

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Ingram Mill

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER East side of Mount Lena Road

CITY, TOWN Smithsburg  VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" 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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:  
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

WA-II-096

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This mill was identified by John Mcgrain as part of his molinography. The enclosed information was forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust by Mcgrain on July 12, 1982.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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
<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 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 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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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State. p.351

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INGRAM MILL (7)(WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Western

See undated clipping from/Maryland Room at Hagerstown Public Library.

In 1968, John McGrain noted: "Mill still standing east of Mount Lena Road, south bank of stream supplying Hagerstown Reservoir which is across the road. Fieldstone mill behind the farm house. Elaborate galleries."

The first draft of McGrain's Molinography erroneously matched this mill site with a name found on the 187\_ atlas map, calling it Ridenou~~r~~ Mill. (No such as Ridenour)

Letter to McGrain from Mrs. Lea T. Kersting, Chewsville, Feb. 11, 1978:

"A friend of mine is a member of the Jacques family, so she could fill me in on Ingram's Mill; in fact she offered to get the keys and take me inside when the weather improves. She says you could look down on the big wheel which is still there though clogged with mud or silt. There's a small pond nearby that they swim <sup>in</sup>. There is a short road leading up to it, but when I went up the other day, it wasn't even plowed out yesterday from the storm, so perhaps when things improve I can get a picture of it if you would like one."

and skate on and use the mill to change and warm up in.

John McGrain returned on April 21, 1979, but the house looked empty, although it had not been vandalized. Across the road are the buildings of "Smithsburg Reservoir." The mill race survives and retains some stone lining in its walls.

Also:

Maryland Directory, 1880, Edward Ingrahm listed as miller at Smithsburg.

Mentioned in 1940, Maryland: A Guide to the Old Line State, p. 351; age estimated as 1870.



THIS PICTURE of Ingram's Mill at Smithsburg was taken by Edgar Beamer, and presented to the grandson of the former operator, D. Paul Oswald.

## History Of Ingram's Mill Traced By D. Paul Oswald

The interesting history of Ingram's Mill at Smithsburg has been recalled by D. Paul Oswald, Bridgeport, a grandson of Edward Ingram, who owned and operated the grist and flour mill during the Civil War.

The old mill made wheat flour, buckwheat flour, corn meal and ground feed for live stock. The work was done either for cash or for tolling of grain for farmers and stores for miles around.

Tilman Williams was one of Mr. Ingram's millers. Later, Allen C. Smith was a miller.

The mill dam to the right in the accompanying picture furnished water to operate the mill by an overshoot water wheel, after which the water went through the mill race to join the creek flowing into the Smithsburg reservoir, furnishing Hagerstown's water supply.

This dam, Mr. Oswald explains, not only supplied power for the mill and furnished water for Hagerstown, but also furnished sport and enjoyment during the winter, when ice formed to sufficient depth for ice skating.

uncle. However, during all the ownerstips, the mill operated under the name of Ingram's Mill.

Following the death of Allen Smith, it was sold to Lancelot Jacques, the present owner. He has dismantled the mill furnishings and uses it as a packing and storage house for his fruit.

Stores and farmers came in cut ice for storing in their saw-dust icehouses for summer use. Mr. Oswald recalls many times how his skating was ruined when four-horse teams hitched to large farm wagons would back up to the breast of the dam, in order to saw large blocks of ice which were loaded on the wagons and delivered to the store and farm icehouses.

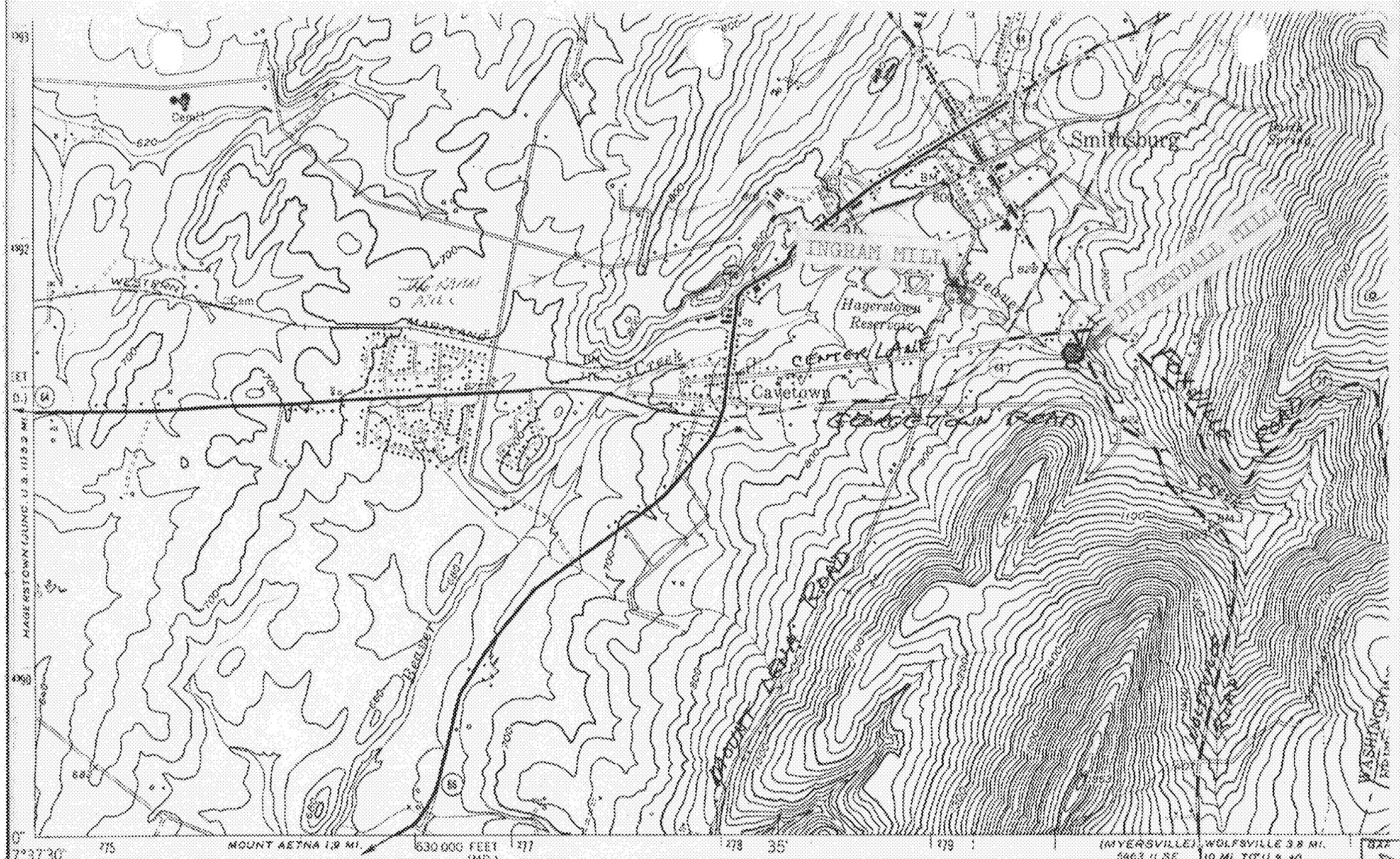
Skating was delayed until new ice was frozen from the new water that was turned into the dam by opening a floodgate.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, the mill continued to operate under the ownership of his six daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Laura, Rachael, Martha and Edith, with Allen C. Smith as miller. Later, Miss Rachael became the owner, retaining Mr. Smith as the miller. At her death, Mr. Smith and his wife, Blanche, purchased the mill and operated it for a number of years.

Later, it was sold to Mr. Smith's nephew, Wade Smith, and still later sold back to the

LOOKS ABOUT THE SAME IN APR. 1977. ACROSS ROAD (MT. LENA ROAD) FROM THE SMITHSBURG RESERVOIR

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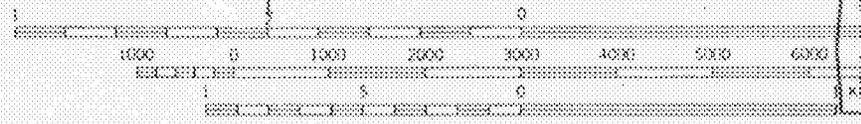
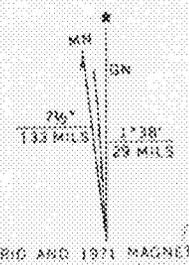


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SCALE 1:24000

Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1944  
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000 foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,  
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks.



PART OF  
 SMITHSBURG QUAD  
 (1971 PHOTO REVISION)

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

*Handwritten notes:*  
 Full 651  
 Blank or 74  
 A12000  
 5741-1-17

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