

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania
COUNTY: Fayette
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Searight's Fulling Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Cemetery Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Perryopolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Twenty-Sixth

STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42      COUNTY: Fayette      CODE: 051

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Perryopolis Parks and Recreation Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 238

CITY OR TOWN:  
Perryopolis

STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Fayette County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Uniontown

STATE: Pennsylvania      CODE: 42

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
none

DATE OF SURVEY:       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

William Searight's Fulling Mill is a 2½ story, gable roof structure constructed of sandstone. The mill was built about 1810 and measures approximately 20 feet by 30 feet. It is a bank type structure with the upper floor front at ground level and the lower floor rear at the descending ground level. The front features a batten door and 6/6 window. The rear has two 6/6 windows on the upper level and a 3x3 window on the bottom as well as a batten door. A stone lined drainage ditch runs out of the house beneath a semi-circular arch complete with keystone. Two chimneys are found on the house, one on the east gable end and the other on the northwest lower roof section. A single 6/6 window and small oblong vent are found in each gable end. A boxed cornice and barge board set off the shingle roof that is a replacement of a deteriorated tin roof.

The interior contains two fireplaces on the upper floor. One is a corner fireplace approximately four feet across and 2½ feet high with a nine inch stone arch above it. The other is about four feet high and three and a half feet wide with a radiating arch and keystone. The floor joists are approximately 8"x12" with nine supporting the attic floor and eight original and one added supporting the upper floor. The basement contained and is being equipped with an overshot water wheel that was fed by water flowing at the front ground level into the house, dropping and thus turning the wheel. The water wheel lifted mallets in an alternate course that were released by tappet arms, thus beating the cloth. The new wheel will be somewhat larger than the one originally used by the mill. The walls of the mill vary in thickness but for the most part are at least 24 inches thick on the lower level and 18 inches thick for the upper portion.

One section of the house, on the upper level, near the corner fireplace, contains the original floor boards while the rest has been redone. The base boards of the upper floor seem to be original. Modification of this house was done to the roof, one fireplace and the windows and doors. All of these are being restored to their original appearance. The basement floor is being finished with concrete and the usual accommodations for plumbing and heating are being undertaken.

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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) c. 1810

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" 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"/> Communication           | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Searight's Fulling Mill is an early fulling mill of Western Pennsylvania. It was built sometime around 1810. The mill was leased to William Searight by Thomas Cook in 1814. Searight also erected a larger fulling mill at Perryopolis and leased another fulling mill known as Hammond Mill. Searight became prosperous in the fulling business until the advent of the new factory system and railway transportation. This caused the price of the fulling product to exceed that of the newer and finer factory wool. Due to this fact and the regional sales of the factory products, Searight was forced to close sometime in the late 1820's.

The mill is a fine example of a small fulling mill. It has been brought back to its original condition and will be equipped with a water wheel in the future. It represents the water powered mill used to produce coarse wool. When restoration of the interior is completed, it will stand as an example of the small rural factory that was made obsolete by new innovations.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nelson's Biographical Dictionary and Historical Reference Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. 1900

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Helen L. Kosisky

ORGANIZATION: Perryopolis Parks and Recreation Authority

DATE: 11/22/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 238

CITY OR TOWN: Perryopolis

STATE: Pennsylvania

CODE: 12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: William J. Wewer  
Title: Deputy Executive Director  
Date: 11/23/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

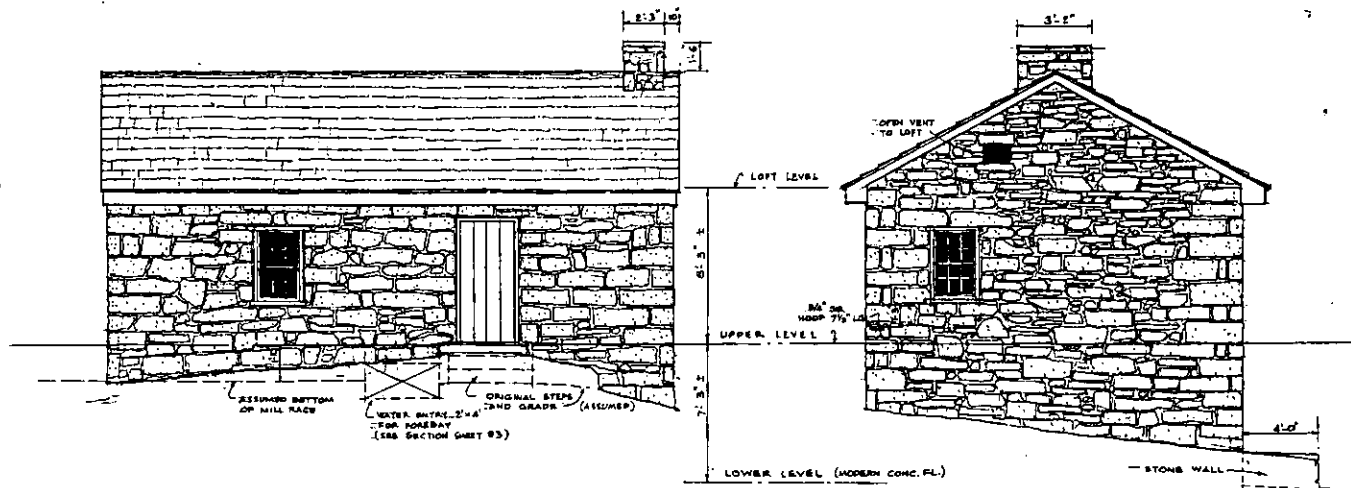
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ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

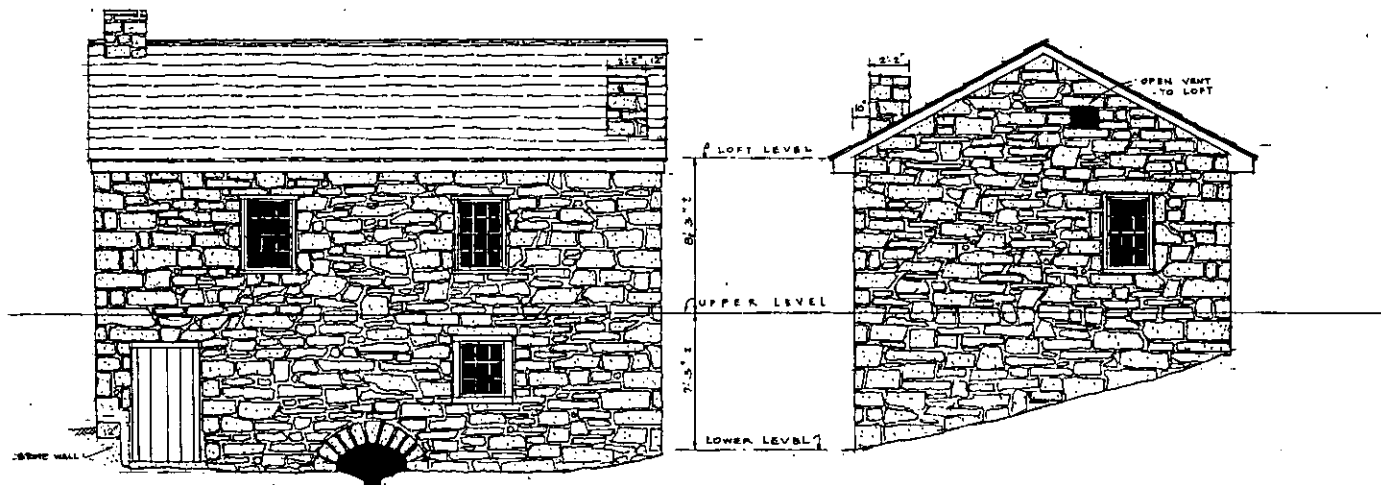
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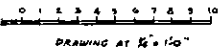
SOUTH ELEVATION

EAST ELEVATION



NORTH ELEVATION

WEST ELEVATION



JOHN D. PHARR, JR., *Archaeologist*

**ELEVATIONS**

RESTORATION OF THE  
WILLIAM SEARIGHT FULLING MILL  
PERRYOPOLIS AREA HIST. SOC. - WESTMARTLAND CO., PA.

STOYZ, MESS. MACLACHLAN & FOSNER  
REGISTERED ARCHITECTS  
ROBERTSON BUILDING, PITTSBURGH, PA. 15222

ISSUED	5-12-72	REVISED	3-20-72
CONTRACT	16779		

SHEET	1
OF A	1
REV.	1

442000m N.

*Searight's Felling Mill*

*DAWSON*



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*5'*  
*4437*  
*4436*



Banning

JACOBS PITTSBURGH

Alliance Furnace

Strip Mines

Fuller

Perryopolis

Layton

Hill

PITTSBURGH AND LAKE ERIE

Filtration Plant

Water Tank

Kilns

Gas Well

PERRY

St. Johns Cem.

St. Nicholas Cem.

Mt. Washington Cem.

Roundbottom

BALTIMORE AND YOUGHIC

Line Lak