

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Functional loading ramp at west end of main building -- originally used for unloading grain for milling at second floor level. Now used for loading furniture into delivery trucks. It is supported by a brownstone rubble retaining wall.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The first building on this site was a saw-mill built in the mid-eighteenth century. Late in the same century the current building was erected as a grist mill. Throughout the nineteenth century the grist mill was operated here under the name of J. Johnson and Co. When the age of water power passed, the land was filled in around the mill, leaving only the current stream bed. In the 1950s and 1960s the Larson family, owners of the furniture store run in the old mill building, made plans to restore the old water works as a tourist attraction. Current highway reconstruction and bridge rebuilding at the very doorstep of the building has made it doubtful if the plans will ever be completed.

The main mill building is of post and beam construction throughout. Some of the weakened beams and flooring have been replaced, but in a sympathetic manner. The two-story wooden wing at the south side, which serves as a furniture showroom, is a factory building from the Cutaway Harrow Company, which was moved up from Higganum. These former industrial buildings have been effectively adapted for use as display areas for the Old Mill Wayside Furniture store.

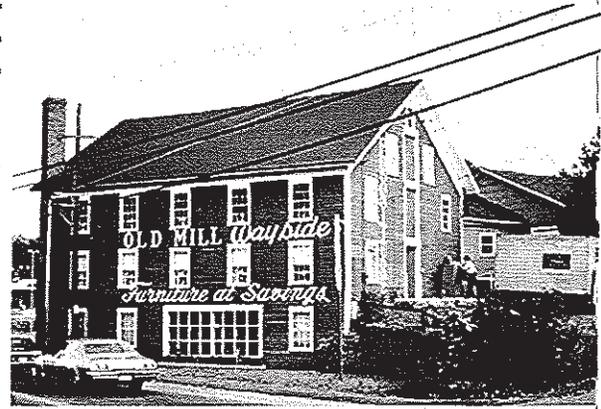
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19. SOURCES: Consultation with owner, 11/78;
1851 Clark Map; 1874 Beers Atlas



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: A corner of the

building is within the right-of-way of Route 66, the major east-west highway out of Middletown. A bridge rebuilding project currently causes much traffic congestion at the site.