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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 Newlin Mill Complex

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number South Cheyney Road (P.O. Box 370, R.D. # 4) N/A not for publication

city, town Glen Mills N/A vicinity of

state Pennsylvania 19432 code 042 county Delaware code 1i9

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership: See Continuation Sheet

street & number

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Delaware County Court House

street & number Front and South Street

city, town Media state PA 19063

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Pa. Inventory of Historic Sites has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 1971 federal state county local

depository for survey records Pa. Historical & Museum Commission

city, town Harrisburg state PA 17120

7. 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 <u> N/A </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Newlin Mill complex is located in Concord Township on the west branch of the Chester Creek near Concordville. The complex includes an 18th century mill building, a mill warehouse, a miller's house, the Trimble house, and a 19th century railroad station. The land surrounding the complex is used by the Nicholas Newlin Foundation as a historic park.

A description of each structure follows:

Newlin Mill

The Newlin Mill was constructed in 1704 by Nathaniel (or Nathan) Newlin. A datestone bearing the inscription "Nathan and Ann Newlin, 1704" is located in the exterior wall. An engraving from the mid-19th century shows the mill structure has changed little in the past century. The mill was originally a water powered grist mill and later a flour mill, remaining in commercial use until 1940. The mill was restored in the late 1950's and is today fully operational.

The structure is of random stone and has been stuccoed and whitewashed. Built on a hillside, the mill faces south. The building is two stories on the southside and three stories on the north side. The upper level is a wood frame which was added in about 1890 according to mill records. Two dormers present on the northern elevation and a large wooden cupola were also added in about 1890.

The mill wheel was built from local timber in 1976, with careful regard for authenticity

Warehouse

Adjacent to the mill structure is a two and one-half story, three bay storage building, constructed of random stone with stucco exterior. Similarities in workmanship to the mill indicate contemporary construction dates of the early 1700's.

Miller House

The Miller's House was built in 1739. It is a two and one-half story, three bay structure constructed of rubble stone. Windows on the second floor are six over six, while the first floor sash windows are nine over six. An interesting feature is the restored beehive oven located in the kitchen. In 1810, as revealed by tax records, a third floor was added. In 1962 the Miller's house was restored and the 1810 third floor was removed in an effort to make the building reflect more clearly its original proportions. A two and one-half story rear annex, erroneously dated as a 19th century addition in previous nominations, was actually added in the early 20th century (circa 1910). This annex is in keeping with the architectural sense of the complex and does not constitute an intrusion.

Trimble House

The Trimble house is a random stone structure built in two sections. The first was constructed in 1742, and the second in 1790-1800. The house has a number of minor alterations, including the addition of a Victorian style dormer on the north elevation roof. The pointing, cornice, chimneys, and some of the window sashes have been restored.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1704 **Builder/Architect** Nathaniel Newlin

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

One of the earliest water-powered grist mills in Pennsylvania, Newlin's Mill represents an excellent example of a mill complex and its evolution two centuries. Perhaps the best preserved complex in a region of small mill complexes that includes Caleb - Pusey - Crozer Mills (listed, National Register, March 11, 1971), Newlin's Mill played an integral part in the economic and social development of the area. Adding to the complex prominence, the mill owners held numerous elective positions on both the provincial and local level during the colonial period. The Newlin's Mill complex also offers an insight into the relationship that developed between the mill and the railroad during the late nineteenth century.

Newlin's Mill was built by Nathaniel Newlin, an Irish Quaker, in 1704. Newlin arrived in Pennsylvania in 1683 and quickly became a prominent figure in Pennsylvania throughout the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Among his many distinctions, Newlin served as a member of the Provincial Assembly (1698-1722), as a Justice of the Peace, and on the Courts of Chester County.

The Newlin's Mill complex is at the core of a region of mills that became the bread basket of Pennsylvania and the middle colonies during the eighteenth century. Throughout the nineteenth century the mill continued to be a flourishing business and an important part of the local economy. The addition of a railroad station in 1868-1869 assured the mill viability at a time when similar mills were being abandoned. Newlin's Mill remained in operation until 1940. Fifteen years later the complex was restored and has been part of a historic park ever since.

The railroad station within the mill complex offers an interesting observation of life in the late 19th century. The original station was constructed in 1868-1869 by the mill owner, Samuel Hill, who acquired the property in 1861. Called the Woodland Station until 1890 when it burned down, the station linked the mill to markets in Philadelphia and Baltimore. It also served the mill community as a polling place and post office. In 1891 the station was rebuilt on the original site. Though it was not used as a voting place or post office, the new station continued to provide Newlin's Mill with access to large urban markets.

In the past two decades three of the complex buildings have undergone some restorative work. In 1962 a deteriorated third floor addition to the Miller's house was removed in an effort to make the building more closely reflect its original proportions. At about the same time the mill building was restored. Some patch work was done on the masonry and rotting boards on the interior and exterior were replaced. In the mid-seventies a new roof was put on the mill building and the third floor was replaced.

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The west wing (c1795) is similar in design to a New England salt box. The sawed off beams of a former verandah or a pent eave are evident along the north elevation. Also along the north wall is a modern porch-type clapboard addition. Along the south elevation of the west wing runs a belt course above the first floor windows. Extending from the south elevation (east wing) is a shed roof addition walled in hexagonal tiles and clapboard. The house is located midway up the hill (southwest) from the mill and miller's house.

Railroad

Within the mill complex is a one and one-half story, gothic style railroad station. According to mill records the original station, built in 1868-1869, burned down in 1890 and was reproduced the following year. It is the 1891 reproduction which today stands on the complex. The station, called the Woodland Station, until 1890, was the Markhem stop on the Octario line of the Pennsylvania Railroad and served the mill until the 1930's.

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This work slightly altered the third floor fenestration and the cupola. In 1976, the mill wheel was reconstructed by hand using local timber. These restorations were necessary because of natural deterioration. In the mid-seventies a badly deteriorated annex and porch were removed from the railroad station. Though the mid-seventies the restorations have slightly altered the complex structures, and some may have been inappropriate, the changes have not seriously diminished the overall historic impact of the Newlin's Mill.

While there are some buildings in the Newlin Mill historic park that have been nominated as part of a historic district in previous Newlin's Mill nominations through additional research it has been determined that these buildings do not contribute to the complex. The blacksmith shop is a replica of an earlier shop that is believed to have been located at or near the site of the present shop. The existing log cabin was built in 1965. The springhouse was taken from a nearby property and rebuilt within the park. The Director's House is a contemporary building. These four buildings do not reflect the time and place of the complex. Likewise, the park property, though similar in total acres, is not the same property that was originally owned by the mill operators. The ballfield and tennis courts do not add to the property as a historic district.

As perhaps the best preserved mill complex in a region known for such complexes, Newlin's Mill reflects over 250 years of mill life in Pennsylvania. Essentially unchanged from its original appearance, the complex is an important link with our past.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name West Chester

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Nicholas Sellers, Member Board of Directors

organization Nicholas Newlin Foundation

date February 1, 1981

street & number Box 307, R.D. # 4

telephone 215-GL9-2359

city or town Glen Mills

state PA 19342

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

title Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer date _____

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date _____

Chief of Registration

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Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

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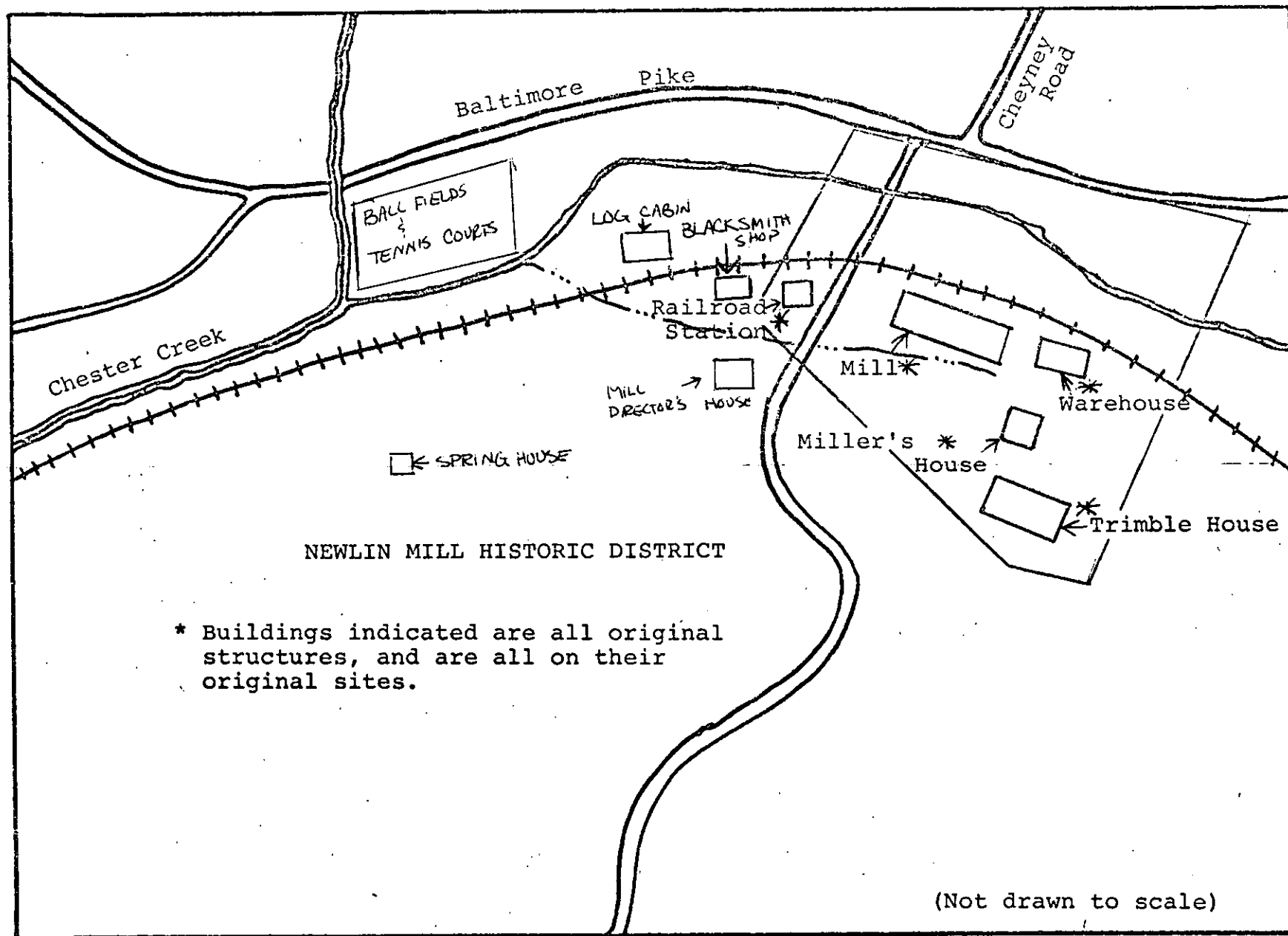
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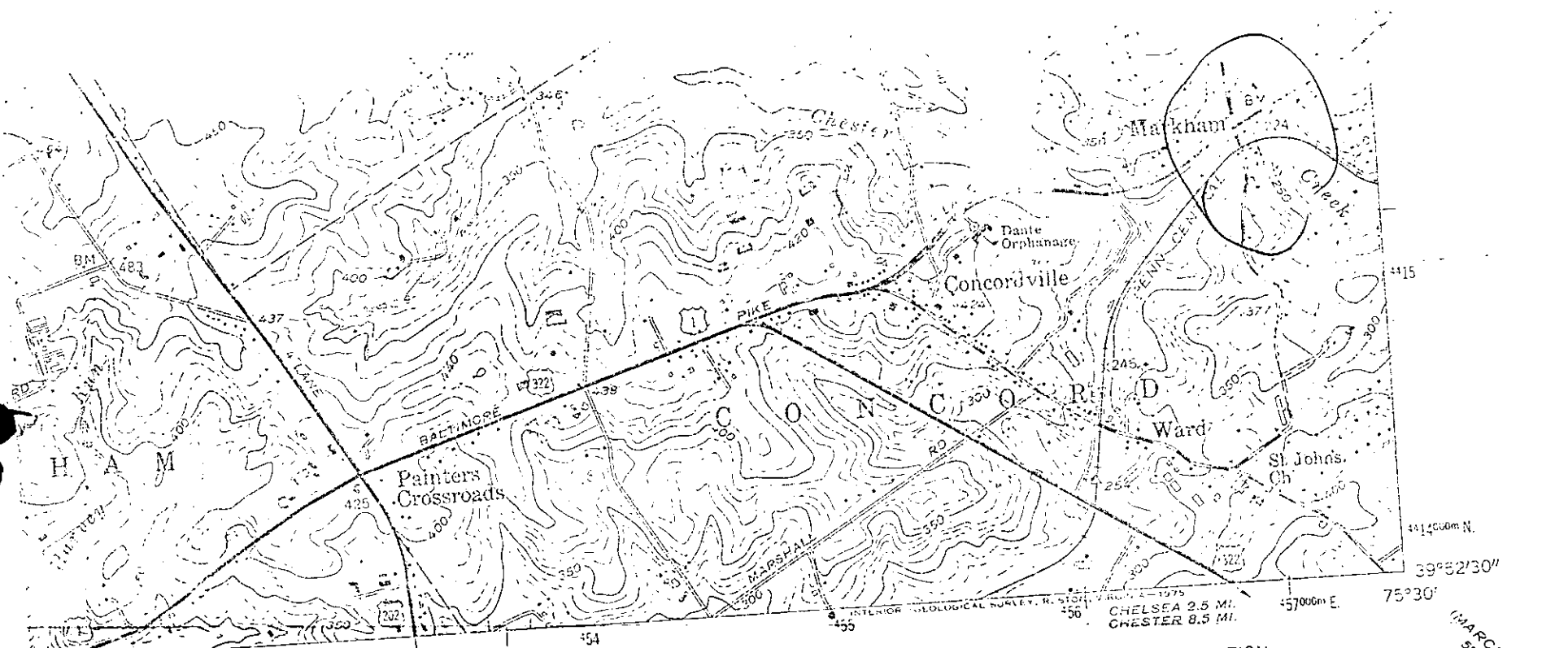
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BRANDYWINE SUMMIT 0.1 MI.
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 • Delaware County
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 • D E456680 N4415440
 • E E456660 N4415540

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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 - - - - - Unimproved dirt
 ——— U. S. Route
 ○ State Route

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(MARCUS HOOK)
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