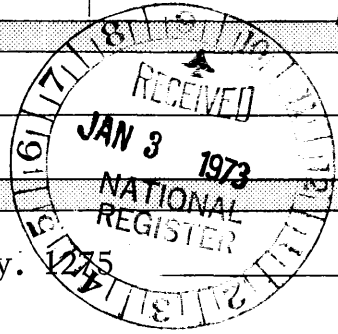


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Kentucky</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Wayne</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>APR 11 1973</b>



**1. NAME**

COMMON: **Mill Springs Mill**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **off Hwy 90**

**Near Mill Springs, Kentucky; Ky. Hwy. 1275**

CITY OR TOWN: **Mill Springs**

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21** COUNTY: **Wayne** CODE: **231**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<b>vacant</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: **United States Army Corps of Engineers**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Wayne County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Monticello** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Kentucky Heritage Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER: **401 Wapping Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **21**

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present physical appearance of the existing structure at Mill Springs is much the same as when constructed. The three story building is frame, and measures 40 feet by 40 feet, over a 20 feet high basement supported on huge stone columns. When the present structure was erected in 1877, a wooden wheel of 28 feet height was installed. When it was sold in 1907, the 28 foot wheel was removed and the present 40 foot high, 3 feet in breadth, wheel was installed. Water to provide power for the big wheel still flows from numerous springs in a nearby hillside; the water is channeled into a stone basin and runs down a long 16 inch pipe onto the buckets of the big wheel.

The site includes the actual mill, the numerous springs and a small area which has been converted into a small roadside park. There is also a small frame building, formerly used as a granary, which is presently used by the Monticello Woman's Club as a gift shop.

The surrounding terrain is heavily wooded and hilly, overlooking the waters of Lake Cumberland.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1877**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There has been a water mill at Mill Springs, Kentucky since around 1819, perhaps even earlier. First a grist mill, then a carding mill and factory began operation around 1840. Lloyd A. Lanier bought the property in 1877 and tore down the original structure and built the present 40x40 frame building over a 20 foot high basement supported by huge stone columns. In 1879 the property passed to Ike T. Lanier and J.M. Sallee, who operated the Mill for several years. Dr. J.A. Jones and Robert L. Lanier purchased the Mill and property in 1884. During their ownership the milling method was converted from the stone burr wheels to the roller system. The mill was sold in 1907 to Bolan E. Roberts, who removed the 28 foot wood wheel and installed the present 40 foot steel wheel, said to be the largest of its kind in the world. Until recently the Mill was occasionally operated to provide meal for tourists.

Mill Springs Mill is important because of its historical role in the local commercial trade; in the fields of industry and engineering because of the unusual 40 foot wheel.

Nearby, the Battle of Mill Springs, a significant engagement in the Civil War, was fought in January, 1862.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Johnson, Augusta Phillips, A Century Of Wayne County; p. 226-227.

Coleman, J. Winston, Jr., Historic Kentucky; Henry Clay Press, Lexington, Kentucky, 1968, p. 125.

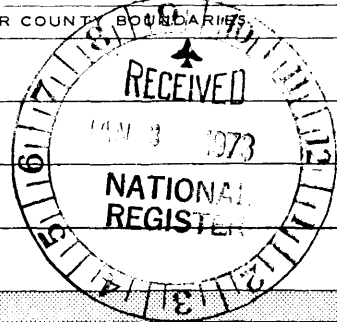
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five (5)

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: Mr. James M. Frazer, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Committee to Preserve Mill Springs DATE: 8-30-72

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 686

CITY OR TOWN: Monticello STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National  State  Local

Name Mrs. L. Jean Willis

Title State Liaison Officer

Date December 22, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert K. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 4 73