

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Lewis	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Jackson's Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rural Route 1 (Secondary Route 12)

CITY OR TOWN:

Weston

STATE

West Virginia 26452

CODE

54

COUNTY:

Lewis

CODE

041

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

The State of West Virginia

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Lewis County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

Center Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Weston

STATE

West Virginia

CODE

54

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957

☒ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

U. S. Geological Survey

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington, D. C.

STATE:

CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE Jackson's Mill

Jackson's Mill is a three story high structure, 41' long by 36' 8" wide. The weatherboarded frame structure is maintained by West Virginia State 4-H Camp personnel under the operation of West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service. When West Virginia acquired the mill in 1921, it required repair. Much of the siding was replaced and has been regularly painted and maintained since that time. The roof was replaced in 1956 with hand-cut shingles made in West Virginia. The roof is regularly weatherized and is stained green--most recently in May 1971. The exterior of the mill was repainted in June 1971.

Many of the original poplar beams and studding and some original oak flooring can be seen in the mill. Much of the oak flooring had to be replaced.

The stone foundation is enclosed on each side and open from the river end. The foundation of the building has been reinforced.

On the first floor are the large wooden gears and wooden cogs that were used in the mill's operation. The unusual horizontal mill wheel and the 6' by 150' dam across the West Fork of the Monongahela River are gone. The wheel will be rebuilt. Its primary source of power will be electricity since damming the river would interfere with flood control and conservation efforts in the West Fork Soil Conservation District.

To the left of the first floor front entrance is the museum information center. The rest of the floor houses larger agricultural items donated to the museum. Grist and saw mills were brought to the mill some time ago and are stored here until the mills are restored to working order.

The second floor is reached by a narrow stairway in the northwest corner of the building. Here are the original grain hopper and one of the original mill stones. Until restoration of the mill and erection of the exhibit hall, the second floor is dominated by displays of exhibit items. Glass cases contain letters and other personal items that belonged to General Jackson and to Union General Joseph A. J. Lightburn, Jackson's boyhood friend. Smaller tools and household exhibits are arranged and labeled. Since the building has no central heating system, the more fragile items: clothing, glassware, dolls, and Lightburn's military effects are moved and stored when the museum closes for winter.

The third floor is not regularly open for visitors. This is a gabled area smaller than the lower levels. This area is used for storage. The front doorway on the third floor was originally equipped with a pulley and hoist to raise sacks of grain from the ground level in front of the mill.

Currently the interior of the mill is electrically wired and exterior lights illuminate the mill at night. Natural light is provided by 30, double-ashed, multi-paned windows and a doorway on each level.

Care was taken to conform the original design and appearance of the mill.

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As of March 1975, the original horizontal waterwheel at Jackson's Mill, Lewis County, West Virginia, has not been rebuilt, and no changes in the way of restorations or reconstructions have been accomplished in the proposed museum complex.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Jackson's Mill

Jackson's Mill, in Lewis County, standing in its present form since 1837, was located on the farm where Confederate General Thomas J. ("Stonewall") Jackson spent 12 years of his boyhood.

The mill is the focal point of interest in a state park of the same name which in 1924 became the first state camp in the United States for the 4-H Club.

A combination grist and saw mill was first erected by Edward Jackson, Stonewall's grandfather, some time before 1800, three miles north of Weston, on the east bank of the West Fork of the Monongahela River, immediately across the stream from the present location.

Harrison County records of December 20, 1786, give Edward Jackson liberty to build a mill on the West Fork at "Peardros Fish Pot," while an Act of the Virginia Assembly, January 20, 1800, declares the Monongahela publicly navigable as far as Edward Jackson's Mill on the West Fork.

Due to erosion of the bank, the foundations and machinery of this mill were moved to the opposite bank some time prior to 1830 and housed in a wooden building braced with hand-hewn timbers. This move was accomplished by Cummins Jackson, son of Edward, who after much litigation, had come into possession of the mill following his father's death in 1824. In 1837, following a fire, the present grist mill was erected, and in it remains much of the original equipment. A saw mill 30 feet away is now gone, but under Cummins Jackson it supplied much of the lumber for building Weston. Cummins built a dam 6 feet high and 150 feet long to operate his mills. He died in California in 1849 during the Gold Rush. The mill then passed through many hands, but continued to operate until 1892, when Wilson Arnold was the proprietor.

The log house and succeeding frame house where Stonewall respectively lived and spent his vacations are gone.

At the age of five Thomas Jackson was orphaned and for the next twelve years spent most of his time in the mill community of his Uncle Cummins, where he made flour, hunted, fished, went to school, learned to play the violin, earned money helping to build the Parkersburg-Staunton Turnpike, and at the age of 17 took a turn at teaching school. Biographers agree that his

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chief characteristics were developed in this environment and during this stage of his life.

A museum installed in the mill is operated by the Cooperative Extension Service of West Virginia University and is attracting thousands during the summer months. Plans for a Jackson's Mill Museum Complex have been developed under a grant from the Benedum Foundation. Architects have prepared detailed landscape and architectural plans for developing the 5 acre area around the mill and the pioneer McWhorter cabin to depict all areas of culture of this region from 1840 to 1865. The saw and grist mills will be restored. The second Jackson home and some outbuildings will be re-constructed. The Jackson home will contain conference facilities. An exhibit hall is to be built to house domestic, agricultural and industrial equipment of the era, now housed in the mill. Secondary roads 12 and 10 are to be relocated to divert passing traffic and to allow access and parking for complex visitors.

Special emphasis will be the commemoration of the two Confederate and two Union generals who grew up in this area; Stonewall Jackson and his cousin "Mudwall" Jackson, who fought with the Confederacy, and Union commanders Joseph Lightburn and Nathan Goff.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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War of the Rebellion: Official Records (Army) I ser., vols. II, XXV.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ann Post, Field Agent

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission DATE: July 7, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown STATE: West Virginia 26506 CODE: 54

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name

Dallas B. Shaffer

Title

State Liaison Officer

Date October 2, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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JACKSON'S MILL
LEWIS COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA
UTM REFERENCES:
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