# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set for in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally, statewide, or locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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In my opinion, the property meets or does not meet the National Register criteria. (See Continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

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Other, (explain:)

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Narrative Description

See Continuation Sheets
## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

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### Levels of Significance (local, state, national)

**Local**

**Areas of Significance**

- INDUSTRY
- ARCHITECTURE

### Period of Significance

c.1896-1964

### Significant Dates

c.1896

### Significant Person

n/a

### Cultural Affiliation

n/a

### Architect/Builder

Unknown

### Narrative Statement of Significance:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

- ☑ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☑ previously listed in the National Register
- ☑ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☑ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☑ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- ☑ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☑ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☑ Other State Agency
- ☑ Federal Agency
- ☑ Local Government
- ☑ University
- ☑ Other

**Name of repository:**

- State Historic Preservation Office

**Record #**

HM-0278; HM-0277
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  3.11 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization  Mills Group
date  July 25, 2014
street & number  63 Wharf Street, Suite 300
city or town  Morgantown  WV  26501
telephone  304-296-1010

Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets
Maps
- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property’s location
- A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs
- Representative black and white photographs of the property.
- CD with electronic images if digital photographs.
Floorplans for individual listings

Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name  Guy Davis
street & number  HC 64
city or town  Yellow Spring  WV  26865

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LOCATION and SETTING

The Yellow Spring Mill is located on the west side of Route 259 (Carper’s Pike) at the junction of Cacapon River Road (WV 14) in the unincorporated community of Yellow Spring in Hampshire County, approximately 5 miles north of the Hardy County line. The Cacapon River is located east of the site with tributaries running north and south of the resource.

Situated on a gently sloped plain, the mill has a filled-in mill run which terminates in a small pond south of the mill. Two larger ponds are situated to the north of the mill. A miller’s cottage is located west of the mill and a storage building is located to the north of the mill. The National Register boundary for the Yellow Spring Mill includes the historic frame mill, silo, frame cottage, and industrial storage building as illustrated on the accompanying map (Figure 1). The mill ponds and race remnant are included as significant elements of the property’s setting.

Yellow Spring Mill     c.1896    contributing building

The Yellow Spring Mill is a three-story rectangular frame building with a one story addition on the south elevation (Photo 1). Measuring approximately 38’8” by 42’ 8”, the building rests on a partial concrete block and cut stone foundation. The low pitched side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal. The roof slightly extends past the building’s walls and reveals exposed rafter tails. A heavy timber frame supports the building.

West Elevation

The main façade is located on the west elevation which is accessed by seven wooden steps to a covered porch which is partially situated on square wood posts (Photo 2). The northern half of the porch is enclosed with corrugated metal panels and contains a 2/2 double-hung sash wood window. The porch also has an overhanging roof which extends westward from the building approximately 10 feet. The second story of the mill’s façade is relatively unadorned except for the wood clapboards which are segmented into three distinct areas and a 2/2 double hung sash wood window. Irregularities in the wood siding indicate two additional openings in the siding. An undated historic photograph shows each of these three sections of building originally had a 2/2 double hung window. It also appears that a wooden 2x4 may be acting as a tie rod end as it appears bolted where the missing fenestration is located. A bright blue metal grain elevator is also located on the façade. Underneath the first two concrete piers of the porch is a wooden triangular shaped bin which diverts grain to the elevator base.
North Elevation

The north elevation of the building has a concrete block foundation and the lower half of the building clad in metal panels while the upper portion of the building is clad in wood siding (Photo 3). Two (2/2 double-hung sash wood) windows are located on this elevation at the second and third story. A large metal overshot water wheel is suspended from this elevation. An elevated wooden flume (which is no longer in existence) diverted water to the wheel; a metal pipe is the only remaining feature (Photo 4). The wheel pivots on an axle that is engaged in the concrete block foundation and a concrete pier on the north side of the mill race (Photo 5).

South Elevation

The south elevation of the mill has four stories above the ground and is identical to the north elevation with 2/2 double-hung sash wood windows on the third and fourth floors (Photo 6). A window on the third floor has been covered with wood siding. A simple black and white sign advertises “Yellow Spring Mill, Inc.” between the second and third levels of the building.

A raised, one-story shed roof addition connects to the south elevation. This one-room wide addition is supported by a mix of square wood piers, round wood piers and stacked concrete block piers. The building is clad in wood siding and has a large metal sliding barn door to access the interior on the north elevation. This addition has a metal clad shed roof with exposed rafter tails. The south elevation has a double wood door with a single square light accessed by a ramp. The majority of the building is clad in horizontal lapped siding but the southeast quadrant is clad in vertical corrugated metal sheathing. This addition also has 2/2 double-hung sash wood windows. A small, freestanding corbeled brick chimney also is located on this elevation.

East Elevation

The east elevation faces Route 259 and the small mill pond (Photo 7). This elevation shows the cut stone foundation that is banked into the earth and the access door to enter the basement storage area. Two windows on the foundation level are boarded up with plywood and a metal grain chute extends out from the wall. A shed roof awning supported by three metal pipes overhangs the basement and foundation levels. The awning is clad in corrugated metal and has exposed wooden rafter tails. The main level of the building has three, 2/2 double-hung sash wood windows located immediately above the shed roof. The remainder of the building on this elevation is clad in lapped wood siding and a simple sign which reads “Yellow Spring Mill, Inc., Red Rose Animal Feeds” is located in the center of the building.
Yellow Spring Mill  Hampshire County, West Virginia

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Interior

The lowest level of the mill building is enclosed on three sides and is accessible on the west elevation (Photo 8). Inside, the original stone foundation is visible as is the replacement concrete block wall on the east elevation (Photos 9, 10). The building is constructed with heavy timber framing with wooden pegs and metal screws securing the wood pieces. The interior wooden gears remain intact and are connected to aluminum pipes (Photos 11, 12). An electrical generator is also located in the basement. The east elevation of the basement level is closed off from the interior and is only accessible by wooden doorways on the exterior of the building (Photos 13, 14).

The interior of the one story addition is used as storage. The walls are not finished, so the exterior wood sheathing is visible on the wood studs (Photo 15). The easternmost portion of the addition, which appears to have been a storage room, suffers from deterioration (Photo 16).

The main level of the building has two sections; an office and the mill. A long, narrow passageway accesses the office which has unadorned wood walls and a second small room sheathed in metal panels which was most likely used for the storage of chemicals. The mill room has a wide open floor plan accessed from the west via the porch. Three large wood posts support the upper floors. Two large metal machines occupy the center of the room (Photos 17, 18). One machine, painted a bright blue color, is a Salem vertical molasses mixer. The second machine, painted bright red, is similar in size and shape, but is not labeled. On the east side of the open room are two large hoppers that divert grain from the upper stories to the first floor. Eight electrical panels are located on the west interior wall and served to operate the machinery (Photo 19).

A wooden staircase allows access to the upper floors of the building (Photo 20). Six steps rise up to a wooden door and platform, then rotate 90 degrees with six additional steps to the large, open second floor. This level has six wooden posts supporting the floor above and is occupied with two large rectangular wooden cribbed bins, leaving little room to walk (Photos 21, 22). The walls are clad in shiplap wood planks and a single window allows light from the north and south elevations (Photo 23). The floor joists of the third floor are exposed and visible from the second floor (Photo 24). An electrical turbine is also located on this level (Photo 25).

A second steep wooden staircase rises to the third floor (Photo 26). The open space has a pitched roof through which the aluminum sheathing can be seen (Photo 27). The walls and floors are clad in wood planks. Aluminum chutes pierce through the floor and the roof which is supported by square wood posts (Photo 28). A single window allows light to enter both on the north and south elevations. A threshing machine is located immediately adjacent to the staircase on the third floor (Photo 29).
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Silo/chutes     c.1960     contributing structure

A system of silos, elevators and chutes are connected to the roof of the mill and extend to a larger silo located southwest of the mill. The corrugated aluminum structure is elevated on metal stilts with a height of approximately 25 feet and a diameter of approximately 6 feet. The lower portion of the silo has a tapered funnel shaped hopper.

Miller’s Cottage     c.1910     contributing building

A small, one and a half story cottage is also associated with this property (Photo 30). This dwelling has a cross gable plan and is sheathed in German siding. The roof is clad in standing seam metal. The windows consist of single and paired 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl replacement windows. A prominent gable with paired, 1/1 double-hung sash vinyl windows and a shed roof porch that extends from the façade to the north elevation marks the façade. The stone foundation is obscured in part by lattice woodwork. A small one-story shed roof addition is located on the west elevation. A one-story side gable addition is also located on the south elevation.

Cottage outbuilding     c.1940     contributing building

A small outbuilding is located to the northwest of the dwelling (Photo 31). It is a one story frame building clad in wood siding with a corrugated metal side gable roof. The building is windowless and has a wood plank door on the east elevation. A small pond is located west of the dwelling where two discarded millstones deteriorate nearby (Photo 32).

Storage shed     c.1960     contributing building

A large storage shed is located to the north of the mill which appears to have been built in two stages (Photo 33, 34). The frame building is banked into the ground and is clad in vertical metal siding with a metal shed roof. The fenestration includes four 2/2 aluminum slider windows. To access the interior of the building, a large sliding barn door is located on the west elevation. The second adjacent shed is similar in construction with a shed roof awning located over a second set of sliding doors on the west elevation. The north elevation shows a concrete block and poured concrete foundation with two open bays. The metal siding is torn away to reveal a wood frame interior. A single wood paneled door is without a stoop. The building has exposed rafter tails on the west elevation.

The interior of the metal shed is utilized for the storing of hay and has a large tank that may be used to store molasses or fuel (Photo 35). The shed is not outfitted with interior treatments.
STATEMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

The Yellow Spring Mill is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A: Industry for the significant role it played in the industrial history of the area. Its processing of grain and corn was an integral part of Yellow Spring’s history. The complex is also eligible under Criterion C: Architecture as a locally significant grist mill complex which includes the transitional gristmill, miller’s cottage, storage building, mill race, and mill ponds. The complex relates to the development of the small, crossroads community of Yellow Spring as the mill served as the nucleus of the agricultural community. The Yellow Spring Mill remains as a physical symbol of the agricultural nature of the community as well as its industrial evolution over time. The period of significance begins in 1896, the year it was constructed, and ends in 1964, the National Register’s 50-year cutoff date, as the mill continued to be a significant contributor to the industrial history of the area through 1990 when it ceased operations. These dates reflect a period of growth for the mill and community as well as the span of years in which the complex was constructed.

HISTORY

The community of Yellow Spring was named for a tributary of the Cacapon River which as it bubbled out of the ground, left yellowish sand in its wake. In 1796, Frederick Secrist purchased 400 acres of land along the Cacapon River. Frederick’s son Abraham reportedly built the first mill in the area. Although the area contained access to fertile land, timber and fresh water, poor transportation hindered the valley’s growth. Fording the Cacapon River was the best means of accessing the small community and that was dependent on the weather and road conditions throughout the early to mid-19th century. Although Yellow Spring was only 10 miles south of the Northwestern Turnpike, the mountain terrain and river hindered easy access to the transportation network. The closest major towns of Winchester, Virginia and Romney, (West) Virginia (county seat) each were located, respectively, between 30 and 40 miles distant, forcing Yellow Spring to develop as a self-sufficient community.

Asa Cline purchased the Secrist mill property in 1882 and continued to operate the existing water powered burrstone mill. In January of 1888, a fire destroyed the flour mill (then belonging to Cline’s son-in-law, L.W. Aiken), which was reputed to be the work of an arsonist.1 The following year (February 1889), Aiken and Cline rebuilt their mill and designed it “on the Hungarian plan” by using rollers to mill flour (see Roller Mill Technology below).2 The owners began reconstructing the mill by April of that year with the newspaper sharing that, “Aiken and Cline are working away at the Yellow Spring mill. Mason and the Orndorff brothers are helping. Thad Larrick is doing the masonry work well.”3 One week later, neighbors helped install the heavy framework of the mill. In July, the newspaper advertised that “workmen are building the large water wheel at Yellow Spring for the new mill.”4 By November 1889 the newspaper claimed that the

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1 Debbie Boyce, Capon Folks, n.p.: 2009, 70.
2 Debbie Boyce, Capon Notes, n.p.: 2007, 84.
3 Hampshire Review, April 18, 1889, as found in Boyce (2009), 71.
4 Hampshire Review, July 18, 1889, as found in Boyce (2009), 71.
new mill at Yellow Spring was a success and only five months later, Aiken and Cline added a circular saw to the mill.5

As the mill became more popular, a general store developed adjacent to the mill which also served as a post office. Yellow Spring grew in the late 19th century with the addition of a distillery, an ink factory, and an organ factory, although it remained primarily an agrarian economy.6 By the 1890s, transportation slowly improved access to the community with a rough road developed between the Hardy County line and Capon Bridge. A bridge was also constructed to ford the Cacapon River, although through 1891, the community oftentimes complained about the poor road conditions, with the newspaper declaring, “Yellow Spring, a little hamlet among the rocks, more accessible by balloon than otherwise, is perennial.”7

After five years in operation, fire destroyed the rolling and flour mill on July 10, 1895.8 Aiken and Cline sold the mill to D.W. Griffith and Ashby Frank for a sum of $1,000 in March of 1896.9 Although little is known of the mill’s operations during this time, it is likely that Griffith and Frank rebuilt the mill between 1896 and 1899.10 Frank sold the mill, adjacent house, and six acres to Caudy Davis and his brother Carson for $1,975 in 1914.11 Caudy moved into the small cottage with his wife Ada and operated the mill as well as a neighboring general store. Caudy bought out his brother’s share ca. 1917 and later installed the 30 foot overshot iron wheel to increase the efficiency of the mill.12 Historic photos illustrate that the water was pumped from a mill pond west of the mill through an elevated pipe trough to power the wheel. Caudy’s son Charles began operating the mill in 1934 and later purchased it for $8,500.13 It was during Charles’ ownership that the mill was converted from water power to gas in 1940 and then from gas to electric in 1951.14 As commercial poultry farms became popular in the eastern panhandle, the mill eventually employed up to 10 people to produce 30-40 tons of animal feed daily.15 With increases in transportation and commercial agriculture, railroads transported grain from the Midwest to Winchester where trucks delivered it to the Yellow Spring Mill to be processed for local use.

Because of Yellow Spring’s location, the mill did initially benefit from the increasingly advanced transportation networks, however, this improvement also eventually contributed to the Yellow Spring Mill’s decline. The railroad and automobiles allowed residents to access goods and supplies from distant locations, negating the dependence on locally processed grains. Americans in general began to desire mass produced, prepackaged flour which could be purchased locally. Yellow Spring Mill continued to provide grain for

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5 Hampshire Review, November, 1889; April 3, 1890, as found in Boyce, (2009), 71.
7 Hampshire Review, December 10, 1891, as found in Boyce (2009), 73.
8 Boyce (2009), 74.
9 Hampshire County Deed Book 71, Page 279.
10 Boyce (2009), 77.
11 Hampshire County Deed Book 83, Page 50.
12 Boyce (2009), 79.
13 Hampshire County Deed Book 127, Page 204.
14 Boyce (2009), 75. On page 81, Boyce says the mill converted to electric power in 1954.
15 Ibid, 81, 83.
livestock through 1990, but increased competition from commercial mills and a decrease in livestock farms forced Yellow Spring Mill to cease operations.

Charles Davis’ daughter Frances inherited the property and sold .683 acres to Kenneth Seldon for $35,000 in 1990.16 The Seldon family deeded the property back to Guy Davis, an heir of the original 20th century owner.17

Roller Mill Technology

Roller milling machines revolutionized the milling industry by increasing the efficiency and speed with which grain could be milled. Roller mills, also known as the Hungarian System, used a process of gradual reduction in order to granulate the grain, keeping it from overheating and pulverizing.18 After the first process, the grain traveled through two additional metal rollers to separate the interior from the hull and the germ.19 The machine reground the endosperm to produce a high quality flour. These two systems, in conjunction with each other, revolutionized the milling industry so much so that by the 1880s, most new mills were designed with this system.

The roller mill needed increased horsepower to successfully grind grain, which could be found through the force of water transferred through water wheels, a water turbine and/or the use of steam. Water wheels and turbines were approximately 80% efficient, however, the location of the mill was dependent upon a strong, steady source of water.20 By the mid-20th century, electric power became a dominant source of energy to power industrial machines.

In addition to increased efficiency, roller mills also transformed the appearance of typical grist mills. Roller mills increased in size vertically to accommodate the new machinery and the process of gradual reduction. Windows provided ventilation against the combustible grain dust as well as illuminated the mill’s interior until electricity became accessible.21

The Yellow Spring Mill operated with farmers unloading their materials from their trucks into a wooden gravity dump (chute) underneath the porch on the west side of the building. From there, the grain traveled via grain elevator to the third floor where it deposited into the roller mill which would grind the grain into flour or corn into meal. Using chutes, some of the meal would be incorporated into the molasses mixer to create feed for animals. Aside from chutes, hoppers, the threshing machine and a molasses mixer, no

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16 Hampshire County Will Book 37, Page 226; Hampshire County Deed Book 319, Page 538.
17 Hampshire County Deed Book 510, Page 200.
18 Easton Mill, HAER, WV-4, 3.
19 Ibid.
20 Easton Mill, HAER, WV-4, 4.
additional original machinery remains in place. The mill does not include any roller machines. Remnants of burrstones are located behind the cottage, west of the mill.

**Milling industry in Hampshire County**

Mills began to be constructed in the early nineteenth century in the eastern part of Hampshire County. A stone mill was constructed in 1800 in Bloomery as well as at the Forks of Capon. Prior to 1825, Fox’s Hollow possessed a mill (1818) while Abernathy Mill and Parker Mill (near Springfield), and Barnes’ Mill on Capon were constructed prior to 1825. Later mills in the North River region included Hammack’s Mill, Painter’s Mill, Maux Mill (near Rio), the Poston Mill, and the Ginevan Mill (near the mouth of Little Capon). These mills serviced their immediate communities and provided small batches of wheat or meal for residents. In all, Hampshire County had at least 11 mills. However, a 1980 survey indicated that only three mills had survived into the late 20\textsuperscript{th} century: Yellow Spring Mill, French’s Mill (Augusta), and the Bloomery Mill, all of which were operating at that time. Although the Yellow Spring Mill no longer provides grinding services for the community, the building remains as an example of a rural roller mill in Hampshire County.

**Mill Complex**

In addition to its significance in the industrial history of the community, Yellow Spring Mill is significant as a 20\textsuperscript{th} century milling complex constructed over several decades to meet the needs of the operator, as well as the community. The mill itself retains the characteristics of a transitional gristmill including the water wheel and the mill race as well as mid-20\textsuperscript{th} century electric turbines. These differing types of energy illustrate the evolution of the mill as it adapted to new technology in rural Hampshire County. In addition to the mill, constructed first, the property includes mill ponds and traces of a mill race used until 1940 when the property was converted to gas power. The property also includes the miller’s cottage constructed c.1910, its outbuilding, and a storage building and silo/chutes. The mill complex is a significant representative of the period beginning with the construction of the mill in the late 19\textsuperscript{th} century through the mid-20\textsuperscript{th} century with the construction of the storage building and silo, both important contributors to the overall function of the complex.

**SUMMARY**

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The Yellow Spring Mill, significant in the industrial and architectural history of Yellow Spring, retains its integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association. The mill remains in its original location where it impacted the community of Yellow Spring. No modern intrusions were introduced into the Yellow Spring community setting, except for a mid-20\textsuperscript{th} century dwelling situated southwest of the mill. The mill also retains its feeling of a rural, 20\textsuperscript{th} century industrial mill. The paved nature of River Road and Route 259 does not detract from the bucolic setting of the mill. The original design, workmanship, and materials of the mill provide insight into the construction techniques of late-19\textsuperscript{th} and early 20\textsuperscript{th} century industrial mill design. The 20\textsuperscript{th} century changes, such as the introduction of pneumatic elevators and chutes, are important to the property’s story as part of its evolution as a significant mill complex. The mill’s open floorplan, vertical capacity, and industrial architecture remain. Later alterations including the concrete block in-fill foundation and the enclosure of the windows on the west elevation show the evolution of the mill facility and do not detract from the complex’s overall integrity.
BIBLIOGRAPHY


Indiana Department of Natural Resources. *Grain Mills In Indiana, 1730-1940*. NRHP Multi-Property Listing, 1990.


The nominated boundary of the Yellow Spring Mill is shown on the accompanying map. It incorporates Hampshire County tax parcels 02-25-22-2, 02-25-19, as well as portions of 02-25-14.

The recommended National Register boundary follows the current tax parcel 02-25-22-2 as well as portions of land currently and historically associated with the Yellow Spring Mill. The boundary includes the Mill, the mill race, ponds, silo, mill house and adjacent structure that were associated with the Yellow Spring Mill and its architectural and industrial development.
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Town: Yellow Springs
County: Hampshire
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