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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bush Mill
other names/site number Bond Roller Mill; 084-5151, 084-5151-0001

2. Location

street & number 1162 Bush Mill Road (Route 681) not for publication N/A
city or town Nickelsville vicinity N/A
state Virginia code VA county Scott code 169 zip code 24271

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Walter Sasser 7/24/08
Signature of certifying official Date
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper _____
Date of Action _____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- x private
x public-local
public-State
public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- x building(s)
district
site
structure
object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows: buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) n/a

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Industry/processing Sub: mill

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Education Sub: interpretive site

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone, concrete
roof metal, asphalt shingle
walls wood
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ___ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
___ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
x C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
___ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ___ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
___ B removed from its original location.
___ C a birthplace or a grave.
___ D a cemetery.
___ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
___ F a commemorative property.
___ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Engineering

Period of Significance 1896

Significant Dates 1896

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder Bush, Valentine

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- ___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
___ previously listed in the National Register
___ previously determined eligible by the National Register
___ designated a National Historic Landmark
___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

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Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreege of Property 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	North	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	North
<u>A 17</u>	<u>371871</u>	<u>4068776</u>	<u>B 17</u>	<u>371923</u>	<u>4068749</u>	<u>C 17</u>	<u>371874</u>	<u>4068667</u>	<u>D 17</u>	<u>371831</u>	<u>4068705</u>
___ See continuation sheet.											

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name James B. Scott, Superintendent, Scott County Public Schools

street & number 340 E. Jackson St. telephone 276/386-6118

city or town Gate City state VA zip code 24251

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Paper work Reduct i on Act S t a t e m e n t : This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.). A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

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7. Description

Summary

Located roughly 18 miles northeast of Gate City, the Scott County seat, and one mile west of Nickelsville, Bush Mill is sited on the west side of Amos Branch, and the west side of route 681, just south of the intersection with route 680. An earlier mill, built of logs around 1855, preceded the existing mill in the same location. The extant mill was constructed in 1896. It is maintained by the Nickelsville Ruritan Club, which uses it sporadically to mill small amounts of corn. The wheat milling equipment is no longer operable. The building is three stories tall counting the raised basement and has a front gable roof covered with V-crimp sheet metal. The 24-foot (diameter) and four feet wide overshot steel waterwheel is intact and remains functional. The outer end of the axle rests on a stone rubble pier. The waterwheel is a 1920s replacement of the original wood model built by James and Franklin Stewart. The wooden sluice has been rebuilt with an inside liner and is also currently functional. The mill race is an open ditch 1500 feet long, dug along the foot of the hill on the west side of the mill. The final 70 feet of the race is a wooden sluice structure.

Detailed Description

The mill has a footprint measuring 39 feet, 9 inches by 30 feet, 4 inches. The basement has partial walls and piers of dry-laid stone. Limestone to build the foundation and dam was hauled from nearby Copper Ridge. The sills resting on the stonework are hand-hewn square logs. The first floor joists are massive logs, left round, with bark intact. Above the basement the walls are timber frame, with circular-sawn members left exposed inside the building. The upper floors joists are of heavy sawn lumber. The exterior covering is weatherboards--1980s replacements of the originals. The outer roofing material was replaced with sheet metal about the same time. The south elevation of the building may be called the front. The entrance is accessed via a flight of wooden steps and plank porch deck, and sheltered by a sheet-metal-covered shed roof. A second loading bay entrance is on the west elevation, just around the southwest corner of the building. It has a Dutch door made of planks in a herring-bone pattern, and its own plank deck and shed roof. Most of the windows throughout the mill are the original six-over-six sash, but the west elevation has one-over-one wood replacements. There is also an original two-over-two wood sash window on the north elevation, and a fixed plexi-glass pane on the south elevation, both lighting the attic. On the south elevation, next to the door is a window, and at the second-story level are two more windows. The water wheel is on the opposite elevation, and the east elevation, facing the road, has no doors but four windows. The windows are evenly spaced, two on each floor. The first floor windows are taller in proportion than the second floor windows, but both are six-over-six wood sash. A painted sheet metal sign in the center of the east elevation reads "BUSH MILL Built 1896."

The interior of the mill has changed little since it operated full time. The roller machines, bolters, sifters, hoppers, chutes and belts are all intact. The wooden fly wheel and connecting shafts remain extant in the basement. The spaces on each floor are undivided, and largely occupied by milling equipment. The roof structure is exposed in the attic. It consists of circular-sawn rafters, each pair nailed together at the peak, and purlins of the same dimensions. The flooring throughout the mill consists of the original wide pine boards.

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Secondary Resources

The Nickelsville Ruritan Club is a former single dwelling built circa 1920 and relocated to its present site in 1974. It is constructed of large, round, pine logs that have been painted black. Between the logs is a cement mortar painted white. It is an elongated rectilinear building with a cross gable roof covered with asphalt shingles, and its roof extends to cover a carport at the north end. The windows are mostly 9-light fixed wood sash. Inside the logs are exposed. It has a poured concrete floor and cobblestone fireplace. The ceiling conforms to the outer shape of the roof and is treated on the under side with stained plywood. Because it does not contribute to the architectural and engineering significance of the mill, and because it does not fall within the mill's period of significance, this building is *not* considered a *contributing building* for the purposes of this nomination. This does not diminish the building's importance to the interpretation of the property's history.

Located just a few feet off of the NW corner of the Ruritan Club building is a two-story combination dairy (lower level) and smokehouse (upper level), built in 1947 by Jay Dixon and his father James Howard Dixon. It is built into the steep hill behind the Ruritan Club. It is built of light gray rock-faced concrete block and regular dark gray concrete block. It has a few small, rectangular fixed windows with the glass missing. The front gable roof overhangs several feet outward in the front and is braced with two timbers. The roof is clad with V-crimp sheet metal. The lower entry is in front and upper entry on the north side. Because it does not contribute to the architectural and engineering significance of the mill, and because it does not fall within the mill's period of significance, this building is *not* considered a *contributing building* for the purposes of this nomination.. This does not diminish the building's importance to the interpretation of the property's history.

There are no other secondary resources included in this nomination. The mill dam, however, survives in fair condition, but because it is on property held by another owner it is not being listed as a contributing structure at this time. Constructed of slabs of local sandstone laid randomly (not in courses), it is located about one-quarter mile up Amos Branch, reached via Scott County Route 681.

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8. Statement of Significance

Summary

The present Bush Mill structure was built by Valentine Bush in 1896. Assisting him during the construction were W.T. Frazier and sons Stephen and William Bush. Much of the machinery in the mill was purchased from Tyler & Tate of Knoxville, Tennessee. It was shipped by railroad to Gate City, then hauled by horses and wagons to the mill site by J. R. Frazier and Jim Bush. After Valentine Bush's lifetime, the mill was owned and operated by the S. H. Bond family. It ceased operation in 1952, but some of the machinery was restored and has been sporadically used to grind corn since 1975. The Bush Mill is an excellent example of a grist mill from the latter part of the nineteenth century and a well-known, highly visible historic landmark in Scott County, which has lost many of its old standing structures in recent decades. The mill is preserved in good condition and has provided a focal point for social gatherings, and has afforded the county's school children with an excellent learning opportunity for many years. It continues to present an exceptional opportunity for study and interpretation. As a rare survival in the region, the mill is eligible under Criterion C for its important representation of architecture and engineering from the period, embodying the distinctive craftsmanship and other characteristics of once ubiquitous mills built in rural locations.

Acknowledgements

Mr. Bob Etherton of Nickelsville deserves credit for initiating the process of historic designation for Bush Mill, for his keen interest in preserving Scott County's heritage, and for his steadfast efforts toward this aspiration. Members of the Nickelsville Ruritan Club must also be acknowledged for their stewardship of the Bush Mill property and its contributing buildings, and for publicly sharing this important part of Scott County's legacy.

Historical Background

From 1845 until 1859, Joshua and Sarah Addington owned the land where the Bush Mill stands now. The mill property was part of three hundred acres on Amos Branch and Copper Creek that Joshua and Sarah Addington sold to John Dickenson, of Russell County, on January 18, 1859.¹ John Dickenson built a grist mill at the present Bush Mill site on Amos Branch, one mile northwest of Nickelsville. His mill, a log structure, served Nickelsville and the larger community until it was destroyed by fire. The exact date of the fire is not known, but the story is often told: "The original mill was destroyed by fire on April 1 in the late 1800's. It is said that because of this taking place on April 1st (April Fool's Day), farmers working in nearby fields were reluctant to come help fight the fire when asked, because they thought it was an April Fool's joke. After they became aware that the mill was actually on fire, they came to help; but it was too far gone to save it."² While it is true that the mill burned, the rest of the story has not been verified. On November 12, 1870, John Dickenson and Fanny, his wife, sold the mill property to Valentine Bush (1807-1902).³

Valentine Bush and his family probably operated the mill for John Dickenson before Bush bought it on November 12, 1870.⁴ For in 1866, his son, George G., "...was sitting astride his horse while it was drinking from Amos's branch, next to the grist mill, and was ambushed by an unknown assassin. The shot killed him instantly and Valentine found

[him] lying in the water. George is buried in the Nickelsville First Baptist Church Cemetery in the older, smaller section.... The headstone reads: "Felled by the hand of an assassin."⁵

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Valentine Bush and his wife, Nancy Gose Bush, and their family, including their son-in-law W.T. Frazier, are known to have operated the mill in 1870. W.T Frazier married Bush's daughter, Elisa A. (Bush) Frazier.⁶ It appears certain that the mill burned in 1895.⁷ Valentine Bush's family—primarily W.T. Frazier, Stephen Bush and William Bush—started building the new Bush Mill in 1896.⁸ They surely used the limestone foundation stones—taken from Copper Ridge—that supported the old log mill as well as the fifteen-hundred-foot mill race from the limestone dam upstream to the mill. They probably replaced the short section of wooden race that connected the earthen race to the water wheel for the wooden section, more than likely, was destroyed by the fire. They framed the new Bush Mill with oak beams, joists, and studs and covered the outside with yellow poplar siding from a water sawmill upstream on Amos Branch. "The first bushel of wheat was poured into the mill at 5 p.m., September 24, 1897, by W.T. Frazier and Frank Stewart. Jim Stewart, the first mill[w]right was responsible for building the spouts, troughs, boxes, and assembling the machinery. Machinery was supplied by Tyler and Tate of Knoxville, Tenn. Jim Stewart also built the first wheel for the mill which was made of wood.⁹ Later, the second or present wheel was hauled by wagon from Gate City by Harve Castle and Will Elam."¹⁰

The Bush Mill was a center for the surrounding Scott County farming community. People brought bushels of wheat and corn by horse-drawn wagons. Some carried their "turn of corn" [sack full] to the mill by horseback. They waited in line for millers to grind their product. Meanwhile, they shared stories. The Bush Mill millers charged a grinding toll. "For one bushel of wheat [60 lbs.] one would receive 37 lbs. of flour and 12 lbs. of bran. The price for grinding one bushel of corn was one toll dish (1 gal.) full."¹¹ At harvest time, the mill operated around the clock. The night miller or millers hung oil lamps from the ceiling to illuminate the milling operation. W.T Frazier provided overnight lodging for those who needed it. His wife, Eliza A., cooked for the guests and mill workers. Valentine Bush, at the age of 94, deeded about sixty-three acres of land, including the Bush Mill, to his grandchildren. In the end, the Bush Mill and about 16½ acres were kept out of the transaction.¹² Valentine Bush died in 1904. On September 23, 1909, his heirs sold the mill and about 16½ acres to J.H. Darter.¹³ J.H. Darter and J.M. Darter were partners in the Bush Mill property. About two years later, J.M. sold his half interest to his brother for \$1,500.00.¹⁴

William Washington (W.W.) "Bee" Bond ran the mill for J.H. and J.M Darter. "In early manhood, W.W. Bond became a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and Steadily (sic) advance (sic) and progressed in the work until he became D.D.G.M of this [Scott] county."¹⁵ According to folklore, the Masons held lodge meetings on the second floor of the Bush Mill until a Masonic Lodge was built in Nickelsville. W.W. Bond was the first Grand Master. His picture is hung in the Nickelsville Lodge.

Samuel H. (S.H.) Bond married Dona E. (Frazier) Bond on June 17, 1911, and they began housekeeping at the little house on the small lot where the Nickelsville Ruritan Club house is now. At the time, Sam helped his father, W.W. operate the mill for J.H. and J.M. Darter. A 1918 photo shows that the Bush Mill had no roof over the front porch then. Sam and W.W. Bond bought the mill from J.H. Darter on February 18, 1920.¹⁶

W.W. and Sam Bond renamed the Bush Mill, "Bond Roller Mill," and it operated under that name for thirty-two years. Mr. Bill "Cooch" Flanary was one of Sam's first employees. He worked at the mill until he died. Sam's sons, Verle, Bob, Clyde, and Jack helped with milling chores on occasion. Verle Bond worked full time after Mr. Flanary

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died. He worked at the mill until 1935, when he was hired by the Tennessee Eastman Corporation. Sam Bond hired Bob Hartsock after that, and Hartsock worked at the Bond Roller Mill for several years.¹⁷

On December 11, 1920, Sam Bond ordered a six-section level bolter from Salem Foundry and Machine Works, Inc. in Salem, Virginia. The price was \$1,642.00. The bolter and accessories were delivered and installed in 1922. Also in the 1920's, he replaced the wooden water wheel with a large metal wheel, twenty-four feet in diameter, four feet wide and generating thirty horsepower at maximum capacity. The wheel cost \$3,500. At first, the metal wheel was supported by a crib of long 10"x 10" oak timbers. Later, sometime in the early 1930's, Sherman Hartsock, a renowned stone mason, built a stone and concrete pillar that replaced the wooden timbers. The pillar stands today. In 1936, Sam Bond also installed the bleacher. During the Bond Roller Mill years and into the early 1950's, farmers continued bringing corn and wheat to the mill for grinding services.¹⁸

Life was hard at the Bond Roller Mill. Everybody worked. Young Jay Dixon helped in the mill by tying flour and corn meal sacks, and helped in the garden and tobacco patch. He recalls the job he dreaded most was carrying drinking water from a spring located upstream on Amos Branch, about halfway between the mill and the mill dam.¹⁹

By the summer of 1952, Sam Bond was too ill with cancer to work. He stayed at home in Nickelsville. On October 6, 1952, the Bonds sold the Bond Roller/Bush Mill and mill tract to Lonnie Hartsock.²⁰ Lonnie Hartsock operated the mill for a while, mostly grinding corn. He also opened a small store on the smokehouse floor of the small dairy building. Lonnie died before he could pay off the Negotiable Promissory Notes on the two tracts of land. Dona Bond, widowed by then, took the property back on September 22, 1958.²¹ On September 26, 1959, Dona Bond sold the property to the Nickelsville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.²²

The Bush Mill is now owned by the Scott County, Virginia, School Board and is on long-term lease to the Nickelsville Ruritan Club. The Club members have done some restoration work. They installed electricity, and in 1986, replaced the old crumbling yellow poplar siding with new western cedar that has aged to look like the original. They moved the electric pump motor from the well house and put it in the dairy building, too. Johnny Hillman has handled milling responsibilities since the Ruritan made the mill operational again. He turns the water wheel and grinds corn during "Bush Mill Days," an annual festival that includes old-time apple-butter making, arts, crafts and music—bluegrass and gospel—and the selling of stone-ground corn meal in Bush Mill bags. Hillman also turns the water wheel on for other special occasions. Hillman, now eighty-two years old, has a long history with the Bush Mill. As a boy, he rode a horse to the mill with his "turn of corn," and waited in line for grinding services. He recalls that people either paid in cash, by toll, or in farm goods (eggs, milk and the like) that my Sam Bond could use as barter for merchandise at one of the country stores.²³

Endnotes

1. Scott County, Virginia Deed Book 13, pp.224-225. Hazel G. Bellamy, Virginia Historical Inventory form for "Bush Mill, Scott County, Virginia," 1937.
2. Scott County Virginia Star, Wednesday, October , 1996, p. 5B.

3. Scott County, Virginia Deed Book 16, pp.416-417. A partial extract of the deed reads: "THIS DEED made this 12th

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day of November in the year 1870 between John Dickenson and Fanny his wife of the County of Russell and state of Virginia of the first part and Valentine Bush, of the county of Scott and state aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that the said John Dickenson & Fanny his wife for and in consideration of the sum of \$6000.00 Six thousand dollars to them in hand paid by the said Valentine Bush before the sealing and delivery of this act doth grant bargain & sell and by these presents hath granted bargained and sold unto the said Bush and his heirs with covenants of general warranty a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Scott one mile from and North West of Nickelsville and known as the Mill property and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at a spring known as the school house spring on the west side of Amos Branch"

4. Valentine Bush purchased the mill when he was sixty-three (63) years old. It's highly likely his sons and son-in-law, W.T Frazier, did most of the hard labor.

5. "The Bush Family of England, Virginia and Kentucky," Compiled by Roger L. Crum and Julie Adams, August 1997, p. 14.

6. W.T. Frazier's property joined the Bush Mill property. His property passed to his son, Hobert. Today, Bill Jack Frazier, Hobert's son, owns the property. When Jay Dixon was a boy, living at the Bond Roller Mill, he helped Hobert Frazier work in his tobacco patch.

7. One can assume that minimum time elapsed between destruction of old mill and construction of the new one, because the Bush and Frazier families got income from the mill and milling operations were essential for the community.

8. Valentine Bush was at least 89 years old at this time.

9. W.T. Frazier's son, Clint, was killed in an accident on this wooden water wheel on May 11, 1902.

10. The history differs here. This is Candace Blackwell's account in "The Bush Family...." Op. cit. In the same book, Hope Lewis tells us: "The machinery was shipped from Knoxville by Railroad to Gate City and hauled by log wagons to the mill by J.R. Frazier and Jim Bush. This latter account is usually accepted.

11. Candace Blackwell in "The Bush Family...." Op. cit.

12. Scott County, Virginia Deed Book 42, p. 79. The deed to the grandchildren reads: "This deed made and entered into this 17th day of November 1902 by and between Valentine Bush of the first part and R.S. Richmond, Nellie Carrico, Lizzie Richmond, Maud Richmond and Allie Horn of the second part and all of the county of Scott and state of Virginia, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid to the party of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for the further consideration of the love and affection I have for my grandchildren, I do hereby grant bargain and sell and by these presents have conveyed a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county aforesaid, on the waters of Amos Branch and being a part of my land on which Bush's Mill is situated, unto the said R.S. Richmond, Nellie Carrico, Lizzie Richmond, Maud Richmond and Allie Horn and their heirs with covenants of general warranty, said tract of land bounded as follows, bounded on the west and north by D.R Culbertson, on the east by E. Meade and on the south by my land yet to be divided and containing 63 acres be the same more or less together with all appurtenances thereunto attached unto the said R.S. Richmond, Nellie Carrico, Lizzie Richmond, Maud Richmond and Allie Horn and their heirs forever against the claims of all persons whomsoever. Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written." V. Bush Seal

13. Scott County, Virginia Deed Book 55, p. 55. The deed reads in part: "THIS DEED, made the 23rd day of Sept. in the year 1909 between F.P. Bush and Lou Bush his wife, W.T. Frayser [Frazier] and Eliza A. [Bush] His wife all of

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Marion T. Bush and Laura A. Bush his wife of the county of Lawrence and State of Ky. Wm. S. Bush and Nannie J. Bush of the county of Young and State of Texas partes [parties] to the first part and J.H. Darter of the county of Russell and State of Virginia, party of the second part. WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said parties of the first part do hereby grant bargain and sell and by these presents do convey unto the said party of the second part with general warranty all their interest in the undivided lands of Stephen Bush Dec., lying in Scott County, state of Va.”

14. Scott County Deed Book 55, p. 55. The Deed reads: “THIS DEED made this 15th day of December 1911 between J.M Darter and Winnie F. Darter, his wife, of the county of Scott and state of Virginia, of the first part, and J.H. Darter of the county of Russell and state aforesaid, of the second part. Witnesseth: that for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen \$1500.00 hundred dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, doth grant bargain sell and convey, unto the said J.H. Darter, our One half undivided interest in and to a certain Roller Mill, and 14 acres of land therewith, situated on Amos Branch in Scott County, Va. adjoining that lands of H.J. Broadwater (et al) and known as the Bush Mill property...”

15. Quoted in James H. Dixon, Ph.D., *The Dixon Clan, Scotland, Ireland, and America*, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1996, p. 239. The quote was taken from W.W. Bond’s obituary.

16. Scott County, Virginia Deed Book 157, p. 219. The property transaction occurred on February 18, 1920. The deed was not recorded until September 20, 1952. The Deed from J.H. Darter to W.W. and S.H. Bond reads: “This DEED made and entered into this February 18, 1920 by an between J.H. Darter and Nancy Darter, his wife, of Russell County, Virginia, parties of the first part and W.W. & S.H. Bond of Scott County, Virginia, parties of the second part. Witnesseth: That for an in consideration of the sum of Four thousand one hundred twenty five (\$4125) dollars cash in hands paid by parties of the second part to parties of the first part and receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged [by] parties of the first part doth grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the parties of the second part with covenants of general warranty all their interests in and to two certain tracts pieces or parcels of land described as follows: Tract No. 1 Lying and being in Scott County, Virginia, about one mile from Nickelsville, on Amos’ Branch, known as the Old Bush Mill tract, adjoining the lands of H.J. Broadwater, that Estate formerly belonging to Mrs. Eliza Frayser [Frazier], Walter Addington and others and being the same tract conveyed to J.H. and J.M. Darter by the Bush heirs containing fourteen and one half acres be the same more or less.”

17. Verle, Bob and Clyde went into military service in World War II. Verle was in the first U.S. Army Ranger unit trained in England. Bob was an Army medic. Clyde was in the Navy. Jack, Sam’s youngest son, joined the U.S. Air Force after the war.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated parcel encompasses Bush Mill, the Ruritan Club House and the domestic outbuilding behind it. The parcel is referenced using the following UTM points: A- 17 371871 4068776, B- 17 371923 4068749, C- 17 371874 4068667, D- 17 371831 4068705.

Boundary Justification

The NRHP boundary of the nominated property, shown on accompanying USGS quad map and GIS-produced aerial image, outlines the historic Bush Mill land parcel, dating to 1896. The Ruritan Club log house is included in the parcel because it occupies the site of the original miller's house. The domestic outbuilding behind the Ruritan Club is included because it was associated with the original miller's house.

Photographs

All Photographs taken March, 2008.

Michael J. Pulice – photographer.

Location of digital images: VDHR, Richmond.

1. Mill exterior, facing northeast
2. Mill exterior and context, facing south
3. Mill exterior, facing north
4. Mill exterior and water wheel, facing southwest
5. Mill interior, first floor
6. Mill interior, first floor
7. Mill interior, second floor

8. Ruritan Club house and outbuilding, facing southwest

