

ABSTRACT
WA-I-413
Rose Mill Site
Funkstown Vicinity
private

18th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-413
District 10
Map 57
Parcel 75
MAGI # 2206235214

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pleasant Grove Mills

AND/OR COMMON

Rose Mill Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Garis Shop Road and Antietam

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Funkstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER **Not in use**

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

P. Lowell Fox

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 529

Folio #: 336

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

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

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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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rose Mill site is located on the north side of Garis Shop Road at the Antietam Creek south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. Remaining of the complex is part of a dam across the Antietam, a large segmentally arched opening from the main mill and part of a wall around the arch and raceway. Foundations and a small stone and frame building also presumably a mill located on the east side of the creek were part of the complex as well. The site is situated at Rose Mill Bridge a three arched stone structure built in 1839 (WA-I-347). The bridge was constructed with an outshot on its northwest wing wall to accommodate wagons loading and unloading at the front of the mill.

The remaining parts of the mill site are of stone construction. It is possible that the upper stories of the mill were timber framed. Although the mill building was located on the west bank of the creek, another mill building associated with the complex is located immediately opposite it on the east side of the creek. This is a one and a half story stone and wood sided structure which was served by a separate raceway. It is a relatively small structure three bays wide with a frame addition to its east end. Its west end of stone rises from the water's edge and has openings to allow for the mill wheel mechanism. It is possibly a newer structure than the ruins on the west side of the creek.

East of this mill building is a white sided dwelling. It is a multi gabled building with porches having an outward appearance of dating from the late 19th century.

Still intact is a sizable portion of the mill dam just upstream from the bridge. It is constructed of layers of uniformly coursed native limestones.

South of the bridge on the east side of the creek, is a spring opening housed in a limestone arched vault.

According to 19th century deed records, the complex included a grist mill, sawmill, chopping mill and dwelling house. The name of the land grant on which it is located is "Palmyra." The property includes 45.941 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input 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 checked="" 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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According to a 1794 map of Washington County, a grist mill was in operation on this site marked with the name John Sharer. Deed records indicated that John Sharer had his land here, part of "Palmyra," resurveyed in 1815. Later the mill property belonged to John S. Rowland who in 1860 transferred it to Benjamin Rowland (IN15/105). During the 1860's in several dealings the property changed hands repeatedly being purchased in 1869 by Robert L. Rose (WMcKK1/303, WMcKK1/324). It remained in the Rose family until 1891 when it was sold to Elias Emmert and then in 1902 to Elvin H. Snyder (97/351, 116/184). It remained in the Snyder family until purchased by the family of the present owner in 1947 (243/558). According to a former owner an electrical plant was in operation on the site during the early 20th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Map of Washington County, 1794.

Washington County Land Records.

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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45.941 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

December 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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104 5-45
1000 Hill, 1005
April 1945

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WA - 213
April 1985

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WA-1415

4000-500 - 1000 SE view
April 1975

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WA-I-113
S.W.
April 1915

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Map of Washington with border 500 ft

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1843-1848
1849-1850
1851-1852

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