

HAGERSTOWN LANDMARKS RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties # WA-HAG-190

Property Name/Address: Andrew Hager Mill, Mill St., Hagerstown, Maryland

Description/Significance: ca. 1790 stone mill building, representing Hagerstown's leading industry of the early period. The mill retains most of its 18th century character-defining features.¹

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680-1815
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- IV. Resource Type
Category: Building
Historic Environment: Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/processing
Known Design Source: Unknown

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hager, Andrew, Mill

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 245 Mill Street not for publicationcity, town Hagerstown vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

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

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber

street & number 95 West Washington Street folio

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Andrew Hager Mill is a late 18th century stone mill building, 3½ stories high, three bays wide by three bays deep. The north gable end has an entrance in the central bay at ground level (the opening has been widened, and an I-beam lintel has been inserted below the original stone jack arch). A window is located in the west bay; the east bay also formerly held a window, but is now concealed by a one-story hyphen which connects the corner of the mill to an early 20th century concrete block commercial building. Each of the upper levels has a door opening in the central bay, flanked by windows; windows throughout the building are 4/2 industrial metal casements, installed in the 20th century. The gable peak is of frame construction, with a central door below a projecting beam that formerly supported a hoist; boarded window openings are located to either side of the door.

The west elevation has entrances in both the north and central bays at ground level, and a boarded window opening in the south bay. On the second story, a central doorway is flanked by 4/2 metal windows; similar windows define all three bays of the third story.

The uncoursed limestone masonry of the north and west walls comprises large, carefully dressed blocks with grapevine pointing. Openings on these prominent elevations are surmounted by stone jack arches.

The south gable has (covered) window openings on the second and third floor levels. There is a semicircular vent opening at ground level, and a large (blocked) circular opening for the wheel shaft. (An undershot wheel formerly powered the machinery; this has been removed, and the mill stream was diverted away from the structure.) The stonework of the south gable--a secondary elevation not readily visible from the public street--is much less distinctive than that of the north and west walls, comprising dash-pointed, uncoursed rubble.

The east elevation is obscured by a large concrete block structure. The third-floor windows are visible above this addition: the south opening has a relatively crude jack arch, while the other two are topped by simple keystone lintels.

The interior is typical of heavy mill construction, with massive posts and beams supporting thick, closely-laid flooring. The wheel shaft survives in the basement. The building is currently used for storage.

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
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<input 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1790 **Builder/Architect** unknòwn

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Andrew Hager Mill is significant as a well-preserved example of a late 18th century mill building, reflecting the importance of agriculture and allied industries to the early development of Hagerstown. It retains a high level of integrity.

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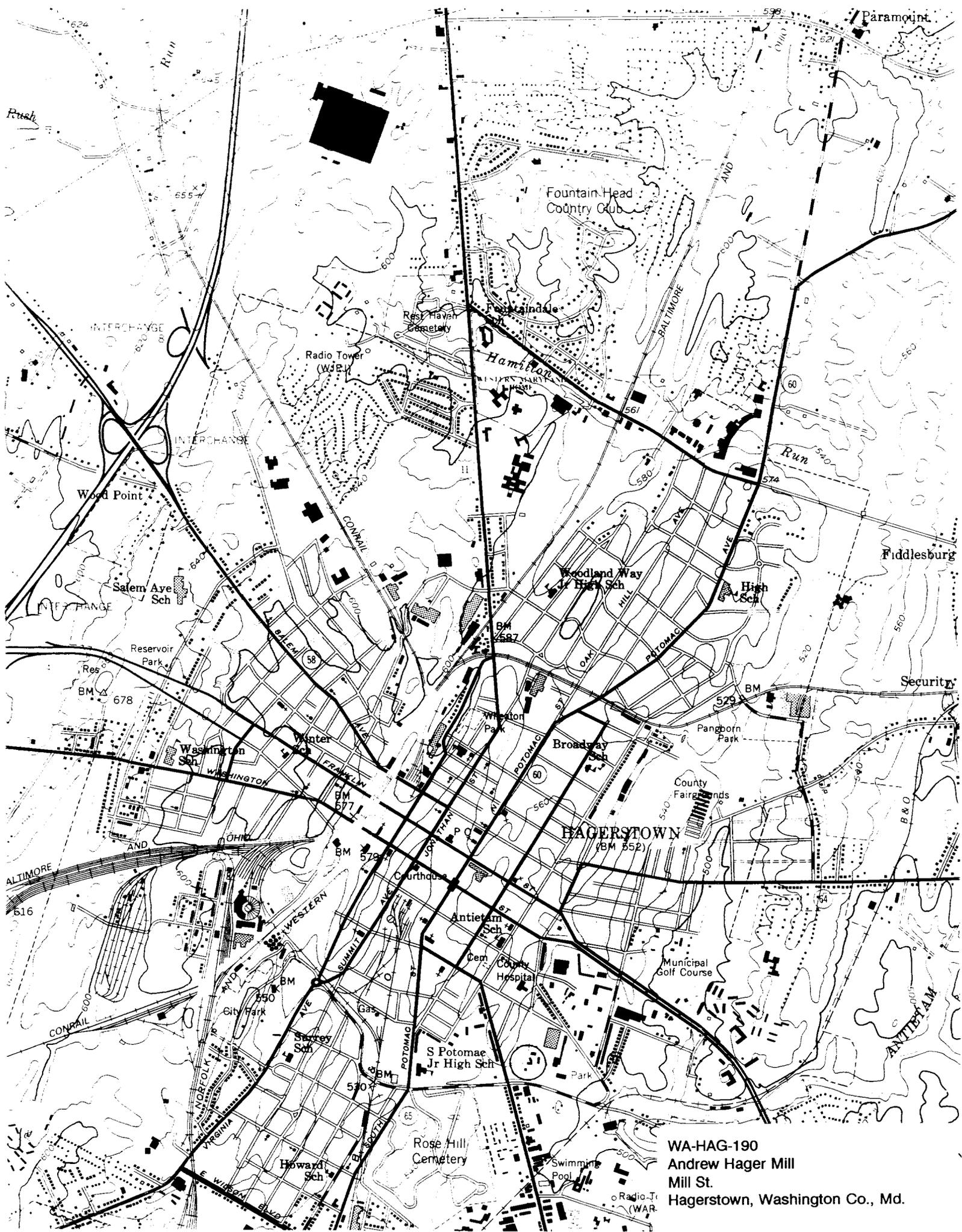
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