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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Meadowland (Ruins)	Common name Miller's House (Ruins) at Beverley Mill
County/Town/City Prince William County	Miller's House (Ruins) at Chapman Mill
Street address or route number vic. intersection SR600 & Rt. 55, nr. Thoroughfare, Va.	

USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period mid-18th century.
Original owner Jonathan Chapman	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Residence	
Present owner Mrs. Morton W. Smith	Source of name
Present owner address Middleburg, Va	Source of date Published article.
	Stories 2½
Present use Not in use	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation & walls
Acreage c10 acres including mill.	
	Roof type unknown.

State condition of structure and environs House is in ruins and surrounding area completely overgrown.

State potential threats to structure Continued deterioration.  
Note any archaeological interest

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

House was probably 2½ stories, double pile, with double chimneys on each end. Located about 250 feet east of the mill and, since 1854 when the railroad was built, on the north side of the railroad (between the railroad and the mountain). In the mid-18th century the road through Thoroughfare Gap ran where the railroad is now.

Ruins consist of the remains of thick (c24" at basement) stone walls, mortared with lime and mud, and once finished on the interior with plaster. Still standing is one partial gable end containing a stack of fireplaces and supporting the northeast corner and three "piers" that were once the house's other corners. Interior is filled with rubble.

Supposedly there is a small cemetery in the woods behind the house, containing the graves of George Chapman (1769-1840) and his wife, Susan Pearson Chapman (1780-1856), and possibly also two of their children.

Interior inspected?

Historical significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

This house was the home from the 1740s to his death in 1759 of Jonathan Chapman, who, with his son Nathaniel, built the original mills here in 1742. Five generations of Chapmans lived in the house until 1866 and the death of John Chapman, the last of the Chapmans to own the mill. The house remained in the Chapman family after the mill was sold in 1870, and it was the home of the Bleights, descendants of the Chapmans, when the house burned in the 1880s.

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

HABS Catalog, p. 125.

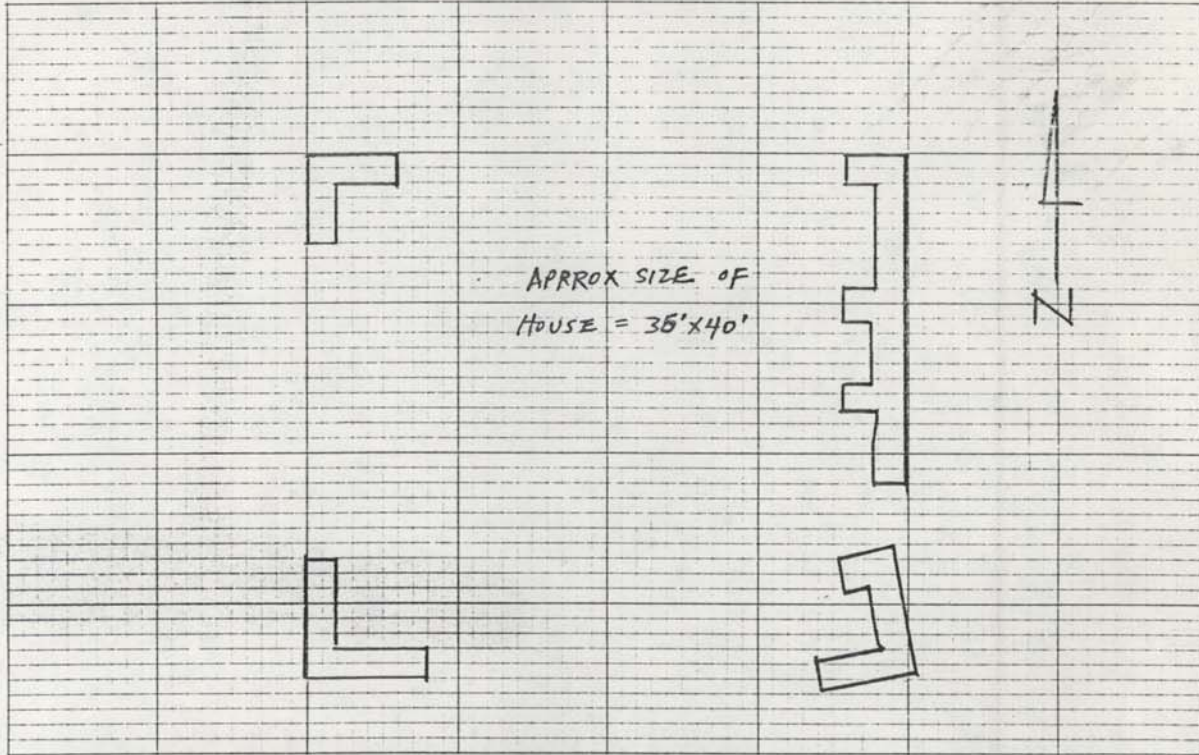
H.H. Douglas, "Beverley Mill," in Echoes of History, July 1971.

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

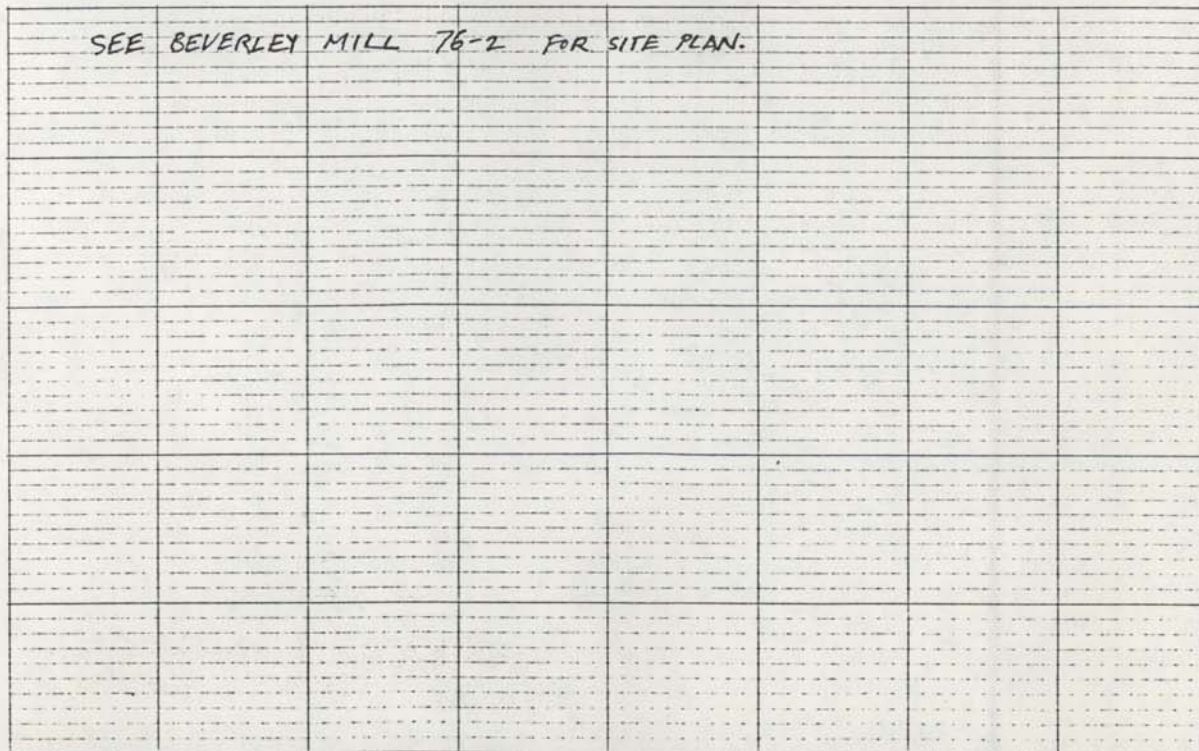
HABS - - 1 exterior photograph (1936).

Names and addresses of persons interviewed

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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