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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 White's Mill  
other names/site number White's Mill (BL-124)

2. Location

street & number Old White's Mill Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Maryville  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>        </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u>        </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> objects
		<u>2</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. Hoyer 6/18/89  
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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelona Byrum Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**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

Period of Significance  
ca. 1880 - ca. 1939

Significant Dates  
1880

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.

White's Mill is significant under criterion A for its association with the milling industry of Blount County. The mill is one of only four existing grist mill properties extant in the county. The original mill at this site was established in 1842 and the present building was constructed ca. 1880. The mill operated until the early 1960s when it ceased operation and the building was abandoned. Grist mills were one of the main industries of the county during the 19th and early 20th centuries and White's Mill was a well known mill in this section of the county. Although the building is in poor condition it remains as one of only four grist mill structures in existence in the county.

The original building at this location was built in 1842 for Isaac White. White dammed a section of Crooked Creek and used tubine wheels to power his mill. The mill was typical of those built in the county and used stones to grind flour and meal for area residents. The mill also contained a tubine powered saw to cut lumber. Around 1880, the present mill building was constructed by miller "Snakey" John Martin who also built the John Martin mill on Hesse Creek. White's Mill was a well known landmark during these years and the road adjacent to the mill was named White's Mill Road.

Later owners of the mill included the Amerine and Whitehead families in the late 19th and early 20th century. John Russell operated the mill during much of the mid-20th century and finally closed the mill in the early 1960s. A photograph of mill taken in 1952 shows the mill building with a one-story porch on the main facade and separate building at the rear to house the turbine wheel. This building has since been razed.

See continuation sheet

**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.

See continuation sheet

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	7	2	3	9	1	8	0	3	9	5	8	1	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Blockhouse Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for White's Mill is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 70, lot 108, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the west by the eastern right-of-way of the Old White's Mill Road, on the north by the present property line, on the east by the bed of Crooked Creek, and on the south by a line which extends from the creek to the Old White's Mill Road right-of-way. This line is located 25' from the south foundation wall of the mill  See continuation sheet building.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for White's Mill includes the mill building and associated site features which comprise the property. There are no other buildings or sites associated with the property's period of significance.

See continuation sheet

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Continuation Sheet**

Photographs

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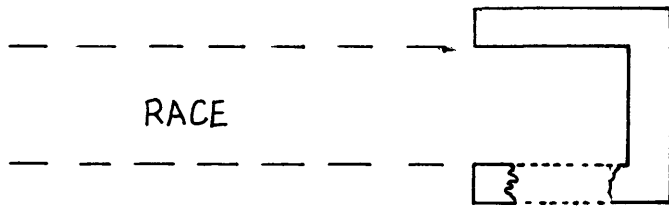
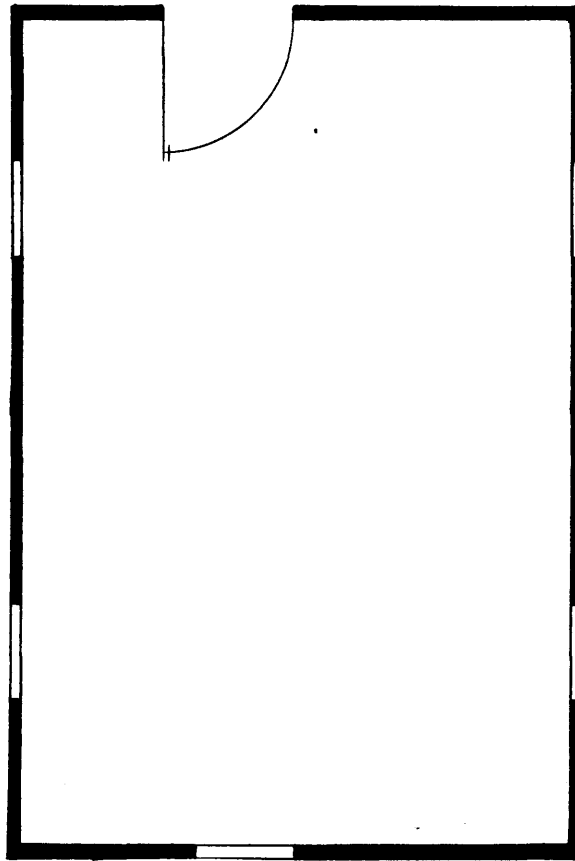
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Whites Mill  
Whites Mill Rd., Rockford vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

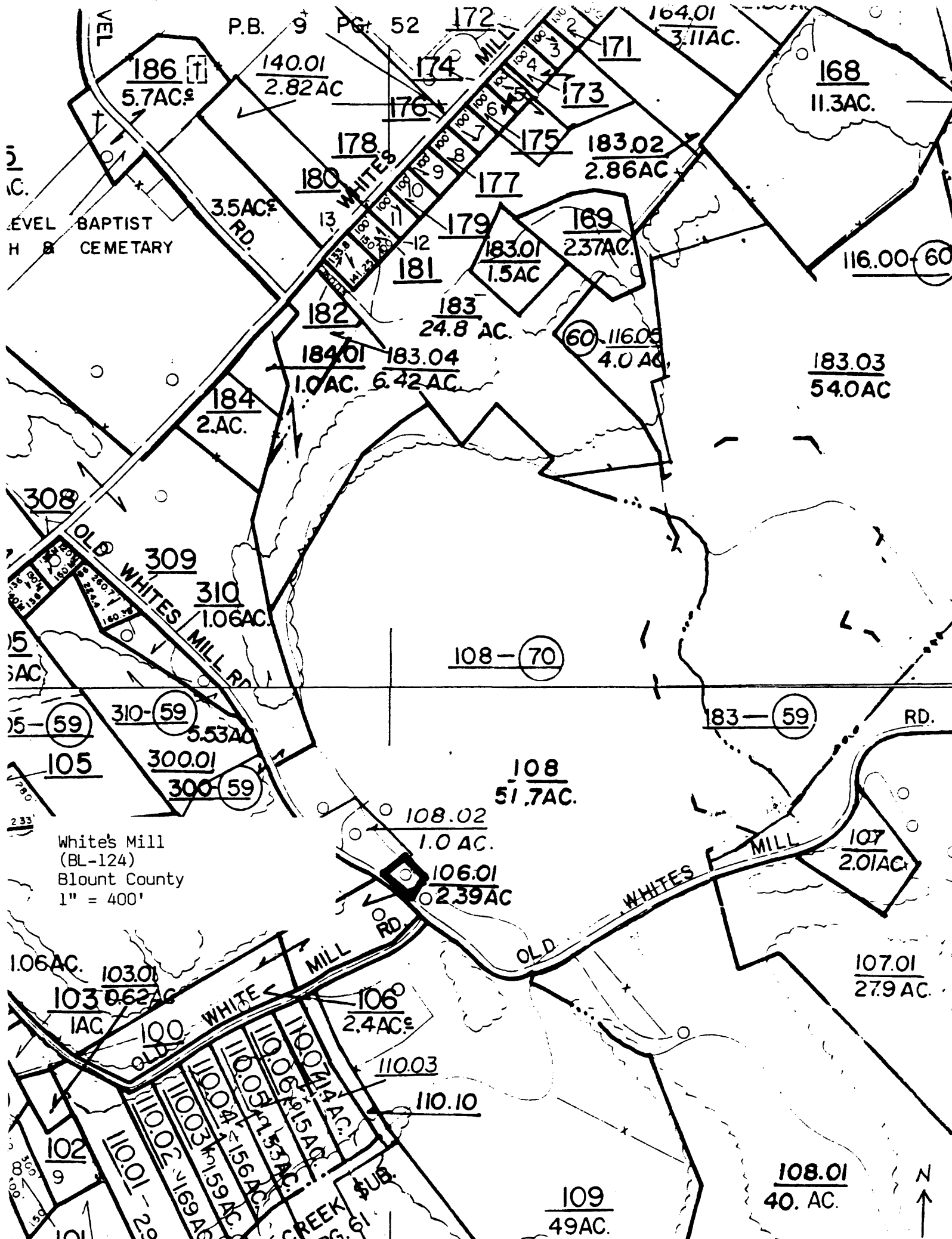
View: West and south facades.  
Photo # 1

View: East and north facades.  
Photo # 2

View: Interior of first floor.  
Photo # 3



CONCRETE WHEEL  
SUPPORTS (REMAINS)



VEL  
BAPTIST  
CEMETARY

White's Mill  
(BL-124)  
Blount County  
1" = 400'

