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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

CANNON AND ROSS MILL, HEARN MILL

AND/OR COMMON

HEARN AND RAWLINS MILL *with this***2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*n of Seaford on*  
Alternate U. S. 13 A

CITY, TOWN

Seaford

 VICINITY OF

One

STATE

Delaware

CODE

10

COUNTY

Sussex

CODE

003

 NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**3 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  MUSEUM  
 COMMERCIAL  PARK  
 EDUCATIONAL  PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 ENTERTAINMENT  RELIGIOUS  
 INDUSTRIAL  SCIENTIFIC  
 MILITARY  OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jacob H. Moore

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Hearn's Pond Road

CITY, TOWN

Seaford

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Delaware

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Sussex County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

The Circle

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

Delaware

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic American Engineering Record

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The first mill on this site was the Cannon and Ross mill about 1820, which burned in 1879. The present mill, built by Marcellus Hearn after the fire, still uses the stones of the first mill.

The mill and two warehouses are frame buildings, sheathed in metal, on brick footings. They stand on the dam, which impounds the brook, a branch of the Nanticoke. Two overshot iron wheels, installed in 1912, still provide the power, assisted occasionally by an electric motor.

Equipment includes a Monarch Mill set of three pair of steel rollers installed in 1930, and still in regular use. The other machinery is generally older, but in good repair. The mill still operates daily.

The earthen dam, rebuilt in 1912, carries a road past the main entrance of the mill, which is protected from the elements by a metal canopy.

The nominated area includes the mill, two warehouses and only that part of the dam on which the mill is situated.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY): Technology
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1880, 1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hearn and Rawlins Mill is one of the few water-powered grist mills still functioning in Delaware, and one of the few to use an operating tandem, double overshot wheel system as a power source.

The very shallow millponds of rural Delaware seldom developed enough fall to power an overshot wheel, even the relatively low wheels used here. Most Delaware mills were powered by the less efficient breast wheels and undershot wheels, which usually were replaced by turbines for the sake of efficiency. These are the last working overshot wheels in Delaware.

Hearn and Rawlins, with a history going back nearly a century, preserves the type of small country milling operation that once could be found on every Delaware stream. The fast-flowing and abundant waters of the Nanticoke tributaries near Seaford powered a large number of mills during the nineteenth century. This power source, combined with deepwater navigation of the Nanticoke, combined to make Seaford an important shipping point for agricultural products.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Daily Eagle, Tuesday, March 20, 1973.

J. Thomas Scharf, History of Delaware. Philadelphia: L. J. Richards, 1888.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 1 acre

Latitude 38°40'44"

Longitude 38°35'39"  
75

UTM REFERENCES

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Hearn and Rawlins Mill is situated between the southeastern border of Hearn Pond and Route 13-A. The frontage, about 200 feet wide, extends back across Clear Brook approximately 200 feet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Edward F. Heite, Historic Registrar

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs

DATE

May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Hall of Records

TELEPHONE

(302) 678-5314

CITY OR TOWN

Dover

STATE

Delaware 19901

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

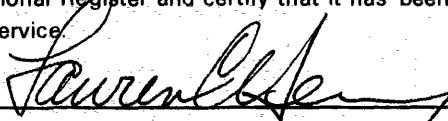
NATIONAL

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



TITLE: Director, Div. of Historical & Cultural Affairs

DATE 11/14/77

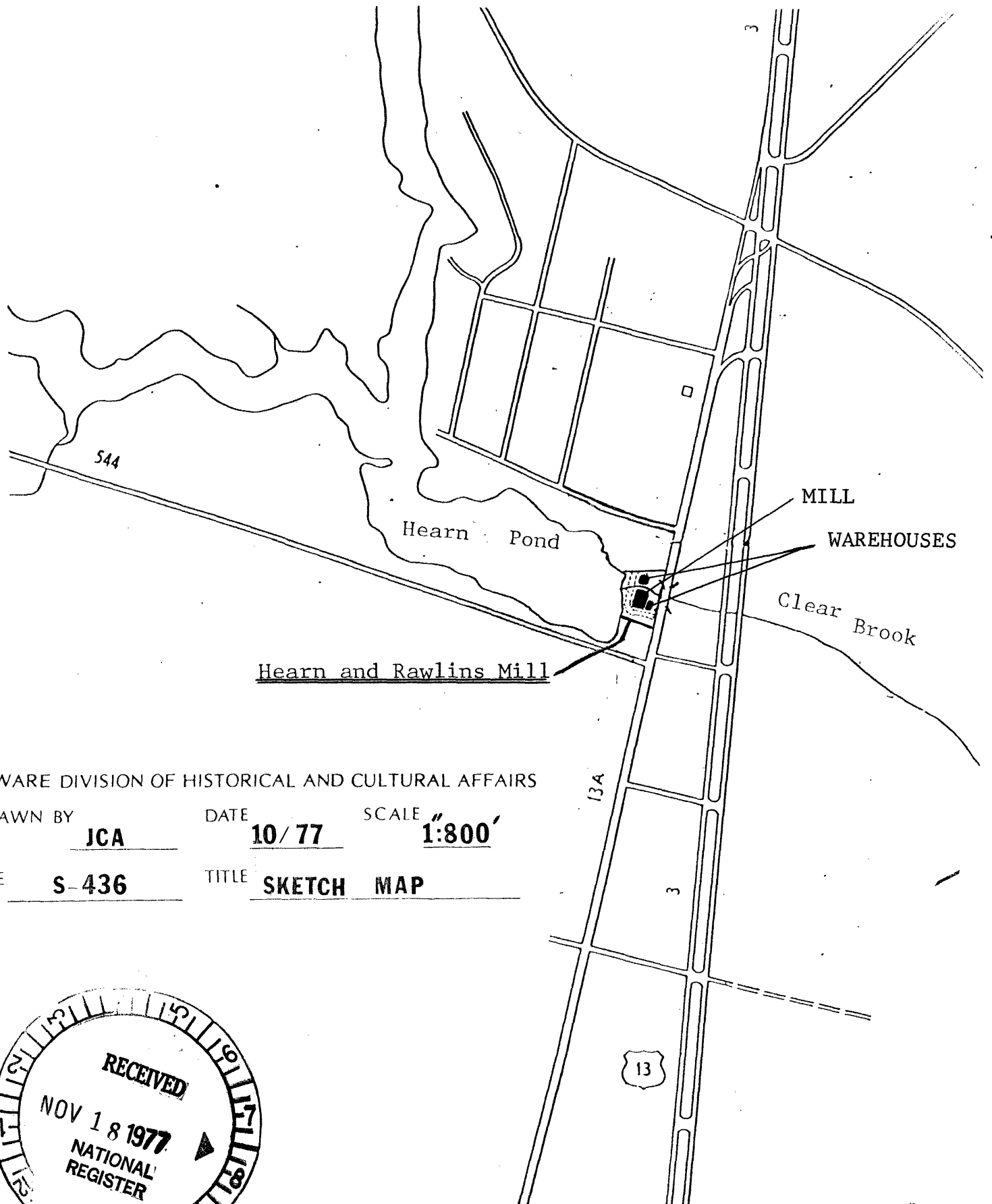
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST: Walter C. Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
DATE 5-22-78  
DATE 5-16-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DELAWARE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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