

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Hackney, John, Mill Site
other names/site number Hackney, John, Mill Site

2. Location

street & number Along Main Street near the intersection of Front N/A not for publication
city, town Street in Friendsville - Friendsville N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37737

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	1	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	_____
			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.
Signature of certifying official: *Robert L. Geyer* Date: 6/13/89
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:)
Signature of the Keeper: *Robert Geyer* Entered in the National Register: 7/25/89
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 Stone/Concrete

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The John Hackney Mill Site is located along the north bank of Gallagher Creek in the southern section of Friendsville. The millsite originally consisted of a two-story frame gristmill which rested on a limestone block foundation. A stone dam (later replaced with a concrete dam) was built upstream and channeled water through an elevated millrace to the overshot wheel which powered the mill. The foundation of the overshot wheel support structure appears to have been rebuilt ca. 1900 with reinforced concrete.

The present mill site retains the rectangular stone foundations of the mill which outline its original location. Adjacent to an extension of the creek are ca. 1900 reinforced concrete foundations of the overshot wheel. The foundations of both stone and concrete are in good condition and clearly outline the location of the mill and provides evidence as to its operation. The millsite has not been disturbed with added buildings or structures.

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. 1800-ca. 1939

Significant Dates

ca. 1800

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 John Hackney Mill Site is significant under criterion A for its association with the 19th and early 20th century milling industry of the county. The site contains the foundations of the mill and overshot wheel as well as part of the millrace. A mill operated at this location from ca. 1800 into the early 20th century and was the primary industry in Friendsville during this period. The site remains intact and is one of five significant millsites remaining in the county.

The first mill at this location was built and operated by John Hackney who came to this area and helped to found Friendsville in 1796. Hackney constructed a mill on Gallahers Creek on the edge of the town by the mid-1800s. His will dated 1809 mentions the mills then being in operation and they were later operated by his son, John Hackney, Jr. The Hackney Mill is mentioned in numerous accounts and both a saw and grist mill were operated at the site. A new mill dam was built by Hackney in 1859 and the mill and its operation were described in the book Our Mission in East Tennessee, 1870-1879. The mill pictured in this publication is a two-story frame mill with an overshot wheel typical of others built in the county during the 19th century.

Hackney died in 1877 and his mills were later operated by William and Elias Jones, James F. Beals, and Moses Gamble. The mill was the primary industry in Friendsville until the early 20th century but after the 1930s the mill operated sporadically until closing in the 1960s. The mill building was then razed and only the site remains.

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.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Manufactures of the U.S. in 1860. Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1895.

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

Acres of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Concord Quad

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the John Hackney Mill Site is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map A-054-C, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'. The property is a rectangular lot which measures 75' by 75' and whose northwest corner is 5' from the northwest corner of the mill foundation and whose southeast corner is 5' from the southeast corner to the mill foundation.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the John Hackney Mill Site is drawn to include the mill foundations, wheel footings, and adjacent lot. It is drawn to exclude modern buildings to the west and east.

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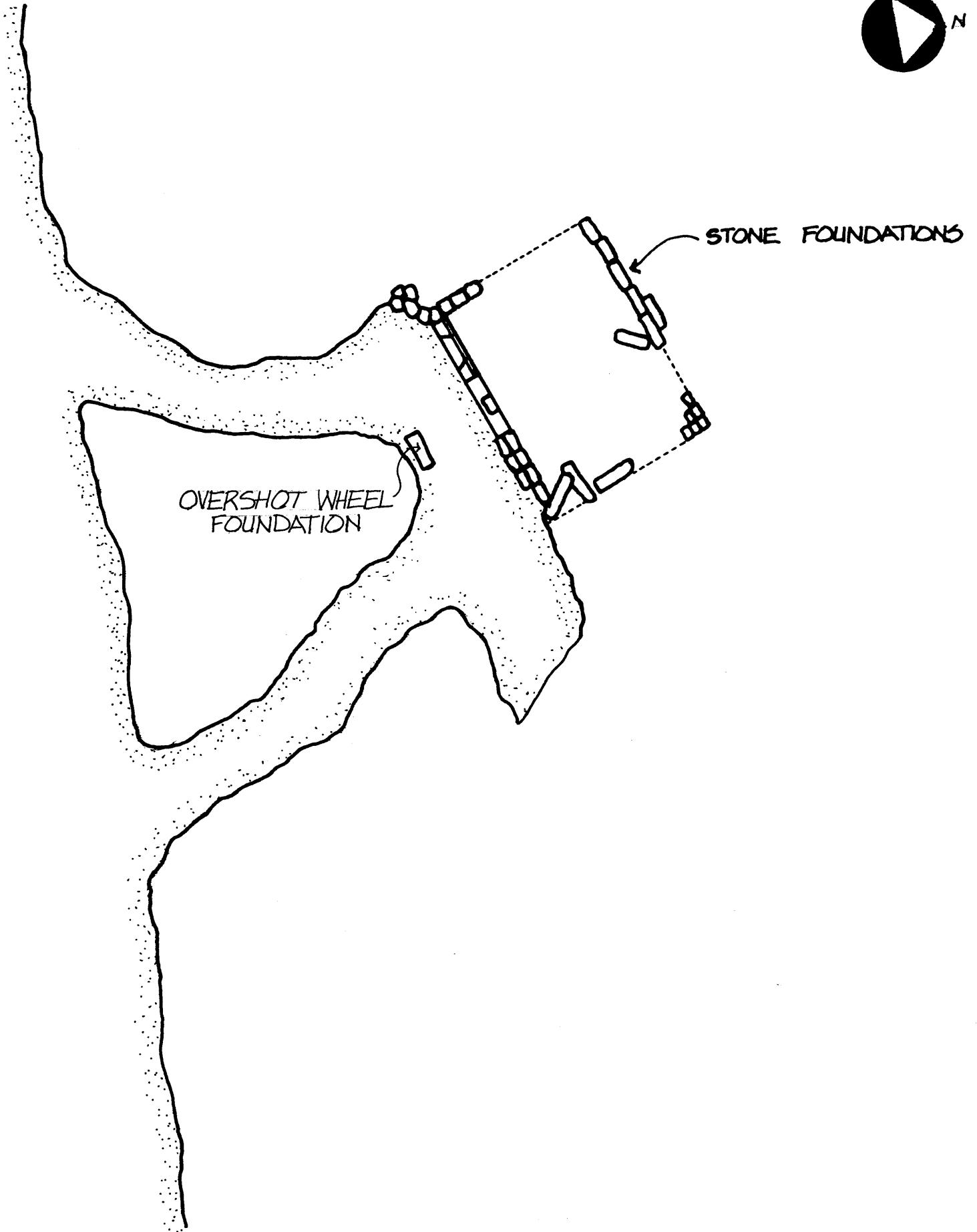
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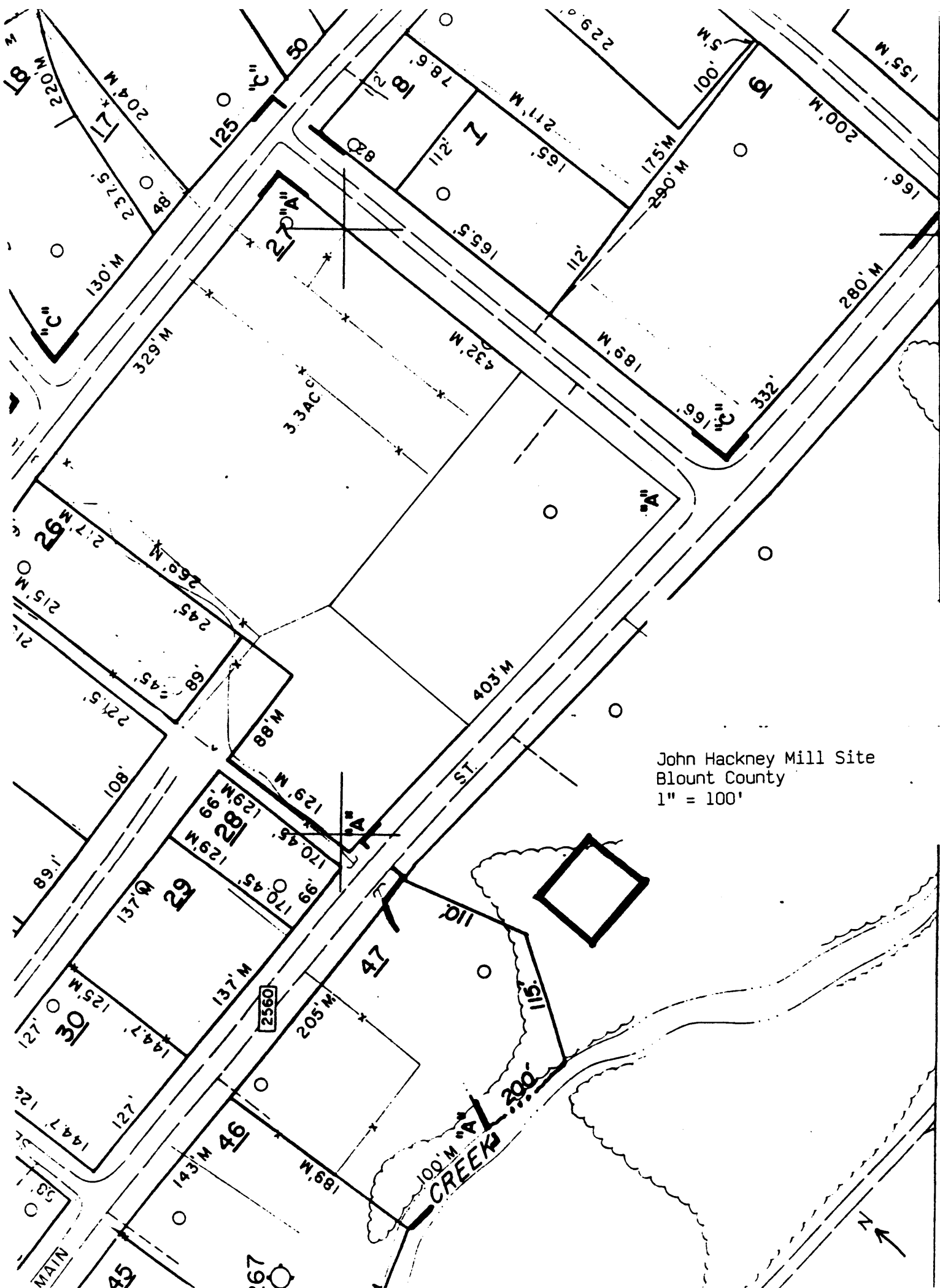
John Hackney Mill Site
Main Street, Friendsville, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: Towards southwest of foundations and turbine pit.
Photo # 1

View: Towards east of turbine pit.
Photo # 2

JOHN HACKNEY MILL SITE





John Hackney Mill Site
Blount County
1" = 100'