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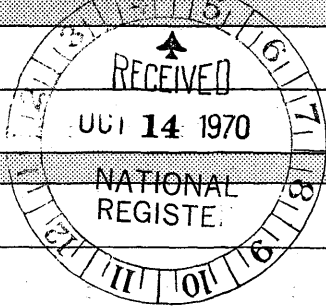
Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Jefferson	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.54.0002	DATE 5/6/71



1. NAME

COMMON:
** Shepherd's Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Thomas Shepherd's Grist Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Shepherdstown

STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) <i>now occupied 7-8-76</i>			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Silas F. Starry *Mr Ira Slackens 7-8-76*

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street *The mill Shepherdstown W.Va.*

CITY OR TOWN: Shepherdstown STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Charles Town STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)							
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>		
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)				
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>				
			Moved <input type="checkbox"/>			Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to the present owner, Shepherdstown's Mayor Silas Starry, this mill was originally a two-story structure, the third story of frame having been added about 1880.

In 1759 (date implied by cornerstone), a brick house - still standing - was erected, Mr. Starry states, by Abraham Shepherd a short distance southeast of the mill. It is included in the nomination as part of the mill environment.

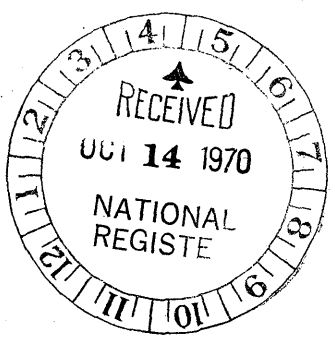
The house, which was acquired with the mill by the present owner in 1954, was restored with extensive repairs in 1961-1967. Only the kitchen has been added to this house, the original kitchen having been in the basement.

The mill was leased by Luther Thompson, Jr. in 1923. He restored the wheel at a cost of more than \$2,000 and operated the mill until 1939, the last date it was in use.

The picturesque stream still spills violently down a rocky incline and disappears in the woods below the mill.

As may be noted in accompanying photographs, the mill contains some old equipment, including wheels and the grinding burrs.

The mill will figure prominently in plans of a newly formed mayor's committee on historic preservation in Shepherdstown.



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SIGNIFICANCE

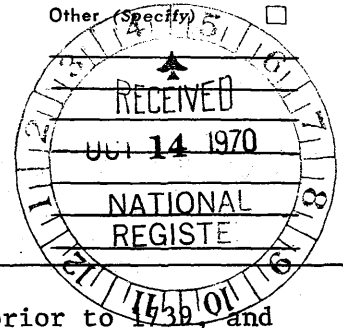
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Built between 1734 and 1739

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The remains of the Shepherd Grist Mill, first built prior to 1739, and operated for two centuries, mark the industry of the State's earliest incorporated settlement, originally known as Mecklenburg*, the first settlers arriving probably as early as 1719.

The mill stands near the Pack Horse Ford crossing of the Potomac. The Indian trail to Pack Horse Ford became the Philadelphia Wagon Road into the Valley of Virginia, and on this road, named High Street, the grist mill was erected.

Thomas Shepherd Sr. not only built a mill; he laid out building lots for homes on a part of his first grant of land. Many wheat farmers settled in the vicinity.

Shepherd bequeathed the mill to his son, Thomas Jr., in 1776. After the Revolution the village name was changed to Shepherdstown, honoring the builder of the mill.

Shepherd started a trend of mills, which became focal points for roads leading out to seaboard markets for flour. A map published in 1810 lists 31 grist or merchant mills in Jefferson County serving a coastal area from Alexandria to Philadelphia. Thus it is no exaggeration to say that Thomas Shepherd with his grist mill inaugurated a "bread basket" for the growing nation.

There seems to be little doubt of the continuous operation of a mill on this spot. It is presumed that the stone building still standing is more than two centuries old. The large, 40-foot iron wheel was once located ⁵⁰ 100 yards farther down stream, but the date of its installation is beyond the memory of local inhabitants, who can remember the mill as it was at the beginning of the century.

David, the eldest son of Thomas Shepherd Sr., migrated to Wheeling, where he erected and commanded Shepherd's Fort and was a commandant at Fort Henry. David's son, Moses, who was born in Shepherdstown, was a leading citizen of Wheeling and built the National Road bridges from the Pennsylvania line to Wheeling.

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* Actually the pre-charter name was New Mecklenburg

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

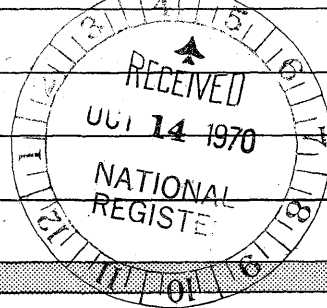
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 "The Shepherd Grist Mill." Manuscript submitted by Silas F. Starry. 7 pp.
 Kemp, Louise Singleton. "Old Mills." Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society, vol. 21, 1955, pp. 20-28.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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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 AND TITLE:
 Clifford M. Lewis, S.J.

ORGANIZATION: In contract with the W. Va. Antiquities Commission DATE: September 21, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Wheeling College

CITY OR TOWN: Wheeling STATE: West Virginia CODE: 54

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Dallas B. Shaffer</u> Dallas B. Shaffer</p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>October 9, 1970</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Chumley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>MAY 6 1971</u></p> <p>ATTEST</p> <p><u>William J. Shaffer</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>APR 9 1971</u></p>
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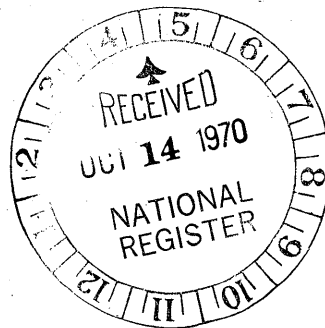
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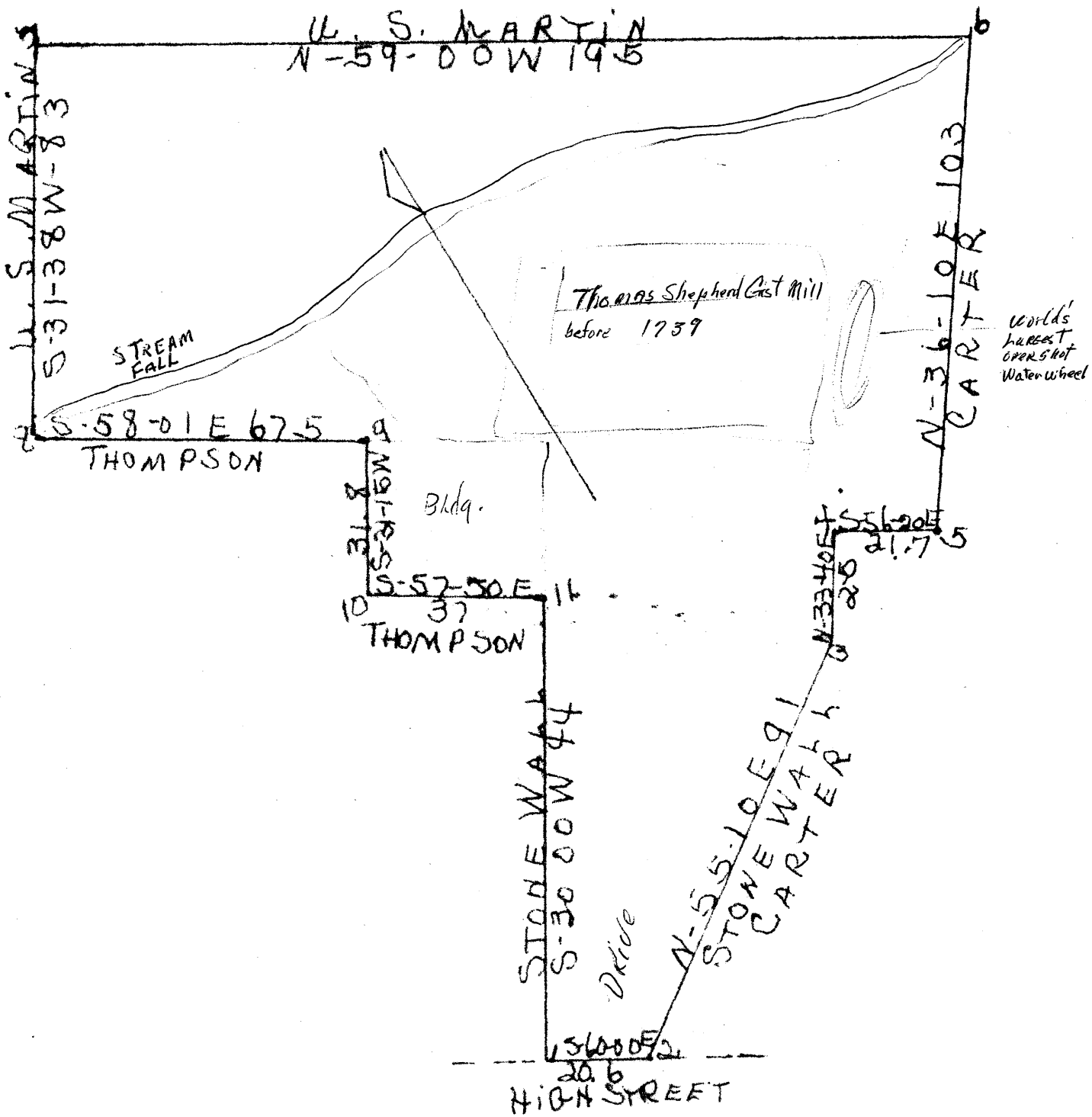
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8. Significance - continued.

It is highly probably that Thomas Shepherd was here as early as 1732. The mill itself must have been built some time prior to April 6, 1739, when the mill is mentioned in The Frederick County Court Journal, and after October 3, 1734, when Shepherd purchased a 222-acre tract from Lieutenant Governor William Gooch and the Virginia Council.





"Mill Property"
Thompson and Carter
Shepherdstown, Jefferson Co. W.Va.
1"=30' Sept. 28-1943 J. Jas. Skinner
S.J.C.