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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: York	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
SEP 7	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Olde Grist Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Perkins Tide Mill *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mill Lane

CITY OR TOWN:
Kennebunkport

STATE Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: York	CODE 031
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Restaurant</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Olde Grist Mill, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Mill Lane

CITY OR TOWN:
Kennebunkport

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
York County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Alfred

STATE: Maine	CODE: 23
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

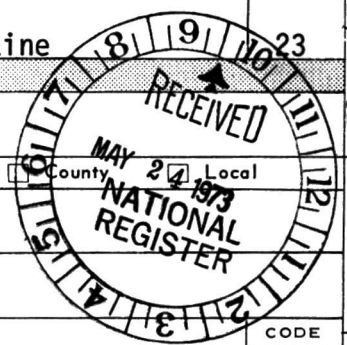
DATE OF SURVEY: **August, 1965** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE: 11
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7 DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

1. Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure is a well preserved example of a tidal grist mill of the 18th and 19th centuries. Although no longer operating as a mill, the building has received only minor modification. Architectural features include a variety of exposed framing, knee braces, mill machinery and early hardware. The condition of the fabric is excellent.

The exterior of the mill is an ell-shaped, wood frame, shingled building located at a dam on the northeast side of Mill Stream, an estuary of the Kennebunk River. It has intersecting gable roofs, cupola and entrance hood. Shingle surfaces are weathered grey, trim is red and the cupola is white. Overall dimension are 70' x 20'. Foundation walls are random-coursed rubble and wood pilings. Modern additions are concrete. The wall construction consists of wood shingles over vertical siding on braced frame. Girts appear at floor, intermediate and ceiling levels; corner boards and fascias are painted red. There are concrete steps and stoop at the front entrance and a gable hood or appendice with bracket support. There are wood board sliding doors at the front entrances with bottom support on cast iron wheels and iron tracks and with six light sash in each door. The windows are 6/6 DH with canvas awnings. Casement windows in the porch addition have 6 lights per casement and two casements per opening. There are miscellaneous modern windows and metal louvers for the kitchen blower. The structure has an intersecting gable roof of wood and composition shingle covering. There is no overhang or cornice, but wood gutters are present. The kitchen shed has a felt roof. The rectangular cupola with pyramid roof, shingle covering and wood pinnacle has double hung windows, 6/6, the short sides having 2 windows each and the long sides having 3 windows, or 2 plus a wood door. The cupola has boxed eaves and a molded cornice. There is one brick chimney in the kitchen shed (modern), and various modern fans and vent housings.

The interior of the mill has a main floor with an entrance at each southeast elevation into large spaces for the milling process broken by columns, mill machinery, service counters, stairs to the left space above and two toilets. There is a trap door and ladder to the space under the building and to the sluice. There is access to the dining rooms in the ell and to the porch addition. In addition, there is a kitchen shed and storage area as well as ladders to the left space over the mill and the dining room. Left space over the mill room contains milling machinery, chutes and bins, as well as a trap door to the first floor and a ladder to the cupola, while the left space over the dining room is for storage and has windows DH and 6/6 open into the kitchen and into the dining porches. The cupola houses conveyer belt machinery as well as sifting devices. All stairways are step ladder or open stair design. The flooring consists of a variety of very wide pine boards, 10" to 18" and wood strips. The framing is exposed above the vertical board wainscot, and the exterior beams and joints, hewn and/or vertical sawed. Knee joints occur at several column-beam intersections. The interior doorways and doors consist

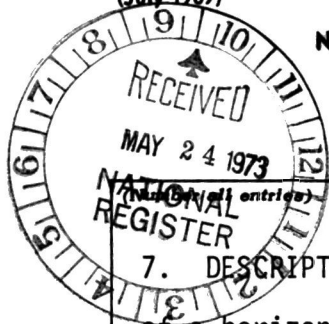
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of a horizontal sliding door between the mill room and dining room, suspended from the top rail and cast iron wheels, a wood board door, a variety of modern doors and hatch doors of wood boards. The chutes and bins are of interest since they are associated with the milling process. There is a hoist wheel in the left of the mill room and modern interior window shutters. There is electric lighting, heating and air conditioning. Hardware consists of mill machinery, including mill stones, shafts and gears, waterwheel (not in place), conveyer, etc.

The mill is located on fill contained with wood plank bulkhead on a sloping site on the northeast side of Mill Stream, an estuary of the Kennebunk River. A dam extends southwest to the opposite shore of the river with a sluice next to the structure. There are no outbuildings nor landscaping, but there is a driveway at the southeast side.

The original grindstone was of granite and imported from England while the original dam was of granite blocks with pine posts among them, all held within clay and cement. In 1866, James D. Perkins bought a new millstone of French Buhrstone, a kind of quartz. The dam was rebuilt in 1963 so that much of the old structure remains underneath, but rubble covers it so that the structure no longer shows.

Photographs taken in 1879 and 1906 show the early structure and bracket certain changes; in 1879 the east facade of the mill was as now, but it had no cupola and no porch over the door. It did have a chimney. The storage building was much smaller than now with two story facades on north and south. The north facade had a door and two windows on the ground level and two windows above. The east facade was symmetrical and had five windows. By 1906, additions included the cupola, hood over the mill door and one story addition to the north of the storage building. This addition continued the roof line unbroken. Another window was added to the east facade and a door broken through between the two old windows. The new north facade had neither windows nor doors, but on the west was one window and one door (both still present). The addition had no flat ceiling so the second story windows of the old facade look down into the new space. This is the case on the south now also, where a similar one story addition exists and was presumably put on at the same time as that on the north. Also, between 1879 and 1906, the joining of mill and storage buildings at the roof lines was changed so that roof meets roof rather than the mill roof abutting the storage siding. In 1939 when the mill became a restaurant, the further north ell was added; it breaks the former roof line and adds one more window and door on the east. Then also, a second window as added on the west, bathrooms were installed in the old mill and kitchen equipment in the old storage building, and the mill

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pond was partially filled in for parking area where formerly the water had extended north about as far as the 1906 northern facade of the storage building except where a shored up dirt road led to the mill entrance. In 1955, a one story porch on the west was added to be taken off and replaced by an expanded one story dining area in 1968.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built 1749**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Perkins Tide Mill is one of the last remaining examples of an 18th century tidewater grist mill in the United States. The mill was built in 1749 and operated until 1929. Tidewater mills were operated by tidal ebb and flow rather than by the flowing waters of a stream or river. The mill building itself has received only minor modifications such as the addition of a 19th century cupola as shown in the photographs. Architectural features include a variety of exposed framing, knee braces, mill machinery and early hardware.

Although the preservation purist might frown upon the Mill's present use, the building survives today because it was an early example of adaptive use. Adaptive use in historic structures is essential in Maine because of the great number of 19th century structures that remain. The Perkins Grist Mill may not be the best example of adaptive use but the building does serve a functional economic purpose thereby being insured of survival for the present. A building of this nature by its very existance and the recognition that National Register designation can provide serves as a public benefit role beyond its economic function. Should it ever cease to function as a restaurant, enough remains to restore it to its original state. Had it never been utilized for that purpose, it might today be an historic site rather than a structure.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Boston Evening Transcript. September 18, 1929.
Boston Evening Transcript. March 10, 1940.
 Historic American Buildings Survey, August, 1965.
 Interviews with David F. Lombard and Mrs. Louise Perkins Lombard, July 23, 1965.
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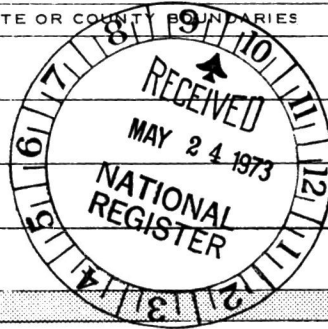
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	0 . "	0 . "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John C. Lombard
 ORGANIZATION: Olde Grist Mill, Inc. DATE: Jan. 8, 1973
 STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Lane
 CITY OR TOWN: Kennebunkport STATE: Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James H. Mundy
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: May 21, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 9/7/73

ATTEST: Wm J. Mundy
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9 5 73

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Kennebunk Star. June 18, 1964.

"Kennebunkport's Olde Grist Mill". Downeast Magazine, July, 1964.

Old photographs, records, documents and other properties of Olde Grist Mill, Inc. and the Perkins-Lombard family.

Portland Sunday Telegram. November 21, 1926.

Portland Sunday Telegram. October 3, 1937.

S.P.N.E.A. "Tide Mills in New England". Old Time New England, April, 1935.



PROPERTY ~~Oshee Crist Mill~~

STATE Maine

PERKINS TIDE MILL

WORKING NUMBER 4.12.73.2793

TECH REVIEW
Photos 2
Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW longitude incorrect

CM
4-26-73

HISTORIAN Seems to have quite a few alterations but is still acceptable (HABS)

Accept
4-26-73
C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Prefer PERKINS TIDE MILL

Accept
KH
4/26/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

see name

National Register write-up _____

Send-back 4.27.73

Federal Register entry _____

Re-submit _____

Entered _____

SEP 1973

PROPERTY Olde Grist Mill Perkins STATE Mo.
WORKING NUMBER 4.12.73.2793 Tide mill

TECH REVIEW
Photos 2
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York

CONTROL REVIEW
OK

cm
5-28-73

HISTORIAN # 8 poor but all together com. stands — Accept
unsure about name - prefer Perkins
Tide Mill but Olde Grist Mill will be used locally
suggest we consider asking state?

5/30/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN Use Perkins Mill
name Don't they even know how to spell "old"?

Accept 7-2-73

ARCHEOLOGIST Invented by HAER & LH 7/24/73

Accept
KHE
7/24/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
8/22/73
for keeper
7-9-73

KEEPER
cm
9/5/73

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Send-back _____

Federal Register entry 11-6-73

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Exterior front - southeast facade

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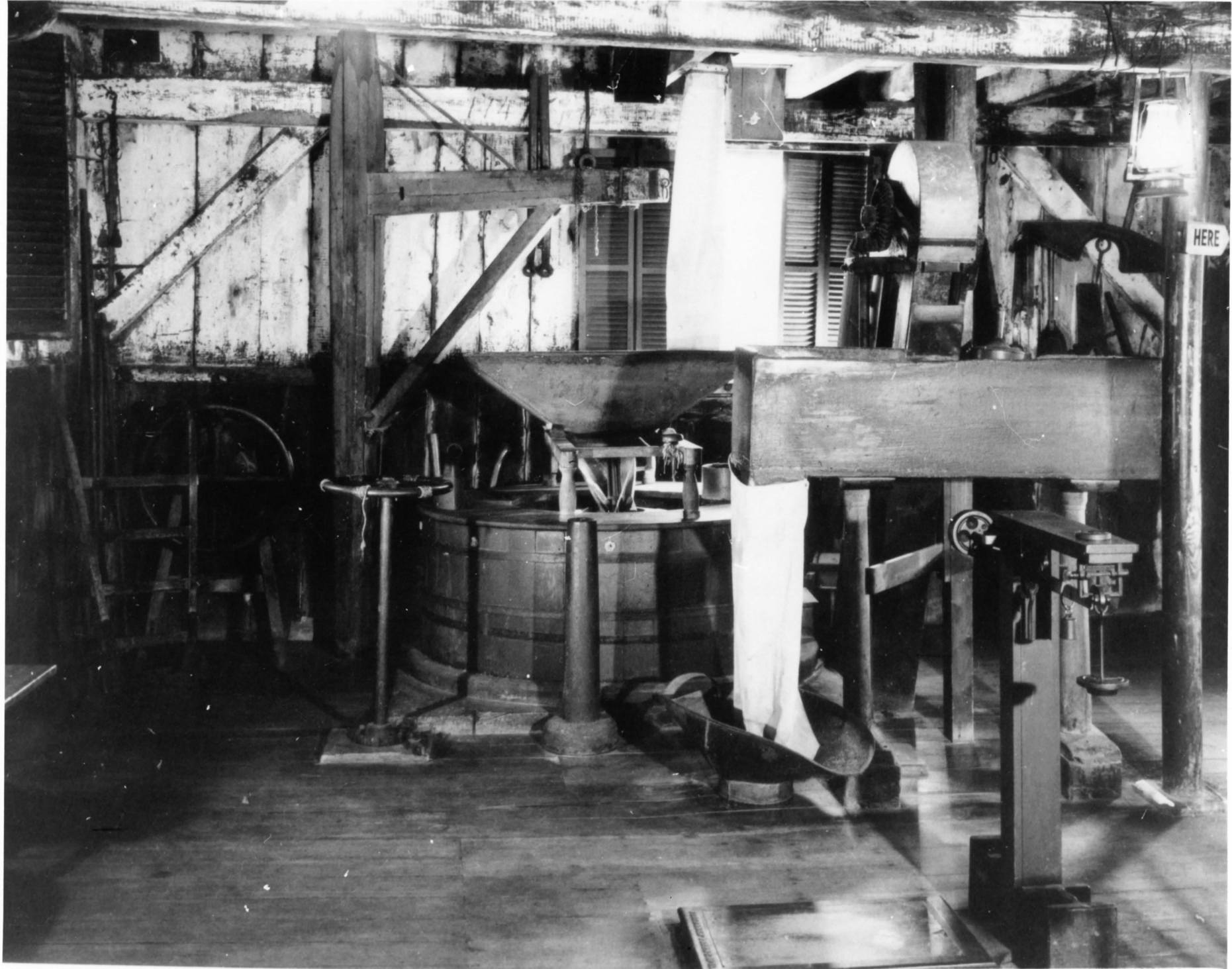
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i>
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	
Olde Grist Mill	Perkins Tide Mill	23/031
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Maine	York	Kennebunkport
STREET AND NUMBER		
Mill Lane		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Exterior front (southeast) facade.





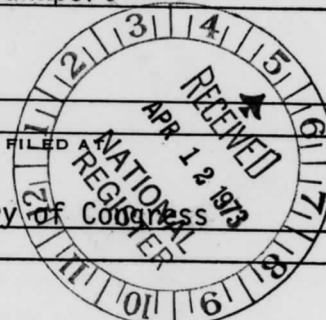
Interior view showing mill machinery

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Interior of Mill showing relatively unchanged machinery in the original Mill building.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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STREET AND NUMBER

Mill Lane

3. MAP REFERENCE

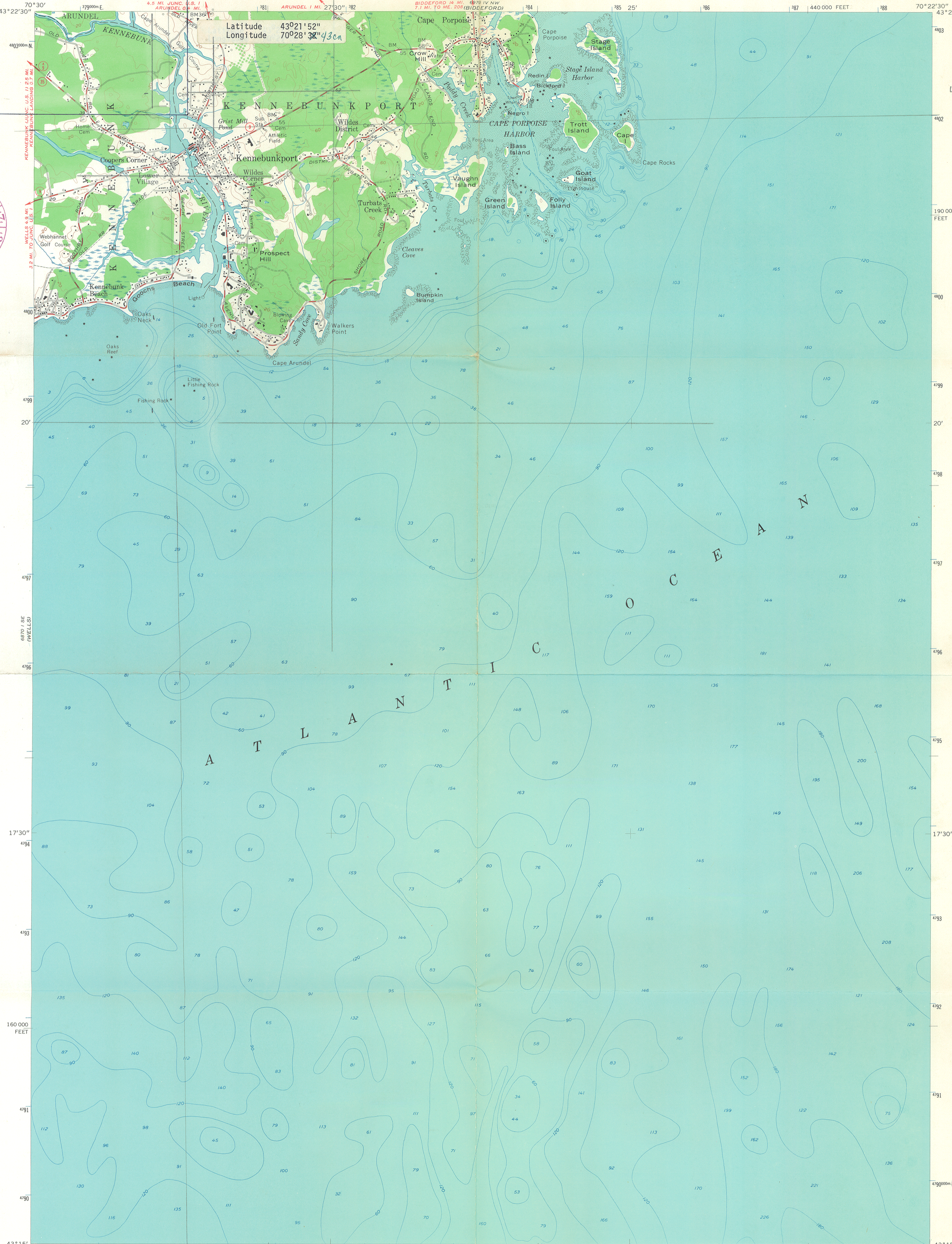
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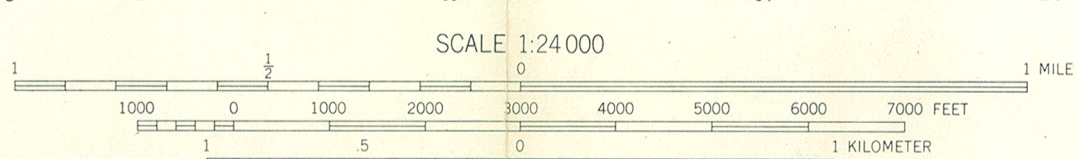
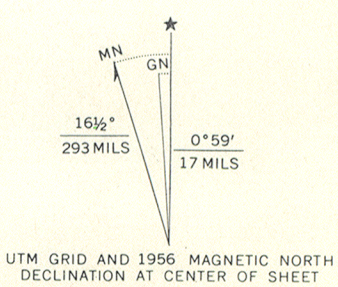


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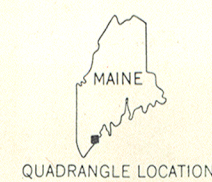
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west zone
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zone 19, shown in blue



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THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 8.7 FEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt - - - - -
State Route - - - - -

KENNEBUNKPORT, ME.
SW/4 BIDDEFORD 15' QUADRANGLE
N4315—W7022.5/7.5

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**Kennebunkport
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Hon. William D. Hathaway

Hon. Peter N. Kyros

Director, Northeast Region

PHR

MMott 9/10/73

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mr. James Mundy, Director

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