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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Brick Mill Site
other names/site number Brick Mill Site

2. Location

street & number On Brick Mill Road at the crossroads community of N/A not for publication
city, town Brick Mill - Maryville vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
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<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>
	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Herbert L. Byer 6/8/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Helena Byer Entered in the National Register 7/25/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/Manufacturing Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

LANDSCAPE /Unoccupied Land

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls N/A

roof N/Aother N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The original Brick Mill at this site was built ca. 1815 and consisted of a brick lower story and frame upper story. The frame upper story appears to have been rebuilt several times in its history with the most recent gable roof structure built ca. 1910. In recent years the mill was abandoned and fell into disrepair. The frame upper story collapsed in 1985 and some of these remains were burned in a later fire.

The Brick Mill site consists of the foundation walls of the ca. 1815 Brick Mill constructed at this location. The site also includes a ca. 1910 concrete foundation and supports for an overshot wheel. The brick walls range from 3' to 7' in height, are 6 to 8 bricks thick and are of Flemish bond construction. The walls are arranged in a rectangular plan with the west wall collapsed. The concrete foundations which supported the overshot wheel also remains. One grist mill stone still exists in the ruins. The ca. 1910 frame building which stood on the brick foundation has collapsed and burned in recent years. The site is located at the small community of Brick Mill and is occupies an open lot adjacent to Little Baker Creek.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Industry/ Settlement

Period of Significance

ca. 1815 - ca. 1939

Significant Dates

ca. 1815

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Brick Mill site is significant under criterion A for its importance as an early grist mill in the county and for its association with the growth and development of the community of Brick Mill. The site features the walls of the original ca. 1815 grist mill at this location which was built adjacent to Little Baker Creek. These ruins clearly define the shape and configuration of the mill and are the oldest remains of a 19th century gristmill in the county. The construction of the mill at this location resulted in the formation of the community of Brick Mill which was a substantial settlement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With the closing of the mill in the 1940s the community gradually declined and few houses remain at Brick Mill.

Samuel Henry came to Blount County in 1788 and owned a large tract of land in the Baker Creek area. Henry donated land for the construction of the Baker's Creek Presbyterian Church and around 1815 he built a brick gristmill nearby on Little Baker Creek. This mill was constructed with a brick first story and frame upper story and was powered by an overshot wheel. The establishment of the church and mill at the site resulted in the formation of a crossroads community which became known as Brick Mill. The Brick Mill became one of the best known milling operations of the early 19th century with flour, grain and other produce taken by wagon to Louisville for shipment on the Tennessee River. James Henry, son of Samuel Henry, amassed a sizeable estate from this commercial trade and constructed a two-story brick residence nearby in 1835 (NR).

By the 1850s, a small community of several dozen residents lived at Brick Mill and several stores and tanning operations were built near the mill. A post office was established at Brick Mill in 1858 by James McKamey and the post office remained in existence until 1907. The Henry family continued their operation of the mill until the mid-19th century and later owners were J.M. Rorex, John R.

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Henry and George Montgomery. In 1891, the Tennessee State Gazeteer listed J.M. Rorex operating the mill with the community containing 75 residents, a general store and several blacksmiths and carpenters. The mill ceased operations in the late 1940s and the building was used for storage for a number of years. In 1985, the frame upper story was pulled down and only ruins of the lower brick story remain.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:
 State historic preservation office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A

1	6	7	6	2	0	0	0	3	9	4	9	7	3	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

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Binfield Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Brick Mill Site is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax amp 100, lot 67.01, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Brick Mill Site includes the entire lot historically associated with the mill property.

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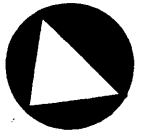
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Brick Mill Site
Brick Mill Rd., Maryville vic., Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: Towards northeast.
Photo # 1

View: Towards northwest.
Photo # 2



BRICK FOUNDATIONS
OF MILL

