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Layton's Mill House, (Elben's Mill)

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Layton's Mill House, Elben's Mill Circa 1820
Hillsboro
Private

On the Tuckahoe Road south of Hillsboro stands an early 19th Century mill structure which has been converted into a dwelling. Judging from the corbeled cornice, it dates around 1810-20 as this feature is rarely seen on Eastern Shore buildings before that date.

A mill was established on this site in 1739 by John Baynard and Henry Carson. "Mill Landing" was surveyed in 1768 for James Seth who built a brick mill. The latter is mentioned in a deed in 1776. Subsequent owners of the mill included the names of Nichols, Ireland, Knotts, Sparklin, and Elben. (Horsey, E. F.)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mill House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Deep Branch Rd., 2.3 miles south of Hillsboro (west)

CITY, TOWN

Hillsboro

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles V. Layton

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Denton

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21629

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 151

Folio #: 38

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

South of the town of Hillsboro, on Tuckahoe Neck stands a two story brick house. The sign reads Layton's Mill - 1739, probably the earliest date of their having been a mill thereon erected. The white brick building appears to have been constructed around 1800-1820, judging from the projecting brick cornice. It is two bays long with a central door, and two bays deep. Modern millwork pedimented trim surrounds the entrance door. All windows have 6/6 sash, louvered shutters and flat arches. There is an old chimney built within the north gable and a new one constructed on the south gable. On the west facade is a one story screened porch and on the north is a one story wing with porch. The interior has been completely modernised and nothing is visible of the old structure.

The grounds and house are in very good condition.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
_PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	_COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	_RELIGION	
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	_CONSERVATION	_LAW	_SCIENCE	
_1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	_ECONOMICS	_LITERATURE	_SCULPTURE	
_1600-1699	_ARCHITECTURE	_EDUCATION	_MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X 1700-1799	_ART	_ENGINEERING	_MUSIC	_THEATER	
X 1800-1899	_COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	_PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION	
_1900-	_COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		_INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Layton's Mill House is the only surviving brick mill structure in Caroline County. It is similar to the Transquaking Mill in Dorchester County which has also been converted into a dwelling. Little remains of the mill beside the walls as the original exposed structure has been covered with modern wall finish.

This mill was established in 1739 by John Baynard and Heney Casson, on a tract called Hackton which was patented to Nicholas Hackett in 1673. "Mill Landing" was surveyed in 1768 for James Seth, evidently a brick mill was built, for in 1776 a brick mill on Hackton was conveyed in that year. Later owners included the names of Nichols, Ireland, Knotts, Sparklin, and the last in the century Elben.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
June, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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