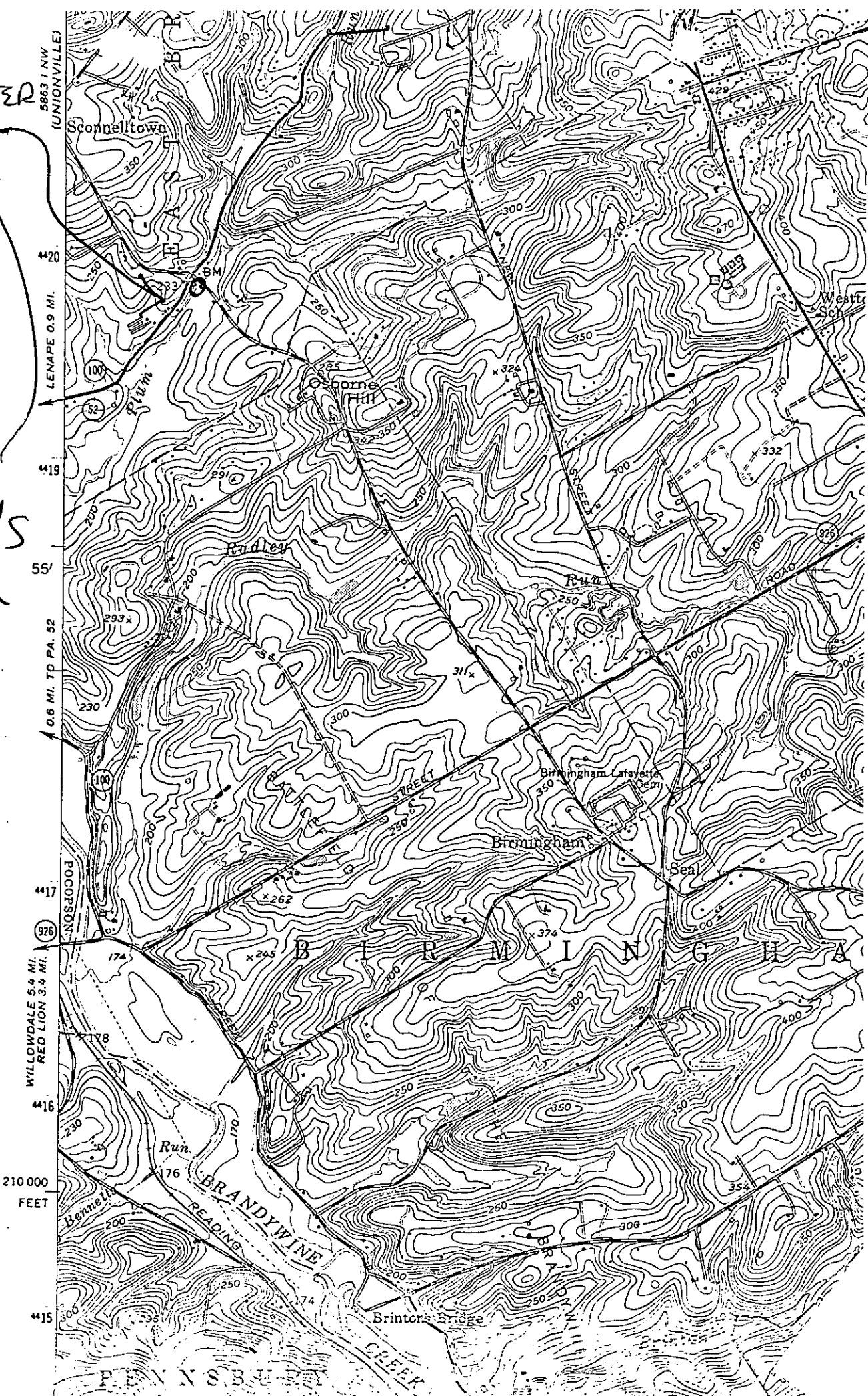


WEST CHESTER
(Pa)
QUAD
(1967)

STRODS'S
MILL



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Chester	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Strode's Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Etter's Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Southwest Corner of Penna. Route 100/52 and County Road #15087

CITY OR TOWN:
West Chester

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **Chester** CODE: **029**

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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) The owner's use of the mill as a workshop in which he carves birds and as his home is compatible with its preservation.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Harry J. and Carol Waite, Sr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lenape - West Chester Road

CITY OR TOWN:
West Chester

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chester County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Market and High Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
West Chester

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street-NW

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: **D. C.** CODE: **11**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of the earliest views of Strode's Mill is found in John Rubens Smith's early nineteenth century water colour, entitled "Strades Mill". The painting is now in the collection of the Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum. The present owners of the mill and the Chester County Historical Society have numerous late nineteenth century illustrations of the Mill.

The Mill's owners have made minimal structural changes since Messrs. Carter, Scott and Willis constructed it for George Strode in 1721. A weathered datestone may still be seen in the upper-north-east corner of the building.

The bank building was constructed of fieldstone on a stone foundation. It had three and one-half storied if the basement on the south side is counted as a story, and a story and a half on the north. It measures approximately 30 feet by 58 feet. A pent eave ran across the eastern elevation. The original roof was shingled, and was of medium pitch. There was a short chimney in the southwest corner. The flue was embedded in the wall of the southwest corner. There was a hood supported by corner posts, on the north elevation. An underground millrace carried water from Plum Creek to the Mill.

Present Appearance

The modern exterior of Strode's Mill is very similar to the early illustrations of the building. The most obvious changes are:

- (1) The shingle roof has been replaced with a tin one.
- (2) The pent eave on the eastern elevation has rotted away and not been replaced.
- (3) The outbuilding's and housing for the mill wheel on the western elevation have been removed.
- (4) During the nineteenth century the flue was moved from the south west corner to nearer the ridge pole on the south end of the western elevation.
- (5) Dormer Windows were added on the western elevation in the 1960's.
- (6) The front porch on the north elevation was removed. A frame salt box style building has been added in it's stead. The work was done during the turning of the century.

The interior of the Mill has been altered to accomadate the present owners needs. The Waite's use the building as their residence as well as a gallery for his business and workshop.

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7. Description (con't)

The interior woodwork including the window frames, and rafter's are original. Much of the flooring is old, however, new material has been used throughout the interior to replace rotted wood. What original wood there is is hewn roughly. Little original hardware remains. The stairways are in their original locations, but have been constructed of new timber.

The original floor plan of Strode's Mill has been changed. A partition divides the large rooms which are found on the second and third floors. These were added during the nineteen sixties.

When the highway was paved after 1915 the slope around the Mill changed radically. Dirt was thrown around the eastern side of the building so that the doorway on that side is no longer usable, and the windows are at ground level. Gradual accretion has raised the level of the ground on the south side of the Mill also.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1721**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Strode's Mill ground Chester County grain from the time it was constructed in 1721 until the middle of the twentieth century. In so doing it helped to feed Washington's Army at the Battle of the Brandywine and Valley Forge, the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War, and the local citizenry for two and a quarter centuries. General Cornwallis and his troops passed it on there way to the Battle of the Brandywine, September 11, 1777, and some of the skirmishing at the battle took place around the Mill.

Strode's Mill's significance is that it has contributed to the economic prosperity of the region since it was constructed, for not only was it a grist mill, but at various times a saw mill, and cider presses were part of the mill complex. The Strode family owned and ran it from the time John Willis, et al. built it for George Strode in 1721 until it left the family in 1857. Thus the present structure, whose exterior has changed so little, is a reflection of the fortunes of one of the prominent Chester County families.

Architecturally, the Mill is significant as an example of the simple practical architecture the eighteenth century used in it's commercial building. Later alterations have not violated the buildings integrity. It remains an excellent example of an early Chester County grist mill, and is one of a few unaltered and in such good repair.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	0	39°	55'	44"	75°	37'	05"
NE	0	0						
SE	0	0						
SW	0	0						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 Acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **2/2/71**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Box 1026**

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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 S. K. St...
 State Liaison Officer

Title **Executive Director**
 Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date **March 3, 1971**

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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