging to the heirs of E. Riggs.

ROBERTS MILL (1)

Same as Hockley Mill.

ROCKY GLEN MILL (4)

This mill was owned by Charles Hobbs and was still operating when listed in the Times, Ellicott City, March 17, 1941. Cf. Hobbs Mill.

ROVERS MILL (4)
ROVERS MILL ROAD

Rovers Mill Road runs east from McKendree Road, crossing the Middle Patuxent River and coming to a dead end. A grist and saw mill appears at the Rover site on the 1860 Martenet map, but its name is not legible (H. For---). Possibly related to Hobbs Mill.

ROXBURY MILL (4) ●
ROXBURY MILL ROAD

Roxbury Mill Road is an alternate name for Md. 97, which now bypasses the mill on Cattail Creek. The present structure is at least the second mill on the site, replacing that of Philemon Dorsey. In the Md. Journal of August 5, 1791, Dorsey advertised a two-story mill, 26 x 22, half stone, half wood; two pair of stones, one of Cologne, the other short-hill; the mill was rebuilt in 1788; undershot wheel, 9-foot head of water; sawmill partly built. Captain Dorsey was district surveyor and owned thousands of acres in Howard County, HECM, p. 250. *

Philemon Dorsey, Planter and Farmer, conveyed part of Vanity Mount and Duvall's Range to Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield, 1792 (AA Liber NH 6:172). The deed mentioned "a small rill that runs into the mill Dam" and also a Tumbling Dam. Dr. Warfield sold to Samuel Thomas, Gentleman, in 1794 for natural love and affection, plus 5 Shillings. The tract was on the "Catt Tale river" (NH 7:269).

Thomas' daughter married Isaac Knight, who bought the mill from his father-in-law and gave a mortgage for part of the price. "There was in use in the said mill certain machinery for the invention of which a certain Oliver Evans had obtained a patent ... but the said Samuel Thomas had never paid the said Oliver Evans for his patent right."

"Evans brought suit against him ... and other millers in that part of the country, who used the same kind of machinery, for the violation of his patent rights and the respondent [Knight] believing that it would be better both for him and the said Samuel Thomas to compromise with the said Oliver Evans, than to incur the expense and risk of a law suit, with the approbation of the said Samuel Thomas, agreed to pay, and did pay to the said Oliver Evans the sum of four hundred dollars on the 14th day of April 1818." Chancery Papers, No. 11,141 (Nicholas and Elizabeth Snowden-vs-Isaac Knight and Julianna, uxor, 1822).

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* Historic Montgomery County, Maryland

The license from Oliver Evans to Isaac Knight specifies his mill of "1 water wheel driving not more than one pair of millstones on Cattale Branch ... Rock's Busy Mill." The opposite side of the license is a cross-sectional view of an Evans Mill, Plate VIII from the Young Mill-Wright.

Samuel Davis, a Quaker minister, came to own the mill, followed by Allen Bowie Davis, who also owned Glenwood Mills in Montgomery County. Roxbury mill had appeared on the 1795 Griffith map; a post office of that name was established in 1832. The atlas showed it as B. Davis grist and saw mill.

In the 1850 census, Allen Bowie Davis' Roxbury Grist Merchant Mill was valued at \$3000, with 3 pair of stones, 1 packer, 2 employees, and output of 125,000 lb meal, 200 bbl superfine flour, 3300 lb buckwheat, and 25,000 lb chop flour, worth \$2666. The sawmill worth \$200 had 2 employees and 1 saw to cut 40,000 ft oak and chestnut plank (\$500).

Davis sold in 1874 to George T.R. Peddicord the Roxbury Mills, a store-dwelling, and the "miller's house ... lately occupied by George Brandenburg" plus right of access to clean out the head race and dam (LJW 35:124). Peddicord appeared in the 1880 census with a sawmill worth \$500, 1 employee, and 1 gang saw; a 13-foot fall on Cattail Creek drove a 12 hp overshot wheel 10 ft broad at 9 rpm; output was less than \$500/annum. The custom gristmill was worth \$3000 and had 1 employee, 2 run of stones, and 50 bu/diem maximum capacity. Output was 300 bbl flour, 45 tons meal, 20 tons feed, and 1000 lb hominy (\$3650).

In 1895, Joseph H. Peddicord sold to Stephen A. Brandenburg; subsequent owners were William B. Rucker (1903), Victoria Duvall (1919), Walter Jacob Livesay (1920), and Raymond L. and William N. Smallwood (1922). Raymond L. Smallwood and wife became owners in 1929 and Shelley A. Grover in 1961 (369:506).

It was "a rocky and romantic settlement" in 1905 with a post office and mill, FAACHC, p. 440. Roxbury was the last operating gristmill in Howard County, and Raymond Smallwood was the last miller; he died in 1958, but his widow continued in the miller's house (1967). The mill is of frame and clapboard, standing but disused in 1975, west of Md. 97 on a bypassed segment of road.

RUSSELL LIME KILN ()

The 1850 census listed John Russell's hand-powered lime kiln worth \$300 and producing 10,800 bu annually (\$1250).

* Founders of AA & Howard Counties

LICENSE.

Know all Men, that I, OLIVER EVANS, of the City of Philadelphia,

have received of Isaac Throught of the County of and City of Baltimore the sum of

\$ 1,00

in full, for License hereby granted to the said Isaac Throught Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to construct, make, and use, my Patented Machines and Patented Improvements in the art of manufacturing flour or meal, as follow, viz. For elevating grain and meal and conveying the same from one part of the mill to another, and for cooling the meal and attending the bolting-hoppers; for the use of his Mill consisting of one waterwheel driving not more than one pair of millstones at the same time, situate on Cottage Branch

called Rocks Run Mill for and during my present or any future patent term. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 11 day of April 1818

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us,

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of April 1818. I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 11th day of April 1818.

Oliver Evans
By his Agent
Evan Evans

Alb. Throught
Chas. Throught

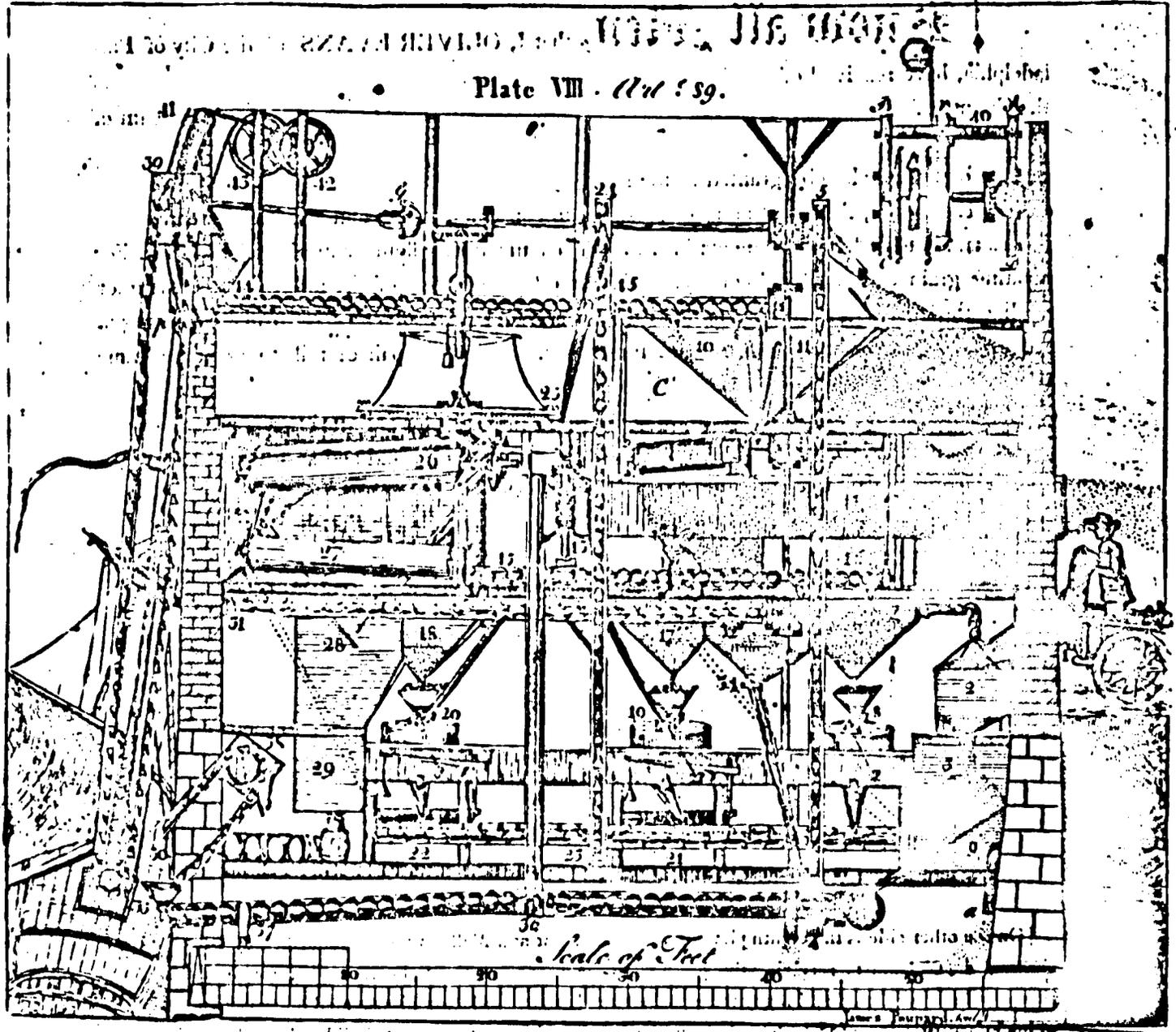
[On the other side is the eighth plate of the Millwright and Miller's Guide, published by Oliver Evans, showing the Machinery receiving the grain from the wagon or ship, and carrying it through all the operations until manufactured and ready to be packed into barrels, producing his patented improvements in the art of manufacturing flour; to which book the miller is referred for instructions to build and use the machinery.]

ROXBURY MILLS. Certificate for the use of Oliver Evans' patented milling inventions issued to Isaac Knight of Roxbury Mills, 1818 (H.R.).

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ROXBURY MILL. Reverse of a certificate issued by Oliver Evans to Isaac Knight, miller at Roxbury Mills on Cattail Creek, 1818 (H.R.).



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ELLINGSWORTH
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LEO BUTLER
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W.G.
SARGEANT
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