

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Washington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER JUL 2 1973	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Dungan's Mill and Stone House (Representative James H. Quillen)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **NE of Johnson City on Watauga Road**

CITY OR TOWN:
Johnson City via

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 179
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. George W. St. John

STREET AND NUMBER:
Watauga Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Johnson City

STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Jonesboro

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

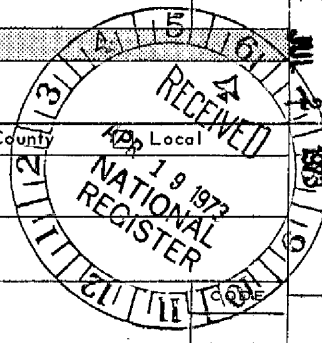
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COUNTY: **Washington**

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The St. John Milling Company still contains within its expanded walls the original mill built in the 1770's. Built on Brush Creek, near Watauga, the original mill was powered by a sixteen foot high wooden overshot waterwheel. This wheel was connected by dogwood trunnel-head gearing to two 54" diameter stone buhrs--one for corn meal and one for flour. These were said to have been imported from France. The original hand chiseled stone foundation and huge hand-hewn timbers are still in place today to attest to the builder's fine workmanship. Although the wooden wheel and machinery have been replaced with modern machinery, and the new additions have made the original structure difficult to see on the exterior, the mill has remained in operation continuously since it was built.

Directly across the road from the mill is a three-story limestone house built by Jeremiah Dungan, builder of the mill. The house is a late eighteenth century structure that is said to have been built with stones from one of the Watauga forts. The original kitchen was in the basement with living quarters on the second floor and sleeping rooms on the third floor. The house is one room deep with a large interior stone chimney running up the end of the structure. A more recent board and batten addition has been added to the rear of the house. The exterior of the house remains much in its original state with the interior having been modernized to some extent.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Dungan's Mill and house were built by Jeremiah Dungan while the site was in the State of North Carolina. He came from Virginia west of the mountains and built his grist mill by 1778 while the Indians were still roaming in the area. The mill is very near Watauga, the site where the Watauga Association was formed. The Watauga Association is recognized as the first government organized of free and independent men in America.

Dungan was a stone mason by trade and a master craftsman of his day, to which his house and mill today attest. He was considered a man of means in his day. In 1779, the first tax year in North Carolina, his land, home, mill, and personal property were listed at 2,590 pounds. Milling flourished in the area that was known as "the bread basket of the Southeast."

The mill passed on to the Dungan heirs when in 1866 G. W. St. John, grandfather of the present owner, married Jeremiah Dungan's niece. The St. John sons have continued until the present to update the milling methods, operate a large farming operation, and preserve the spirit of their pioneer ancestors.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carter's Entry Book, #887. "Now Modern Feed Business" from Farm Family Magazine, fall, 1967. (Published in Lancaster, Penna.) Clippings from local papers.
 Interview with Mr. St. John, a descendant of the builder.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

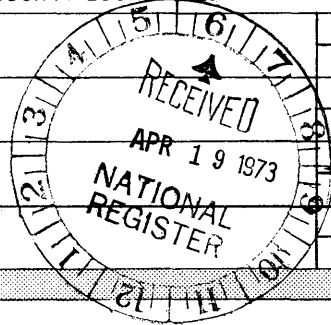
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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: May Dean Eberling, Director of Programs

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 2-10-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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: Michael J. Smith
 Title: Executive Director Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: April 13, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/2/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 6 19 73