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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Mollohan Mill is located on County Route 8 on the left fork of Holley River near the community of Replete, Webster County, West Virginia, in a completely rural and undeveloped environment.

This two story frame gable-roofed grist mill rests on a neatly cut sandstone foundation and projects slightly into the left fork of Holly River. The stone piers on the river side of the mill rest on solid rock in the river allowing water to flow under approximately half of the mill. This area under the mill originally contained two turbine water wheels. The other half of the mill is over crawl space.

The two story mill is constructed of hewn post and beam timber construction with pegged mortise-tenon joints and sawn or hewn diagonal bracing vertical studs, and floor joists. The main support posts are beams 9" x 9" poplar. The exterior is covered with sawn unpainted clapboard and a corrugated metal roof, supported by pole joists, installed in 1912. The original roof was wooden shingles.

The Mollohan Mill is 38 feet long, 23 feet wide, 23 feet high at the side walls and 31 feet to the peak from the bottom of the first floor. The mill has three two over two windows on each side and one on each end of the first floor and the same sequence on the second floor. There are two four-paneled doors on the front of the mill away from the river; one on the first floor and one on the second floor. The door on the second floor has a small rectangular transom over it. Steps to the second floor door were never constructed and the front portion of the second floor was not finished.

The long crib dam, original to the mill, is now gone having been washed away in the flooding of 1953. The forebay still exists but is in need of repair, it was constructed of square logs pinned to solid rock most of which are still embedded in the stream. The forebay regulated the water flow to the two wooden turbine water wheels under the mill, one of which remains. The corn and wheat grinding equipment is complete and includes wooden gears, stone burrs and sifters. The Mollohan Mill is, therefore, but little altered from its original, 1894, appearance.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Mollohan Mill, located near the tiny community of Replete in Webster County, is significant as an excellent example of a nearly unaltered rural grist mill and the associated craftsmanship in central West Virginia, and as being associated with a family significant to Webster County history.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The Mollohan Mill is located on the site of two earlier, log constructed mills that were constructed prior to the American Civil War. Both of these mills were completely destroyed in the great flood of April 1861.

The Millohan Mill was constructed in 1894 by Bernard Mollohan and began operating, on the site of the previous mill, on November 23, 1894. The Mollohan Mill operated from that date until 1953, when a major flood destroyed its dam and washed away one of the water wheels. During its heyday it was,according to one source, "among the most prosperous enterprises in the (Elk River) valley."

With the exception of the dam and single water wheel, the original equipment of the Mollohan Mill is completly intact, the only such mill still intact in Webster County. There is one other mill surviving in Webster County, (of the scores that once operated) at Camden-on-Gauley. It retains none of its mill equipment and is presently used for storage. The mill itself is generally unaltered from its original 1894 appearance, with the exception of the metal roof which replaced the original wood shingle roof in 1912. The Mollohan Mill is a good example of mortise and tenon hewn timber construction, while the excellent quality of workmanship is evidenced in the cut stone foundation. Plans are currently underway to put the Mollohan Mill back in active service.

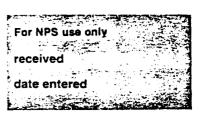
- The Mollohan Mill was constructed by Bernard Mollohan, an individual significant to the history of Webster County. Early in life, Mollohan established a local reputation as both a competant builder and surveyor. On May 24, 1860 he was elected the 1st Surveyor for newly formed Webster County and headed up the survey team that surveyed and established the boundaries of the new county. In 1866 Bernard Mollohan was chosen by the Webster County Commission to build Webster County's first court house, which he accomplished for a fee of \$1,700.00. This two story frame structure stood as the seat of Webster County's government until its destruction by fire in 1888. Mr. Mollohan's services as a surveyor were again called for by the county in 1882 when, due to a boundary dispute with neighboring Nicholas County, he re-surveyed a portion of the county's boundary, which was re-adjusted accordingly. His building of the Mollohan Mill in 1894 was, then, the crowning achievement of a long and eventful career in Webster County.
- 1. W.P.A. Writers Project, West Virginia, A Guide to the Mountain State, c.1941.

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Bernard's brother William Mollohan was also significant in Webster County annals. Elected one of the Webster County's first Justices of the Peace in 1860, William formed one of the several infantry companies in 1861 for Union service. Rising quickly to the rank of Captain, William Mollohan was killed at the Battle of Shenandoah Mountain.

Standing in the midst of its rural, pristine natural surroundings, the Mollohan Mill is a significant physical reminder of a largely vanished way of life in America and of noted historical significance to Webster County, West Virginia.

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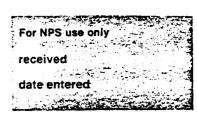
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#10 Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description and justification (Cont'd) northeast following edge of river to the point of beginning.

