

Nichols Saw Mill
Bow Mills vicinity
Merrimack County
New Hampshire

HABS No. NH-31

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Hampshire		COUNTY Merrimack	TOWN OR VICINITY Bow Mills Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Nichols Saw Mill			HABS NO. NH-31
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Nichols-Colby Sawmill			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) first quarter of 19th. century (IA, Vol. 1, no. 1, Summer 1975)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Until its destruction in 1938 by a hurricane, this was considered the oldest sawmill in the state. Although altered ca. 1850s, it served as the model for a replica of a typical sawmill that is planned by Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See HABS measured drawings			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE See HABS measured drawings			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See HABS measured drawings			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Destroyed by hurricane, 1938			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE A complete article on the mill appeared in IA (The Journal of of the Society for Industrial Archeology), Vol. I, no. 1, Summer 1975, a copy of which is in- cluded in the Field Records accompanying this report and the drawings. The HABS photographs, according to IA, are in the New Hampshire Historical Society, as are the original field notes.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See above: "Other information as appropriate."			
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