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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Galestown Mill Site

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Galestown Road at Gales Creek

CITY OR TOWN:
Galestown

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
E. Claude Parks

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rt. 6, Dagsboro Road

CITY OR TOWN: Salisbury STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21801

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 123/195

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The mill was a late 19th century frame structure and has been demolished since 1969.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

J. R. Wheatley Mills, grist and saw, shown in Atlas (1877) at Galestown on Gales Creek.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:
 District 1, Map 36, p. 28 (p. 30)

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		DATE Nov, 1974
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust		
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

THE HISTORY OF GALESTOWN

by

Nancy C. Wheatley
Telephone: 301-883-3463

Galestown, a small town in the northern part of Dorchester County, Maryland near the Maryland-Delaware border close to the Mason-Dixon line, was named for a certain Dr. Gales, one of its first citizens, or a member of the Gale Family. It may be impossible to trace the history of the exact naming of the town, but Dorchester County and Somerset County documents give great details of the lives and contributions of the Gale Family, which was directly related to George Washington. Levin Gale served as Chief Justice, which may have a great significance in the name of the town.

Galestown was settled along a creek bearing the name Gales Creek. More than a century ago, three boats, "The Fair Trader," "The Reddie," and "The Method," were built on Gales Creek. Among the oldest deeds in the possession of a Galestown resident is a deed dated April 17, 1714 for a tract of land known as "Harper's Adventure" which joins the property now occupied by Mrs. David L. Wheatley and her daughter, Nancy. There is also evidence that the Galestown area was at one time Indian territory.

Among the earliest business establishments in Galestown was a large grain mill on the site of the Galestown Millpond. The mill flourished because the community grew up to serve the needs of the large agricultural area. The old mill was operated by a water wheel controlled by a system of gates that opened and closed. One old mill, owned by Walter Hastings, at that time, burned in approximately 1912 and was replaced with a new one.

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In 1924, the mill was sold to Robert Records and T. E. Smoot for the sum of \$5,450 at a public auction. Members of the Wheatley, Bell, Hastings, Records, Nelson, and Darby families have served as miller. The mill remained in operation until sometime in the late 1940's and finally torn down in the late 1960's or early 1970's.

Also nearby was another mill, a sawmill with the great saw moving up and down. It should be noted here that while the two mills were in close proximity, the grain mill operated on fresh water and the sawmill on salt water. In the early 1900's lumbering was also a big industry in the area. Small boats were loaded with a half-cord of wood and they would carry the wood to the river where it was loaded onto larger vessels at the end of Galestown Village. The area of the mills was once all water. There were great open spaces which have now filled with marsh and swamp vegetation. Tuckahoes, ironweed, and jopied flowers along with great patches of water lilies make these areas rich with beauty.

Among the oldest homes in Galestown are the homes of Miss Louise Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes. Miss Hastings's homes dates back to the early 1800's and has parts put together with wooden pegs and a chimney that has evidence of being built with slave labor. The Hughes's home also dates back to the early 1800's.

The Byrd Truitt Farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tull Jr., prior to the Civil War, was one of the places where Patty Cannon chained slaves to await shipment to the South. In the old barn now torn down and replaced were the staples to which the slaves were chained. It was in that barn that Joe King shot and killed Ebenezer Johnson. On "Tick Island" a

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL
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Route 3, Box 215
Galestown-Reliance Road
Seaford, Delaware 19973
March 9, 1983

Maryland Historical Trust
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Sir:

Re: Galestown Mill - Galestown, Md. Dorchester Co., Md.

I am writing this letter to ask you if you have any pictures and/or information on the old mill at Galestown, Md. in Dorchester, County, Md. that operated after 1912 until sometime in the late 1940's.

I would like to locate a picture of this mill to get a negative and print made as I am very much interested in the history of Galestown.

I first wrote a history of Galestown for the Bicentennial issue of THE SEAFORD LEADER in 1976. I was unable to locate a picture of the mill I am writing to you about. I was able to locate a picture of the mill that burned in 1912 and got a negative and a print of that old mill.

While I appreciate having the picture of the mill that burned in 1912, I would very much like to find a picture of the mill that replaced that one because the mill that replaced the one burned in 1912 is the one I remember. This mill that I am writing to you about was torn down sometime in the late 1960's. All that is left there now, is the old millstone.

Thank you very much for any help you might be able to provide in this matter.

I shall be waiting to hear from you. A prompt response to my request will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

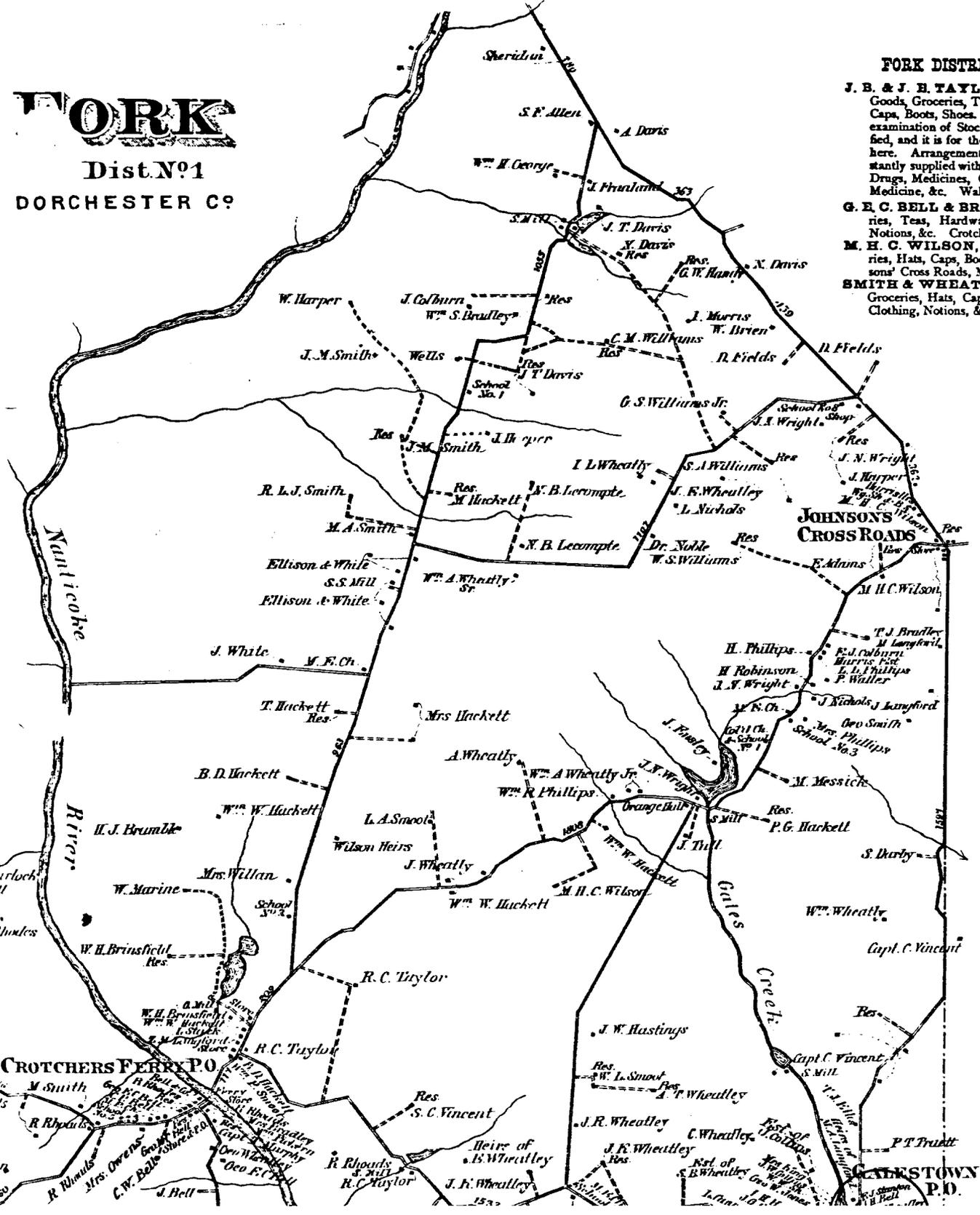
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DORCHESTER CO.

FORK DISTRICT REFERENCES.

- J. B. & J. H. TAYLOR, General Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Teas, Hardware, Crockery, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes. Would respectfully invite an examination of Stock believing that all can be satisfied, and it is for their interest to make purchases here. Arrangements have been made to keep constantly supplied with all the newest styles of Goods, Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Patent Medicine, &c. Walnut Landing, Md.
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Map Source: Reprint of 1877 Atlas



Reproduction of Grist
Mill at Galestown that
burned in 1912.

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Millstone

Now At

Galestown Millpond

Site -

Picture taken 1976



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Reproduction of Picture
of the Galestown Grist
Mill that replaced the
one burned in 1912. This
mill ceased operation in
late 1940's and was torn
down in late 1960's.