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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gamble Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Lamb Mill, Thomas Mill, Wagner Mill, Bellefonte Flouring Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dunlap and Lamb Streets

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23rd

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF
CODE

42

COUNTY

Centre

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

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

Ted H. Conklin; Borough of Bellefonte

STREET & NUMBER

Box 35 ; Municipal Building

CITY, TOWN

Milesburg ; Bellefonte

STATE

PA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Centre County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

STATE

PA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historical Reflections of Centre County

DATE

1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Centre County Planning Commission (Courthouse)

CITY, TOWN

Bellefonte

STATE

PA

7/ DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gamble Mill rises three and one-half stories in height and features an impressive stepped gable with full gabled attic on the north facade. The north face of the mill also features the clerestory hoistway shaft as well as visible traces of a former roof line and variations in brick coloration which indicate that a gable roof structure was once attached. Presently abutting the north wall is a one story shed building set on a limestone foundation, as is the main structure, which rises five to seven feet above grade. A carriageway, seventeen feet in depth and forty-five feet in width, passes under twenty inch brick arches on the east and west walls. Adjacent to this loading area is a room, twenty feet by forty-five feet, separated from the main building by the carriageway. Located here are four massive masonry piers, seven feet high and three feet square, with plinth caps of three, twelve inch by twelve inch by thirty-six inch timbers which in turn support twelve inch by fourteen inch beams.

The main structure is forty-five feet by forty-five feet with brick walls resting on a twenty-four inch thick limestone foundation. The first story wall thickness is twenty inches, the second story wall thickness is sixteen inches, and the third story wall thickness is twelve inches. The north wall has loading doors at each level. Windows are located on all levels on three sides of the main structure, eleven windows on each floor while the attic loft feature two arched fan light windows.

Iron star bolts and tie rods are found throughout the structure as an integral part of the wood beams. The interior structure consists of two rows of three timber columns which run north-south supporting timber beams and penetrating through the loft. An interesting structural detail is the heavy capital timber cap transitioning loads from beam to column and spanning a Z-spliced wood-pegged connection on the beams. Timber size is twelve inches by twelve inches. All structured members have chamfered edges.

Two one story brick additions are located to the east side of the main complex.

The mill is located in an ideal site. Spring Creek, a fresh water stream, is located immediately to the west, an early canal terminal for the Bellefonte Branch of the Pennsylvania Canal was located just to the north, and a portion of the mill run is located just to the south.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1786, William Lamb constructed a grist mill along the west bank of Spring Creek. The mill, with later additions, survived until 1892 when it was destroyed by fire. The owners, Gerberich, Hale & Co., erected the present mill shortly afterwards on the limestone foundations of the original mill. In 1894, a local newspaper reported that,

"Neither labor nor money was spared to make it complete in every way . . . (It) has all the modern conveniences necessary to facilitate the manufacture and handling of their product. It is regarded as a model mill in every respect. The equipment of roller process machinery is of the latest pattern and in connection with this all the improved cleaners, scourers, etc., are afforded, enabling the very finest grade of flour to be manufactured."

The mill derives its name from George Gamble who bought a share in the mill sometime around 1901, eventually became sole owner prior to his retirement in 1923. The mill has not been used for grinding grain since 1947.

Of approximately thirty-four mill sites recorded in the Centre County region of Pennsylvania, there are only six which have even a portion of the original mill remaining. The Gamble Mill is one of only two mills left in the immediate Bellefonte area and the other is in the process of demolition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY two (2)
 UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Ted H. Conklin; David M. Berman, Curator DATE: May 1975
 ORGANIZATION: ----- ; Pa Hist & Museum Comm
 STREET & NUMBER: Box 35 ; Wm Penn Memorial Museum TELEPHONE: 717-787-4363
 CITY OR TOWN: Bellefonte ; Harrisburg STATE: PA

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

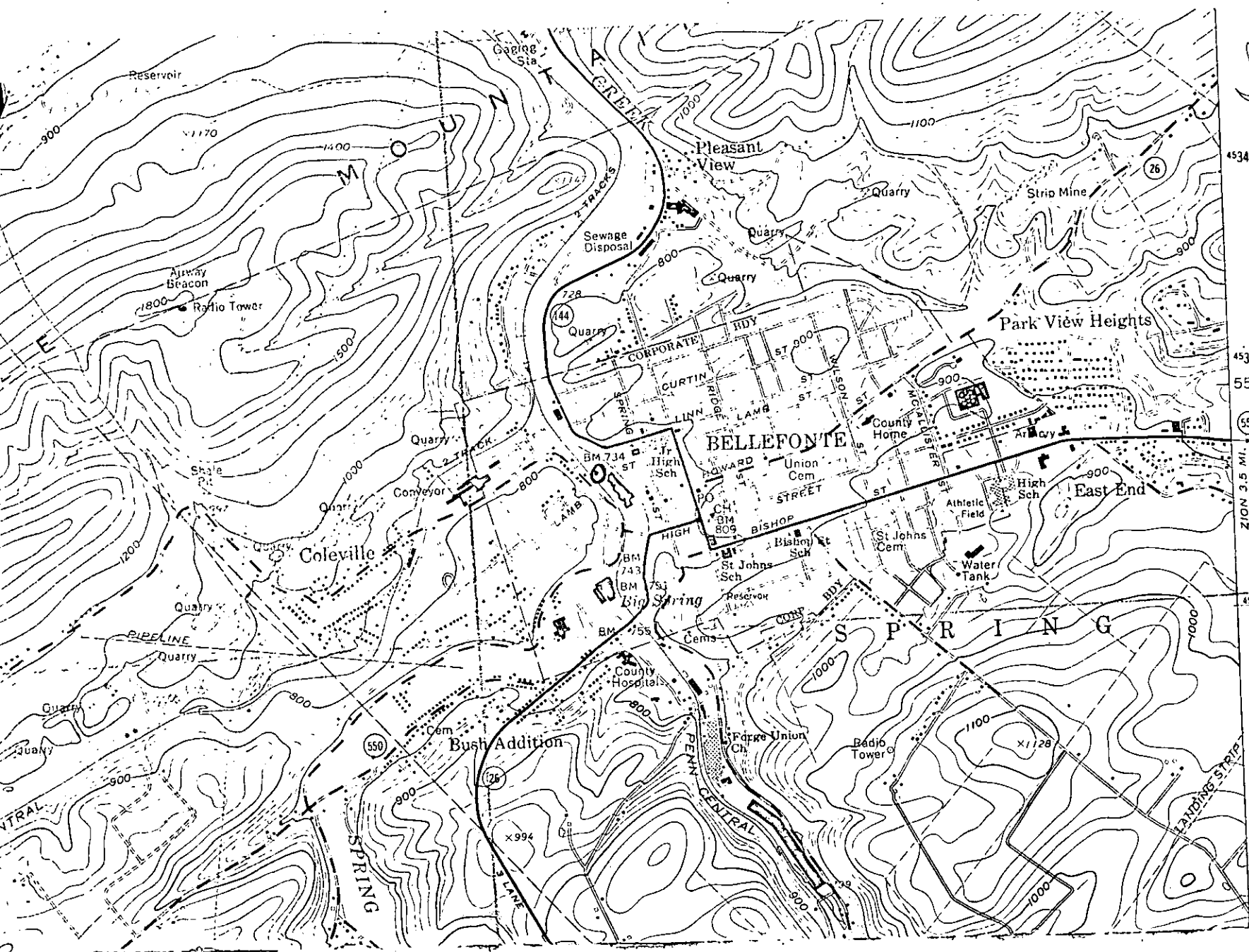
NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE: William J. Wewer DATE: Executive Director

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER:	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE



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GAMBLE MILL - Centre County
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