

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic George's Grist and Flour Mill
Common George's Mill
Location South side of Gibson's Pond Road, .5 miles W. of Junction with S.C. Highway
Classification Structure

Owner O'Neal Hightower, Mayor of Lexington
Lexington Town Hall, P.O. Box 397
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Representation in Existing Surveys Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

Description Built ca. 1924, George's Grist and Flour Mill is a three-story, rectangular, frame, gable-roofed building with a one-story shed room; it is sheathed in corrugated metal siding and covered by a metal roof. Windows, which are placed irregularly on each story, are six-over-six. The structure contains its original roller mill equipment that processed flour and other feed and food grains for three different degrees of refinement.

Significance George's Grist and Flour Mill is significant in Lexington County's industrial history. It is the last mill known to have intact internal workings and was the last operating flour mill (until 1946) in the county and the last mill of any kind on Twelve Mile Creek. The building is the second grist and flour mill on the site. A previous mill, the Laurel Falls Mills, was operated on the site by E.J. George from before 1906 until it burned in 1918. The present mill building, which was constructed ca. 1924 and operated until 1946 by Dibble George, son of E.J. George, milled feed grain, grist, flour, and whole wheat. Milled grains were bagged in two-, five-, and ten-pound paper sacks tied by hand with white wrapping string. The sacks carried the trade name, "George's Flour"

Acreage Less than 1

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Lexington County Tax Map #05496, drawn at a scale, 1 inch = 400 feet. This boundary includes only the historic building and its immediate setting, and excludes any adjacent insignificant buildings.

UTM Reference Point

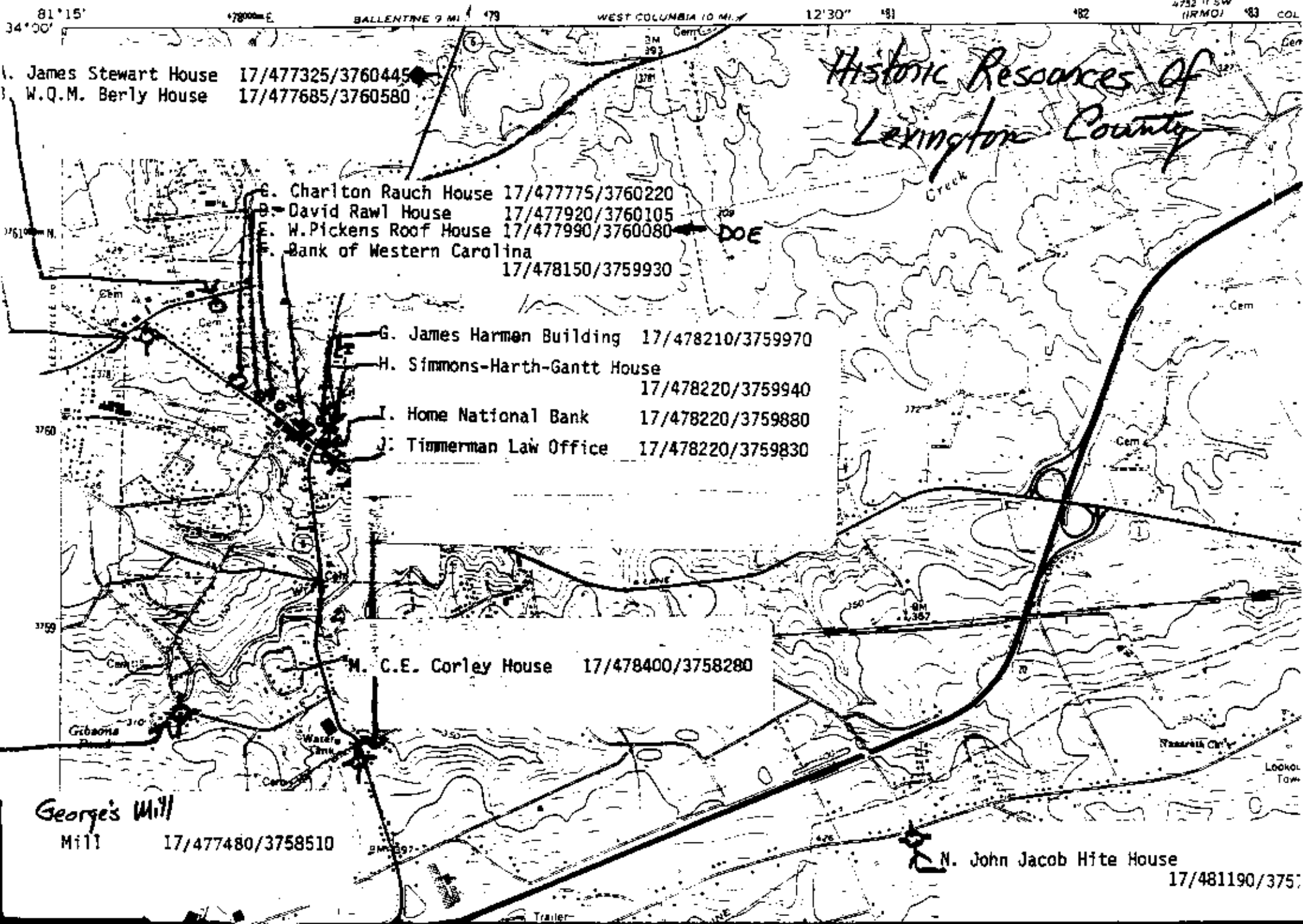
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Other Information The building and adjacent mill pond were purchased in 1981 by the Town of Lexington for the pond's water supply as an auxiliary reservoir to the town's water system east along the same stream, Twelve Mile Creek. It is currently vacant, awaiting studies by town officials for possible restoration or adaptive reuse of the building.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE
 Local
 State
 National

* Mill, Lexington, S.C. with an imprinted sheaf of wheat emblem and were sold in retail grocery stores in the county. Farmers from Lexington and surrounding counties came to the mill to have their wheat ground into flour; or corn, oats, barley, rye cane seed, peas, and soybeans ground into feed for livestock.⁹²

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