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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
GRIST MILL AT NEW RINGGOLD
AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
L.R. 53062
CITY, TOWN
New Ringgold
STATE
Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF
6th

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY
Schuylkill

CODE
42

CODE
107

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Harvey L. and Dolores R. Smith

STREET & NUMBER
R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN
New Ringgold

VICINITY OF
Pennsylvania 17960

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Schuylkill County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Second Street & Laurel Boulevard

CITY, TOWN
Pottsville

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
6/7/78

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

The grist mill is a small rectangular 2½ story building of wood and native stone construction. The first story is built of squared rubble stone whose rear elevation is banked. The walls of the mill are very thick and its supporting quoins are massive. The remaining floors are constructed of wide plank timber and each contains a centrally located door originally used to load and unload the various grains processed at the grist mill. The medium gabled roof is built entirely of wooden shingles and a single stack red brick chimney is located at the front ride side of the building.

In each of the three large workrooms remains the original pieces of milling equipment and allied tools, including the great wooden grinding mill (still intact with its hand fashioned wooden cog wheels, works and gears), original sifters, scales, grinders, seperators, sharpeners, chutes, and bins. Several pieces of this authentic machinery are still outfitted with their hand tooled leather belts. Throughout the building, massive hand hewn beams, supports, and pegged timber are evident. The doors still retain the original forged iron locks, latches and hinges. A small "office" room is complete with an iron pot-bellied stove, a hand worked counting desk, antique tin stencils (used for labeling flour sacks and barrels), and a few assorted examples of primitive "store" items.

This building, despite the fact that it ceased operation three decades ago, is in very good condition. The shingled roof does need repair, but the minor leakage has not caused any major damage to the structure itself nor to its valuable contents. The only major alteration was the replacement of wooden plank steps (first floor entrance) by concrete steps. Traces of the mill race -- once fed by the Cold Run Creek -- which powered this early 19th century grist mill remain visible on this porperty.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the date of construction for this grist mill is unknown, it was--according to references contained in deeds in the current owners' possession--standing on this site in 1852. Local residents recall that the mill was an important asset to their forefathers, the many grain (primarily wheat) farmers of the New Ringgold vicinity and Lewistown Valley area. This large agricultural area was once dotted with many small grist mills but most have been leveled by fires or demolition. This particular mill is one of the last remaining ventures of its type in Schuylkill County; it is especially significant because it contains most of its original equipment.

Except for the replacement of wooden plank steps by concrete steps on the ground floor (center entrance), the building is much the way it was when it ceased operation about thirty years ago. Its three large milling rooms are still filled with the early machinery and equipment and primitive tools. Not only does the mill convey--through its architecture--a quaint character (which epitomizes the surrounding rural ambience), but it also provides a close inspection and study of the handiwork of this area's early settlers and farmers.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .3

QUADRANGLE NAME Orwigsburg

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 414940 45104640

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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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
Michael J. O'Malley

ORGANIZATION
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
Box 1026

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CITY OR TOWN
Harrisburg

STATE
Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Bureau of Historic Preservation

DATE

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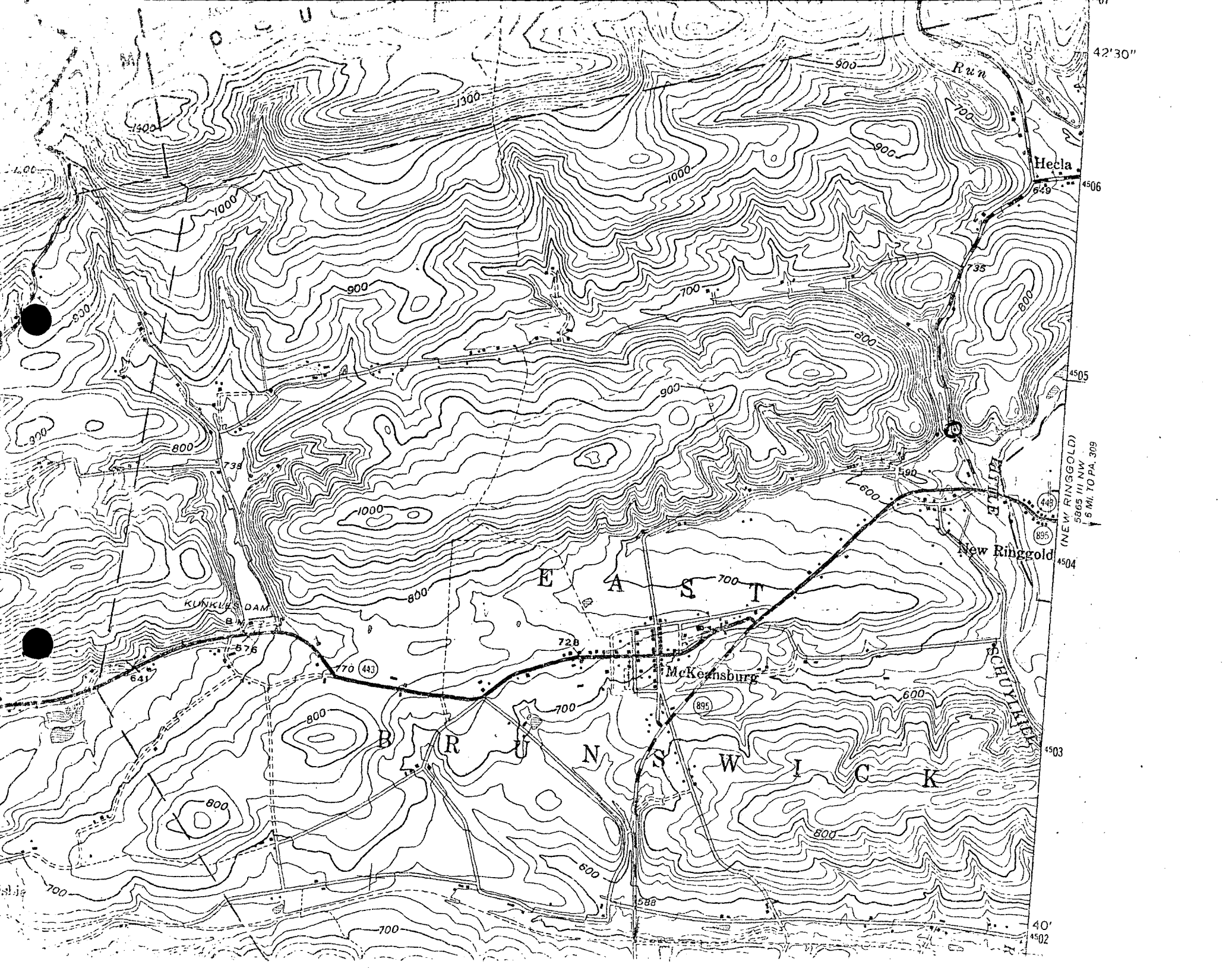
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



42'30"

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4506

(NEW RINGGOLD)
5865 III. NW
5 MI. TO PA. 309

New Ringgold

4504

E A S T

McKeesburg

N E W I C K

4503

40'

4502