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## Historic Resources of Hardin County

Historic Name: White Mill (HD-171)  
Common Name: White Mill

Classification: Site

Owner: White Mills Christian Assembly, Box 12, White Mills, KY 42788.

Location: Nolin River at White Mills, KY

<u>Contributing:</u>		<u>Non-Contributing:</u>	
Buildings	0	Buildings	0
Structures	2	Structures	0
Sites	1	Sites	0
<u>Total:</u>	3	<u>Total:</u>	0

Description:

The White Mill is an important mill site located on the Nolin River. The site consists of the limestone mill dam, mill foundations and part of the mill race. The ruins display limestone block construction for the foundation and dam while the race is an excavated trench along the north side of the river. The dam is approximately seventy feet in length and extends from the mill foundation to the west bank of the Nolin River. The mill foundations are rectangular in shape and measure approximately twenty by thirty feet. The turbine pit is rectangular in shape and measures approximately ten by ten feet. No visible remains of mill machinery or other related artifacts are visible.

Period of Significance: 1855 - ca. 1935

Area of Significance: Industry

Criterion: A

Architect/Builder: Mill site built by Daniel Worthham; mill dam built by Joseph Richardson.

Statement of Significance:

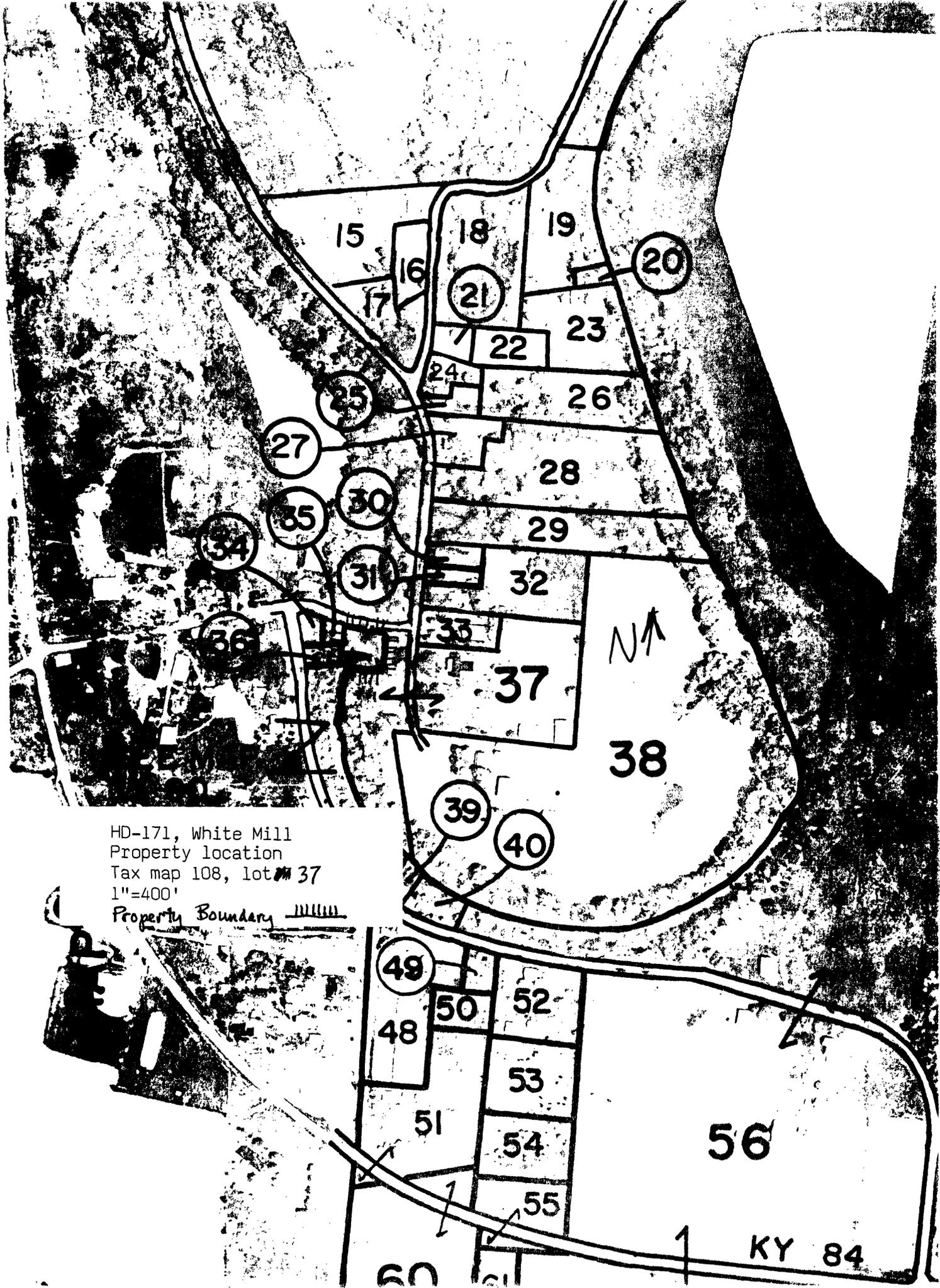
The White Mill site is the best preserved remains of a 19th century grist mill in Hardin County. During the 19th century dozens of grist mills were in operation in the county and provided flour, meal and feed products for area residents. There are no remaining grist mills in the county and the White Mill site is the most intact example of this important 19th century industry. A mill was at this site in the 1840s but was washed away in a flood in 1853. In 1855 a larger gristmill was constructed by Daniel Wortham and later owned by Joseph Richardson. Richardson built the stone dam in the late 19th century and the mill was well known for the quality of its operation and final products. The mill was later used to generate electricity for the Richardson Hotel in the early 1900s. The use of the mill was discontinued in the late 1930s and it sat vacant until its demolition in 1965. The site displays the original foundation, turbine pit, stone dam and part of the original race. It is the most intact mill site remaining in Hardin County.

Acreage: Less than one acre.

UTM References: Summit Quad 16/585585/4156725

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The boundary for White Mill is illustrated on the accompanying Hardin County property tax map 108, lot 37, and the site and contributing structures are centered in a rectangle the sides of which are 50' from the structures. Boundary extends from the west bank to the east bank of the Nolin River and to north and south of the foundations and dam. The boundary includes the mill foundations, the dam, and turbine pit and property sufficient to protect the historical setting of the site.



HD-171, White Mill  
Property location  
Tax map 108, lot 37  
1"=400'

Property Boundary 

KY 84