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ORDINANCE NO. - (2002) 337

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CARALEIGH MILL, 421 MAYWOOD AVENUE IN THE PLANNING JURISDICTION OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of a countywide Historic Preservation Commission for Wake County and otherwise provided for the preservation of certain historic sites and buildings by the passage of Part 3C, Chapter 160A, Article 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh agreed to participate in the countywide Historic Preservation Commission through an interlocal agreement with Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be designated a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2002 a public hearing was held in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, Raleigh, by the City Council of the City of Raleigh to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of Part 3C, Chapter 160A, Article 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes, preceding the adoption of this ordinance, have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE RALEIGH CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The property designated as the Caraleigh Mill, owned by Vaughn M. and Pamela King, in the planning jurisdiction of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is declared a Raleigh Historic Landmark. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

The Caraleigh Mill at 421 Maywood Avenue (Wake County PIN # 17031821869), approximately 14.28 acres, including the entire parcel on which the mill stands.

Section 2. Those elements that are integral to its historical, architectural, archaeological

Donna Hester, City Clerk's office, City of Raleigh
PO Box 590, Raleigh NC 27602

significance, or any combination thereof are as follows:

Exterior of the mill and historic site features.

Section 3. No building, site, structure, or object that is designated in this ordinance located on the hereinbefore described site may be altered, restored, moved, remodeled, or reconstructed so that a change in design, material, or outer appearance occurs unless and until a certificate of appropriateness is obtained from the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission or its successors.

Section 4. No building, site, structure, or object that is designated in this ordinance located on the hereinbefore described site may be demolished unless and until either approval of demolition is obtained from the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission or a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days has elapsed following final review by the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission of a request for demolition (or any longer period required by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.14 as it may be amended hereafter).

Section 5. All owners of the property hereinabove described, whose identity and addresses can be ascertained by the exercise of due diligence, shall be sent by certified mail a copy of this ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be indexed after the property owner's name in the grantor and grantee indexes in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County.

Section 7. City administration and the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission are hereby authorized to have erected an appropriate sign on the site herein described setting forth the fact that said site has been designated a historic landmark by action of the Raleigh City Council and the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission.

Section 8. In the event any building, site, structure, or object is demolished in accordance with the ordinances of the city of Raleigh, this ordinance may be repealed.

Section 9. Any violation of this ordinance shall be unlawful as by law provided.

Council Member Cowell made a motion that the above ordinance be adopted. Council Member Odom seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion carried this the 2nd day of December, 2002.

Effective Date: 12/2/2002

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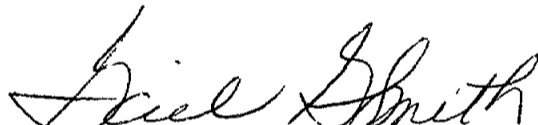
City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF WAKE)

CERTIFICATION

I, Gail G. Smith, City Clerk of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of
City of Raleigh Ordinance No. (2002) 337
adopted by the City Council at their meeting held December 2, 2002.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and have caused the
Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 4th day of December, 2002.




Gail G. Smith
City Clerk

Laura M Riddick
Register of Deeds
Wake County, NC



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**Wake County Register of Deeds
Laura M. Riddick
Register of Deeds**

North Carolina - Wake County

The foregoing certificate ___ of _____

_____ Notary(ies) Public is (are) certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the book and page shown on the first page hereof.

Laura M. Riddick, Register of Deeds

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Caraleigh Mills

other names/site number Fred Whitaker Company

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2. Location

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street & number 421 Maywood Avenue not for publication N/A
city or town Raleigh vicinity N/A
state North Carolina code NC county Wake code 183 zip code 27619

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jeffrey Crow SHPO
Signature of certifying official

4/2/01
Date

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION Sub: Manufacturing Facility

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: WORK IN PROGRESS Sub: _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER:Italianate Industrial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
roof METAL
walls BRICK
CONCRETE
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a

significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Industry
Architecture

Period of Significance 1892-1951

Significant Dates 1892
1930
1938

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

___ previously listed in the National Register

___ previously determined eligible by the National Register

___ designated a National Historic Landmark

___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

___ Other State agency

___ Federal agency

___ Local government

___ University

___ Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreege of Property **14.28 acres**

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
1	<u>17</u>	<u>712060</u>	<u>3959960</u>	3	<u>17</u>	<u>712240</u>	<u>3959680</u>
2	<u>17</u>	<u>712230</u>	<u>3959960</u>	4	<u>17</u>	<u>712100</u>	<u>3959680</u>

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Nancy Van Dolsen

organization _____ date 20 September 2000

street & number 1601 Highland Drive telephone 252.243.7861

city or town Wilson state NC zip code 27893

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage
or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Brownfields Redevelopment International, LLC

street & number 130 Edinburg South, Suite 200 telephone 919.388.8777

city or town Cary state NC zip code 27511

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Setting

Caraleigh Mills stands between the railroad tracks and Maywood Avenue, presently surrounded by an open grass lawn and woods. Early twentieth-century houses constructed for mill workers stand on the north side of Maywood Avenue, across from the mill. A concrete drive leads into the mill complex from Maywood Avenue past a one-story frame building that serves as an office and guardhouse. A chain link fence surrounds the mill property, with a gate at the drive. A small parking lot is located on the east side of the office building.

Mill Building, 1892, ca. 1900, ca. 1910, ca. 1919, late 1950s, Contributing

The mill building is comprised of the original 1892 building, which accounts for the majority of the structure, and many smaller additions. The building developed during a period of five building campaigns: the original 1892 construction, a ca. 1900 expansion, a circa 1910 addition, a ca. 1919 wing and warehouse, and a modernization in the late 1950s (see plan and exhibit 1, *Sanborn Insurance Map*, 1914).

The original building is a two-story, brick, Italianate structure with an intact monitor roof that stands on a raised stone foundation. The original building features full two-story pilasters defining narrow bays that are the width of the windows. At the top of each pilaster, a small solid, curved bracket is at the base of a shaped rafter end, projecting the full depth of the roof overhang. Most of the windows on the second floor retain their original segmental-arched twelve-light upper sash and twelve-light bottom sash. The windows on the first floor, and some of those on the second, have been bricked-up and/or have louvers inserted, but the size and form of the openings are still easily read. The 1892 building is composed of a 325 foot by 100-foot main block, which served as the area for weaving on the first floor and for spinning on the second floor during the early twentieth century. Two doors are located on the façade elevation. A single metal door (dating to the 1950s) covered by a metal awning leads into the 1892 original building, and a single metal door (also dating to the 1950s) covered by a flat-roof portico opens into the ca. 1919 wing.

At the rear (south side) of the 1892 main block are a series of smaller spaces that occupy a ca. 1900 addition measuring approximately 80 feet by 300 feet. This addition is also two-story brick on a stone foundation with twelve-over-twelve segmental-arched windows, but it features a corbelled brick cornice and lacks the pilasters. Built to serve as the area for beaming on the first floor and warping on the second, this addition was reconfigured for office space, bathrooms, a repair shop, and kitchen in the northern portion. A four-story water tank tower was constructed onto the south elevation of this section; a remnant of this tower still projects above the roofline.

Furnace and machine shops were also built in ca. 1910 to the south of the 1892 main block and to the east of the ca. 1900 warping and beaming section. This slightly L-shaped section extends

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approximately 75 feet south of the original building. This section features slightly recessed two-story panels corbelled at the top, and a heavily corbelled cornice. The square-in-section brick furnace stack still rises from the east wall of this section. The furnace room retains four cast iron boilers dating from the early and mid-twentieth century. Two small (8 feet by 16 feet and 19 feet by 20 feet) additions were built onto the rear of the furnace and machine shop ell during the 1950s.

In ca. 1910, during the third building campaign, a brick two-story, L-shaped wing was constructed onto the west end of the original building and the ca. 1900 addition. A four-bay, flat-roof section approximately 25 feet wide was built at the north end to house the finishing and warping part of production. Pilasters rise through a flat parapet on the façade, and all windows have been bricked. Curved exposed rafter ends are located on the east and south elevations. A 96 foot by 80 foot warehouse forms the base of the "L." The warehouse portion stands one-story on a raised basement, which is punctuated with square twelve-light metal windows. The rear wall of the warehouse section has been rebuilt with concrete block.

A fourth major building campaign occurred ca. 1919, when a large brick wing was built onto the east end of the 1892 building and the ca. 1910 furnace and machine shop addition. This section has a shallow gable roof, and rectangular metal windows composed of thirty-five lights with two inset hopper windows that contain nine lights each. This addition features pilasters and shaped rafter ends. The front of this addition measures 74 feet by 72 feet and stands two stories, while the rear section, 105 feet by 81 feet is one-story. A tower was once located at the northeast corner of this section, and a portion of this tower extends above the roofline. Also ca. 1919, a brick one-story warehouse (59 feet by 104 feet) was built to the southeast of the mill building. The warehouse features weather boarded walls, sliding wood doors, and parapet end walls and partition. The interior of this building is one open space, and most likely the raw goods were stored here when they arrived at the complex.

In the late 1950s, after the Fred Whitaker Company acquired the company, a final building campaign took place. In 1956, 1958, and 1959, one-story concrete block additions with flat roofs of varying heights were constructed onto the east and west wings of the building, and a concrete block wing was added to the ca. 1919 warehouse building that stands southeast of the original mill. These additions have no windows and no decorative finishes.

Inside of the mill, the pre-1950s additions retain their diagonal wood floors and two wood staircases (in the original section and in the ca. 1910 finishing and warping section) with board balustrades and chamfered newels. The exposed brick walls have been painted numerous times. The original metal sliding doors that provided access between the various sections remain intact throughout the building. The ceilings and roofs of the large open areas are supported by rows of evenly spaced square posts. All of the milling equipment has been removed from the building. The 1950s sections have exposed block walls and poured concrete floors.

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Reservoir, ca. 1900, Contributing

A reservoir appears on the 1914 *Sanborn Insurance Map* at this location and with this form, although it most likely has been rebuilt since then. The present structure is a concrete block circular tank that stands approximately two feet tall. The reservoir is located approximately 60 feet south of the mill building.

Water Softener House, ca. 1956-1958, Non-contributing

The water softener house is a one-story, flat-roof, concrete block building, measuring 16 feet by 26 feet, that stands approximately 20 feet south of the mill building. The building is painted white, and has overhead doors on the east and south elevations, and two divided-light metal windows on the west and north elevations.

Corrugated Metal Shed, ca. 1970, Non-contributing

This one-story, gable-front shed stands to the west of the water softener house. Sided with corrugated metal, the building measures approximately 10 feet by 14 feet.

Office, ca. 1970, Non-contributing

Standing on the north side of the mill, the one-story, frame office building faces east, and also acts as a guardhouse to the mill complex. The building is sided with vinyl, and has three multi-light fixed sash windows and a door on the east elevation, facing the drive into the complex.

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Summary

Caraleigh Mills is eligible for the National Register of Historic Place under Criteria A and C in the areas of industry and architecture respectively. Caraleigh Mills represents a change in textile manufacturing that occurred during the late nineteenth century when hydroelectric development and improvements in textile production technology made it possible for textile mills to operate anywhere (they were no longer bound by geographic considerations to make power) there was an available workforce. In Raleigh, these trends led to the introduction of the textile industry during the 1890s. In 1891, a group of Raleigh businessmen, led by Alfred Augustus Thompson, spearheaded the construction of Caraleigh (a combination of Carolina and Raleigh) Mills in what was then an undeveloped area beyond southwest Raleigh. The mill was completed in 1892 and was the largest of Raleigh's six textile manufactories. The mill grew rapidly, and was expanded in ca. 1900, ca. 1910 and ca. 1919. Under a succession of owners, Caraleigh Mills made cotton and woolen sheet goods, and raw yarn until 1956 when the Fred Whitaker Company purchased the mills and shifted production to synthetics such as nylon. The mill operated until 1999. Although the general activity at the mill continued unchanged after 1951, these activities do not meet Criteria Consideration G as exceptionally significant, therefore the period of significance ends in 1951.

Caraleigh Mills is one of three remaining late nineteenth-century textile mills in Raleigh. An excellent example of the Italianate style adapted for industrial buildings, Caraleigh Mills features full-height pilasters surmounted by brackets, decorative brickwork, and segmental-arched windows. Despite its continued use as a factory until 1999, the mill building retains its late nineteenth-through-mid-twentieth-century appearance. While the most noticeable changes is the bricking in of many of the windows, the original fenestration remains apparent. The pre-1950 additions to the building are visually unobtrusive, reflecting the massing and materials of the original building.

Historical Background

In 1891, a group of Raleigh businessmen formed a company to construct a textile manufactory at the edge of the Norfolk-Southern Railway tracks in what was then an undeveloped area beyond southwest Raleigh. The officers of the new company had a spur line built directly to the factory building, which they had located on a street they named Maywood Avenue. The mills, named Caraleigh (a combination of Carolina and Raleigh) were built of brick made in Goodwin's brickyard, located on present-day U.S. 401.¹ The president of the company was Alfred Augustus Thompson, the mayor of Raleigh from 1886 to 1887, president of Commercial National Bank, and the president of another textile company, Raleigh Cotton Mills.² D.E. Everett served as Vice-President, and F.O. Moring as Secretary and Treasurer. The mills flourished during the 1890s through the early 1920s,

¹ Caraleigh: A Forgotten Mill Village, n.a., n.p., 1961, 1-2.

² Grady Lee Carroll, *They Lived in Raleigh: Some Leading Personalities from 1792-1892* (Raleigh: Southeastern Copy Center, 1971): 312.

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becoming the largest of the six textile manufactories in Raleigh, and one of two mills that produced sheet goods.³ The company employed 235 adults, who earned between \$12.00 and \$13.00 per week in 1892, as well as a number of children who were paid ten cents per day. Thirty years later, workers earned between \$40.00 and \$50.00 per week.⁴

At the time of its construction in 1891, there were no houses within the vicinity of Caraleigh Mills where the workers could live. The company laid out Thompson and Morgan streets, building brick and frame houses for their employees. In 1904 Thompson, the president of the mills, donated land on Gilbert Avenue for Caraleigh Baptist Church. That same year, the officers of the mills matched \$500 of the Wake County Board of Education's budget with \$500 so that a school for grades one through four could be built within the mill village. This school was replaced in 1925 by a larger building that served grades one through seven.⁵

The financial condition throughout the North Carolina textile industry started to deteriorate during the mid-1920s, due to the great tremendous increase in production that glutted the market.⁶ With the decline in the market for textiles and the approach of the nationwide economic depression, Caraleigh Mill closed in 1929. The Raleigh newspaper, *The News and Observer*, featured a series of articles on the hardships suffered by the residents of Caraleigh after the closing of the mill. Residents of the village disparaged the articles, asserting that they were not as poor and down on their luck as the newspaper had stated.⁷

The mills reopened in 1938 under new management. The new company paid \$25,000 for the mill building, which included no equipment since the machinery had been sold for scrap materials. Five years later the Lawton Company of Bridgeton, R.I. and Greenville, S.C. purchased the mills, renaming the company Premier Worsted and switching the product from sheet goods to raw yarn. In 1952, the mill changed hands once again, becoming American Woolen.⁸

The Fred Whitaker Company purchased the mills in 1956, switching the product line to synthetics, thus ending Caraleigh Mills's production of cotton and woolen goods. In 1957, the City of Raleigh annexed the village.⁹ The Fred Whitaker Company owned and operated the mill until 1999.¹⁰ The mill is presently being studied for its potential rehabilitation into office space and condominiums.

³ Charlotte Abbate and Mary L. Reeb. National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Pilot Mill, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina January 1989, page 8/3. North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh, North Carolina.

⁴ Caraleigh: A Forgotten Mill Village, 2.

⁵ Caraleigh: A Forgotten Mill Village, 3-4.

⁶ Brent D. Glass, *The Textile Industry in North Carolina* (Raleigh: Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 1992) 60.

⁷ Caraleigh: A Forgotten Mill Village, 4.

⁸ Caraleigh: A Forgotten Mill Village, 5-6.

⁹ Caraleigh: A Forgotten Mill Village, 11.

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Architectural Context

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In his work on the textile industry in North Carolina, Brent Glass summarizes the typical appearance of the mills constructed at the end of the nineteenth century; his depiction, which follows, perfectly describes Caraleigh Mills:

Mills built in the latter decades of the nineteenth century...conformed to standards imposed by the New England machinery manufacturers, and, more important, by New England factory insurance mutuals that had developed criteria for what they called "slow burning construction." The new mills were always brick, usually two-story structures with flat roofs, large windows, and heavy interior timbers. Brick firewalls separated the main mill from other sections in which fires were likely to occur or spread rapidly: the picker room, the warehouse, the engine and boiler room, and the stair tower. Other safety features included...an independent cistern....¹¹

As Glass also noted, ornamentation only appeared on these buildings "in the form of elaborate cornice work or in diverse roof designs."¹² Caraleigh Mills fits Glass's description. The original mill and most of the historical additions are two-stories, built of brick with heavy wood support timbers, brick firewalls separating the sections of the mill, with an original cistern (labeled reservoir tank on the Sanborn Insurance maps), and a flat roof with a central monitor.

Although these textile manufactories were once prevalent throughout the state, they are being demolished as more companies close their operations. In North Carolina, textile-related employment decreased twenty-eight percent between 1975 and 1985, causing these buildings to become obsolete

¹⁰ Murray F. Gould of Historic Preservation Advisors, Interview with Nancy Van Dolsen, 26 May 2000.

¹¹ Glass, 38.

¹² Glass, 38.

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and threatened.¹³ In Raleigh only three of the six late nineteenth-to-early-twentieth-century mill buildings survive. Pilot Mill, constructed in 1894 is also a two-story brick industrial building with some Italianate details; the original mill building was subsequently enlarged in 1903 and sometime before 1914. Unlike Caraleigh Mills, most of the physical expansion of Pilot Mills occurred through the construction of separate buildings rather than additions to the original building. Pilot Mill, the second largest mill operation in the city, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Two other textile mills stand within Wake County, Glen Royall Cotton Mill constructed in 1900 in Wake Forest (NR 1999), and the Falls of the Neuse Manufacturing Company in Falls vicinity (NR 1977). The brick Royall Cotton Mill stands a story taller than Caraleigh Mills but none of its original windows survive. The Falls of the Neuse Manufacturing Company was constructed in 1854-1855 as a paper mill, and was converted to a textile mill in 1899. As a three-story granite building constructed to operate on waterpower, the Falls of the Neuse Manufacturing Company features a completely different form and plan from late nineteenth-century textile plants designed to utilize electric power.¹⁴

Caraleigh Mills is significant as the largest extant late nineteenth-century industrial building in Raleigh, and as a well-preserved example of an increasingly less common type of significant industrial building.

Industrial Context

Caraleigh Mills represents a change in textile manufacturing that occurred during the late nineteenth century when improvements in textile production technology and hydroelectric development made it possible for textile mills to operate with unskilled labor anywhere there was an available workforce. Between 1885 and 1915 the number of textile mills in North Carolina grew from 60 to 318. By 1915 more than 51,000 men, women, and children worked in the textile industry, more than five-times the number just thirty years earlier.¹⁵ As in other Piedmont cities, business leaders in Raleigh saw the economic potential of textile manufacturing. Caraleigh Mills, constructed in 1892, was one of the earliest textile mills built in the city.¹⁶ Raleigh was one of the first cities in North Carolina to have electric power, although until the 1910s, the power was used only for the textile mills, streetcars, and street lighting.¹⁷

This new generation of mills relied on hydroelectric-generated power and the proximity to the railroad. The Falls of the Neuse Manufacturing Company, built in 1854-1855 to operate on

¹³ Glass, 100.

¹⁴ Kelly Lally, *The History & Architecture of Wake County, North Carolina from British & African Settlement to 1941* (Raleigh, N.C.: Wake County Government, 1994) 256-257; 270-271.

¹⁵ Glass, 34-35.

¹⁶ Helen Patricia Ross, "Raleigh Comprehensive Architectural Survey Final Report." 4 June 1994, 8. North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh, North Carolina.

¹⁷ Ross, 7.

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waterpower, was converted to a textile mill in 1899, and to electric power later that same year, illustrating the impact that electric power had upon the industry.¹⁸ Caraleigh Mills, which was built to operate on electric power, was built alongside the railroad, with a spur line directly to the factory. Caraleigh Mills depended upon the railroad both to receive shipments of raw materials and to ship out goods, which were unfinished cloth or yarn that needed another step of production before being sold.

At its peak production during the first quarter of the twentieth century, Caraleigh Mills's 235 employees operated 10,816 spindles and 325 looms that produced unfinished sheet goods. Pilot Mill, the only other textile manufacturer in Raleigh that made sheet goods, had a production capacity that fell short of Caraleigh Mills by about 25 percent.¹⁹ The other four mills—Raleigh Cotton Mills, Martin Knitting Mills, Melrose Knitting Mills, and Raleigh Hosiery Company—manufactured hosiery yarns or finished hosiery and undergarments. Glen Royall Mill in nearby Wake Forest manufactured cotton muslin, and at its peak during the first decade of the twentieth century, had 16,000 spindles in operation.²⁰ Caraleigh Mills, however, is the largest of the six historic textile manufactories in Raleigh, and, along with Pilot Mills and Raleigh Cotton Mill, is one of only three that still stand.

¹⁸ Lally, 257.

¹⁹ Abbate and Reeb, 8/3.

²⁰ Lally, 271.

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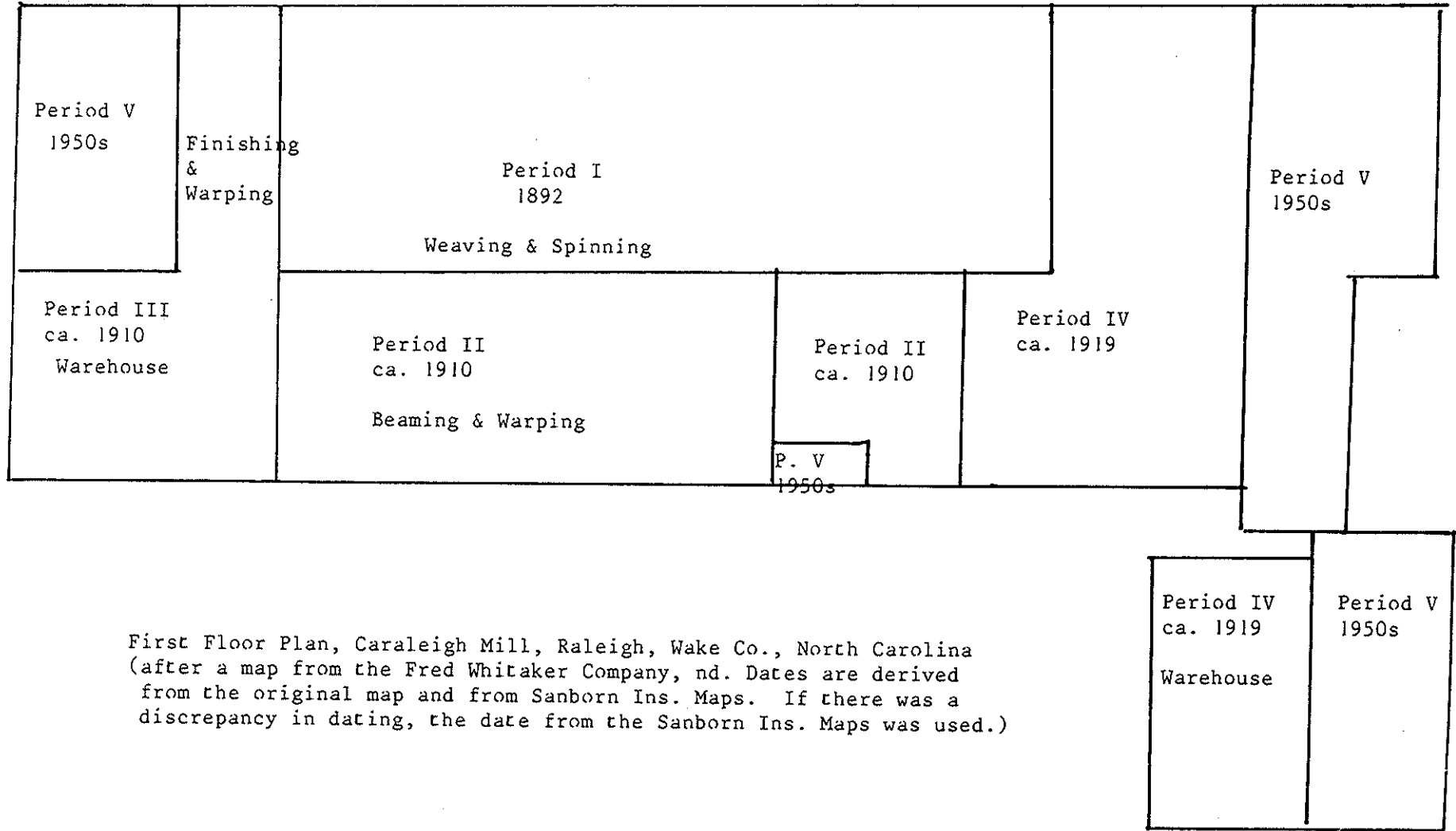
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Boundary Description

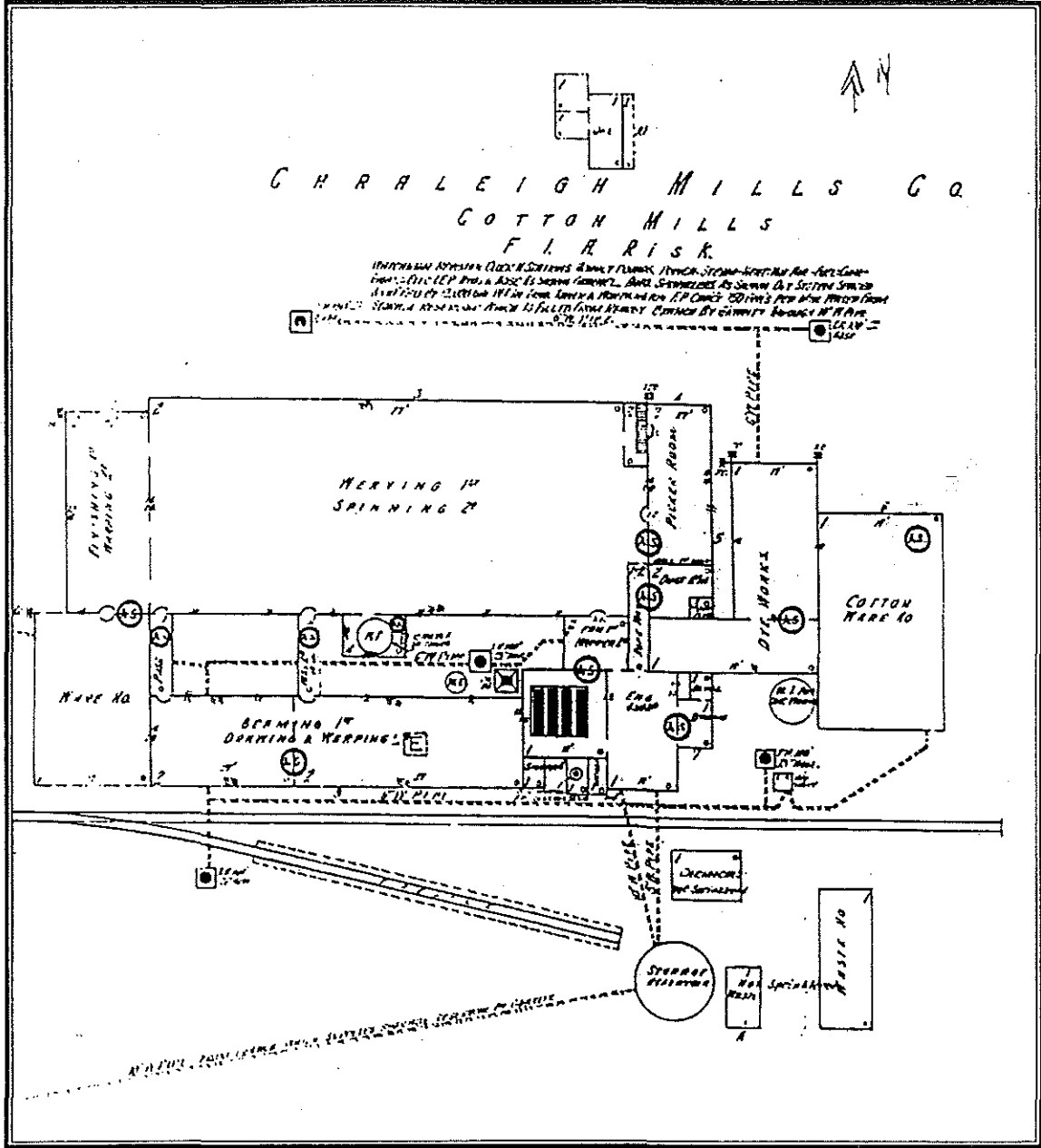
The proposed boundary follows the current tax parcel, 1703.18218569.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes all of the historic resources associated with the industrial production of Caraleigh Mills.



First Floor Plan, Caraleigh Mill, Raleigh, Wake Co., North Carolina
(after a map from the Fred Whitaker Company, nd. Dates are derived
from the original map and from Sanborn Ins. Maps. If there was a
discrepancy in dating, the date from the Sanborn Ins. Maps was used.)



Caraleigh Mills, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina
 1914 Sanborn Insurance Map