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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Newcomer's Mill; Doub's Mill; houses

AND/OR COMMON

DOUB'S MILL (Newcomer's Mill) HISTORIC DISTRICT (preferred)

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Beaver Creek Road

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Beaver Creek

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

CODE  
024

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple owners (See Continuation Sheet #1)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown,

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Doub's Mill complex is located near the village of beaver Creek on Beaver Creek Road east of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings, dating from the 18th and 19th centuries, are clustered around the mill which stands on the east bank of Beaver Creek.

The settlement which consists for the most part of stone structures, is located at a point where the Beaver Creek passes under Beaver Creek Road near its intersection with Cool Hollow Road. Beaver Creek Road is the old alignment of what became U.S. Route 40. Present Route 40 now parallels Beaver Creek Road a short distance to the Southwest. The complex is set among rolling hills with many limestone outcroppings. Beaver Creek is one of the cleanest streams in Washington County and supports a natural trout population.

The large limestone building known as Doub's Mill is two and one half stories high, four bays long and three bays wide. Coursed stonework is evident at all elevations with carefully cut voussoirs lining the arches where the race enters and leaves the building. Most windows in the mill are framed with wide wooden members showing pegged joining and quarter round trim. The main entrance to the mill is located in its east gable wall. The door is framed similarly to the windows and includes a four-light transom. Little of the original milling equipment remains, although the present owner has mentioned plans to acquire period machinery for the building. The mill dam is located a short distance upstream. Near the mill is a small, one-story, two-bay, rough cast stone shop or outbuilding with a massive exterior stone chimney. A stone set in new mortar beside the door is inscribed with the date 1782 and the initials E.P.

Just east of the mill is the main dwelling in the complex, a two-story, four-bay stone structure. A one-story, two-bay frame addition extends to the rear or north of the building. The date 1794 and the name Plummer are said to be inscribed in a stone behind the porch roof framing. Two doors are centered in the front or south elevation, each with a four-light transom. The house has had early 20th century alterations to its chimneys and windows, as well as to the porch which extends across the front of the house. On the opposite side of Beaver Creek Road is a large stone end bank barn with framed gables.

On the south side of Beaver Creek Road, opposite the mill and facing north, is a two-story, three-bay stone house dated 1811. An early 20th century porch extends across the north and east elevations. Apparently at the time the porch was added, the first-story windows were elongated. The second-story windows, however, retain their original wide frames. The roof is sheathed with pressed tin shingles.

West of this house is a late 19th or early 20th century dwelling. The Doub's Mill "tenant house" is a one and a half story, three-bay stone structure south of Beaver Creek Road and just east of the creek. Although undated, this small building appears to have been built in the early years of the 19th century.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION	
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE	
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	XECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE	
—1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER	
X1800-1899	XCOMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION	
—1900-	? XCOMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		—INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Doub's Mill complex consists of a group of late 18th and early 19th century buildings clustered around the large stone grist mill. The significance of the group is twofold. First, the Doub's Mill and surrounding structures illustrate the importance of the grist milling industry to the 18th and 19th century economy of Washington County and the surrounding area. Numerous grain and saw mills were in use along the Antietam, Beaver and other creeks in the County during the 18th century. A grist mill is depicted on the site of Doub's Mill on 1794, 1808 and 1859 maps of Washington County.

The second significant aspect of the Doub's Mill district is the use of stone construction. All of the major structures included are built of native limestone. The practice of building with local limestone was prominent in the Cumberland Valley during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. This complex of stone buildings set amid limestone studded ridges reflects the popularity of using the stone as a construction material.

All of the buildings can be traced back to ownership by the Newcomer family during the 18th and early 19th centuries. The mill and its immediate surroundings were part of "Samuel Newcomer's Plantation" during the late 18th century. In his will probated in 1811 Samuel Newcomer directed that his plantation be sold six years after his death. In 1823 Samuel Newcomer, Jacob Newcomer and John Witmer deeded the mill complex to John Doub of Frederick County, Maryland. The mill house and the tenant house remain in the hands of his descendants today. The two farms at the west end of the complex were sold by Samuel and Jacob Newcomer to the Troup and Funk families in whose ownership they remained until relatively recently.

The Doub's Mill district also has great scenic value. With few 20th-century intrusions and its setting among Washington County's rolling hills, the complex presents a pleasing pastoral scene.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Continuation Sheet # 3

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15 + acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	27,210,0	4,38,43,10	B	18	27,20,4,0	4,38,39,0,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	18	27,18,0,0	4,38,41,0,0	D	18	27,18,0,0	4,38,43,1,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #4.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

April 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington St.

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown,

STATE

Maryland 21740

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*J. Smith*

8-10-79

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Carol Skutt*

DATE

10-1-79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Emma Jane Sza*

DATE

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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Regional Coordinator*

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Maryland

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Mrs. Bessie S. Etheridge  
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Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Mr. J. Lester Marshall  
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DESCRIPTION (continued)

Two farm complexes are part of the Doub's Mill group, both located west of Beaver Creek. One, on the south side of Beaver Creek Road, is a two-story, four-bay stone house with an off-center front door. A two-story, four-bay stone and brick addition extends to the rear or south. The front part of the house displays coursed stonework with flat arches above the windows and door. Original framing of the openings remains. The house appears to date from the late 18th or early 19th century. A large bank barn is located to its west.

The other farm is located on the north side of Beaver Creek Road. The house, which faces east, is a two-story, four-bay limestone structure. A two-story stone ell extends to the rear. The building has an off-center front door topped with a four-light transom. The appearance of the house suggests a building date during the early 1800s. A large frame bank barn is located north of the house and a stone springhouse stands to the east of the main dwelling.

Generally the buildings of the Doub's Mill complex are in good to excellent condition. The district contains approximately 20 acres.

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ACREAGE EXPLANATION:

The boundaries were drawn for this district to include all of the buildings related to the mill complex, as well as the creek and mill pond.

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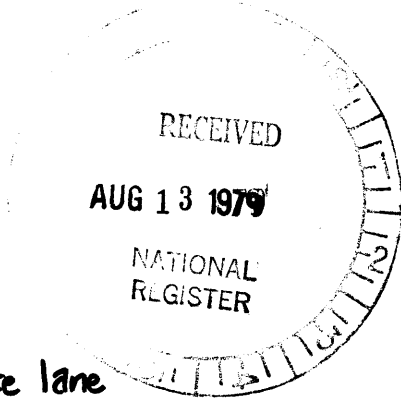
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at the east corner of the intersection of U.S. Route 40 and Cool Hollow Road, following the north side of Route 40 southeast about 700' to a point; thence, northeast about 200' to a point on the 500-foot contour line; thence, following said contour line northwest for about 400' to a point on the north side of Cool Hollow Road; thence, northeast about 200' to the east end of a dam across Beaver Creek; thence, following the east side of the pond created by the dam about 400' to the said creek; thence, following said creek north about 3100'; thence, west about 100' crossing Cool Hollow Road to a point on the west side of said road and on the 500-foot contour line; thence, following said contour line west about 1300'; thence, south about 400' to the north corner of the beginning intersection and crossing east over Cool Hollow Road to the point of beginning, containing about 15 acres.





Heerstown  
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Beaver Creek Rd.

U.S. Route 40

Cool Hollow Rd

frame barn

Private lane

Beaver Creek

Mill dam

stone grist mill

stone out bldg.

stone mill house

frame barn

stone house

stone house and barn

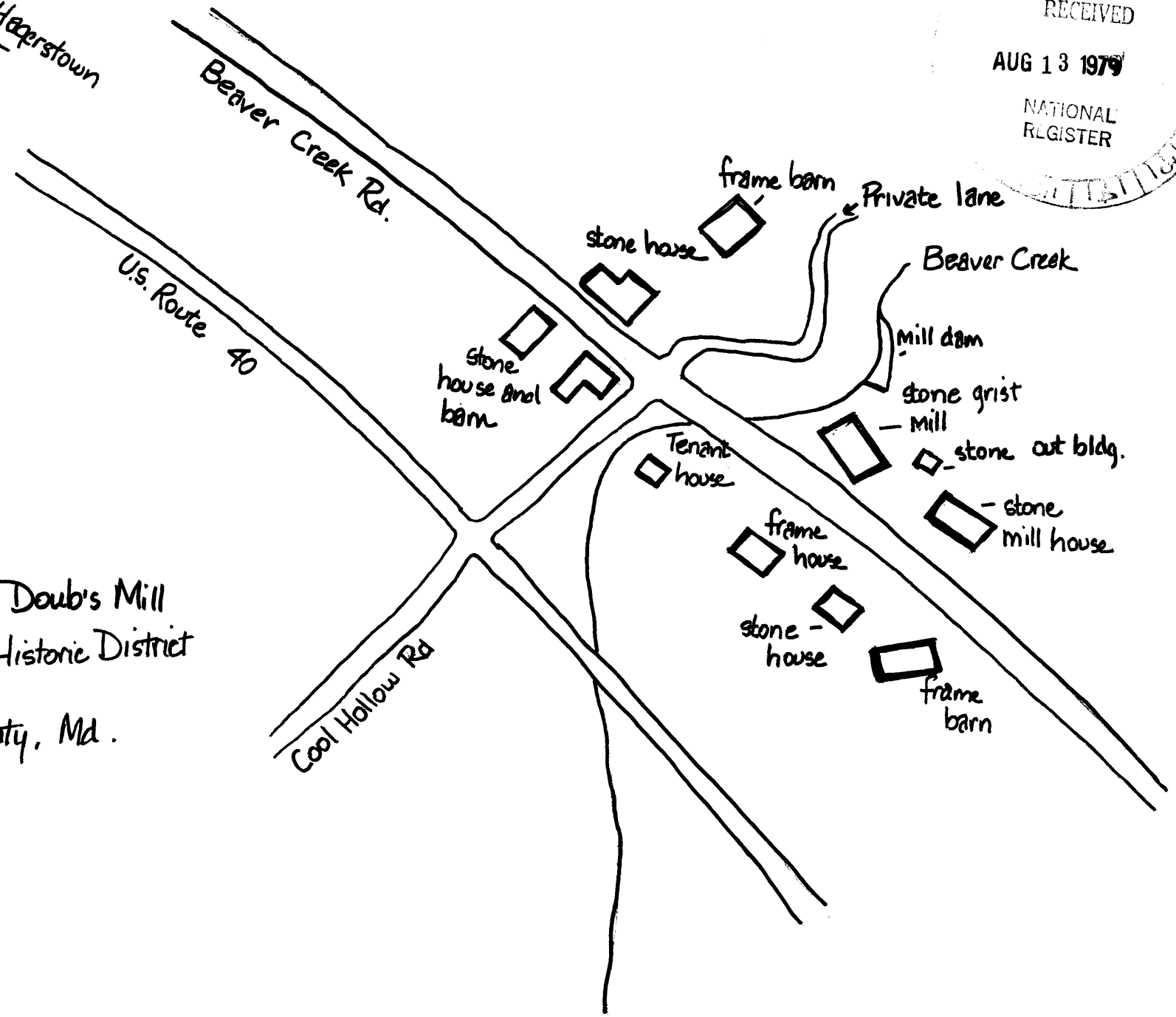
Tenant house

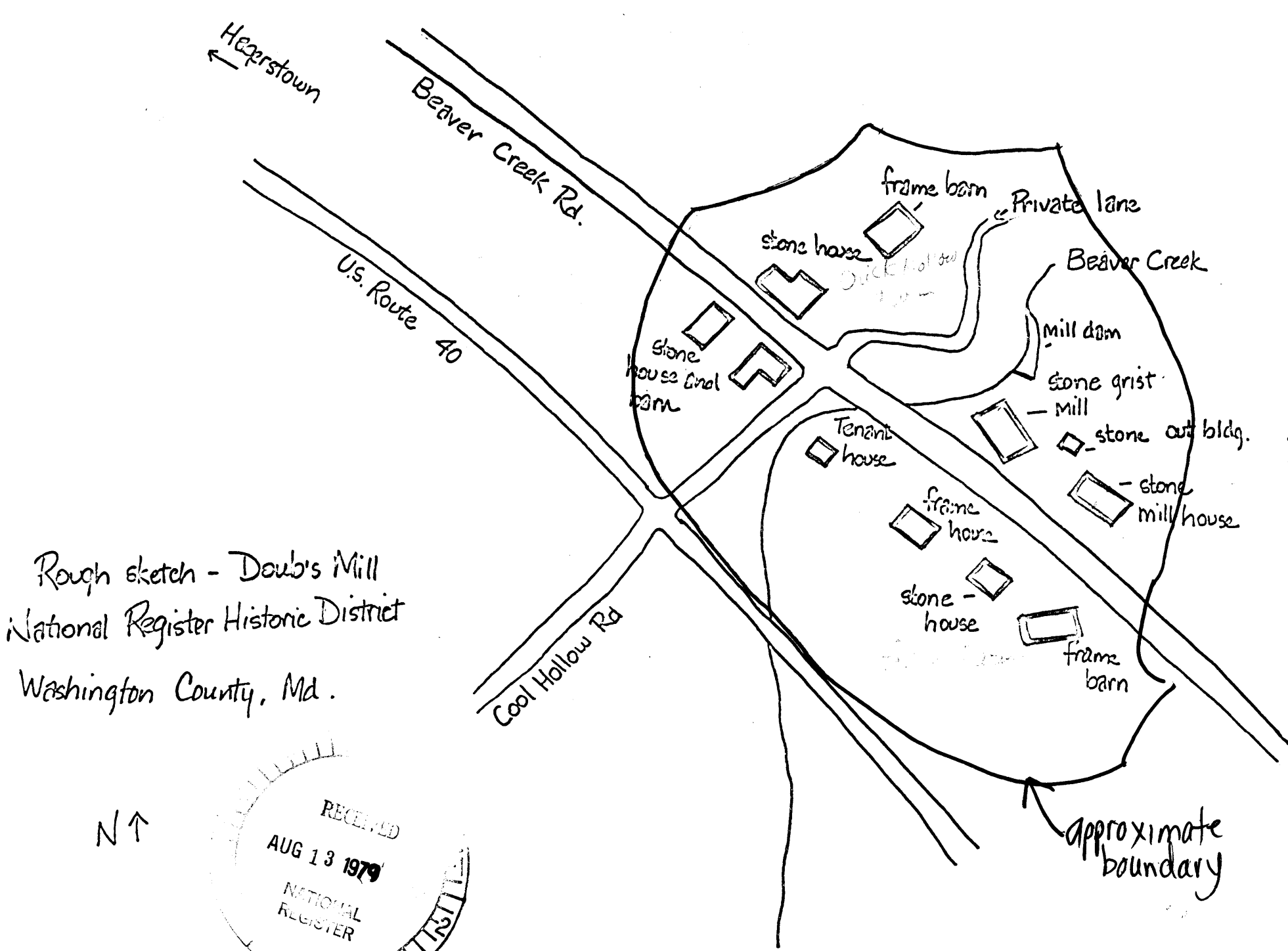
frame house

stone house

Rough sketch - Doub's Mill  
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