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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Kennedy-Wade Mill (Preferred) #081-0033-0001

AND/OR COMMON

Wade's Mill

2 LOCATION

2.3 miles NE of Brownsburg; W side of State Route 606; W side of Otts Creek; .5 mile NE of intersection of State Route 606 and 721.

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brownsburg

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Sixth (M. Caldwell Butler)

STATE

Virginia

CODE  
51

COUNTY  
Rockbridge

CODE  
163

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. C. Winston Wade

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 175

CITY, TOWN

Raphine

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 24472

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Rockbridge County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2) (See Continuation Sheet #1)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

1957

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kennedy-Wade Mill is set among the gently rolling hills of Rockbridge County near Hays Creek. Three walls of the two lower stories of the three-story, irregularly fenestrated, gable-roofed building are built of course rubble limestone, while the remainder of the building is framed with board-and-batten siding. There are a door and a window in each of the stone sides, while the long framed side accommodates the Fitz-type overshot iron mill wheel and a small framed office cantilevered off the south side at second-floor level.

There is a single open space in each of the three floors. The earliest equipment--the buhr for grinding corn meal and buckwheat--dates from a rebuilding in the third quarter of the 19th century, in which the mill took its present form. The remainder of the belt-driven machinery--for processing flour--was installed early in this century. It includes, on the first floor, a delivery bin, filter, the water wheel mechanism and a gasoline engine used in recent years when the water flow was insufficient. The second floor houses the buhrs, Salem (Va.) Machine Works rollers, the office, and a small corner fireplace. On the third floor are storage bins, a grader and separator (by Prinz and Rau Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee), a dresser made by Cane Manufacturing Co., and elevators. On the fourth (attic) floor are a receiving separator, made by S. Howes Co. of Silver Creek, N. Y., and a Cane Manufacturing Co. Rotary Scalper. Notable structural features on this level include the original hoist, which is still in operating condition, and the principal rafter roof, which is rarely found in buildings erected after the first quarter of the 19th century.

A portion of the iron conduit race survives.

The register boundaries have been kept to a minimum. No early outbuildings are likely to have existed, and the historical mill lot boundaries included only  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{3}{4}$  acres.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Industrial Archaeology
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of the supportive industries required by the agrarian society in 19th- and 20th-century western Virginia, the grist mill was the most essential. The Kennedy-Wade Mill, near Brownsburg, stands as the most complete, operable example of such a mill in Rockbridge County. The interesting collection of machinery is of significance from the standpoint of industrial archaeology. The stone portion of the structure may have been built in the early years of the 19th century by Andrew Kennedy, while the board-and-batten upper story was added after a fire in 1873.

Andrew Kennedy was a substantial landowner in the county and apparently acquired the tract of land upon which the present building stands in 1799. The first mention of a mill there dates from 1811, when Kennedy gave his son William one-half interest in the business. Six years later, William Kennedy was given the other half interest. An 1845 division of William Kennedy's estate shows a mill lot of 3 3/4 acres held jointly by his heirs, who sold it the next year to Henry B. Jones for \$1200. In 1867 Jones sold the property to Samuel A. Tanksley for \$4000. Tanksley owned the mill until the mid-1870's. It was near the end of his tenure that the building burned and was rebuilt. At about the same time, the business came into the possession of one Robertson or Robinson and became known as Robinson's Mill.

Since the early years of this century, the mill has been owned by the Wade family, who installed the modern roller milling machinery soon after they acquired it.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

John Carmichael Map, 1883.  
 Hotchkiss Civil War Map, 1863, copy at Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Va.  
 Rockbridge County Deed Books G, L, Z, JJ.  
Land Tax Books 1799-1875.  
Will Books 5, 9.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	65,055,0	4,210,133,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property being nominated comprises approximately one square acre with approximately 215 feet fronting on the W side of State Route 606 just W of the intersection of said route with Otts Creek.

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 / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

May 1978

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

(804) 786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

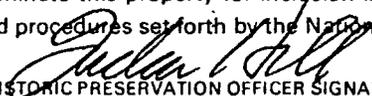
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE MAY 16 1978

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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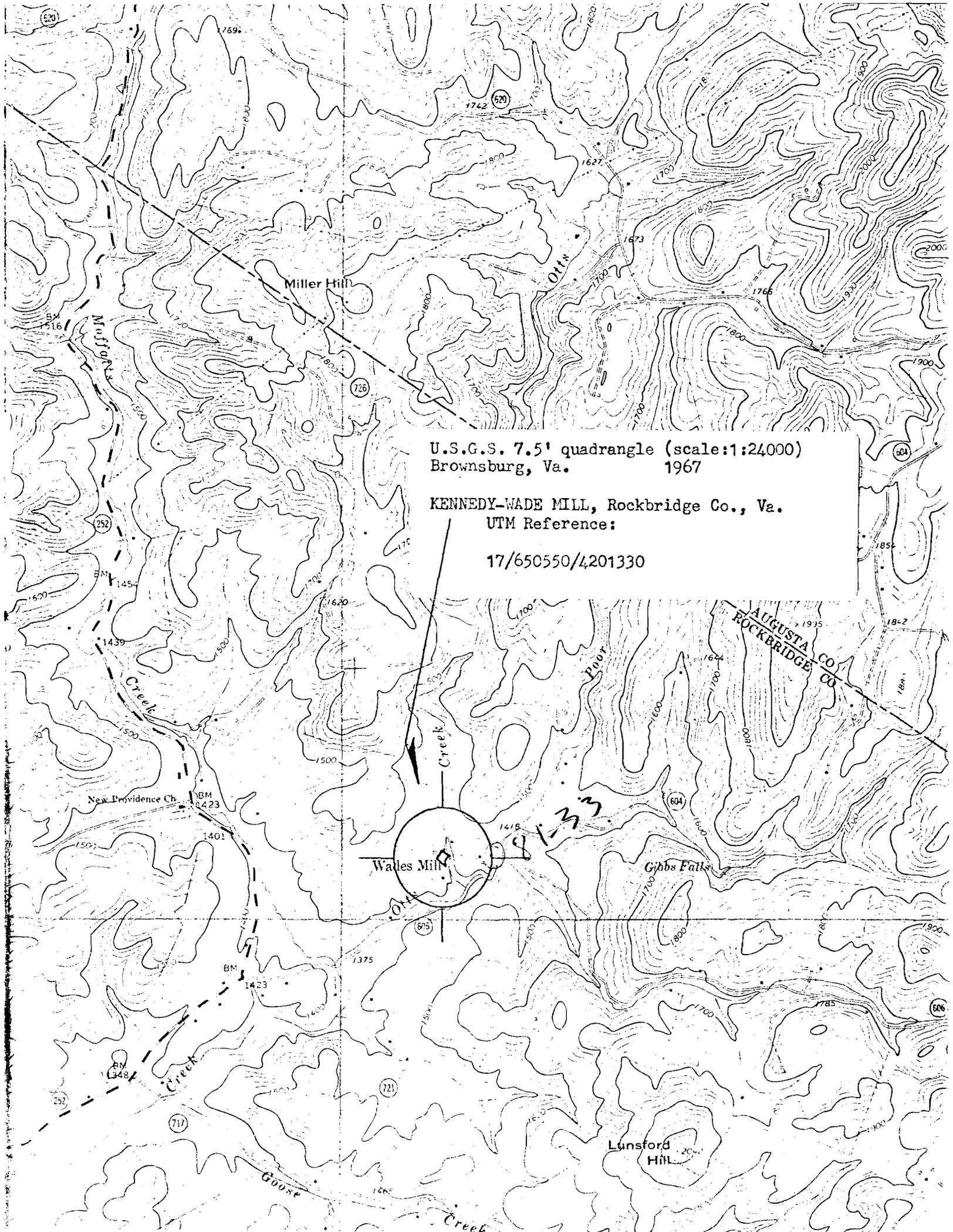
Kennedy-Wade Mill, Rockbridge County, Virginia

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

- (2) Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Survey  
1968, 1974, 1977 State  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219



U.S.G.S. 7.5' quadrangle (scale:1:24000)  
Brownsburg, Va. 1967

KENNEDY-WADE MILL, Rockbridge Co., Va.  
UTM Reference:

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