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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Shelby Reap  
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**FROM:** Renee Gledhill-Earley *Renee Gledhill-Earley*  
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**SUBJECT:** Historic Structures Survey Report, Replace Bridge 169 on SR 1620 over Big Jump Run,  
PA 16-01-0151, Sampson County, ER 16-1530

Thank you for your October 10, 2016, letter providing the additional information we requested on September 27, 2016. We have reviewed the materials presented and are willing to concur that the Malcom Jernigan Property (SP0171) is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

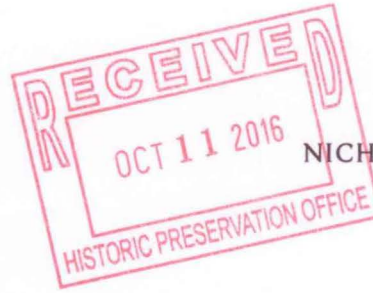
We would, however, note that the information used to make the case for the property's not being eligible is somewhat dated and not entirely reliable. Our survey files for the area date from 1979. HPOWEB and Google street views are three to nine years old. Of the four mills, the Vann-Boney Mill (ca. 1934; SP0139, not SP0101 as stated in the report) can barely be seen, the House-Autry Mill (original portion) appears to be quite altered, and there is no date for Warren's Mill, which is barely visible in street view. The only mill that seems to be comparable in terms of both design and age is the Stacy Crumpler Mill (SP0513) for which the most recent street view is nine years old.

Having briefly discussed this matter with Mary Pope Furr on October 25th, we understand the circumstances that lead to the use of the above materials. We recommend that, in the future, site visits to update and further document the condition of each property will be undertaken and provided to us.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or [environmental.review@ncdcr.gov](mailto:environmental.review@ncdcr.gov). In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

RE: **Historic Structures Report:** Replace Bridge No. 169 on SR 1620 over Big Juniper Run, PA 16-01-0151, Sampson County (ER 16-1530)

In response to your letter dated September 27, 2016 in which your office requested more information on the ca. 1930 mill at the Malcom Jernigan Property (SP0171) the following information regarding mills in Sampson County was written by Chris Manning of the Dovetail Cultural Group.

A search of records on HPOWEB, the NC-HPO GIS Web Service, indicates that approximately 2,000 mills or mill-related sites have been previously surveyed in North Carolina; however, only nine such resources have been surveyed in Sampson County. All were last surveyed in 1979 and none have been evaluated for the Study List or National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Other than a brief mention in the Sampson County Multiple Resource Nomination, little is known about these nine mill resources, which include the Vann-Boney Mill (SP0139), the Preston Jernigan Mill (SP0197), the Tart Mill & Pond (SP0199), the House-Autry Mill (SP0414), the William House House and Mill (SP0415), Warren's Mill Pond (SP0421), the Rob Crumpler Mill (SP0512), the Stacy Crumpler Mill (SP0513), and the Jim Riley Mill (SP0520) (Butchko and Sumner 1979:7-12). Additional information on each of these resources was obtained from Google imagery in order to ascertain the possible significance of the circa-1930 mill associated with the Malcom Jernigan Property (SP0711).

The Vann-Boney Mill (SP0101) is located on the north side of Boney Mill Road (SR 1145) near a small concrete bridge that crosses over Buckhorn Creek in the Ingold vicinity. The Vann-Boney Mill was one of the last mills in operation in Sampson County (Butchko and Sumner 1979:7-12). Google imagery suggests that the circa-1934, wood-framed mill is still extant, although its present condition is unknown (Photo 1 - 2).







Photo 1: Aerial View of the Vann-Boney Mill (SP0101).



Photo 2: Street View of the Vann-Boney Mill (SP0101), Looking Northeast.

The Preston Jernigan Mill (SP0197) is located on the east side of Stanley Hall Road (SR 1608), approximately 0.6 miles south of State SR 1476 in the Mingo vicinity. Google imagery suggests that all that remains of the mill are ruins situated at the edge of a mill pond where a bridge crosses Starlins Swamp (Photo 3). No standing buildings appear to be extant.



Photo 3: Street View of the Remains of the Preston Jernigan Mill (SP0197) and Mill Pond.

The Tart Mill & Pond (SP0199) is located down a private lane approximately 0.3 miles northwest of Charles Newland Road (SR 1441) in the Mingo vicinity. Aerial imagery suggests that a building or the ruins of a building are located approximately 100 feet southwest of the mill pond and that a mill race connects the two, although the condition of the resources is unknown (Photo 4).



Photo 4: Aerial View of the Tart Mill and Pond (SP0199).

The House-Autry Mill (SP0414) is located on the west side of Houses Mill Road (SR 1804), approximately 0.6 miles south of Rosin Hill Road (SR 1845) in the Newton Grove vicinity. Constructed in 1812, it is believed to be the oldest extant mill in Sampson County, although it has been heavily modified (Butchko and Sumner 1979:7-12). Google imagery indicates that the L-plan, wood-framed mill is located along the east edge of Houses Pond among a cluster of agricultural buildings and structures, including a grain elevator (Photo 5 –Photo 6). The mill appears to be in fair to good condition.



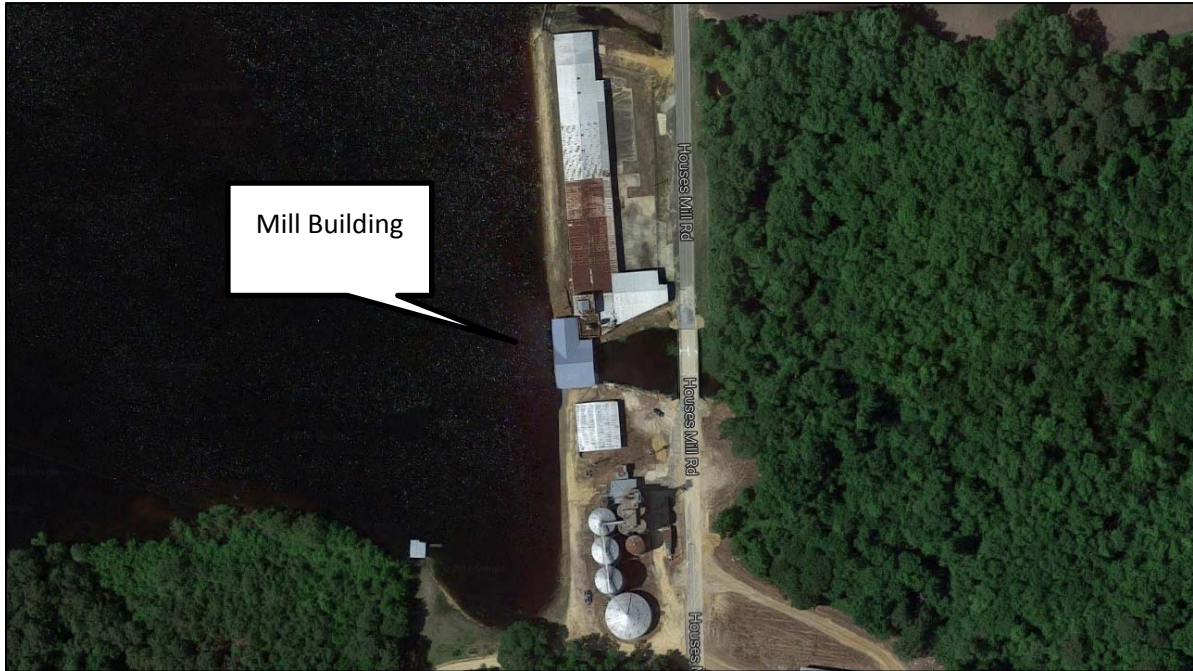


Photo 5: Aerial View of the House-Autry Mill (SP0414) and Associated Mill Pond.



Photo 6: Street View of the House-Autry Mill (SP0414), Looking Northwest.

The William House House and Mill (SP0415) is located on the northwest side of Houses Mill Road (SR 1804), approximately 0.3 miles north of the House-Autry Mill (SP0415) in the Newton Grove vicinity. Google imagery is not clear as to the exact location of the mill, nor if it is even extant, and the associated mill pond appears to have been filled in (Photo 7).

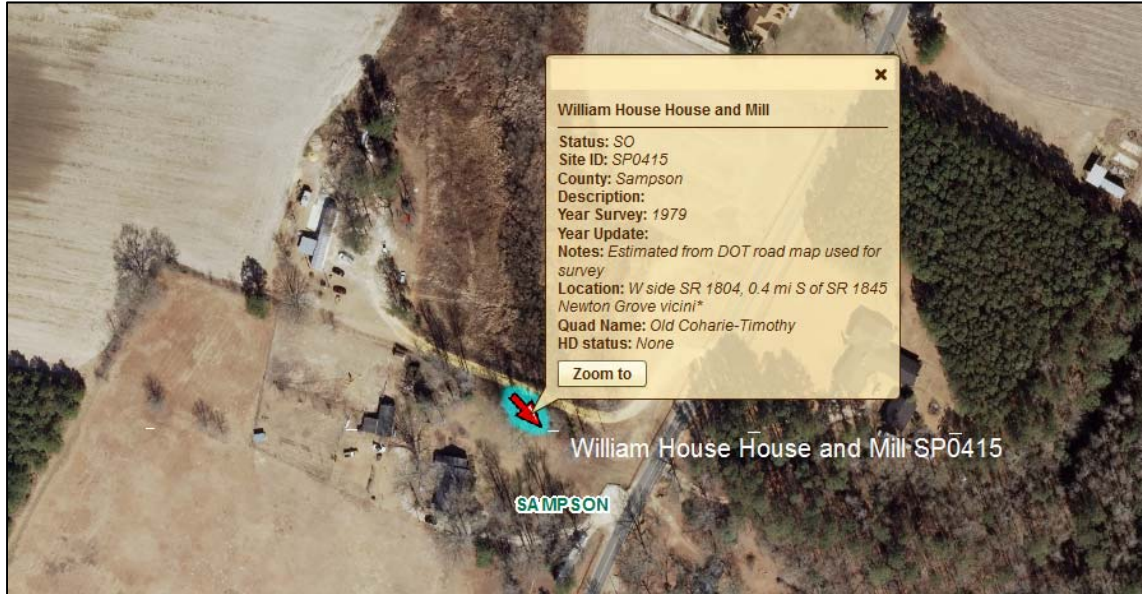


Photo 7: Aerial View of the Approximate Location of the William House House and Mill (SP0415).

Warren's Mill Pond (SP0421) is located on the west side of Warren Mill Road (SR 1647), approximately 0.5 miles south of Harnett-Dunn Highway (State SR 55) in the Newton Grove vicinity. Although no buildings are mentioned in the limited survey data, Google imagery depicts a large, wood-framed mill building and several associated outbuildings at the east end of the mill pond (Photo 8–9). The mill appears to be in good condition.



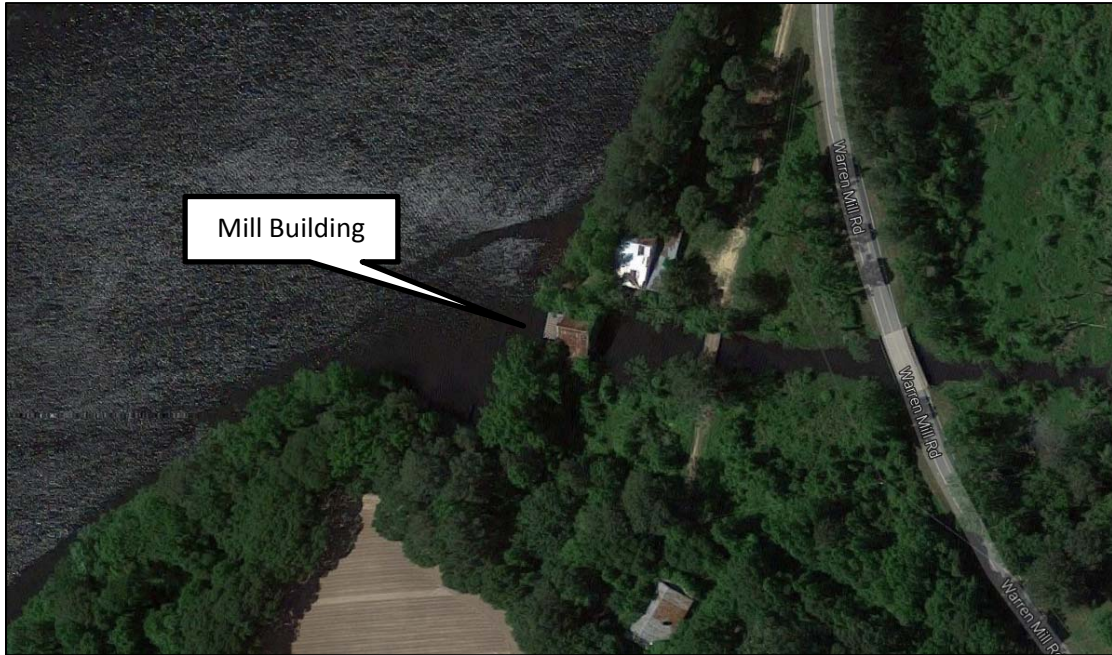


Photo 8: Aerial View of Warren's Mill Pond (SP0421), the Mill, and Other Associated Buildings

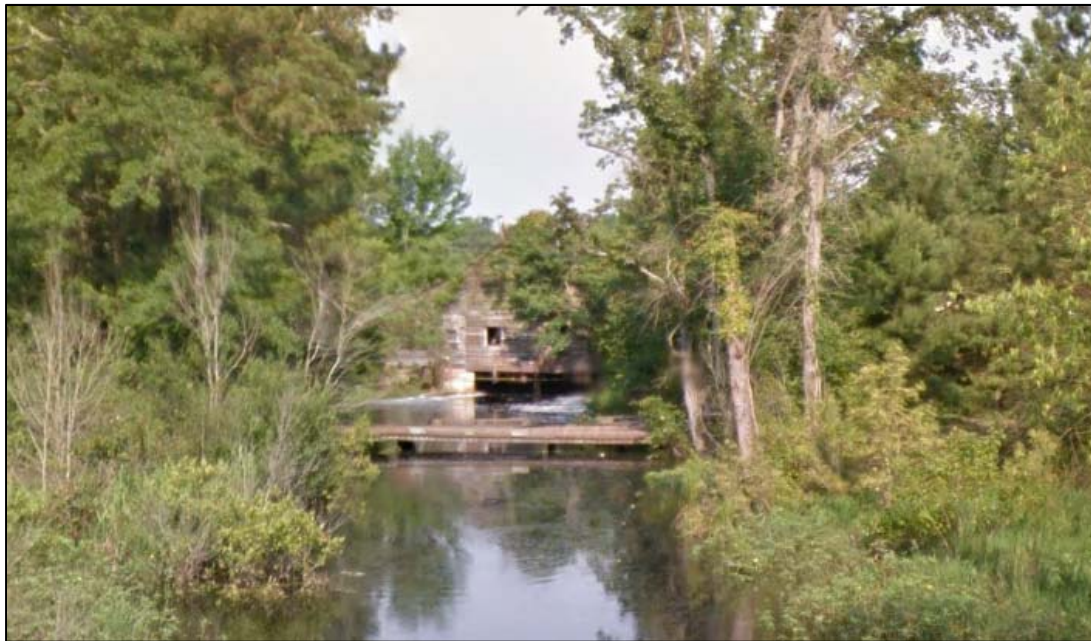


Photo 9: Street View of the Mill Adjacent to Warren's Mill Pond (SP0421), Looking West.

Constructed in 1935, the Rob Crumpler Mill (SP0512) is located on the northeast side of Huntley School Road approximately 0.35 mile north of Corinth Church Road in the Salemburg vicinity. Google imagery was limited but suggests that a possible extant mill building is situated at the west end of Crumpler Millpond/Mathews Pond (Photo 10).



Photo 10: Aerial View of the Rob Crumpler Mill (SP0512) and Crumpler Millpond.

The Stacy Crumpler Mill (SP0513) is located on the northwest side of Crumpler Mill Road (SR 1324) near the intersection of Strickland Cabin Lane in the Salemburg vicinity. The current mill house was built in 1924 (Butchko and Sumner 1979:7-12). Google imagery depicts the gable-roof, wood-framed mill in good condition situated at the southeast edge of the mill pond (Photo 11).



Photo 11: Street View of the Stacy Crumpler Mill (SP0513), Looking West.

The Jim Riley Mill (SP0520) is located on the north side of Bonnetsville Road (SR 1233) in the Salemburg vicinity. No standing buildings appear to be extant, although the ruins of a possible mill building appear to be situated at the south end of Halls Pond (



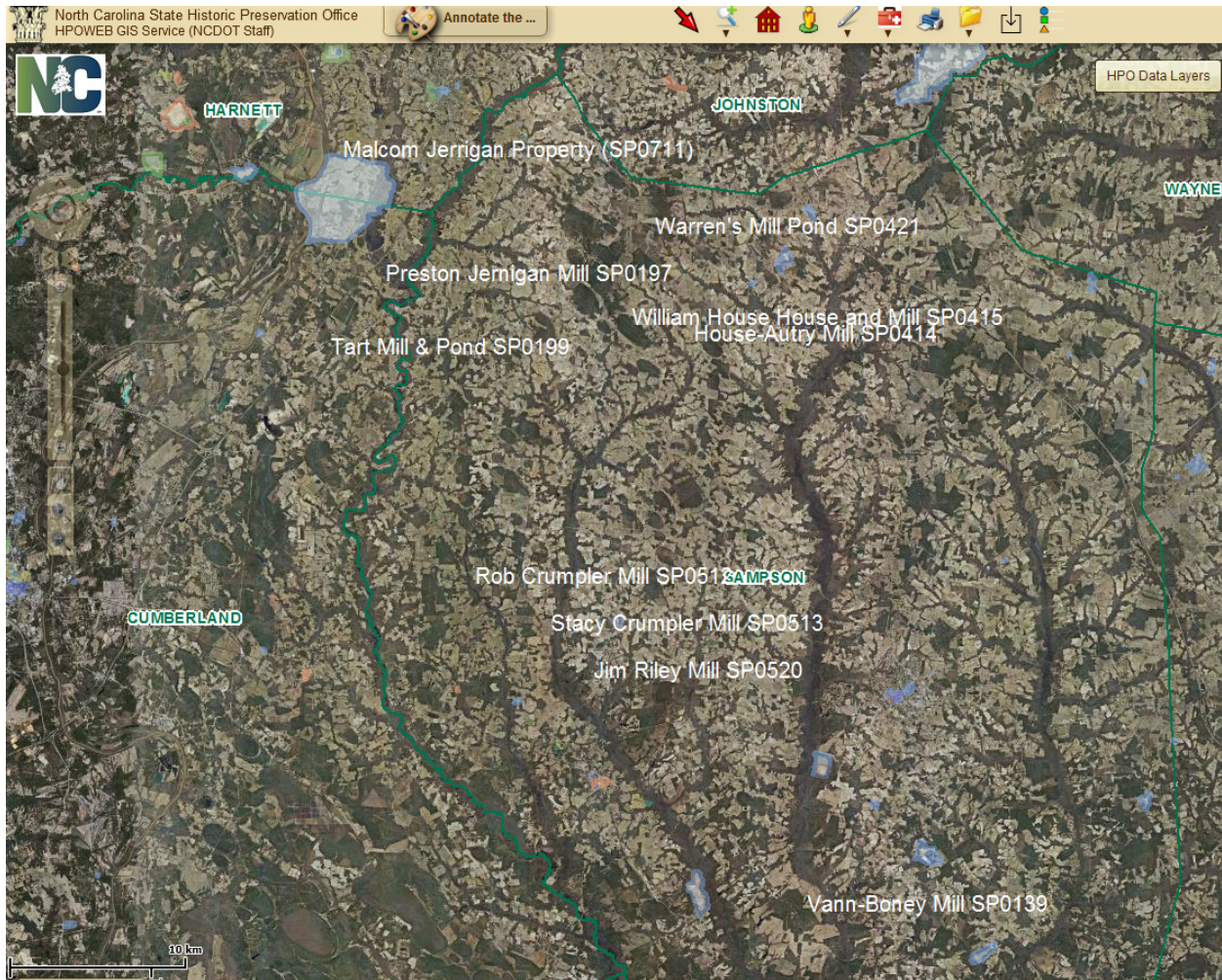
Photo 12).



Photo 12: Street View of the Remains of the Jim Riley Mill (SP0520), Looking Northwest.

When considering the NRHP eligibility of the mill associated with the Malcom Jernigan Property (SP0711), the resource must be compared to similar resources in the surrounding area. Among the nine other mill resources recorded in Sampson County, one appears to be no longer extant, two appear to consist of ruins only, two appear to have extant buildings and/or ruins in unknown condition, and four consist of extant mills in fair to good condition. All four of the extant mill buildings—the Vann-Boney Mill (SP0101), the House-Autry Mill (SP0414), the mill adjacent to Warren’s Mill Pond (SP0421), and the Stacy Crumpler Mill (SP0513)—appear to retain greater integrity of design, materials, and workmanship than the circa-1930 grist mill and dam associated with the Malcom Jernigan Property, although it retains a similar degree of integrity of setting, feeling, and association.





Locations of Mills in Sampson County

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NCDOT recommends that the mill associated with the Malcom Jernigan Property (SP0711) is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places given the number of mills in the county which better represent the milling industry in Sampson County.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to contact me at 919-707-6088 or [sreap@ncdot.gov](mailto:sreap@ncdot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelby Reap". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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