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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Arkansas

COUNTY:

Newton

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE

JUL 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

OLD BOXLEY WATER MILL

Villines Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

(Whiteley Mill)

(See control sheet)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

1 mile north of Boxley on Arkansas 43

CITY OR TOWN:

Boxley

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Three

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

COUNTY:

Newton

CODE

101

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☒ Building
☐ Site ☐ Structure
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ Public ☒ Private
☐ Both
- Public Acquisition:
☒ In Process
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied
☒ Unoccupied
☐ Preservation work
in progress

ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLIC

- Yes:
☒ Restricted
☐ Unrestricted
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☒ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious Unused
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Clyde Villines

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rural Route

CITY OR TOWN:

Boxley

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Newton County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

Square

CITY OR TOWN:

Jasper

STATE

Arkansas

CODE

05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

DATE OF SURVEY: September 1972 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Arkansas History Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:

300 West Markham

CITY OR TOWN:

Little Rock

STATE:

Arkansas

CODE

05

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

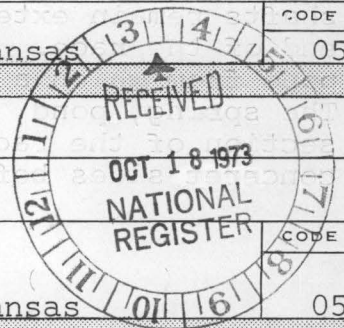
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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 original mill (c.1840-1870) is a site only. The only documented description states that it was small and crude.

The later mill (c.1870-present) was constructed on the site of the original. The mill, race, spring, and mill pond remain virtually unchanged by modernization.

The mill building is a large three-storey frame and clapboard structure resting on a foundation of unmortered, stacked native stone. The framing consists of huge hand-hewn oak timbers, the center beams measuring 10" x 12" x 40' and the cross beams 6" x 8" x 30'. The rafters are cedar poles of 4-5" diameter. The original shake roof has been replaced with tin.

The mill has deteriorated due to disuse and a faulty roof. Much of the clapboard siding is in a state of rapid decomposition and some boards are missing. Floor planks are weak and unsafe. However, the oak beams and cedar rafters are in an excellent state of preservation and the structure remains fairly level.

The building contained a grist mill, flour mill, cotton gin, saw mill, and later a hammer mill. The grist mill on the ground floor, the flour mill with its belts, bins, pulleys and chutes on the second and third floors, and fragments of the cotton gin remain.

The mill was powered by a turbine of which the gears and shafts remain extended from the side of the building at the end of the race. A large permanent spring feeds the mill pond from which a rocked in race supplies water to the mill. The spring, pond, and race remain unchanged except for a section of the race which was modernized by the addition of concrete sides before the mill ceased operation.



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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)

c. 1840-1870; 1870-present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☒ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☒ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☐ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☒ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Boxley (Whiteley) Mill is an excellent example of a once common local industry which was vital to the settlement and economic development of many early rural Arkansas communities. Not only are the building, pond, and race present but more important the various equipment necessary for the operation of a flour and grist mill remains largely intact.

The original mill, built by Abner Casey (c. 1840), supplied services to the settlers of the upper Buffalo River valley. At an unknown later date Samuel Whiteley purchased the business which then became known as "The Whiteley Mill".

This small mill was razed (1870) due to its inadequacy in fulfilling the increased demands of a growing populace. The community then employed a man named Miller to construct a larger more efficient mill at the same location.

Robert Villines became the new miller. His son, James Larkin Villines, and grandson, Clyde Villines, each in their turn became the owners and millers.

A general lack of business forced Clyde Villines to cease the mill's operation in the 1960's ending, a long history of community service.

The mill was also the site of a two hour skirmish, described by the following Civil War dispatch:

"The battle of Whiteley's Mill (Boxley) was fought April 5, 1864. The Union officers were: Captain Orr of Co. C and Lieutenant Bell of Co. L. The guerilla leaders were Cecil, Cooper and Patton. Pvt. John H. Murray of Co. F was killed and Obed W. Patty of Co. I missing. Pvt. Gustavus Bishop of Co. C was wounded. The man missing had his horse shot dead under him, and is probably a prisoner, if not killed. The loss of the enemy has not been ascertained."

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Boxley, Arkansas. Personal interview with Mrs. Clyde Villines, property owner, May 2, 1973.

Graves, Francis, "The Whiteleys of Northwest Arkansas." Family History File, Arkansas History Commission. (Type-written).

Kennedy, Steele T., "Old Whiteley Mill Still Stands, Ready to Grind Again," in The Ozark Mountaineer, July, 1959, p. 13.

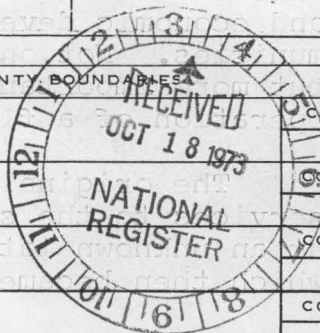
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	35°59'30.6"	93°23'55.5"	35	59	30.6
NE	35°59'27.3"	93°23'47.4"	35	59	27.3
SE	35°59'6.8"	93°24'0.6"	35	59	6.8
SW	35°59'10.1"	93°24'8.3"	35	59	10.1

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 14.5 acres

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: Edward P. Baxter, Field Historian	
ORGANIZATION Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	DATE 5-15-73
STREET AND NUMBER: 1023 West Third	
CITY OR TOWN: Little Rock	STATE Arkansas
	CODE 05

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 William E. Henderson
Title Arkansas Historic Preservation Officer

Date October 10, 1973

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Associate Director

Date 7/31/74

ATTEST:

Ernest Allen Connolly
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-1-74

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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STATE	
Arkansas	
COUNTY	
Newton	
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8. Significance Continued:

The mill, pond, and skirmish site are within an area which has been proposed for acquisition by the National Park Service for the Buffalo National River.

The mill may be restored as a feature of the National River.



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STATE Arkansas	
COUNTY Newton	
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(Number all entries)

9. Major Bibliographical References Continued:

Lackey, Walter F., History of Newton County, Arkansas. Independence, Missouri: Zion's Printing and Publishing Company, 1950.

The Newton County Homestead, No. 1, April 1959. Publication of the Newton County (Arkansas) Historical Society, p. 25.

The Newton County Homestead, Vol. 1, No. 1, April, 1961. Publication of the Newton County (Arkansas) Historical Society, p. 55.

U. S. Bureau of the Census, Seventh Census of the United States: 1850.

U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Buffalo National River, Harrison, Arkansas. Personal interview with Dr. Richard Sellars, Historian, May 2, 1973.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 1-18-74

NAME OF PROPERTY Old Bodley Water Mill, Ark

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____
2. Location. _____
3. Classification. _____
4. Owner of Property. _____
5. Location of Legal Description. _____
6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
7. Description. _____
8. Statement of Significance. _____
9. Bibliography. _____
- ☒ 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. appear to be incorrect
 - b. Please recompute Acreage. _____
11. Form Prepared By. _____
12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. Please use a map bearing an identified system of coordinates, preferably an original USGS, which allows us to check latitude-longitude.
- Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. Thanks
SIGNED: Charles Henry

PROPERTY	Old Bodley Water Mill ^{Whitely (Villines)}	STATE	Ark
WORKING NUMBER	10.18 73. 3817	Newton Co.	
TECH REVIEW	PHOTOS <u>1</u>		
	MAPS <u>1</u>		

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CONTROL REVIEW	Lat. & long. incorrect
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OK

HISTORIAN	Whitely mill appears to be better name
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Accept
12-26-73
C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN	
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ARCHEOLOGIST	TO HDSR.
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Inventoried by HDSR

Accept
End
1/8/74.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF	Interesting
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Accept
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12/7/73

BRANCH CHIEF	Change name to "Villines Mill"
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accept
CASH
1-18-74

KEEPER	Class. Make sure the state understands that this Bldg. has been accepted on the strength of the last statement in the significant context, better check if they have any plans to restore, reject.
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National Register Write-up	8/14/74
Federal Register entry	Sept. 3, 1974

Send-back	1.18. 74
Re-submit	2.20. 74
Entered	JUL 31 1974



Arkansas, Newton County
Old Boxley Water Mill

FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i>
OLD BOXLEY WATER MILL	Whiteley Mill	JUL 31 1974
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Arkansas	Newton	Boxley
STREET AND NUMBER		
1 mile north of Boxley on Arkansas 43		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Ed Baxter	September 1972	Arkansas History Commission
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View of the southwest elevation of the mill building.



GPO 932-009

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

BOXLEY QUADRANGLE
ARKANSAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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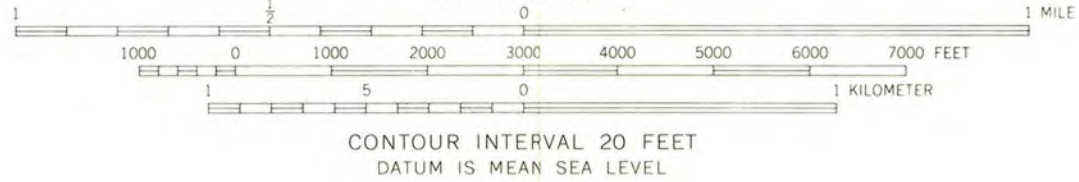
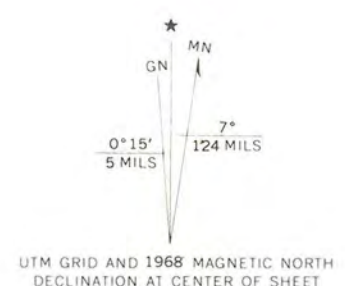


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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1968

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Arkansas coordinate system, north zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty — Light-duty
Unimproved dirt — State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND BY THE ARKANSAS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BOXLEY, ARK.
N3552.5-W9322.5/7.5

1968

AMS 7355 IV NW-SERIES V884

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

COMMON

~~OLD BOXLEY WATER MILL~~

Villines Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC

(Whiteley Mill)

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

JUL 31 1974

2. LOCATION

STATE

Arkansas

COUNTY

Newton

TOWN

Boxley

STREET AND NUMBER

1 mile north of Boxley on Arkansas 43

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

U.S.G.S. 7½" quadrangle

Boxley

DATE

1968

SCALE

1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.



STATE ARKANSAS

Date Entered JUL 31 1974

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^{Villines}
~~Old Boxley Water Mill~~ (white/ey mill) Boxley vicinity
Newton County

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. William E. Henderson
Director
Arkansas Dept. of Parks and Tourism
State Capitol-Room 149
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

7/29/74

Dr. Murtagh:

I called Gene Richardson of the Arkansas staff June 20, 1974. He said the mill was included in the Buffalo National River, Arkansas. The Park Service has attempted to purchase the mill to restore it, but have so far been unsuccessful. The present owners do not want to sell the property and do not feel the mill is in need of repair. Richardson feels that the property will probably be condemned and obtained by the Park Service. He feels that listing on the National Register would help convince the present owners that the property is valuable and should be preserved and protected.

Richard W. Sellers, in a Special History Report... on the Buffalo National River, done at the Denver Service Center, October 1973, feels that the mill is one of only three structures in the National River which have regional significance. (p. 4). Enclosed is a copy of his brief report on the mill.

N.B. If accepted and the name is changed, I think Villines Mill is more appropriate. Whiteley had very little, if any connection with this mill.

Ray Luce

*Mrs. West - This correspondence should stay with
file in case of later controversy.*

*Wm
7/30/74*

Villines Mill

Location: NE 1/4 of Section 3, T 15 N, R 23 W,
Newton County, Arkansas.

Accessibility: Just off of State Highway 43
near Boxley.

This two story frame buildings was constructed in 1870 by Robert Villines, grandfather of Clyde Villines, the mills' present owner and its last operator. For eighty years, the mill served the local area as an economic and social center. Finally, in 1950, Clyde Villines closed the mill. A tin roof has kept the mill from deteriorating badly, and the building appears to be structurally sound.

The Park Service should attempt to purchase the mill, restore it, and return it to good working order. The mill could become a major attraction in the Boxley area, and would be an important part of the interpretive program. Mr. Ed Baxter, of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Office, in Little Rock, is preparing to nominate this structure to the National Register.

R.W.S.
July, 1973