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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Coffeetown Grist Mill
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Coffeetown and Kressman Roads

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Williams Township (R.D. #4, Easton)
VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
15th

STATE
Pennsylvania

CODE

COUNTY
Northampton

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Peter and Anne Beidler

STREET & NUMBER
Box 269, R. D. #4

CITY, TOWN
Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE
Pennsylvania

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Northampton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Lehigh & Third Streets

CITY, TOWN
Easton,

STATE
Pennsylvania

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None available

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Coffeetown Grist Mill is an 18th Century banked stone mill, 2½ stories high at the bottom of the bank, 36' x 50'. It is built of quarried limestone and covered with a slate roof. Originally, the mill was 30' x 36', with the wooden water wheel exposed to the north. In the 19th Century, the water wheel was enclosed by extending the original walls and roof an additional 14'. The stone laying is distinctly different and a seam is still visible on the east wall. The mill has walls 2' thick and two chimneys along the east wall (the brick chimney to the north was added later). Much of the original mill and its 19th Century addition are still visible. However, to adapt the mill to a residence, the area around the mill was filled in up to the first loading door and so appears to be 2½ stories rather than its original 3½ story height. The western side has a pair of wooden wagon doors. There is also a central entrance on the 1 story south wall, with recent additions of fence and walkway. The east wall has only windows along the 2 main stories.

In the 1920's the mill was converted into a fertilizer factory and the remains of the wooden water wheel were replaced with a smaller steel one. At that time, most of the milling machinery and equipment were removed. Some structural elements (2nd floor timbers) were replaced with steel I-beams and reinforced concrete. In the 1950's, the remaining steel water wheel was removed.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 1762

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There is a datestone on the grist mill that says "I.R., 1762." The initials are for Jacob (I.) Reich, a prominent landowner of the township before the Revolution. The Coffeetown grist mill is probably the oldest of its kind in Williams Township and one of a few structures of any kind that can be dated earlier than the Revolution.

Architecturally, the mill maintains most of its original exterior of exposed stone walls and general character. It is a fine example of a grist mill, which were in large part the commercial structures of rural 18th century Pennsylvania.

The Coffeetown Grist Mill served the needs of several generations, first as a water powered grist mill, then later as a temporary schoolhouse, a post office and store, a fertilizer factory and now, as a private residence. The mill illustrates the durability and the adaptability of a fine 18th Century building.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Historic Structures & Sites, Joint Planning Commission of Lehigh & Northampton Counties, 1970.
- Historic Structures of Williams Township, Williams Township Bicentennial Committee, 1975.
- Bicentennial History of Williams Township, Williams Township Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	482600	4496330	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Not applicable

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dr. Peter G. Beidler

ORGANIZATION

Williams Township Bicentennial Committee

DATE

June 18, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Box 269, R. D. #4

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Pennsylvania 18042

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Executive Director

TITLE

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

DATE

12/24/76

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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

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

75°15' 47.9000" E. 2 700 000 FEET (PA.) 481 482 12'30" EASTON (JUNC. U.S. 611) 5.9 MI. EASTON (JUNC. U.S. 221) 6.5 MI. RAUBSVILLE 0.9 MI. 5965 II NW (EASTON) CARPENTERSVILLE C.



5965 II NW
CARPENTERSVILLE C.

HELLERTOWN LIUC (PA)
LOWER SAUCON 2 MI

4494
300 FEET
(PA.)

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BUCKS CO

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WARREN CO
BUCKS CO