

ABSTRACT
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Gossard Mill Site
Fairview Vicinity
public-private

19th Century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fairview Mill Site

AND/OR COMMON

Gossard Mill Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gossard Mill Road (Now Fairview Mill Road)

CITY, TOWN

Southeast of Fairview

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

Site Partially Under Road Bed.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

County Commissioners of Washington County and

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

(Road Area)

Bruce N. Hoffman & Sons, Inc. (Privately Owned Portion)

Washington County Courthouse

Route # 4, Box 180

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: **624**

Folio #: **286**

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fairview or Gossard Mill Site is located partially under the bed of Gossard Mill Road about one and a half miles southeast of Fairview between Hagerstown and Clear Spring in Washington County, Maryland. The mill was located at the south bank of Rockdale Run and stood with its end wall facing west toward the road, which until recent years skirted the mill.

According to an artist's drawing of the building which was torn down prior to realignment of the road during the 1960's, the grist mill was a large frame structure, three bays wide and five long with a gambrel roof. It had fieldstone foundations which were a full story in height toward the rear of the building. Little visible evidence of the mill remains. According to a local historian the mill had a metal turbine wheel at the time it was dismantled.

Just southeast of the mill site on the opposite side of Gossard Mill Road is a large two story L-shaped brick house. Across the road from the house is a small frame bank barn. Gossard Mill Road until recently was carried over Rockdale Run by a small steel truss bridge built in 1897. The bridge gave way under a loaded gravel truck in 1975, and has since been replaced.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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An 1808 Map of Washington County depicts a mill on Rockdale Run near the site of Gossard Mill, but is shown on the opposite side of present Gossard Mill Road from the site of the mill which is known to have existed into the 1960's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Varle', Charles, Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 5 acres

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

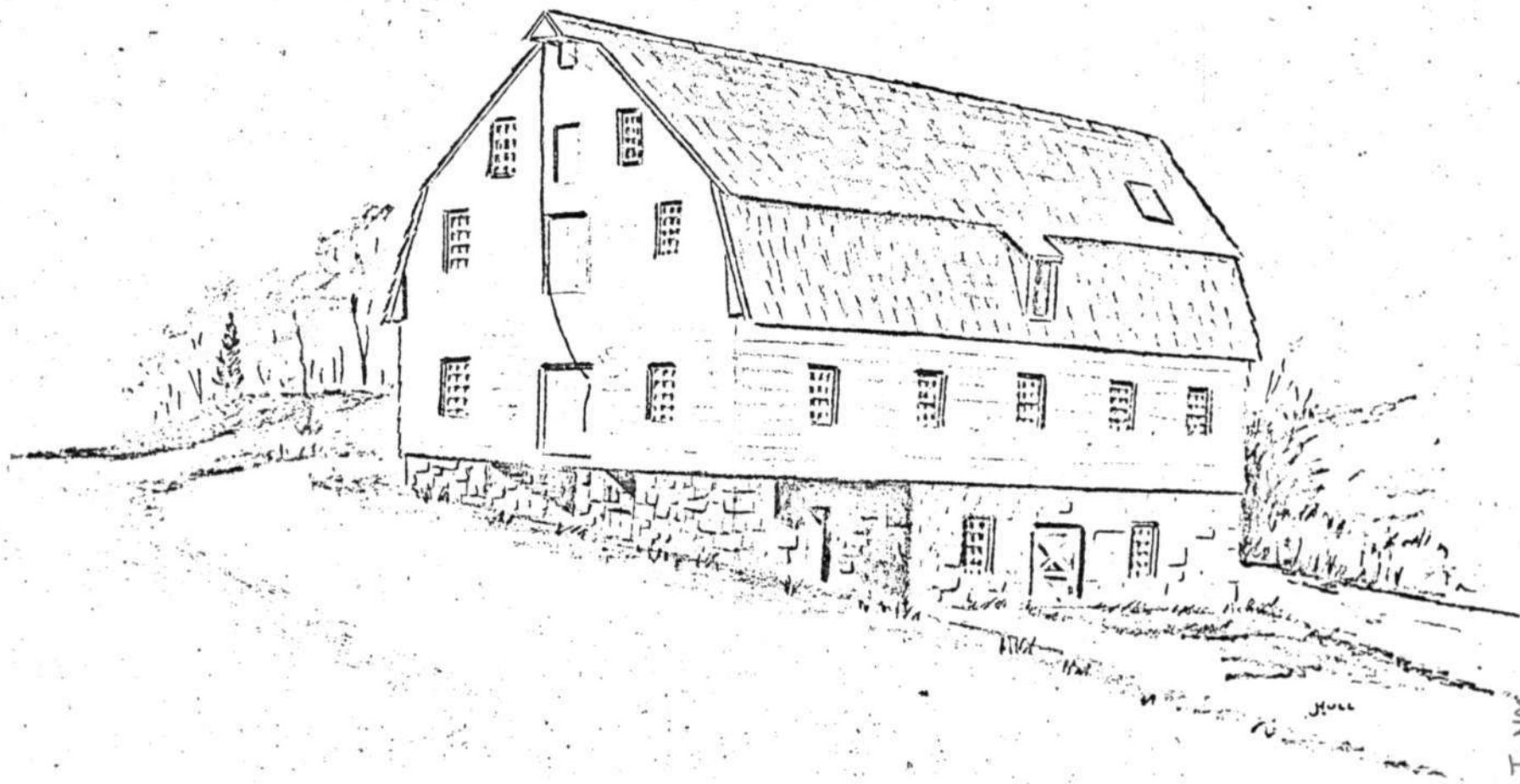
STATE

Maryland 21740

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.

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WA-I-003

Mason-Dixon
quad

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5463 III NW
(CLEAR SPRING)

WA-I-240

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Fairview Mill, site (Gossard Mill)
Gossard Mill Road, Hagerstown
Photo by John McGrain, March 1968





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S. E. View

Feb. 1975

FAIRVIEW Mill SITE

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FAIRVIEW MILL SITE

N. view

Mill site

Jan. 1975

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