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Present Owner: Waterford Foundation

Present Occupant: Craft shop

Date of Easement: September 3, 1975

Statement of
Significance:

The Waterford Mill is the most significant remaining historic structure in Waterford. Waterford, established primarily as a mill town, was founded by Amos Janney who traveled from Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1733. The extant three-story brick mill was constructed about 1830 by Thomas Phillips, mill owner.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: This Waterford mill was erected for Thomas Phillips, mill owner, about 1830.
2. Architect: None.
3. Original and subsequent owners: The Mill was constructed for Thomas Phillips.
4. Historical events and personages: Amos Janney built a log mill on the west side of Catoctin Creek during the 1740's. The site was abandoned later, and a new mill was constructed on the site of the present mill. This second Janney mill probably was destroyed by fire. A new mill was then built by Thomas Phillips.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The Waterford Mill is a brick and clapboard, three and one half stories, three bays wide by three bays deep structure with a gable roof.
2. Condition of fabric: Very good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Stone.
2. Wall construction: Exterior walls are brick laid in English bond. Although generally in good condition, some areas are in need of repointing. The attic story is dark red painted clapboard at the south wall. Six hooks on dark red painted boards anchor the tie rods; three per side are situated at the north side of the east and west elevations. S-Shaped metal hooks are also placed on the north and south elevations to secure tie rods.
3. Chimneys: A tall brick outside end chimney with two brick corbel course is located on the south wall.
4. Porches, Stoops, Stairways: A large porch with slate floor projects from the north elevation. It is supported by a coursed rubble wall, and joins the mill at the first floor level. A short straight stone flight leads to the porch from ground level on the east side. A recently installed two flight wood stair leads from the porch to the second story entry.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doors and doorways: The north elevation has two doors; one each located on the first and second stories in the east bay. Both have six lights on the upper third. The main or south elevation has four doors placed in the central bay of the ground, first, second, and attic stories. Each door consists of vertical boards which are divided midway between door sill and door head. Plain, painted white moldings surround the door and support a plain door head. All doors are painted dark red and have painted white trim.

- b. Windows: All windows are double hung sash with painted trim and muntins. The east and west elevations have nine nine-over-six lights. The north elevation has two six-over-six lights at the attic, three nine-over-six lights at the third story, two nine-over-six lights at the second story, one nine-over-six light at the first story, and one nine-over-six light at the cellar. The south elevation has two six-over-six lights at the side bays at the attic, and two nine-over-six lights at the third, second, and first stories. Windows on the east and west facades also have brick lintels. The east and west elevations have six unglazed round-headed openings with brick voussoirs at ground level.

6. Roof:

- a. Shape and covering: The gable roof is covered with flat metal.
- b. Cornice and eaves: A three brick corbel course serves as a cornice on the east and west elevations.

7. Dormers: The Waterford Mill has two dormers; one is located on the east half of the gable roof, and the other on the west. Both have double hung sash windows with six-over-six lights, white trim, and dark red clapboard sides.

PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This material was donated to the Historic American Buildings Survey by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which holds a preservation easement on the Waterford Mill.