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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
Salter's Mill
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Imlaystown - Davis Station Rd.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Imlaystown (Upper Freehold) VICINITY OF 4th
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
New Jersey 034 Monmouth 025

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Robert Zion
STREET & NUMBER
Zion and Breen Associates, Inc.
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE
Imlaystown New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Monmouth County Hall of Records
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN STATE
Freehold New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory
DATE
May 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Office of Historic Preservation
CITY, TOWN STATE
Trenton New Jersey

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 17th century mill built by Richard Salter, great-great-great-grandfather of Abraham Lincoln, was extremely damaged by fire in 1897. The present mill was constructed on the site of the original mill shortly after 1897. The 2 1/2 story frame gristmill equipped with a horizontal turbine wheel encased in concrete operated at the site until 1962. A 1 1/2 story lean-to addition was added onto the structure in the 1930's. By 1972 the building had deteriorated to a point of condemnation. The mill was purchased by Zion and Breen Associates, Inc. and was restored as an alternative to demolition.

Salter's Mill is located in the crossroads village of Imlaystown. It occupies a corner lot at a fork in Imlaystown-Davis Station Road. In fact, a corner of the mill overhangs the road. The fork which connects with the Imlaystown-Red Valley Road occurs immediately northwest of Imlaystown Lake. This long narrow lake which serves as a mill pond passes under Imlaystown-Davis Station Road giving way to Doctor's Creek just south of the fork. Water from the lake runs into Doctor's Creek supplying water power to the mill.

The restoration of Salter's Mill was undertaken by the firm of Zion and Breen Associates, Inc., a firm of landscape architects. William H. Short was the associate architect, Harold Hecht Associates the mechanical engineers, and Morton Levine the project's design consultant. The mill was restored by local workmen - the Imlaystown firm of Pullen, Pullen and Walters being the general contractors. Two considerations were followed in the restoration which proved to be a double recycling project. Not only would the building be saved by transforming it into offices, but provisions would be made to assure that the structure could be returned to its original function if desired.

The Offices of Zion and Breen Associates, Inc. have been designed to fit into and surround the existing elements of the mill. The original machinery has been cleaned and reconditioned. Very few pieces have been removed or changed. And even altered portions may be easily restored.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1695, 1897, c. 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Salter's Mill has occupied a central location in the small 19th century crossroads village of Imlaystown since the late 17th century. Primarily a gristmill, receiving wheat, corn, oats and barley from nearby farms to be processed into feed for cattle, horses, hogs, and chickens, the mill was in continuous operation for 165 years. As such it formed the economic base of Imlaystown. The town, which obtained its name from the Imlay family, mid-18th century owners of the mill, grew as the social, economic and political center of Upper Freehold Township.

The mill was part of the large tract patented by John Baker, May 24, 1690. He died soon after, and it passed to George Willocks, who sold to Richard Salter, Sr. A mill was built on the present site by Mr. Salter before 1700. Upon his death it passed to Richard Salter, Jr., who, in 1727, sold fifty acres, including the mill and thirty-nine acres covered by the mill-pond. The Imlay family afterwards purchased a large tract in the vicinity, and was still in possession of it in 1763. The mill property passed from the Imlay family to Benjamin Woodward, who, about the same time, opened a store. Woodward operated the mill until 1845, when he sold it to Edward T. Hendrickson, who, in 1872, conveyed it to Reuben Hendrickson. The Golden family owned and operated the mill for forty-two years before closing it in 1962.

In restoring Salter's Mill, Zion and Breen Associates, Inc. have preserved an integral part of Imlaystown's town center. Their adaptive use of the mill has again allowed the building to contribute to the town's growth. And their sensitive restoration has insured that the mill can return to its milling functions when desired.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.02

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Allentown, NJ

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 54136.0 44459.7.0

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 27, Lot 15

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

11/20/79

STREET & NUMBER
109 West State Street

TELEPHONE

(609) 292-2023

CITY OR TOWN
Trenton

STATE

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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.

Deputy

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Signature]

2-27-80

TITLE
Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE

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

[Signature]
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9-29-80

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 6/2/80

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Description (continued)

The mill's entrance is dramatic, the front door opening onto a bridge built across the open millrace of the original structure. Here one can look down on the horizontal water wheel and the 1695 stone foundation walls. The mill stream is open and water still flows through the mill.

On the far side of the bridge is a door to office space, which is distributed on four levels. At entrance level is a reception area, partitioned off from the main drafting room at the rear of the building. The view from the large windows of the drafting area includes the millstream, fields, and woods.

On the second floor is the office area, plus a balcony overlooking the drafting room and the outdoors. The coat closet is an old mixing bin with a door cut into it. A spiral staircase cut through a former grain bin provides access to this area and the floor above. The third, topmost floor contains a conference room carved out under the eaves. The perimeter is formed by wooden shutter doors which conceal storage areas.

The lowest floor of the building, on a level just above the millrace, is a former chicken coop. Here was added a floor, an outdoor deck, sawhorse tables and casual furnishings. This is used as an informal or extra drafting room as well as an employee lounge, with galley and sitting area.

Wherever possible, the original structure of the building is exposed and highlighted. Partitions and cabinets in white and bright colors, plus hemp carpeting and simple furnishings, provide a modern counterpoint to the original elements. All floors are distinguished by the old mill machinery -- fascinating as pure sculpture, but especially significant as a symbol of the building's past and also its possible future as a grist mill.

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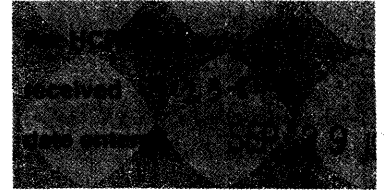
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Monmouth County
New Jersey

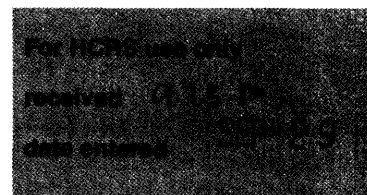
ADDENDA

The 1930's addition was applied to the rear of the property. Apparently used for grain storage, this structure is balloon frame construction and has wood clapboarding similar to the main unit. This section now provides drafting space for the landscape firm in the building (see floor plan).

T. Karschner
9/1980

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New Jersey

ADDENDA

Industry

Setting atop a foundation and site which dates back to the 17th century, Salters Mill, rebuilt shortly after a fire destroyed the mill in 1897, is a good representative example of a late 19th century gristmill. This mill building, built of heavy fire-resistant braced wooden framing, is the major industrial building in the small village of Imlaystown.

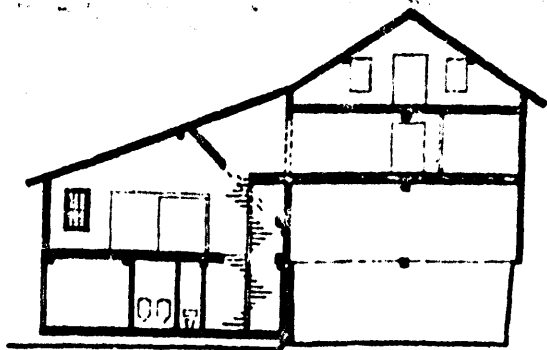
Located at the intersection of the Imlaystown-Red Valley Road and the Imlaystown-Davis Station Road, the mill is still a major visual focus of the village. The building ceased to function as a feed mill in 1962.

During most of its history of operation in the 20th century the mill was owned and operated by the Golden family. The mill received wheat, corn, oats, and barley from nearby farmers and processed the grain into feed for cattle, horses, hogs, and chickens.

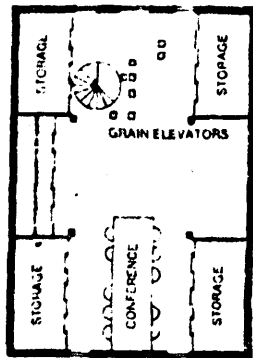
Segments of the mill machinery (horizontal turbine; grain elevators; gearing wheels, pulleys, and belts; and grain mixing bin complete with augur) were retained in the rehabilitation of the structure in the 1970's and provide an insight into late 19th-early 20th century milling technology.

Salters Mill, also known as the Imlaystown Mill, provided a vital service to the farmers and merchants in the surrounding area for over 250 years. The present 1890's structure and its earlier foundation and siting establish a substantial potential for further industrial archeological discoveries dating from the early 18th century to the mid-20th century.

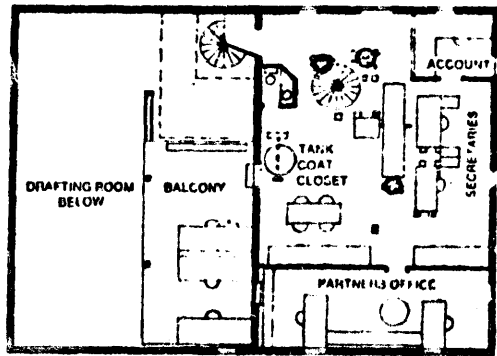
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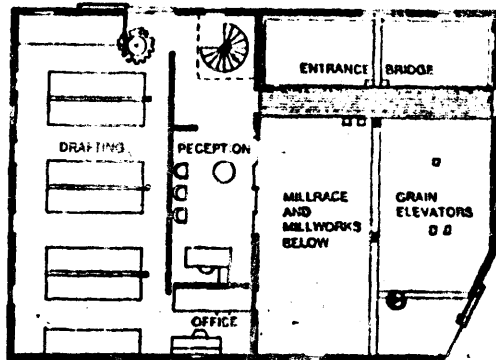
SECTION



LEVEL THREE



LEVEL TWO



LEVEL ONE

