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The Stone Mill is located on the south bank of Otter Creek off Mill Street just a few hundred feet west of the main business district of Middlebury, Vermont.

The structure is built on a rectangular plan, is approximately 60 feet long by 30 feet wide, and is four stories high. The massive walls of the mill are constructed of flat field stones laid up in a random pattern. The stonework is extremely utilitarian with no decorative elements. Sills and lintels are formed of larger undressed stones, and are of varying sizes and thickness. The building has a gable roof sheathed with slate. A brick end interior chimney is located at the front end of the mill.

The visually prominent front (south) elevation is characterized by a vertical column of deeply inset, raised panel loading doors, one corresponding to each of the building's four floors. These doors are flanked on either side by a window. These windows are horizontally in line and are set slightly above the door openings. A loading boom is situated near the apex of the gable end.

In the interior, each floor is generally supported by transverse wooden joists which bear on the exterior walls and are supported in the center by a multi-sectional longitudinal beam. This beam is in turn supported by timber or tubular metal columns. Many of the joists, beams and columns are of different materials and dimensions indicating that extensive replacement of structural members had been carried out, necessitated by a series of fires which plagued the building.

A one story, combination wood and stone turbine house is located at the rear (north) of the structure. Little of the power generating and transmitting equipment remains.

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Brief History

The site of the Stone Mill has a history of industrial use dating back to around 1789 when Stillman Foot erected a grist mill "where the stone part of the woolen mill stands." About 1812, with the increase demand for cotton cloth, one John Warren purchased Stillman's mill and rebuilt the structure for use as a cotton factory. In 1835 the Middlebury Manufacturing Company was incorporated for the production of cotton and woolen goods. Shortly after in 1840 the present stone mill was constructed. The building subsequently passed through a variety of owners and fell victim to several fires in the late 19th Century which necessitated extensive interior reconstruction. The exterior design of the mill has remained essentially unchanged for the past century and a half. The structure was acquired by the Town of Middlebury in 1967.

Significance

The Stone Mill is an important landmark in the industrial history of Middlebury. The location of the mill along the Otter Creek in Frog Hollow just a few hundred feet west of the central business district, coupled with the handsome exterior design and massive wall construction, make the building a major scenic resource with vast reuse potential.

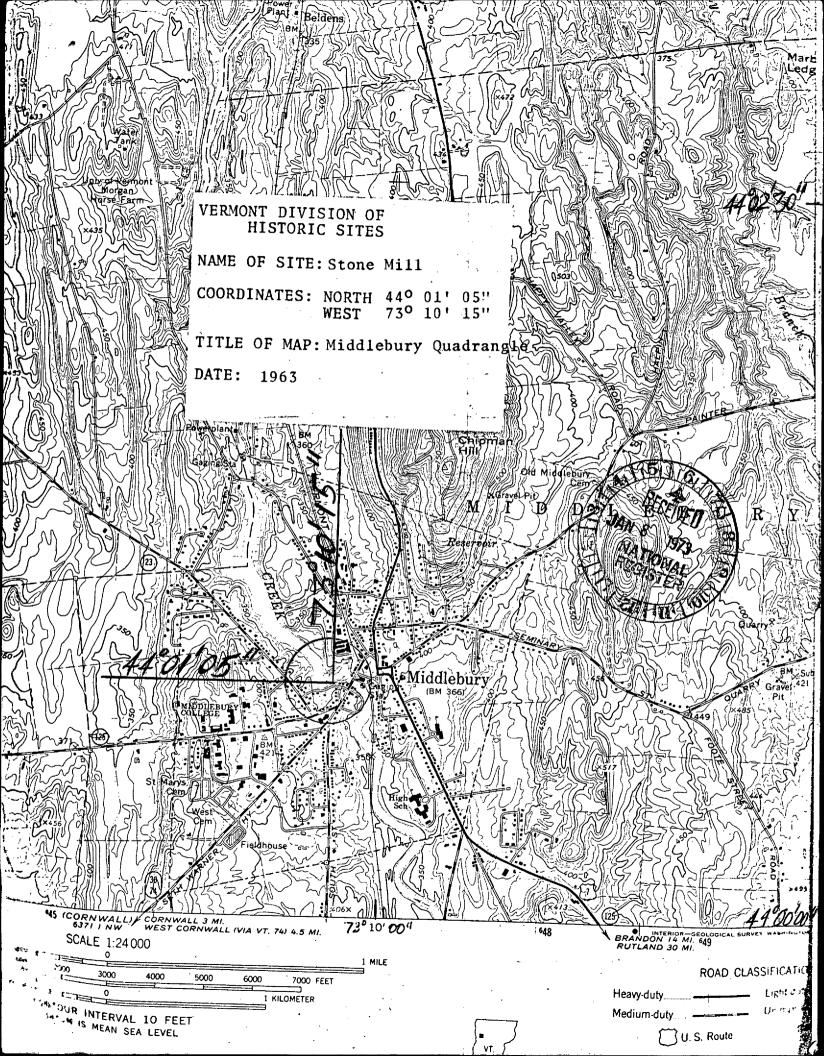
The Town of Middlebury is actively looking for an adaptive use for the structure. One imaginative possibility being investigated would convert the building for use as the rehersal hall for the Vermont Symphony.

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STATE Form No. 10-301 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Vermont Rev. 7-72 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COUNTY NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Addison PROPERTY MAP FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE (Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map) S Z NAME Stone Mill 0 COMMON: Middlebury Manufacturing Company Mill AND/OR HISTORIC: LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Street (No street number.) CITY OR TOWN: Middlebury œ COUNTY: STATE: CODE CODE Addison 001 Vermont 50 3. MAP REFERENCE Z SOURCE: 7.5 minute series U.S.G.S. Quadrangle 1:24,000 SCALE: ш 1963 DATE: ш REQUIREMENTS S TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS 1. Property broundaries where required. 2. North arrow. 3. Latitude and longitude reference.