IDENTIFICATION

STREET ADDRESS: Mill Street

CITY: Cave Spring

PRESENT OWNER: J.R. Carnes, Jr.

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 51

CITY: Cave Spring

STATE: Georgia

ZIP CODE: 30124

CURRENT USE: Storage

ACREAGE: 2

U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE Cedartown West, Ga.

U.T.M. REFERENCE: Z.16 E653045 N3774430

V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 822-34A

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Mid-19th-century mill building; rectangular plan, two stories high, gable roof, shed front porch; heavy braced-timber-frame construction, on masonry piers, sheathed with weatherboard, seamed metal roof; interior consists of large, open spaces on each floor, some mill equipment remaining (not operational); mill race (early-20th century) and overshot waterwheel on east side; situated at lower edge of hillside, along Mill Race Creek, with wooded hills to south and cleared, level land to north; contemporary commercial building to northwest; poor condition.

PROPERTY NAME: Carroll-Richardson Grist Mill HISTORIC NAME: Carroll-Richardson Grist Mill

ORIGINAL OWNER: Armstead Richardson and

ORIGINAL USE: Grist Mill

John Carroll

HISTORIC ACREAGE:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Milton Haynes

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1857 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS:

HISTORY

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT) (OPTIONAL): The mill was built shortly after Armstead Richardson and John M. Carroll agreed to become co-partners in a gristmill enterprise in 1857. The mill was also owned by Alexander Harper for a short period. By the early-20th century, the mill was known as the Cave Spring Light and Power Company as it generated electricity for Cave Spring. The mill closed in 1950.

SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, industry, engineering LEVEL: Local

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): Architecturally, this structure is significant as the only local example of a mid-19th-century waterpowered mill in the Cave Spring multiple-resource area. Its form, construction, materials, and setting are typical of mills of this kind.

In terms of engineering, this structure is also significant as the only local example of a mid-19th-century waterpowered mill in the multiple-resource area. Its structural system and waterworks are representative of its type. Some equipment still remains, although it is not operational. Survival of the waterwheel is unusual; most were replaced by turbines. [cont.]

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Floyd Co. Ga.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Preliminary survey forms by Diane Dawson, Cave Spring; see bibliography (section 9) for general sources.

SOURCES



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DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: northwest

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IV. cont.: In terms of industry, this property is significant as the principal historic industry in the multiple-resource area and as a major mill in the region. Corn and grains were ground, lumber was sawed, and at the turn of the century, electricity for the city was generated at this mill.

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