

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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

OLD WHITE MILL

AND/OR COMMON

Sterling Mill & Pinnock Mill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Off of Welles Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Meshoppen

VICINITY OF

10th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Pennsylvania

CODE

42

COUNTY

Wyoming

CODE

131

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: NOT IN USE.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Meshoppen Borough Council

STREET & NUMBER

Canal Street

CITY, TOWN

Meshoppen

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tunkhannock Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Warren Street

CITY, TOWN

Tunkhannock

STATE

Pennsylvania

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

County Survey

DATE

Oct.-Nov., 1965

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Tunkhannock Court House

CITY, TOWN

Tunkhannock

STATE

Pennsylvania

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 1852

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old White Mill was built in 1852 by G. M. Hollenback, N. Overfield, & D. T. Sterling at the cost of \$12,000. It is built of wood, 51' by 52' in dimension and is a 5½ story banked mill. The entire 5½ stories can be seen on the rear facade of the building (southern elevation), but only 3½ stories can be seen on the front facade. The windows of the original mill were 12 over 8 sash (most of the original panes are still remaining). Both the front and rear facades consists of 5 bays. Loading doors are located at each level of the frame structure on both front and rear facades. The foundation of the mill is laid from cut faced quarry stones which are exposed on the southern facade. Most of the interior is built of chestnut wood. The mill has a medium gabled metal roof with a hood projecting from its north and south gables. A chimney is on the western side of the north gable.

A small shed roofed office building extends from the west wall of the mill. This extension is made of the same material as the mill and the windows are six over six sash and one is 12 over 8 sash. A pent roof extends from the northern end of the office extension across the north end of the mill.

The mill was operated by a large metal wheel, housed in the lower 2 stories of the mill. Only one wheel was ever in operation although there are 2 shafts in the lower level. A turbine found in the lower levels, was used when the water was high and a hand made auger-type elevator carried the raw grain from the 1st floor to the top of the mill (the scales are now broken).

The mill has not undergone major structural changes since it was built in 1852 and original equipment is still in the mill.

# 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 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 1852 BUILDER/ARCHITECT G. M. Hollenback, N. Overfield and D. T. Sterling

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old White Mill got its name from the fact that it was painted white differentiating it from the other mills in the area. Nicholas Overfield, a Representative in Harrisburg, was one of the original owners.

The mill played a large part in the economic history of the area. It furnished flour and feed for the large agricultural hinterland.

Architecturally the mill is an example of a mid-nineteenth century grist mill with its sturdy stone foundations and hard chestnut wood.

Also of interest is the equipment in the mill -- the grain bins and elevators, the turbine and the scales. The structure of the mill has been well preserved.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Found only one historical reference concerning the site. That was the 1776 History of Luzerne, Lackawanna & Wyoming County, which is quoted in the sketch concerning the mill. The deeds were researched through the county recorder's office. We have consulted with several older residents concerning the mill.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .6 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 41,27,9,0 4,610,712,4,0  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C                    
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D                    
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Irene Shivoni, Student Aide, Office of Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

August 5, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Harrisburg

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

*[Handwritten Signature]*

TITLE

Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

DATE

8/25/75

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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