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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 89000887

Date Listed: 7/25/89

Peery Mill Site

Blount

TN

Property Name

County

State

Historic and Architectural Resources of Blount County

Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Federman  
Signature of the Keeper

3/28/90  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

This property should be classified as a historic district since it contains both a site and a structure.

Discussed and concurred in by Tennessee SHPO.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 Henry, Samuel, Mill Site  
other names/site number Peery Mill Site (Preferred) (BL-2203)

2. Location

street & number On Old Walland Highway, one-tenth of a mile north of  N/A not for publication  
city, town Cold Springs Road - Walland  vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37886

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property			
		<input checked="" 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>1</u>	<u>        </u> sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</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.  
Herbert L. Harger 6/8/89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Alvina Byers Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 N/A

walls N/A

roof N/A

other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Peery Mill site is composed of a c. 1910 concrete dam across the Little River and foundations of mills built between 1842 and c. 1890. These foundations are rectangular in plan and consist of limestone blocks from 1842, poured concrete foundations added c. 1910, and concrete block additions from c. 1960. Adjacent to the mill dam is a large rectangular spillway for the turbines. Within the foundation walls are footings for machinery, intact turbine wheels, and remains of milling machinery. The site is located along the Little River in a rural area north of Walland.

This mill site was inventoried in 1982 and consisted of a two-story frame mill building constructed ca. 1890. This building burned in 1987 leaving only the present foundation ruins.

**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. 1842 - ca. 1939  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1842  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 Peery Mill Site is significant under criterion A for its importance as an early grist mill in the county. The site features some of the most intact grist mill ruins in the county and the dam continues to be a major feature on this stretch of the Little River. This site was regarded as one of the most favorable mill seats in the county and a milling operation was located here from 1842 to 1987. This mill was the center of a small community known as Melrose consisted of several residences and commercial buildings. The mill site is the most notable historic property in Melrose.

In 1842, Samuel Henry was allowed by the legislature to build a dam across the Little River at a site just north of present day Walland. Samuel Henry (not to be confused with miller Samuel Henry of Baker's Creek) constructed a frame turbine powered mill at this site and operated it for a number of years. Later operators of the mill included Scales Amerine who sold the mill in 1906 to Bud Hitch. Around the turn of the century the original building was replaced by a two-story frame structure. During most of the 20th century the mill was operated by the Peery Brothers and it was also known as the Little River Mills. The mill remained in operation until the early 1980s and was later burned.

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**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.

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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 Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

A 17 243610 3959680  
Zone Easting Northing

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

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Kinzel Springs Quad

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary for the Peery Mill is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 60, lot 47, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'. The property is bounded on the northeast by the western right-of-way of the Old Walland Highway, on the southwest by the western bank of the Little River, and on the northwest and southeast by lines which extend approximately four hundred feet across the river connecting the Old Walland Highway and the western bank of the Little River. These lines are located and 75' respectively from the dam.

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approximately 150'

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Peery Mill site is a rectangular lot drawn to include the mill ruins and the adjacent dam which extends across the Little River. The boundary is drawn to include all existing site features associated with the mill and to exclude a modern residence to the south.

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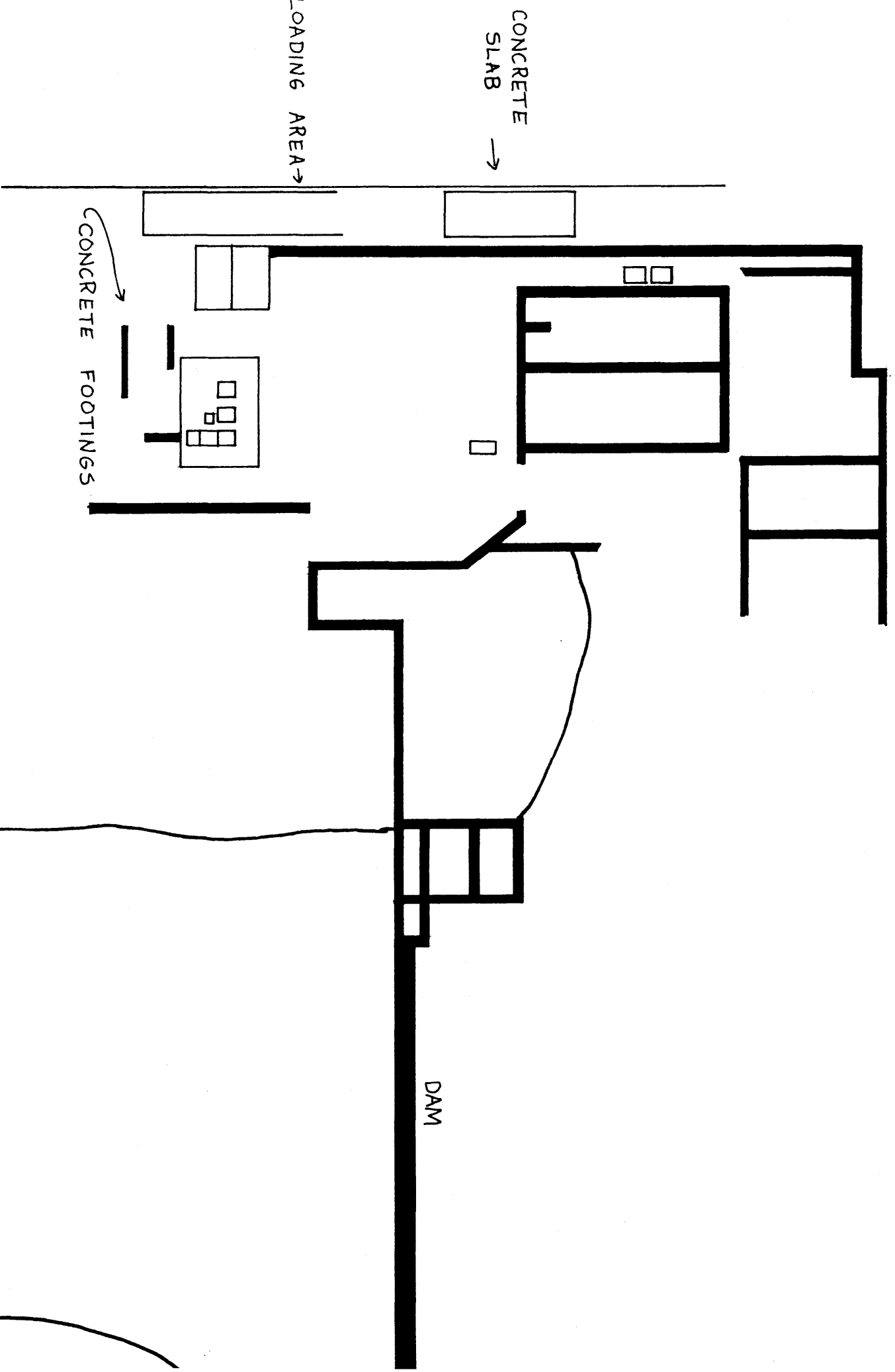
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Peery Mill Site  
Old Walland Hwy., Walland vic., Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: Towards southwest from Old Walland Highway.  
Photo # 1

View: Towards southeast from Old Walland Highway.  
Photo # 2



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SPRINGS

55  
29 AC.  
31.5 AC±

54.02  
5.022 AC.

54  
69.7 AC±

54.01  
2.9 AC.

MELROSE

56  
31 AC±

RIVER

Peery Mill Site  
(BL-2203)  
Blount County  
1" = 400'

48  
20.6 AC±

49  
1.9 AC±

47  
6 AC±

57  
1.47 AC±

51  
52  
1 AC±

50  
5 AC  
4.4 AC±

WELLS

52  
1 AC±

46  
2 AC±

53  
101 AC±

LITTLE  
43.01  
1.6 AC

44  
3.6 AC±

43  
3.1 AC±

42  
2.05 AC±

11  
8 AC±

45  
56 AC±

129 73

9803  
38 0.5 AC±

46  
46 AC±

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