NAME: Jones Mill Run Historical District

LOCATION:
CITY, TOWN: Martinsburg
STATE: West Virginia

CLASSIFICATION:
CATEGORY: DISTRICT
OWNERSHIP: PUBLIC

OWNER OF PROPERTY:
NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Sangster

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
COURTHOUSE, Berkeley County
STREET & NUMBER: Route 1, Box 55A
CITY, TOWN: Shepherdstown, WV 25443
STATE:

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:
TITLE: S-14, Berkeley County Historical Society & Berkeley County Historical Landmarks Commission Survey
DATE: 1973-78
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Berkeley County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN: Martinsburg, WV 25401
STATE:
A. Site of mill, stone foundation, head and tail races are both evident.

B. Bridge, double stone bridge, one for Jones Mill Stream to run through, the other for the tail race from the mill, built of stone.

C. Jones Mill run with trees and wild flowers along the stream.

D. Thomas Swearingen House. A central block with wing, the limestone house has a three bay, 2 story main section and a one story, 2 bay kitchen wing, all with gable roof and 3 inside end chimneys. Originally, the windows were 12/12 on the first floor with bonded brick flat arches and 9/9 on the second. Most of the sash have been replaced with 2/2. The one story, one bay entrance porch has a hip roof on small, plain, square columns. Built ca. 1760, this small Georgian house has raised paneling in the parlor room on the fireplace wall. Only a "picture frame" surround highlights the firebox opening. A two tiered, paneled door cupboard is on one side of the fireplace and on the other is an enclosed winder stair with small closet under the stairs. Originally this large first floor room was divided into 3 rooms by vertical, beaded board partition with 6 panel doors. These partitions are stored in the attic. The two small side rooms have corner fireplaces. Now all 3 fireboxes heat one large room. The kitchen wing has a small fireplace with neo-classical molding. Originally divided into four rooms, the second floor now has an L shaped hall area leading to three bedrooms and a small bath with laundry. All walls are studded partitions. The winder stair continues to the attic.
Jones Mill Run is very significant for historical archeology and early industry, it being the site of the first mill in the State of West Virginia. When John Vanmeter received a King's patent in 1734 it was located on Jones Mill Stream. Jones received this land. This verifies a mill existed before 1734. The double purpose bridge is significant for its engineering incrossing the two small streams. The bridge is one of a kind in Berkeley County. The Thomas Swearingen House is very significant for its architecture. It is not only one of the older stone houses, ca. 1760, but the chimney sets half way out from the main wall. Most Berkeley County stone houses have their chimney built flat with the wall. This is one of a kind. The mill race and Jones Mill Stream in its quiet, mother nature setting is most significant for its picturesque scenic beauty.

9 acres have been included in this historic district. The area beginning south of the mansion house taking in the run which is a boundary line of the property includes the head race to the mill site. Also the tail race which crosses under the bridge and flows into the main stream a short distance from the bridge. The district extends along both sides of the stream down to the property line of the Potomac Edison Power Plant land. This area has been included because of its outstanding scenic setting and association with the mill on both sides of the stream is a low, narrow meadow area with wood hills on both sides. This road is at the top of one hill and is the boundary line of the property. The mansion house (D), the Run (C), mill site (A) and bridge (B) all were part of an important mill operation for many years.
**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY** 9 A.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Beginning on the road, 300 ft. S of the house, thence N along the road 500 ft., continuing along the W side of the woods 1500 ft., thence E 250 ft., S along the road 1300 ft., and along the east side of the run 700 ft., thence W 250 ft., to the beginning.

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

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**FORM PREPARED BY**

**NAME/TITLE** Don C. Wood, Genealogist, Historian, Historic Archaeologist

**ORGANIZATION** President, Berkeley County Historical Society

**DATE**

**CITY OR TOWN** Martinsburg, WV 25401

**STATE**

**STREET & NUMBER** Route 3, Box 79

**TELEPHONE**

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:**

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As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

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**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

**DATE**

**KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**

**ATTEST:**

**DATE**

**CHIEF OF REGISTRATION**

**DATE**
JONES' MILL RUN HISTORIC DISTRICT  S-14

Shepherdstown Quadrangle

Berkeley & Jefferson Counties
West Virginia

Area 9 acres  SCALE 1 : 7,920  November 1978

Potomac River

Jones Mill Stream

Bridge

Millsite

House

National Register
A mill site was moved on map to put at the
mill site because of a road that had been placed outside
of the district line with a reason.  
D. W.