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IDENTIFICATION

Connetquot River State Park Preserve:

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Nichol Tidewater Grist Mill (002)
2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Great River
3. STREET LOCATION: Sunrise Highway
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public x b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: OPRHP ADDRESS:
6. USE: Original: Present:
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingle g. stucco other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain)
e. other
10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP: attached



View east
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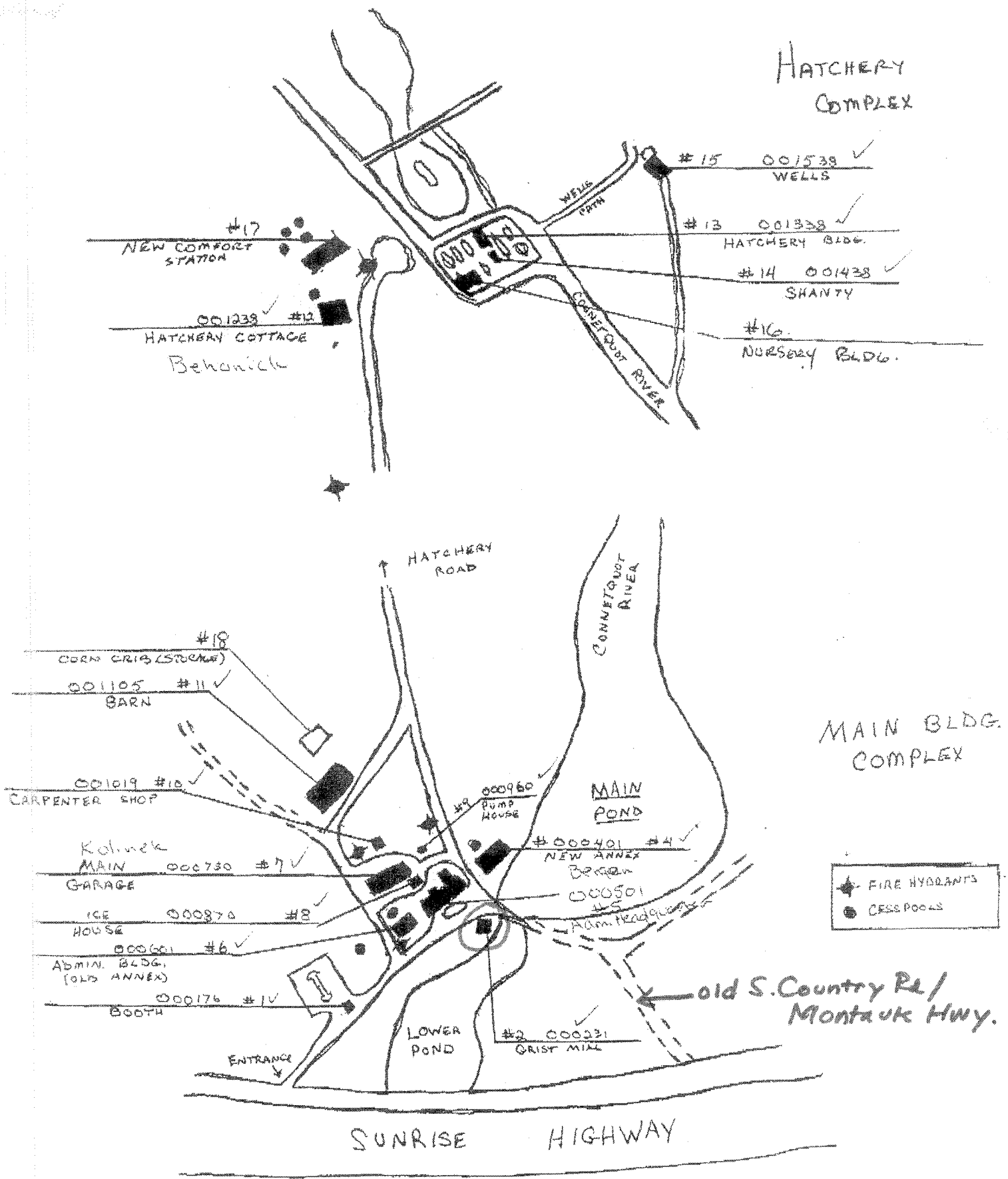
14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known__ b. zoning__ c. roads__
 d. developers__ e. deterioration__
 f. other_____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn__ b. carriage house__ c. garage__
 d. privy__ e. shed__ f. greenhouse__
 g. shop__ h. gardens__
 i. landscape features:_____
 j. other:_____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING: (check more than one if necessary)
 a. open land__ b. woodland__
 c. scattered buildings__
 d. densely built-up__ e. commercial__
 f. industrial__ g. residential__
 h. other_____
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE BUILDING AND SITE:
 (include interior features if known)

1970's: New shingle siding + windows (orig. windows
 supposedly in storage)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: mid 18th century
- ARCHITECT: _____
- BUILDER: _____
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
 see NR nomination
21. SOURCES:
22. THEME/AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 CRITERIA:
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: a. local__ b. state__ c. national__

CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK PRESERVE





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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC TRUST
STATEWIDE SURVEY OF HISTORIC SITES AND BUILDINGS

NR
listed

- 1. Name (Common and Historic) Nicoll Tidewater Grist Mill
- Location 2. Suffolk County 3. Islip Town 4. Village or City
- 5. Address or Location (Sunrise Hwy; north side) in Preserve
- 6. Type Grist Mill, 18th cent. 7. Subject or Theme Commercial Architectural
- 8. Date of Construction 1760's 9. Architect (If Known)
- 10. Builder (If known)
- 11. Original Owner
- 12. Original Use Tidewater Grist Mill
- 13. Present Owner L. I. Park Comm.
Name
Address
- 14. Present Use None
- 15. Physical Condition Poor to Dilapidated
- 16. Surveys L. I. Survey, Office of Planning Coordination,
- 17. Future Action If the Hunting Lodge is not restored, the mill should by all means be restored and used as a museum.
- Federal Register**
- 18. Surveyed by Robert L. Wiggins, Cuddebackville, N. Y., March 68.
Date Surveyed

NR

History and Significance:

This building is one of the finest of the few ^{ide} ~~the~~ water mills surviving in L. I. ~~It is in a semi-dilapidated structure~~ It is in a semi-dilapidated condition. This is most regrettable considering that it is ~~all most~~ ^{almost} unique and is a state property.

For the most part the original machinery is in tact showing many signs of early beading and other 18th century characteristics. The original wheel was horizontal rather than vertical.

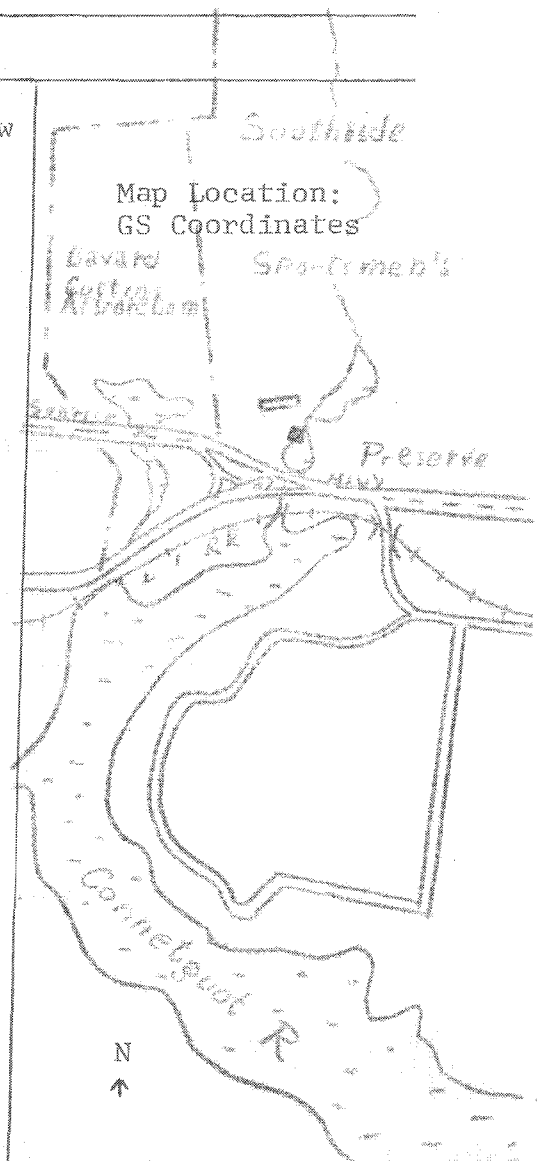
Considering the beautiful surroundings and that the mill pond is still in tact and operable for a mill, this fine shingle mill would make an excellent museum in the Southside Sportsmen's Preserve (Future State Park).

Sources of Information: L. I. Survey.

Photograph: Date

March 68.

Direction of View



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SUFFOLK COUNTY - ISLIP

industrial

Nicoll Tidewater Grist Mill

In spite of the dilapidated condition of this mill, it has much to recommend it for nomination to the National Register.

It is a fine example of one of the few surviving mills on Long Island. Most of the original machinery is intact although the original water wheel was horizontal rather than vertical. The shingle structure has many 18th century characteristics.

The beautiful location on an operable millpond is also in its favor. It is situated, adjacent to the famous State-owned Bayard Cutting Arboretum, on property that will be developed into a State Park. With the nearby Sportsman's Lodge, it has an excellent potential for historic site purposes. ~~Preservation and development will be encouraged by registration.~~
Registration will encourage preservation and development of the site.