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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>VIRGINIA</b>	
COUNTY: <b>PRINCE WILLIAM</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
**BEVERLEY MILL**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**CHAPMAN MILL**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**N side of intersection of Rt. 600 and Rt. 55**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**(the Plains vic.) William Lloyd Scott, 8th District Congressman**

STATE: <b>Virginia</b>	CODE: <b>51</b>	COUNTY: <b>Prince William</b>	CODE: <b>153</b>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Sits <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>vacant</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Mrs. Mortau W. Smith**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**8601 Tehbs Lane**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Middleburg**

STATE:  
**Virginia**

CODE:  
**51**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Prince William County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Manassas**

STATE:  
**Virginia**

CODE:  
**51**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1958**     Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE:  
**D.C.**

CODE:  
**11**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Beverley Mill is a five-story stone structure with an additional attic story set in the metal covered gable roof. Due to the mill's position on the lower slopes of Thoroughfare Gap in the Bull Run Mountains, the up-hill (north) side is only three stories high and faces a century-old branch of the Southern Railway. The high structure, four bays on its main front and three bays on the sides, is constructed of partially-coursed stone rubble quarried from the creek and mountainside with window openings of six over six sash. The water power was provided by Bull Run Creek which, in its 1300 foot passage through the Gap, drops 87 feet. Exterior mill machinery remaining includes the 29 foot metal waterwheel and sluice gate as well as the stone mill race. The interior is inaccessible at the present time.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Beverley Mill, so named after its late-19th century owners, was built sometime prior to 1759. The structure is mentioned in official records of that year as a boundary marker between Prince William and the newly created Fauquier counties. The grist mill, and a flour mill, since destroyed, were built by Jonathan Chapman on the Broad Run property which he purchased in 1742. Two stories were added to the structure during the 1850's, and it continued in operation through World War II. No longer in use, the mill was threatened by the construction of Interstate 66, but a co-operative effort by citizens' groups and federal and State highway officials caused the road to be redesigned to by-pass the mill.

In appealing for the preservation of the structure, one group noted that the mill had contributed essential food products for five Wars--beginning with the French and Indian War. The Mill is mentioned in old orderly books and in the public claims for the Revolutionary War. Supplies were shipped to American troops during the War of 1812, the Mexican War and during the Civil War the Mill was used (alternately) by Union and Confederates.

The mill was designed exclusively for the milling of corn for meal and feed, but, during ante-bellum Virginia's agricultural revival, its operations were expanded to include the grinding of limestone for fertilizer. The mill was modernized by a new metal waterwheel in 1900 and in the 1940's by flour grinding equipment and a diesel engine for auxiliary power. In the 1940's the mill ground approximately 100,000 bushels of grain annually and employed six persons.

Thus Beverley Mill -- this imposing mass of stone masonry within view of the thousands of motorists who travel through Thoroughfare Gap each year, this anciently designated official county boundary marker which has contributed bountifully to feeding Virginians and others during peace and war -- is indeed a landmark in the broadest and best sense.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Burrows, Claude, "Progress Swerved a Bit To Save Historic Mill," Richmond Times Dispatch, May 24, 1970.

"Highway Bends & Bows to History," The Motorist, Nov./Dec. 1970.

Knibb, Dorothy V., "185-Year-Old Mill Is Still A Going Small Business," Domestic Commerce, December, 1945.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38° 49' 29"	77° 42' 38"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 10 acres.**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff; James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

August 31, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:

Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:

Richmond,

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

James W. Moody, Jr., Director

Title Va. Historic Landmarks Commission

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STATE: Virginia	CODE 51	COUNTY: Prince William	CODE 153
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7½" quadrangle, Thoroughfare Gap, Virginia			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1966			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

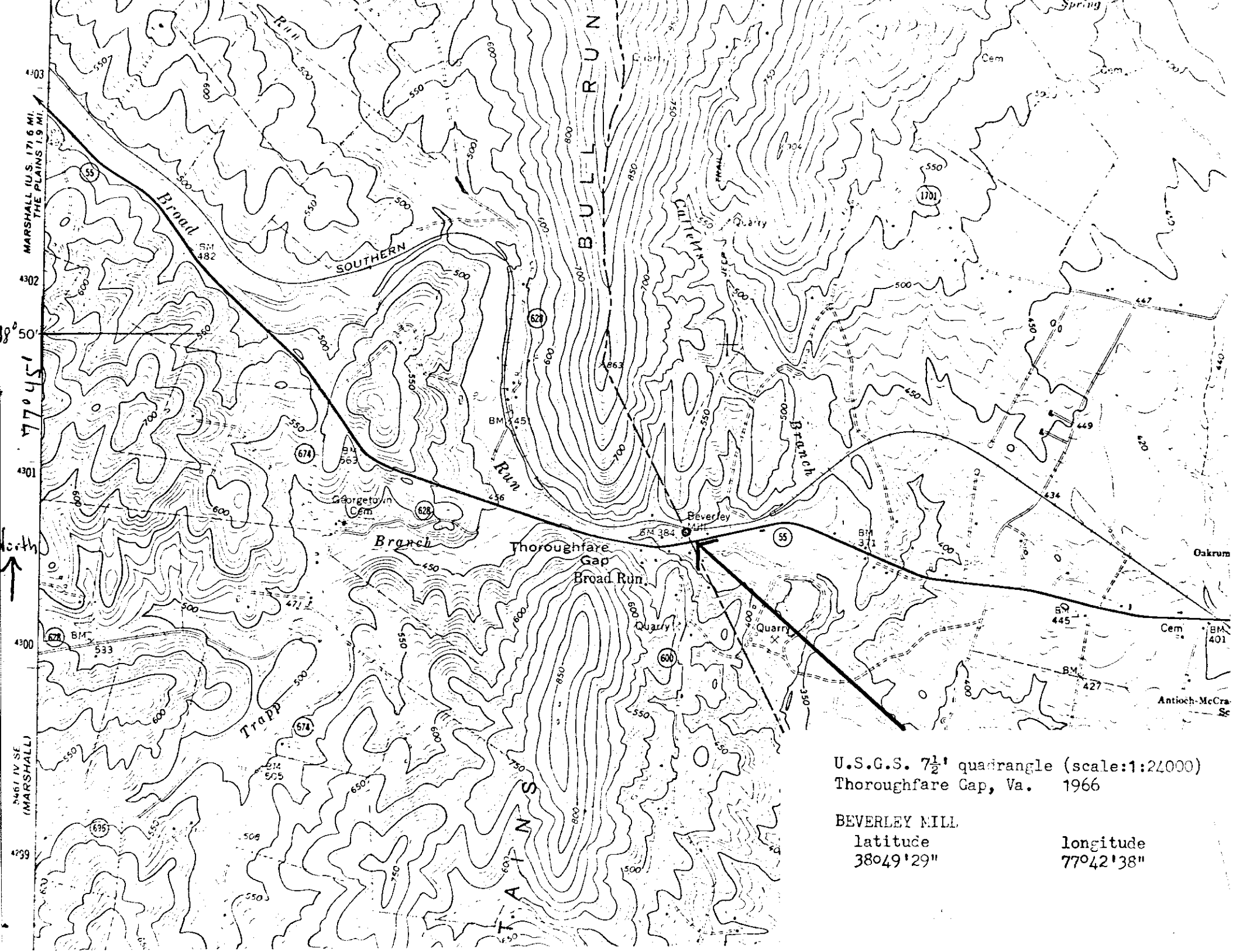
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1970			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission; Richmond, Virginia			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  VIEW FROM THE SOUTHEAST.			



MARSHALL (U.S. 171.6 MI.)  
THE PLAINS (1.9 MI.)

38° 50'  
77° 45'

North  
↑

3461 IV SE  
(MARSHALL)

38° 49'

U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' quadrangle (scale:1:24,000)  
Thoroughfare Gap, Va. 1966

BEVERLEY MILL

latitude  
38°49'29"

longitude  
77°42'38"