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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Clarke

PRESENT NAME Wilson's Mill HISTORIC NAME Heifton's Mill

LOCATION (Street and number) NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 13, T9N, R1E

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Approx: 2 miles north of US Highway 84 between Grove Hill and Coffeeville, on Eberlein Mill Creek

PRESENT USE Abandoned HISTORIC USE grist mill

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (x) Public acquisition being considered ()

OWNER'S NAME Mr. Earl Huggins

MAILING ADDRESS Coffeeville, Alabama, 36524

CONDITION: Excellent () Good () Fair () Ruins (x)

INTEGRITY: Original Site (x) Moved () When? _____

From where? _____ Give details in significance.

TREATS: No (x) Yes () By What? _____

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway () Completed () Not planned (x)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings ()
High building density () Commercial () Industrial ()
Residential () Rural (x)

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District?

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important () associated with events, persons, or movements
Local () State () National ()
(x) a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

This is one of last if not the last old grist mill left standing in the County. Its origins apparently go back to the early days of the County and it played a very important part in the economic history of Clarke County, serving the people of the County since pioneer days.

Date of Construction: Unknown
Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)
Unknown

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

The original patent from the United States Government on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, T9N, R1W of the St. Stephens Meridian was issued on the first day of June, 1860 to James F. Heifton of Clarke County. It is not now known if Mr. Heifton built the mill then or it already existed. According to Mr. David C. Mathews, noted Clarke County historian who talked with many of the old settlers in the area, a mill has existed on this site since the days when Clarkesville was the County seat of the County or between 1818 and 1832 when the Courts were moved to Grove Hill several miles away. The Heifton mill burned and the present structure was built circa 1868-72. Mrs. Rader Norris Carl said that her grandfather Alexander Norris came to Clarke County from Monroe County for the purpose of rebuilding the mill. She says that her father, Sandy W. Norris was born Oct. 3, 1862 and he was about six years old when they moved to Clarke County, or circa 1868. At any rate in

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

Deed Book P, page 137-38 of the Clarke County Records is recorded a deed for the property from James F. Heifton and wife Caroline, conveying the property to Alexander Norris, on January 14, 1871. Subsequently, on November 18, 1902, the heirs of Alexander Norris, namely B. M. Norris and wife Iova Norris and Eliza A. Norris, conveyed the property to Alec LaFayette Wilson as recorded in Deed Book 66, page 7. Alec Wilson operated the mill until he died in 1939 and his widow operated it shortly before 1943. On March 30, 1943, the property including the mill site, was sold by Alec Wilson's heirs, to wit: Zeolar I. Wilson, Eula C. Wilson, et al, to Earl and Leatheia E. Huggins, as recorded in Deed Book 308, page 60. The Huggins operated the mill for a short time and it has been inoperable and abandoned for many years.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

Patent - Bureau of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior, Silver Spring, Md.
Deed records - Clarke County Probate Court.
Mr. David C. Mathews - Grove Hill, Alabama.
Family Records - Norris family and Wilson Family.

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR
AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories one Foundation Wood Piling and Stone
Basement Yes Interior framing or structural system Wood

Exterior wall material and design: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)

Heart Pine vertical siding rough.

Roof type and covering: Cypress wood shingles

Roof Trim: (Cornices, vergeboard, brackets, etc.)

N/A

Chimneys: (Give number, location, and material)

None

Porches: Front (type and description) _____

None

Rear (type and description) _____

None

Side (type and description) _____

None

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Other entrances: (location, description)

See Drawing

Windows: (Give types, number for each floor of facade, describe trim)

See Drawing

(Give types, number per floor for rear and sides)

INTERIOR FEATURES

Mantels: (Number, location, and description):

N/A

Describe interior window and door trim:

N/A

Stairways (types, locations and features)

None

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Rough wood

Flooring: Rough Wood Notable hardware: _____

General setting and orientation:

Rural setting, the mill pond originally contained approximately 8 to 10 acres, but is now much smaller.

Outbuildings:

None

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Not known

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.

(see Attached drawing)

Form prepared by Louis M. Finlay, Jr. * Date January 10, 1977

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Organization Clarke County Historical Society

* Note: Invaluable assistance in preparing this nomination was given by Mrs. Vera Stringer and Mr. Jim Cox of the Clarke County Historical Society.

CREOLA	D-4	MANCHESTER	D-4	SYLVANIA	G-2
CROWLEY	B-10	MANTUA	C-5		
CROWMS	B-4	MAPLEVILLE	E-6		
CROWELL	F-4	MARBLE			
CROOKED OAK	C-2	VALLEY	F-5		
CROSBY	H-9	MARBURY	F-6		
CROSSVILLE	G-3	MARENGO	C-7		
CROSSVILLE	B-4	MARION	D-6		
CUBA	B-7	MARION			
CULLMAN	E-3	MARION			
CULLUMBOURG	B-8	JUNCTION	D-7		
CUSSETA	H-6	MARTLING	F-3		
CUTHBERT		MARVEL	D-5		
GA.	J-8	MARVYN	H-7		
		MAYSVILLE	F-2		
D		MCCULLOUGH	C-9		
DADEVILLE	G-6	MCDADA	F-7		
DALEVILLE	G-9	MCINTOSH	B-9		
DAMASCUS	E-9	MCKENZIE	E-8		
DANCY	B-5	MCVAY	C-8		
DANLEY	F-9	MCWILLIAMS	D-8		
DANVILLE	D-3	MEGARGEL	D-9		
DAPHNE	C-10	MELLOW			
DAUPHIN		VALLEY	G-5		
ISLAND	B-11	MELVIN	B-8		
DAVISON	G-5	MENTONE	G-2		
DAVISVILLE	G-7	MERIDIAN			
DAWES	B-10	MISS.	A-7		
DAWSON	G-3	MERIDIAN			
DAYTON	C-7	VILLE	E-2		
DE ARMANVILLE	G-4	MERRELLTON	G-4		
DE KALB		MEXIA	D-9		
MISS	A-6	MIDFIELD	E-5		
DEANS	E-8	MIDLAND CITY	H-9		
DEATSVILLE	F-6	MIDWAY	G-7		
DECATUR	E-2	MIDWAY	D-8		
DEER PARK	B-9	MIFLIN	C-11		
DELMAR	C-3	MILLBROOK	F-7		
DELTA	G-5	MILLERS			
DEMOPOLIS	C-7	FERRY	D-7		
DEPOSIT	F-2	MILLERVILLE	G-5		
DETROIT	B-3	MILLPORT	B-4		
DEVENPORT	F-7	MILLRY	B-8		
DIAMOND	F-3	MILLSTEAD	G-7		
DILL	G-8	MILLTOWN	H-5		
DIXIE	E-9	MITCHELL	G-7		
DIXONS MILLS	C-7	MOBILE	B-10		
DIXONVILLE	D-10	MOLLOY	B-4		
DOGWOOD	E-5	MONROEVILLE	D-8		
DONALSONVILLE	J-9	MONTEVALLO	E-5		
GA.	J-9	MONTGOMERY	F-7		
DORA	D-4	MONTICELLO	G-8		
DOSTER	G-8	MONTROSE	C-10		
DOTHAN	H-9	MOORES			
DOUBLE		BRIDGE	C-5		
SPRINGS	D-3	MOORESVILLE	E-2		
DOUGLAS	F-3	MORELAND	D-3		
DOWNING	F-7	MORGAN CITY	E-3		
DOZIER	F-9	MORGAN			
DRY FORKS	D-8	SPRINGS	D-6		
DUBLIN	F-7	MORRIS	E-4		
DUCKSPRINGS	G-3	MORVIN	C-8		
DUKE	G-4	MOSS POINT			
		MISS.	A-11		
		MOULTON	D-3		
		VALHERMOSO			





