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4 OWNER O	F PROPERTY			
NAME Mrs. Em	ma Jean Givens and Mr.	James W. Lowe		
STREET & NUMBER	R.D. #1, Box 273	<u> </u>		
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6 REPRESEN	NTATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS		
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7 DESCRIPTION

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EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR	X_DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED	UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL X_MOVED	SITE DATE <u>Early</u> 20th century.

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the mill pond of the same name, Chipman's Mill is on Road 465 about twoand-a-half miles east of Laurel. The mill has deteriorated but the equipment, including stones, stone casings, hopper and turbine, are still in place or stored within the structure.

Chipman's Mill is composed of two separate structures, one of which was moved to the site in this century from an old mill nearby. The oldest structure on the site is the one-story east end of the mill. This section covers the millrace and houses the turbines and millstones. One of the most interesting features of the milling equipment within this structure is the large wooden crane which lifted the top stone. The structural system of this section of the mill has been changed several times; however, some of the framing shows evidence of mortise and tenon joints. Virtually all of the original exterior sheathing of the building is gone. Evidence indicates that it was clapboard. Lapped siding now covers this section. Abutted to the west end is a two-story structure with a shed-roofed wing. This was moved to the site. It is sheathed in shiplap siding. Across the rear of the entire mill, several shed-roofed additions have been made. A tin roof is presently found on the entire structure. On the older section, it covers wood shingles.

The mill is currently threatened by several sources. First, the structure is situated on the turn of a road, and several cars have run into it causing considerable damage to its northeast corner. Second, when the race is in full operation, water overflows into the area under the mill resulting in rather severe erosion. Third, the building has been neglected since the mill ceased operation. The present owners hope to solve these problems and to restore the mill.

Around the mill is a low-density, residential area. Across the dam is Old Christ Church, a National Register property which dates to 1772. The church and mill serve as landmarks for the area.

8 SIGNIFICANCE PERIOD **AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW** ___PREHISTORIC ____ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC __COMMUNITY PLANNING ___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ___RELIGION -ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ___1400-1499 ___CONSERVATION ___LAW ___SCIENCE ___1500-1599 ___AGRICULTURE ___ECONOMICS ___LITERATURE ___SCULPTURE ----ARCHITECTURE __EDUCATION ___MILITARY __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN __1700-1799 ___ART ENGINEERING ___MUSIC ___THEATER X1800-1899 ___COMMERCE __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT ____PHILOSOPHY __TRANSPORTATION ___1900-.....COMMUNICATIONS X_INDUSTRY ___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT __OTHER (SPECIFY) __INVENTION SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chipman's Mill survives as one of the few remaining Delaware grist mills powered solely by water. Small mills of this type existed during the nineteenth century with predictable regularity on virtually every stream throughout Sussex County, yet very few remain today except as archaeological sites.

Though in a somewhat deteriorated condition, both the structure and water turbine grinding apparatus have been little altered since 1884, when Joseph Chipman first built the mill.

The map of Broad Creek Hundred, which appears in <u>Beers Atlas of Delaware (1868)</u>, indicates the presence of a sawmill and wool carding machinery in the immediate vicinity of Chipman's Mill, but gives no indication of the presence of a grist mill at that time. It is possible that the present grist mill rests on the site of these earlier operations.

The mill continued to function within the social and economic framework of the surrounding rural agricultural community until the late 1940's, when it fell into disuse.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 75⁰ 24" ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Under 1/4 acre Latitude: 32' Longitude: 380 33' 42 " UTM REFERENCES A B EASTING ZONE EASTING NORTHING ZONE NORTHING С D VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nominated area is bounded on the north by the roadway, on the east by the creek, and on the south and west by an arbitrary line fifteen feet from the building. LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES STATE CODE CODE COUNTY COUNTY STATE CODE CODE **T**FORM PREPARED BY NAME / TITLE Joan M. Norton, Architectural Historian & Dean E. Nelson, Historian ORGANIZATION DATE October 1977 Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs TELEPHONE STREET & NUMBER Hall of Records, P.O. Box 1401 (302) 678-5314 CITY OR TOWN STATE Dover, 19901 DE **12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION** THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS: LOCALX STATE_ NATIONAL As the designated State Historic Preservation 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. UNEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE 2/14/77 DATE TITLE Director, Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 81.... a station (0). ATTEST: DATE Wednesday and

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