

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Hudson Grist Mill

other name/site number: Crotsley Mill

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2. Location

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street & number: Route 829, main street of Saltillo

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Saltillo Borough

vicinity: N/A

state: PA county: Huntingdon

code: 061 zip code: 17253

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Industrial Resources of
Huntingdon County

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):

Signature of Keeper Date of Act

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Agriculture

Subfunctions: Processing

Current Functions : 98 Vacant/Not In Use

Subfunctions:

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

80 Other

Other Description: Grist Mill

Materials: foundation Stone roof Metal
walls Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) :

Areas of Significance: 160 Industry

Period(s) of Significance: 1850-1939

Significant Dates : 1850

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- X recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # PA 061.060

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- X Other -- Specify Repository: Huntingdon Co. Historical Society

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: 1.0

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	17	754660	4455545	B	_____	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____	_____

_____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: _____ See continuation sheet.
 The nominated property consists of tax parcel #40-01-111.

Boundary Justification: _____ See continuation sheet.
 The boundary follows the legal limits of the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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HAER Identification #: PA 061.060

DESCRIPTION OF APPEARANCE:

The Hudson Grist Mill was constructed in 1850 in the middle of Saltillo Borough. Saltillo is a small town with a several dozen houses in a generally rural part of southern Huntingdon County surrounded by steep mountains. The remains of an earthen mill race are visible leading from the stream that crosses the property. The grist mill measures 36 x 28-foot with two-and-a-half stories of frame construction with clapboard siding atop a coursed rubble stone foundation story. The structure's metal roof supports a centrally placed 12 x 6-foot gable-roofed fourth story which houses the elevator head. A 24 x 12-foot two-story shed-roofed addition on the west side contains two large storage bins. The mill's 14-foot diameter Fitz steel water wheel remains in badly deteriorated condition. Much of the milling equipment was removed in the early 1950's, however, a cockle machine and a few other minor pieces of equipment remain.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

Henry Hubbell, the pioneer owner of the land on which the town of Saltillo is situated, built grist and saw mills on North Spring Creek in 1797. A log dam, one-quarter mile upstream, provided water to a 14-foot overshot bucket wheel which powered both enterprises. In 1850, his heirs "rebuilt" the grist mill, with a consequent increase in its value from \$400 to \$1000. How much, if any, of the original structure was retained in the 1850 rebuilding is unknown. The mill was owned by George Hudson from 1850 to 1859, and then by Henry Hudson until 1864, when he sold to A.K. Green before going off to serve in the Civil War.

Philip E. Weaver and his son, Henry T., operated the mill from 1880 to 1920, installing modern milling equipment in 1905 to replace the buhr stones used until that time. In 1920, Edgar G. Weaver and Charles Crotsley updated the operation by installing a 16-horsepower Fitz overshot steel water wheel, with a 20-horsepower Fairbanks Morse kerosene engine for auxiliary power when water was low. They built the grain-bin addition to the west side of the mill, over the tail race, and reinforced the log dam with concrete. Crotsley became sole owner in 1924, and continued the business until 1940.

The Hudson Grist Mill is significant under Criterion A as a example of an important industry in Huntingdon County. Although the much of the machinery has been removed, the Hudson Grist Mill is a good example of a late nineteenth-early twentieth century mill site in Huntingdon County. It is an example of the continuing use of an early milling site. The current mill has the unusual feature of a twentieth century water wheel.

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This nomination contains material taken directly from the unpublished report prepared in 1988 for the Historic American Engineering Record (see Bibliographical References).

The author of that report, Nancy Shedd, is a major contributor to the text of this nomination although not the preparer.



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W. L. G. MILL
 HAMILTON CO.
 SALTILLO QUADRANGLE
 ZONE 17
 E 754660 N 4455745

STATE GAME LANDS NO. 34

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