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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Shaddon Mill Site  
other names/site number Pearson, Silas, Mill (BL-735)

2. Location

street & number Along Ninemile Creek at the junction of Big Elm N/A not for publication  
city, town Road and Trigonía Road - Maryville  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

|  |  |                                     |                              |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ownership of Property                              | Category of Property                     | Number of Resources within Property |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> private                   | <input type="checkbox"/> building(s)     | Contributing                        | Noncontributing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local              | <input type="checkbox"/> district        | <u>1</u>                            | <u>          </u> buildings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site | <u>          </u>                   | <u>          </u> sites      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure       | <u>          </u>                   | <u>          </u> structures |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> object          | <u>1</u>                            | <u>          </u> objects    |
|  |  |                                     | <u>          </u> Total      |

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*[Signature]* Vice President 7-10-89  
Signature of certifying official Tennessee Valley Authority Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*[Signature]* Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Date 6/8/89  
Signature of commenting or other official Tennessee Historical Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. *[Signature]* Entered in the National Register 8/21/89  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

INDUSTRY/Manufacturing Facility

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

LANDSCAPE /Unoccupied Land

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

N/A

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
walls N/A  
roof N/A  
other Stone

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Shaddon Mill site is composed of a stone dam, stone foundation, and remains of a turbine wheel associated with the Shaddon Mill of the late 19th century. The original mill at this site was built ca. 1870 and consisted of a turbine powered grist and sawmill. A description of the site in 1936 described the mill as a frame building located adjacent to the dam. This building was allowed to deteriorate and was destroyed in a storm during the late 1960s. The site consists of a limestone rock dam which extends approximately 40' across Ninemile Creek and rectangular limestone foundations of the mill building. The filled in remains of the mill race or sluiceway are visible as is the turbine pit. Adjacent to these remains is a large turbine wheel which has been abandoned at the site.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    N/A

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Industry  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance  
ca. 1870 - 1920

Significant Dates  
N/A

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Shaddon Mill Site is significant under criterion A for its association with the milling history of the county. The mill was an important saw and gristmill of the southwest section of the county and it supplied area residents with lumber and finished grain products during the late 19th and early 20th century. The substantial remains include the stone dam, foundation blocks, and discernable features of the turbine pit and mill race. The site is one of five notable mill ruins in the county.

The exact date of construction and original owner of this mill site is unclear. It does not appear to have been in existence prior to the Civil War but was erected soon after, possibly around 1870. The mill was in operation at least by the 1880s with the first known reference coming from a deed in 1887 which mentions a "mill tract". The mill was owned at this time by the Callaway family who sold it to Silas Pearson in 1889. Pearson owned the mill for fifteen years and the 1906 deed to Joe Skeen included the property containing a saw and grist mill and blacksmith shop. Skeen owned the mill until 1933 but it became known as Shaddon's (also spelled Shadden) Mill during these years. The deeds are unclear as to a change in ownership between Skeen and Shaddon. The mill does not appear to have operated after ca. 1920 and an inventory by T.V.A. in 1936 lists the building as standing but in poor condition and the machinery no longer in use. The building stood until the 1960s when it was destroyed by a storm.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Blount County Deed Records. 1800 - 1989. Blount County Courthouse, Maryville, Tennessee.

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Morgan, John. Blount County Cultural Resource Survey. Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property 2.75 acres.

UTM References

A 16 756140 3943725  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Vonore Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Shaddon Mill Site is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 133, on T.V.A. listed land which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the north, south and east by adjacent property lines and on the west by a line which extends in a north/south direction approximately 50' to the west of the mill dam.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Shaddon Mill Site is drawn to include all existing surface remains of the mill site and all features historically associated with the property.

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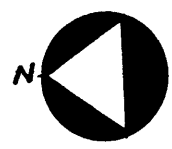
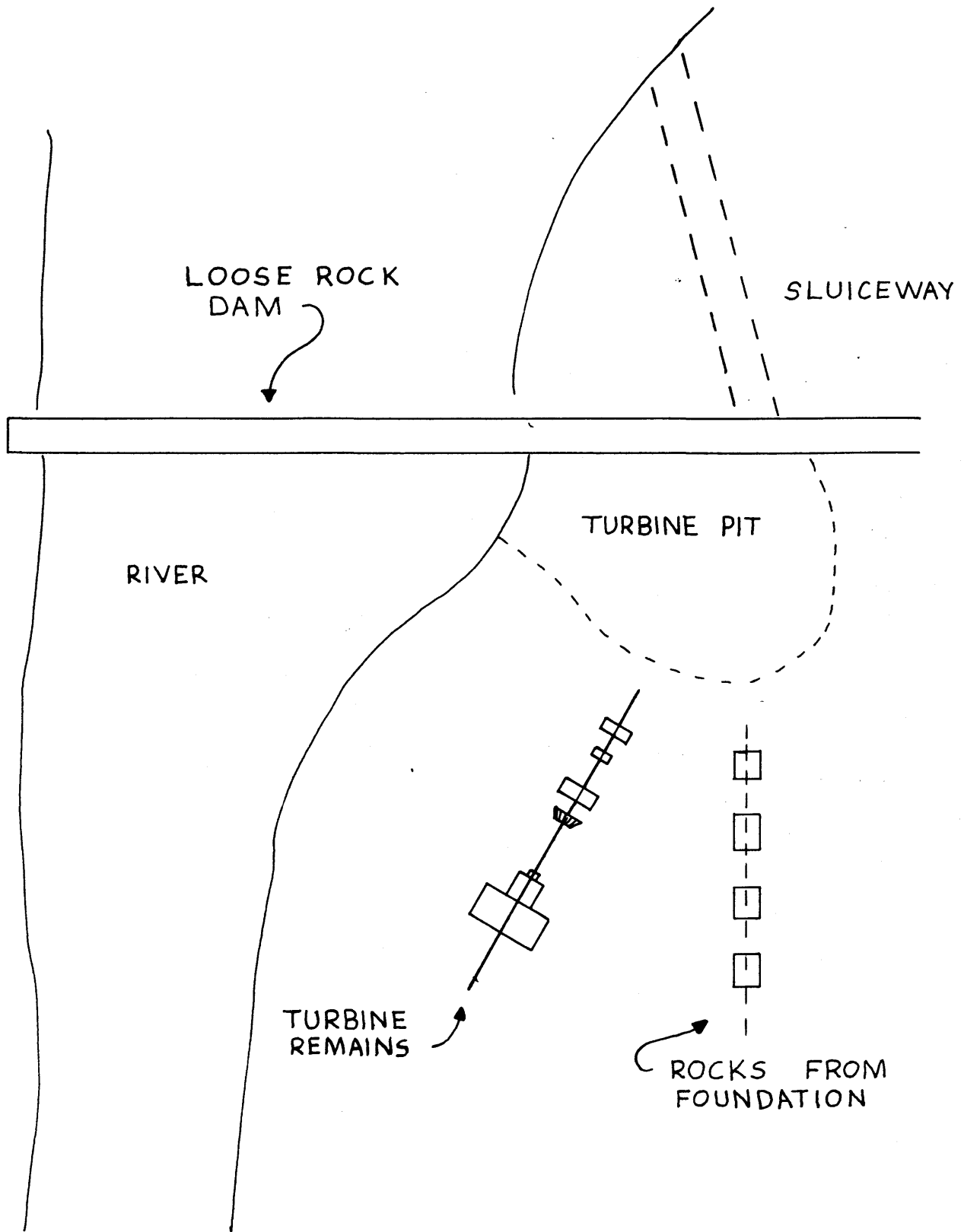
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Hist. and Arch. Resources of Blount Co.

Shaddons Mill  
Big Elm Rd., Maryville Vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: Towards east, foundations of mill.  
Photo # 1

View: Towards northeast, dam.  
Photo # 2



#735 — SHADDON MILL  
SITE

Shaddon Mill Site  
(BL-734)  
Blount County  
1" = 400'

5  
93.4 AC±

T.V.A.  
18  
10 AC.

309 AC.

9  
45.05 AC.

7  
3 AC.  
3.5 AC±

8.01  
36 AC.

11.01  
75 AC

TRIGONIA

10  
41.95 A  
35.5 AC

12  
110 M  
120 M

11  
9.2 AC±

13  
183.8 AC

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