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1. SUBJECT:
Hand's Mill

2. LOCATION:
 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Hawlin, Virginia, on Route # 246.

3. DATE:
About 1836.

4. OWNERS:
Deed Book "B" - Page 204 gives the following information about land grants but does not tell how Eliza and George Carson acquired it:

(60 acres granted by patent to Martin Hardin - Sept. 2, 1761.)

(100 acres granted to Thomas Allen by patent - Dec. 14, 1795).

(22 acres granted by patent to Thomas Allen - Dec. 17, 1795).

October 20, 1825 - Eliza and George Carson deeded to John Burke - Deed Book "B" - Page 204.

February 29, 1848 - John Burke deeded to John T. Tancill - Deed Book "G" - Page 364.

September 18, 1851 - John R. Tancill deeded to William Walden - Deed Book "I" - Page 163.

December 19, 1874 - William Walden's estate assigned Mrs. Joseph Reid - Deed Book "P" - Page 152.

December 10, 1879 - F. P. Carter, Com'r. deeded to William Hand, Deed Book "P" - Page 152.

William Hand left to his heir M. V. Hand.

October 14, 1910 - M. V. Hand deeded to James and G. E. Hand, Deed Book "Y" - Page 449.

October 22, 1915 - James Hand deeded to George E. Hand - Deed Book 27, Page 420.

February 15, 1924 - W. B. Henry, Comr. for G. E. Hand deeded to W. F. Vigis - Deed Book 32, Page 117.

April 15, 1925 - W. Fisher Vigis deeded to W. F. Hume, Deed Book 32, Page 551.

5. DESCRIPTION:

Hand's Mill is constructed of stone with a shingle slant roof, and is four stories high. I can not find the date it was built but the beams are put to-gether with wooden pegs and these are found only in old buildings. In one corner of the building is a stone fireplace. The floors are of fourteen-inch unfinished boards. The doors are made of heart pine in two sections with hand made iron hinges and large locks.

This mill has not been run for many years -- the old mill wheel is gone. I understand that meal was the only thing that was ground here.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

None.

7. ART:

Photograph

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mrs. Clarence Hume, Hawlin, Virginia and Mr. W. F. Vigis, Hawlin, Virginia.

Court Records, Clerk's Office, Rappahannock County, Virginia.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING CALLED FOR IN
5-A. of BULLETIN 3400

3686

Name of Building Hand's Mill

EXTERIOR

- 1. Building Plan Square Cellar ()
- 2. No. of stories: (2 1/2) Attic classed as 1/2 story.
- 3. Material: Brick () Frame () Stone () Log ()
- 4. If brick, state what bond: Flemish () English () Common () Other ()
- 5. Kind of roof: Hip () Gabled () Gambrel () Lean-to () Deck ()
- 6. If church, describe or draw sketch of roof on reverse side.
- 7. Roof Material: Slate () Shingle () Metal () Tile ()
- 8. Chimneys: Number (1) Brick () Stone () Location On east end of mill
- 9. Weatherboarding: Stone half way up; Plain weatherboarding. Beaded () Plain ()
- 10. Cornices: Plain or Elaborate None. Material _____
- 11. Windows: Number (3) Size and number of panes Windows: torn away.
- 12. Shutters: Describe: Plain up and down shutters.
- 13. Dormers: Number, and Shape of roof None.
- 14. Porch: None.
- 15. Type of Entrance: Plain.
- 16. Columns: Doric () Ionic () Corinthian () Square ()

INTERIOR

- 17. No. of Rooms: (1) Large () Small () Approximate ceiling height 9 1/2 ft.
- 18. Stairway: Open String () Closed String () Describe: Plain stairway to second floor.
- 19. Cellar: Describe None.
- 20. Doors: Style and type of wood Pine doors, plain up and down boarded doors.
- 21. Walls: Panelled, papered or painted Rock walls on the first floor.
- 22. Interior Cornices None.
- 23. Hardware: Looks and hinges _____
- 24. Floors: _____
- 25. Mantels: _____
- 26. Misc.: _____
- 27. Present condition, and state if spoiled architecturally by remodelling: Has never been remodelled -- delapidated.
- 28. Does occupant seem to appreciate old architectural features? _____

Your Name Helen Gore.