

# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE OR  THEMATIC NOMINATION

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC Gully Mill

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W. Side S.R. 1839, 2 Mi. S. of Jct. with S.R. 1838

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7th

STATE

North Carolina

VICINITY OF

CODE  
037

COUNTY  
Cumberland

CODE  
051

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER : <u>Mill</u>

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Doran Berry

STREET & NUMBER  
602 Wachovia Building

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

VICINITY OF

North Carolina

STATE

28302

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Register of Deeds, Cumberland County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER  
P.O. Box 2039

CITY, TOWN

Fayetteville

North Carolina

STATE

28302

## 6 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina 27611

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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

Gully Mill is located on Lock's Creek almost entirely on the west side of S.R. 1839 (north Plymouth Road) about one-fifth of a mile from the junction with S.R. 1838 (Dunn Road). The site is on the northeast side of the Cape Fear River just across the Fayetteville city line into Cumberland County. It consists mainly of the mill proper, which is made up of one and two story sections dating approximately to 1900, above ground and under ground devices to control water flow, a water wheel, a miller's house, corrugated metal storage silos, a chicken coop, and miscellaneous related structures. Across the street (bridge) are the dam and water sill which control the flow of water used to operate the mill.

The main mill building consists of four major component parts: a two-story section, a one-story addition, a large water wheel operated by water flowing through a partially underground flume, and an open rear shed. Each has a separate and distinct function which have changed somewhat over the years.

The two-story section of the mill was once used solely as a cotton ginnyery. Its plan is a basic rectangle with a standing seam metal gable roof. Faced with unpainted German siding, the building's facades are interrupted at random intervals by doors and windows with multiple sash. A cinder block chimney stack rises from the east end which is closest to and most visible from the main road. Inside, equipment for grinding grain and corn--shellers, hoppers, feeders, grindstones, a miller's box, chutes, sifters, baggers, and storage bins--are housed on the first floor, and a two-room apartment on the second. The apartment is accessible by a single straight stair which rises against the mill's south face.

Closer to the water's edge is the above-mentioned single-story addition which was said to have been added in the 1930s. It has plain weatherboard siding (German siding replaces some) with a gable roof echoing that of its larger counterpart. This section is now mainly used for storage of the old cotton gin and milling equipment.

On the north exterior of the mill proper is the water wheel. It was originally constructed of wood but replaced with a "Fitts Overshoot steel water wheel 22 feet with a 3 foot face" probably during the 1930s. A small observation room overlooking the wheel is tacked onto the single story mill section.

Two sheds, one a lean-to and the other open, are situated toward the rear. These enclosed a hammer mill which was operated on the premises during World War II. They serve no particular function now except as sheltered storage areas.

Situated in or scattered around the yard are objects and structures related to the milling operation. The most prominent of these is a miller's house located just south of the main building. It is one-story high, four bays across

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with a slightly less than full-facade front porch, and has an ell toward the rear. A plaque in the new north side chimney gives the name of the owner in 1972, F.L. Dees, as well as 1812, the year in which the mills on the site are said to have been established. Other objects of interest include millstones, a whetstone, and two storage silos.

Across S.R. 1839, or North Plymouth Road, is the headwater of Lock's Creek. From a point adjacent to the road on this side is the dam and water sill which control the pooling and flow of water, supply the flume, and begin the race. The creek veers off to the northwest at this point, is routed under the roadbridge, cascades down a waterfall, and curves back to a point where the flume joins it again.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL

\_\_\_\_ STATE

LOCAL

**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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Located on a historic mill site on Lock's Creek, Gully Mill is the last operating water-powered grist mill in Cumberland County. Dating to the turn of the century, the mill and nearby miller's house occupy a site which, surrounded by cultivated farmland, was as far back as the late eighteenth/early nineteenth century the location of an assortment of mills. Originally housing cotton ginning equipment and part of a larger milling complex, the existing building was enlarged and converted into a fully-functioning grist-grinding operation around 1930 by owner N. Lucas. The building, which features a fully-equipped grinding floor, a room used mainly for storing old ginning equipment, a miller's box, a large metal water wheel, and various related structures and outbuildings, continues to be operated occasionally today. It stands as a reminder of an agribusiness which was once vital to the agricultural economy and trade of early Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

**CRITERIA ASSESSMENT**

- A. Gully Mill is the last operating water-powered grist mill in Cumberland County, an area which since its early history has had a strong agri-industrial tradition.



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substituted a steel water wheel for the original wooden one.<sup>9</sup> This illustrates the mill's continuous adaptation to the changing times through which it has existed.

Several transfers occurred between the time that Lucas ownership was relinquished in 1943 and the time that the Woods family obtained the title in 1950.<sup>10</sup> Family members operated the "Gully Water Mill" and produced flour and feed for about a decade.<sup>11</sup> F. L. Dees and his wife Julia took over the operation in 1961.<sup>12</sup> F.L. Dees, as a retired man, ground flour and meal on a small scale. He also tinkered with the equipment on the premises and experimented with mechanical improvements. Doran J. Berry, who has owned the mill since 1978, keeps it in working order and operates it occasionally.<sup>13</sup>



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