Double Mills records
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Administrative History: Double Mills is located less than two miles east of Mardela Springs, Maryland, on Barren Creek. The land was part of a 95 acre patent given to Benjamin Venables Sr. in 1776. The first mill was built sometime in the late 1700s. The mill maintained operations into the 1930s when a major renovation of the mill and its mechanisms was done at the time by the owner John P. Bennett and his sons Harold, Darcy, and Carl. The Bennetts also opened up a general store at the location and Double Mills became a commercial center. In June of 1947 the Bennett’s sold the property to Tennessee and Martha Thomas. In 1958 the mill was sold to Charles Richard and Edward Wright. The mill continued some degree of operation until the 1970s. However, the mill became inoperable after a winter storm damaged the structure in 1979, signifying the end of a 200’ year milling industry at Double Mills.

Beginning in the 1980s a group of concerned Eastern Shore residents created a non-profit group to repair the mill. Double Mills Inc., together with other conservation groups, raised enough funds to complete the project in the 1990s. Together they restored the mill, surrounding lands, and the general store. The group was revived in 2007 to maintain what the original members had started, and they currently continue to campaign.

Citation: http://new.doublemills.org/

Scope and Content Note: Double Mills records document the restoration and preservation of the historic mill located near Mardela Springs, Md. The materials date from 1988-1996, with the bulk of material dating from 1988-1991. The records encompass the restoration activities and efforts of Double Mills, Inc., and the Double Mills Preservation Foundation. These efforts are documented through correspondence, fund raising records, architectural drawings, maps, easement agreements, newspaper clippings, and photographs. In addition to the Double Mill records are photographs of the Rewastico Mill located in Hebron, Maryland.

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General Terms

Architecture--Maryland.
Buildings Maryland
Historic building- Conservation and restoration
Historic mills
Historic preservation.
Restoration and conservation
Mardela Springs, Md.

Corporate Names

Double Mills, Inc.
Double Mills Preservation Foundation
Box 1

1. Aerial Map, Wicomico County, 1985
2. Applications, Loans, Grants, Undated
3. Articles of incorporation, By-Laws, Members List, Double Mills, Inc.
4. Paper Bags, Double Mills, Undated
6. Correspondence, Contractor, James Kricker, 1991
7. Correspondence, Contractors, 1991
8. Correspondence, District Conservationist, 1990
9. Correspondence, Environmental Protection, DNR, Wicomico Parks and Rec, U.S.
   Department of Commerce, 1991-1994
10. Correspondence, Preservation Maryland, 1991
12. Correspondence, State Legislators, 1989
13. Diagram, Mill, Undated
16. Estimates, Double Mills restoration, Undated
17. Essay, Eastern Shore Milling Industry, Undated
18. Genealogy, Charles G. Furbush, Undated
19. History, Double Mills, Undated
20. Letter head, Envelope, Double Mills, Inc.
21. Major restoration needs, Undated
22. Meeting agendas, Foundation’s action and accomplishments, Double Mills
   Foundation, Inc. 1990-1991
24. Pamphlets, Historical study of the Eastern Shore milling industry, Preservation of old
   mills, Undated
25. Pamphlet, Langrell’s Mill, 1974
27. Resume, Charles Howell, Undated
28. Slides, Negatives, Double Mills, 1988
29. Society for Preservation of Old Mills, Mills in Maryland, Undated
30. Topographical data, Engineers map, Richard Wright’s Pond, 1986
31. Photographs, Barren Creek, 1968
32. Photographs, Contact sheet, Negatives, Undated
34. Photographs, Meadow Run Mill, 1985
36. Article, Double Mills, Corinne LesCallette, undated