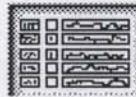

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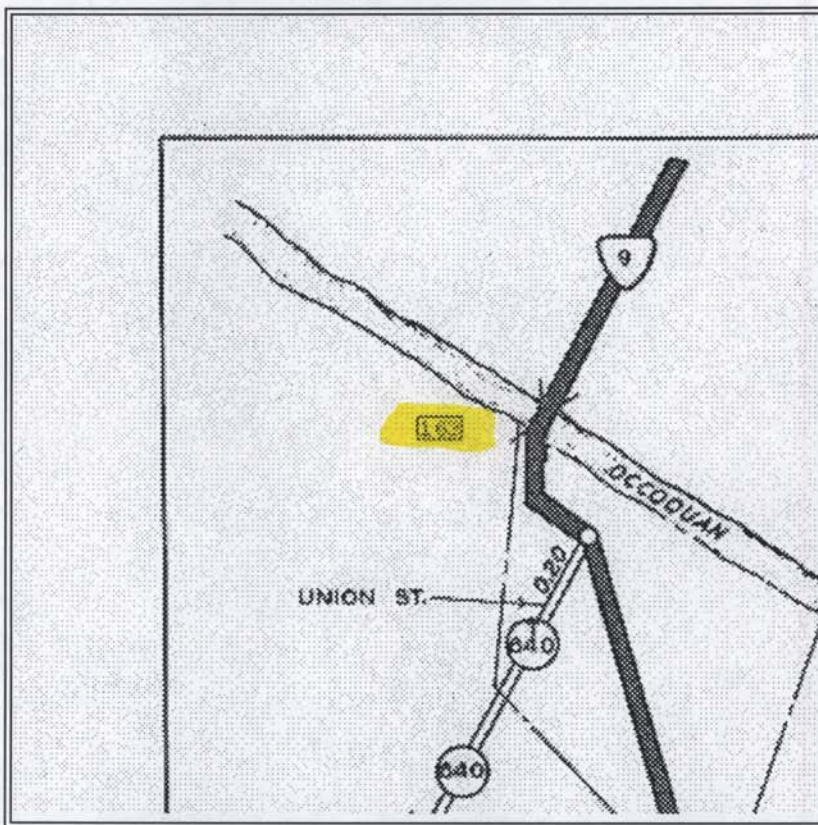
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April 8, 1938.

1. SUBJECT:

Cotton Mill Site.

2. LOCATION:

To the west of Route #9, in Occoquan, Virginia, to the left, just before crossing the river from the village.

3. DATE:

1828.

4. OWNERS:

Samuel Nathaniel Janny, 1828. It was in the Janny family for many years. It is now owned by the Occoquan Hydro-Electric Power Company.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The walls are standing to-day, overgrown with vines, but imposing as to size and showing fine masonry. From these it appears that there were ten windows to a side. Perhaps the following extract will give a clearer description of it. This is a description of Occoquan given in 1836, taken from Howe's Outline of History:

"Occoquan contains fifty dwellings, several stores, various mercantile stores, a cotton factory running one thousand spindles, manufacturing flour mill, making one hundred fifty barrels of flour a day, also grist, plaster and saw mills."

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This is said to be the first cotton factory in Virginia. That it did a large business for a while is evident, but the silting up the river, as in Dumfries, was the chief cause of its gradual failure. It was burned during the War Between the States.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Late Mr. George D. Selceman, Occoquan, Virginia.
Mr. William Lynn, Occoquan, Virginia.
Mr. Brent Davis, Woodbridge, Virginia.

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