

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Shank's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Springdale Mills; Shockey Mills

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Amsterdam Road (T365)

CITY, TOWN

Washington Township

1 1/2 miles east of  
VICINITY OF Waynesboro

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9th

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Franklin

CODE

055

**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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Yula N. Shank

STREET &amp; NUMBER

RR #4

CITY, TOWN

Washington Township

VICINITY OF

Waynesboro

STATE

PA

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds, Franklin County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street and Lincoln Way West

CITY, TOWN

Chambersburg

STATE

PA

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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**

Shank's Mill is a three and one-half story banked brick mill set on a coursed fieldstone foundation. The foundation presently comprises the first level and includes a Fitz overshot wheel, twenty-four feet in diameter, which appears to have been installed during the period 1900-1910. A dam is located just north of the mill and the headrace flows under a road and around to the west of the mill to the sluiceway gate where the water passes through the flume to the wheel. The tailrace is located to the south of the mill where it flows under a small, stone-arched bridge which serves the delivery location. The south facade has center entrances at the second, third, and gable levels. Each entrance-way has a sill below and lintel above. Located on either side are window openings, six-over-six, double-hung sash, with lintels above. The south facade also features an extension of the gable roof outward for the hoist. Star-shaped tie rod anchors are located above each of the three levels.

The east and west facades are similar in appearance, each four bays in width with window openings at both second and third story levels. Windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash, with sills and lintels. Tie rod anchors are located above each of the second story windows. Both window and door openings are also located at the ground level while the west facade also features a small, enclosed frame porch. Roof trim on east and west facades only features boxed cornice with dentils.

The north facade, which is two and one-half stories above ground level, has entrances located on either side fronting the road with two window openings located on the second level directly above the entrances. The gable end has two windows slightly inset. A hipped pent roof with dentiled trim, added sometime after 1914, runs above the ground level. Three tie rod anchors are located above the first two levels while two are located in the gable end.

The mill still retains some of its original shafting and pulleys. The buhrstone, imported from France, still is in use and the mill continues to grind flour much in the same manner as had immediately following its construction.

# 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 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 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

1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Christian Stouffer

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Shank's Mill was built in 1857 by Christian Stouffer who originally named it Springdale Mills after the surrounding area which was then known as Springdale Downs. The mill survived a succession of owners when, in 1928, Hobard Shockey changed its name to Shockey Mills. In 1932, the property was sold to Wilmer Shank who changed its name to Shank's Mill.

During the construction of the nearby house in the latter part of the 19th century, the owners were thought to have occupied a small room on the second floor of the mill. Afterwards, the room served as a boarding room for itinerant travellers. It still features quotes and graffiti, written in pencil, by those who stayed there.

The mill, still in good condition, retains many of its original operating parts. Typical of many mid-19th century mills constructed in the area, it is presently one of the few remaining waterpower grist mills in operation in south-central Pennsylvania.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE**

"Shank's Mill," unpublished manuscript, Gwen Shank, 1966

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,0	28,1	58,0	44,10,1	2,7,8	B					
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C						D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

David M. Berman, Curator

ORGANIZATION

Pa Historical & Museum Comm

DATE

May 1975

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

PA

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*William J. Wever*  
William J. Wever  
Executive Director

TITLE

DATE

*July 7, 1975*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

