

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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<u>Name</u> Historic : Mills Mill	604 Location: Mills Street at Guess Street	
Common : Mills Centre	Classification: Building	

Owner : Mills Centre, Ltd.
c/o United Development Services, Inc.
F. Towers Rice, Suite 201, Chick Hampton Bldg.
Greenville, S.C. 29609

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description: Constructed in 1894-1895, the Mills Mill building is a three-story, brick building currently undergoing renovation. The building is in the shape of an ell and contains over 100,000 square feet. The exterior features round arch windows and the five-story tower has corbelled brickwork. On the east facade is a five-story square tower with arched windows and an open arcade. Most of the windows are bricked in. Two one-story, brick buildings with arched windows and a brick smokestack are also located on the property. The original steam engine has been removed.

Significance : Mills Mill was one of the major mill complexes located within the city of Greenville in the nineteenth century. It was built by Captain Otis P. Mills after the formation of the Mills Manufacturing Company in 1894. The mill opened with a capacity of 5,000 spindles but was expanded to include 27,000 spindles and 740 looms by 1903. Products of the mill were fine cotton sheeting, twills and satins. The Mills company also built an adjacent mill village which included 120 houses, a YMCA, two churches and a public library. By 1903, over 500 people were employed by the Mills Manufacturing Company. In 1918 the mill was purchased by Reeves Brothers, Inc., and they operated the mill until 1979. Mills Mill is presently undergoing restoration into an outlet mall.

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Verbal Boundary Description The nominated property is shown bounded by the red line on the accompanying map entitled "City Map No. 4 Greenville County Planning Commission, Greenville, S.C. Zoning Map," drawn at a scale of 1 inch = 600 feet. This boundary includes all significant buildings and structures.

UTM Reference Point 17/371000/3854650

Other Information



Mills Mill
City Map No. 4 Greenville County Planning
Commission, Greenville, S.C.
Scale: 1"=600' Zoning Map

