

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington
COUNTY: Clark
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ENTRY DATE MAR 26 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Cedar Creek Grist Mill
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Nine miles East of Woodland		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #3 - Honorable Julia B. Hansen	
STATE: Washington	CODE: 53	COUNTY: Clark	CODE: 011

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Vacant</u>
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Washington State Department of Fisheries			STATE: Washington
STREET AND NUMBER: General Administration Building			
CITY OR TOWN: Olympia	STATE: Washington	CODE: 53	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clark County Court House			COUNTY: Clark
STREET AND NUMBER: 1200 Franklin			
CITY OR TOWN: Vancouver	STATE: Washington	CODE:	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:			

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input 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 Cedar Creek Grist Mill is a large, rectangular, braced frame building with gable roof and sheathed with vertical board and batten siding. Frame joinery is mortise and tenon with dowels. Two shed extensions appear at the west and east sides. The structure itself sits on a rock outcropping on the north side of Cedar Creek.

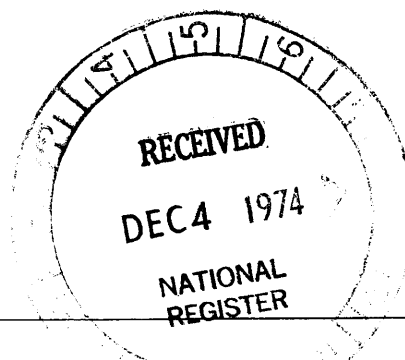
The floor joists in the main section of the building are eight inch logs, 26 feet long and let into 12 inch log sills. The north sill rests on the rock outcrop; the south sill was supported originally by nine-inch square hewn timbers some 20 feet long and reached almost to the level of the creek bed. These timbers were replaced at some time by the present iron pipes. The eastern shed exterior is supported by hewn timber fitted into naturally occurring pockets in the rock wall and a reinforced concrete foundation has been added under the west wall of the opposite shed. An upper story or loft exists in the main structure and it and the main floor are fitted with one and one quarter inch thick tongue and groove boards.

The shed on the west end served as a blacksmith shop. The 14 x 16 foot addition is a half story in height, is sheathed with the same material as the main structure and has a square window opening on the creek side. It is roofed with corrugated iron. The 16 x 25 foot shed on the east end is also roofed with corrugated iron but is sheathed only on the creek side, the remaining two sides being left open.

The original water wheel was removed in 1886 and replaced with a turbine to power the milling machinery. A double walled and hooped shaft about three feet in diameter was built extending from the main floor to the creek bed; a flume was let into the top of the shaft. The flume was 80 feet long and brought water from a log dam across the creek.

Aside from the removal of the wheel and the conversion to turbine, the mill appears little altered since its construction. The roof was originally cedar shakes rather than metal and the stones and other milling equipment are no longer in the building. Various attempts to improve the structural strength of the building are apparent including the addition of various wood and iron supports as well as heavy chains around the members and staked to the rock outcrop. The building itself has suffered from vandalism and neglect although a local historical society resheathed the mill some years ago and also rebuilt about 50 feet of the flume. The last remains of the dam which supplied water to the mill disappeared in the early 1950's.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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) 1876

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Cedar Creek Grist Mill was built in 1876 by the George W. Woodham family and A.C. Reid. Sawn board and timber were cut in Reid's sawmill one half mile downstream from the mill site. In 1886, the water wheel was replaced with a turbine to power the milling machinery.

Although the milling machinery has been removed and the building itself is altered, it still represents an important segment of the agricultural industry. The local mill provided a necessary service to farmers and merchants; during rainy weather, residents of nearby Woodland were willing to spend a full day traveling to and from the Cedar Creek Mill to have their grain milled. The structure itself is unusual in that relatively few buildings in Washington are of braced frame construction. It represents, too, the importance of water power in the early years of settlement; without an abundant and rapidly flowing source of water, many saw and grist mills would have gone unfounded and therefore delaying the progress and altering the pattern of settlement. The Cedar Creek Grist Mill is a rare survivor of that early period.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones, Roy F. Clark County History, Fort Vancouver Historical Society, 1962.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

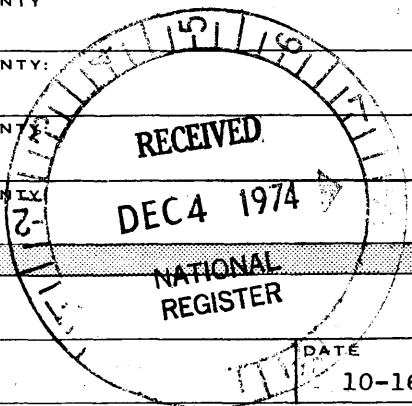
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CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	122°	34'	54"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approximately one acre

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: Jeffrey L. Bizzell

ORGANIZATION: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: 6507 Firwood Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Vancouver STATE: Washington CODE: 53

DATE: 10-16-74

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Charles H. Odegaard
Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Date Nov. 26, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

AR Wente
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/26/75

ATTEST: W. S. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-25-75