

TENNESSEE MULTIPLE RESOURCE NOMINATION SURVEY FORM

Site Number 18
 County Meigs

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>James R. Gettys Mill</u>	STATUS	Open to public: Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted ___
	Common name: <u>Ziegler Mill</u>		Visible from road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No ___
	Address: <u>North No Pone Valley Road (at Sewee)</u> <u>Ten Mile, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Owner's name: <u>Mrs. Jim Hagler</u>		Present use: <u>Industrial</u>
	Owner's address: <u>Route 4, Box 156</u> <u>Kingston, Tennessee 37763</u>		Current condition: <u>Fair</u>
	Classification: <u>Building-private</u>		Alterations: <u>Overshot waterwheel destroyed by flood in 1946.</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 4, Map 30, Parcel 3</u>		Site features: <u>Remains of mill race still visible across road from mill.</u>
	Acreage: <u>2 acres</u>		
UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3940990</u> <u>E 710340</u>			

HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1857</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>Interview with Mrs. Jim Hagler, Kingston, TN., March 16, 1979.</u> <u>"Ziegler's Mill," Daily Post-Athenian.</u> <u>July 2, 1976.</u>
	Architect/builder: <u>James R. Gettys</u>		<u>1857 Meigs County Tax Book, Dist. 7.</u>
	Original or previous owners: <u>James R. Gettys;</u> <u>2. Mr. Gentry; 3. J. A. Ziegler; 4. Mrs. Jim (Jean Ziegler) Hagler</u>		<u>1880 Meigs County Census.</u>
	Original use: <u>Industrial</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Industry</u>		Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u>
	Secondary <u>Commerce</u>		Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u>
Other <u>Architecture</u>	Date: <u>9/4/81</u>		

DESCRIPTION

A two and a half story frame structure covered with weatherboards, the James R. Gettys Mill, 1857, is built upon a raised brick foundation with full basement. Rectangular in plan with a covered walkway leading to a small frame building that served as a weigh station/loading area, the mill, walkway, and station are covered by metal gable roofs. The mill has a three bay facade (south elevation) featuring a central plank door with a 12/8 light window to each side. A plank door in the central bay of the second story of the facade provided ventilation and loading access for the mill. The original milling equipment, including mill stones and feed and flour sacks, is still in the mill. A portion of the mill's headrace is visible across the road from the mill.

SIGNIFICANCE

Built on Little Sewee Creek in 1857 by James R. Gettys, the Gettys Mill was an important industrial site in northern Meigs County. The mill was built on the site of an earlier tannery. The mill was one of thirteen mills listed in the 1880 census for Meigs County, and daily operations at that time were overseen by Joseph Collins and his son James. The Gettys Mill was one of the few mills in the county where farmers could bring their grain to be ground into flour, meal, and feed. As a result of this important function, the Gettys Mill became the focus of the community of Sewee which grew up around the mill, and had a store, grain warehouse, and several houses. This community provided for the production and exchange of goods, and allowed

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: Ann Toplovich

Date: 3/16/79

Negatives on file: Tennessee Historical
Commission

Photographer facing: S & E elevation-facing NW

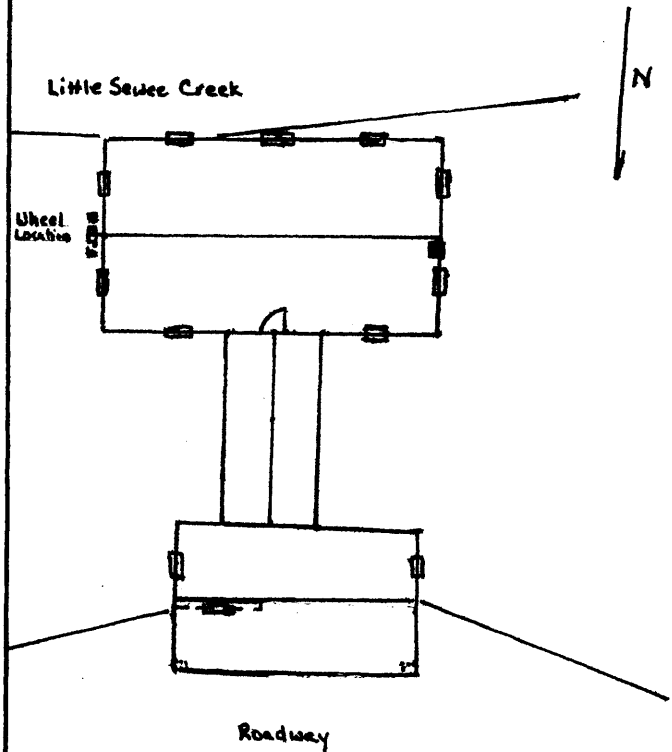
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CONTINUATION

Significance:

opportunities for social contact among the residents of the surrounding countryside who came to market in Sewee. Architecturally, the mill is significant as the only standing mill left in Meigs County. The mill, with its mill equipment still in place, is a rare, antebellum example of the type of overshot wheel grist mill once common in Tennessee.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

18. The boundaries begin at a point at the intersection of Clearwater Road and Sewee Creek Road, thence in a southerly direction along Clearwater Road 100 feet to Sewee Creek, thence in a westerly direction along Sewee Creek 600 feet to the District 4 Boundary Line, thence northeast 250 feet to the Sewee Creek Road, thence easterly along said road 400 feet to the beginning. The boundaries consist of the Mill building and approximately two acres of land on which it sits.

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Tennessee
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Architectural Resources)

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