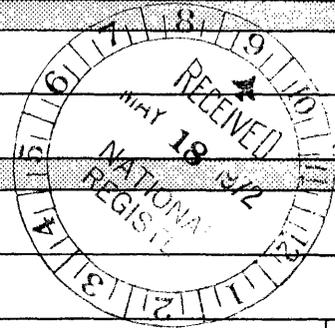


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Delaware	
COUNTY: Sussex	
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ENTRY NUMBER AUG 25 1972	DATE



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Abbott's Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Abbott's Mill

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Southwest of Milford, Cedar Creek Hundred

STATE: Delaware CODE: 10 COUNTY: Sussex CODE: 005

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments To be re- stored to operation as exhibit

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Delaware, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hall of Records

CITY OR TOWN: Dover STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Sussex County Court House, Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:  
The Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Delaware CODE: 10

**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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COUNTY:  
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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Abbott's Mill is a rambling frame structure approximately two miles from Milford in a rural area on Johnson's Branch, a tributary of Haven Lake. It was an active gristmill until 1960, operated by a water turbine that replaced an earlier wheel. The machinery is intact and only slightly altered from its nineteenth-century condition. After minimal restoration it will be placed in operation as a working exhibit. The main building is 2½ stories high, with wings on three sides. The foundations are faced with concrete; the roof and walls are now sheathed in metal. The mill dam carries state route 442, which is maintained by the Department of Highways and Transportation. Abbott's Pond is owned by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, which turned over the mill to the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

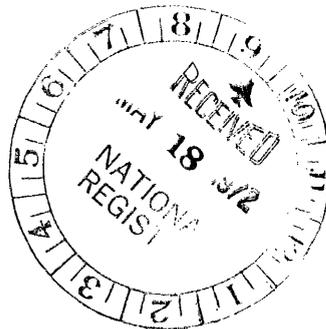
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric            | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation           |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is typical of the gristmills that occupied virtually every suitable site along the streams of Central and southern Delaware from the mid-colonial years to the earlier twentieth century. They were basic to the economic and social life of this agricultural region, where grains were a major crop. There has been a mill at this location since before 1840. The present one is known to have been in continuous operation for almost a century without fundamental alteration of its procedures. (Abbott's mill has been chosen for preservation as an operating specimen because of its operable authentic nineteenth-century equipment and its location in an area that is accessible yet retains its very rural character.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History Of Delaware, by J. Thomas Scharf, Philadelphia 1888,  
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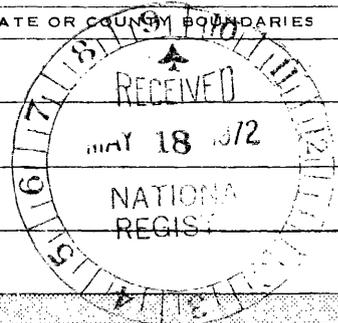
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .36

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. Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar**

ORGANIZATION: **Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs**      DATE: **4/18/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Hall of Records**

CITY OR TOWN: **Dover**      STATE: **Delaware**      CODE: **10**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 **E. Berkeley Tompkins**  
**Dr. E. Berkeley Tompkins**

Title **State Liaison Officer**

Date **May 11, 1972**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

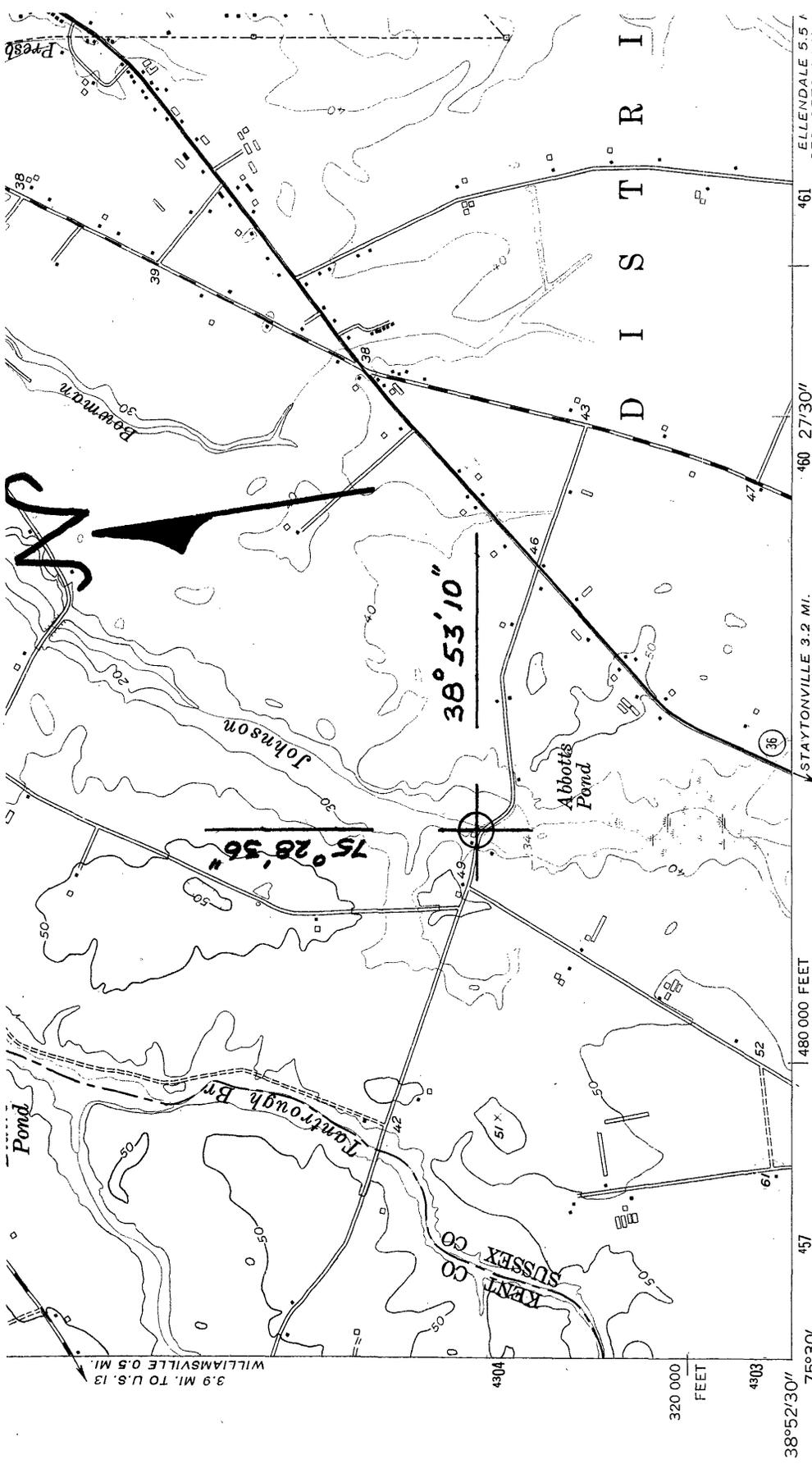
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

**Robert M. Utley**  
**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

Date **8/25/72**

ATTEST:  
**William Bennett**  
**Keeper of The National Register**

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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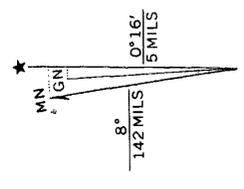
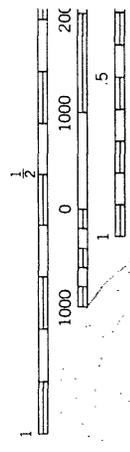
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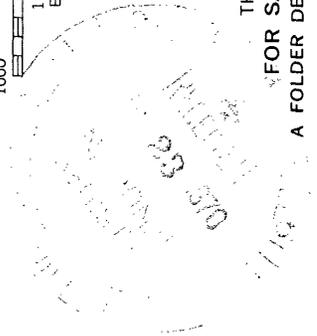
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