

ABSTRACT

WA-I-177

1798, mid 19th century

Mill Village

Leitersburg Vicinity

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The Mill Village complex also known as Strite's Mill consists of two brick dwellings dating from the mid 19th century, a large bank barn and the remains of a stone mill which has been converted to a dwelling. The earliest portion of the mill was built in 1798 by Samuel Kraumer. The mill was in operation through the 19th century. In 1843 it was purchased by Christian Strite who built the brick dwellings and made an addition to the mill for grinding plaster.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>"Mill Village", also known as Strite's Mill, is located along the west bank of the Antietam Creek just north of Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It consists of two houses, a barn and the remains of Strite's Mill which have been converted into a dwelling. The structures are located on land which rises gently as it extends away from the Creek.</p> <p>The westernmost house, constructed of brick is two stories high and five bays in length. It faces south. The three eastern bays of the front elevation are recessed behind modern weatherboarding. It appears that a double porch originally extended along this portion of the front elevation. Exposed brick walls at the west end of the front elevation display Flemish bonding. The side and rear elevations are laid in common bond, there being generally, five courses of stretchers between header rows. Flat arches of brick are present over most openings.</p> <p>Windows are held within narrow frames finished with a bead at the inner edge. Lower story windows have nine over six pane sashes while those at the upper story have six over six light sashes.</p> <p>The main entrance with a four light transom over the door is located in the second bay from the west end of the house.</p> <p>The roof extends beyond the end walls and is finished at the eaves with plain boxing under which is a course of molding. Brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>The second dwelling faces east and is located closer to the Antietam. Constructed of brick, it is two stories high and four bays in length. A two bay, two story ell extends to the rear or west. The bricks, painted white, are laid in common bond at all elevations. Wide wooden lintels are present over the windows, most of which have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames finished with a beaded inner edge.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the second bay from the north end of the front elevation.</p> <p>The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Narrow molding has been applied beneath the eaves boxing.</p> <p>Behind the structure is a one story brick out kitchen which appears to be contemporary with the house.</p> <p>Just north of this house is a large frame bank barn with a gambrel roof. The structure is said to have been rebuilt in the early 20th century.</p> <p>On the banks of the Antietam stands the stone mill which has been converted into a dwelling. The L-shaped structure is constructed of coursed local limestone. Some openings are topped with flat arches and display evidence of their original dimensions. A vertical joint in the stone work of the east elevation suggests that the mill was built in two sections. Part of</p>	

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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)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mill Village is significant for its architecture and for its contribution to commerce in Washington County during the late 18th and 19th centuries.

Architecturally the complex offers a grouping of vernacular buildings representative of Washington County's building patterns during the late 18th and mid 19th centuries. The two brick dwellings appear to date from the middle years of the 19th century. According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, they were built by Christian Strite who acquired the property in 1843, and who owned it until his death in 1862.¹

Apparently the mill was standing long before Strite acquired the property. According to Bell, the site of the mill with the surrounding land was owned by Jacob Leiter at the time of his death in 1764. Christian Leiter, his son, inherited the property and sold it in 1790 to Peter Shanaberger. In 1792 Shanaberger sold the land to Samuel Kraumer who apparently built the northern portion of the stone mill, which Bell states has a date stone inscribed S.K. 1798. Kraumer operated the mill until 1807 when he sold it to John Russell who died in 1808 leaving the property to his son Christian. In 1829 the mill was purchased by Stephen Martin who owned it until his death, after which the property was purchased by Christian Strite in 1843. In addition to building the two brick dwellings Strite added the south wing of the mill for grinding plaster.² The mill remained in the Strite family until 1941. Christian Strite is also said to have operated a distillery. He seems to have been influential in the community, serving as a trustee for nearby Miller's Church (WA-I-190) from 1845-1862.

¹ Herbert C. Bell, History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg Md: the author. (1908) p. 245.

² Ibid. P. 94.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, 1908.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **66.75 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey** DATE: **December 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

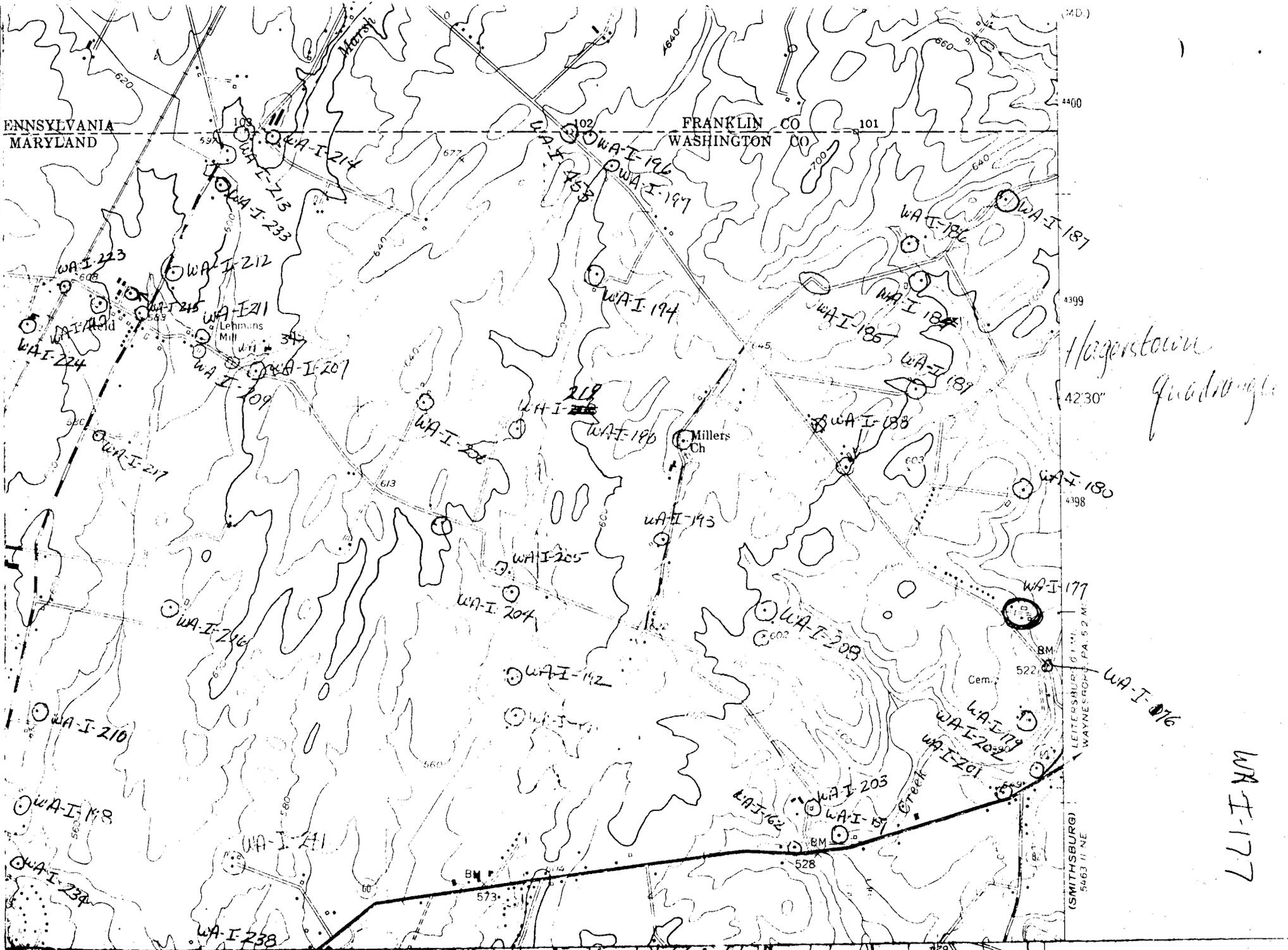
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the north end of the building has been rebuilt with modern concrete blocks. The roof of the mill has been entirely rebuilt. According to a datestone said to be located on the building, the earliest part of the mill was constructed in 1798.

All of the structures in Mill Village appear to be in good to excellent condition. The property contains 66.75 acres.

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