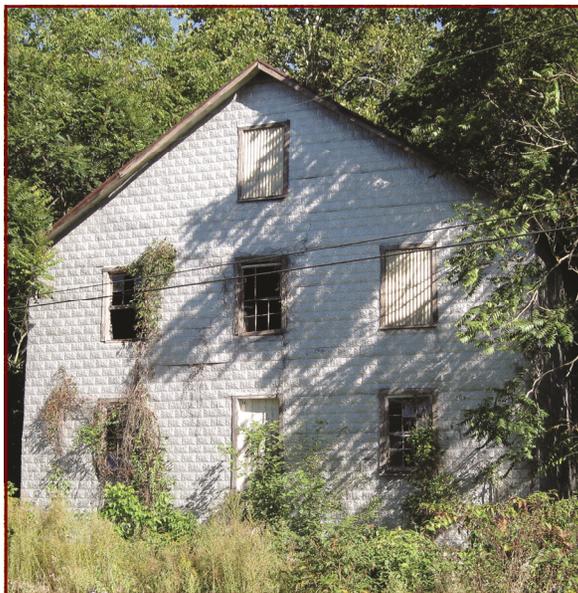


# FEAGANS MILL

*Kabletown, Jefferson County*

Feagans Mill is the only remaining mill in Jefferson County from its earliest settlement. Although not operational since 1943, the mill would require minimal restoration effort to once again operate as it did when operations began in 1755. This important asset could once again become a central point in the county's agricultural activity while serving as an educational resource.



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## Feagans Mill

**Location:** Kabletown, Jefferson County

**Endangerment:** Deterioration; Pests

**Construction date:** c. 1760

**Background:** The original mill was the first of eight built on the South Fork of Bullskin Run prior to 1800. From 1943-2010, the mill had little upkeep, and it fell into a state of disrepair with pests infiltrating much of the building. The present owner acquired it in 2010.

**Description:** This mill is in the vicinity of the south fork of Bullskin Run in Jefferson County. It can be found in a largely agricultural area surrounded by historical houses and farms, all of which predate 1880.

**Significance:** The original mill at the site was built by the Haines family between 1757 and 1760 and was the first of eight mills built on the South Fork of Bullskin Run prior to 1800. That mill was burnt to the ground by Union forces during the Civil War. It was rebuilt between 1868 and 1870 by Isaac Feagans and operated by the Feagans family until 1937. When it burned again, it was rebuilt and operated until 1943, when it ceased operation. It is the last complete, intact, and operable gristmill in Jefferson County.

**Preservation steps:** Structural stabilization of the mill walls and replacing rotted beams. Once the building is secure, more attention would be given to windows and the mill wheel. Treatment for pests will also be needed. Eventually, restoration of the electrical systems, mill equipment, and adjacent structures would take priority.

**Ultimate goal:** The goal of the preservation efforts is to return the mill and ancillary businesses to historic function for a heritage tourism destination. A full restoration of the mill is the ultimate goal, but the first priority is restoring the mill to the level of grain milling.

**Resources:** Those involved with the restoration are willing to provide financial backing.

**Nominated by:** Anonymous



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