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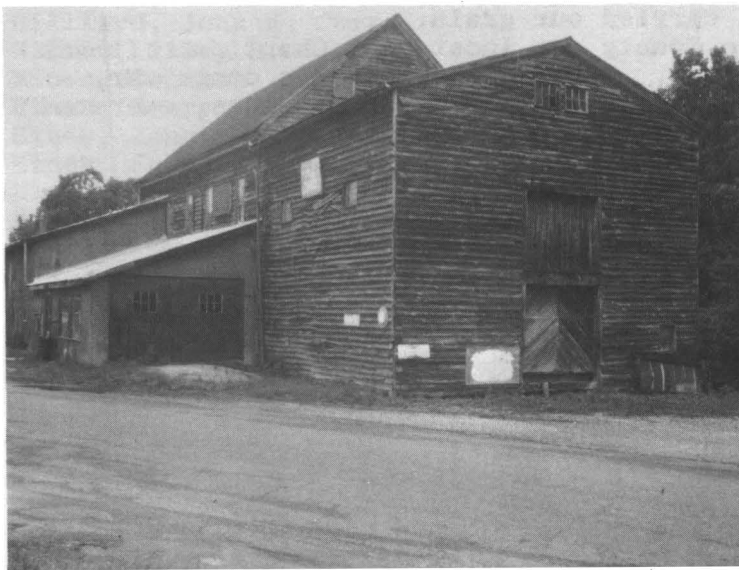
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MILL MEMORIES IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Clifton Factory or the Great Mill
at Great Mills, Maryland

Hanover Mills, owned by the late Doctor Francis Floyd Greenwell, is the first water mill that I can vividly remember. My father would allow me to go with him to the mill quite often during the years 1914-1916. The mill, which was water powered, got its name from Hanover Farm where my father was born. While my father attended to his business, I had fun playing. Up and over the mill race, I would go to the miller's house and back to the dam and mill pond.

In Revolutionary times, and possibly before, Hanover Mills was owned by John Allen Thomas, a cavalry officer in the Revolutionary War. Before the Civil War, it was owned by my grandfather Aloysius Francis Fenwick (1817-1887). In the late eighteen hundreds, it was operated by my father Aloysius Francis Fenwick (1857-1938).

Hanover Mill became the property of my maternal grandfather, William F. Greenwell, who left it to his son and my uncle Dr. Greenwell. His family owns the site to this day, but only remnants of this old mill remain.

When I was old enough to drive our one horse wagon to the mill, my father would load the wagon at home and send me on the way to the mill. I well remember one hot Saturday about 1919 when Papa sent me to the "Factory" at Great Mills with a load of grain. He gave me instructions how to back the wagon up to the mill platform, where I was to ask Mr. John Cecil to unload it, because I was too small to do that. Then I was to tie Pet, the horse, and wait until the grain was ground and tolled. I did as instructed and when the flour middlings and bran were ready, Mr. Cecil reloaded the wagon.

Off I started for home with a full load but alas, about 200 feet from the mill my horse and wagon came apart. I asked for help but no one took me seriously, so no one helped me. There I sat uncoupled and dejected.

Much later (it seemed to me) Mr. Mills Heard came by and stopped. Seeing my concern, he said, "Son, what is the trouble?"

"My wagon has come uncoupled!" I replied.

"Don't worry son!" Mr. Heard said, "the fifth wheel has come apart. All you need is a bolt."

As he went to Mr. Cecil's store to get the bolt, I wondered how I would pay him for I didn't have a cent, but that proved unnecessary.

When Mr. Heard returned with the bolt, he put it in the fifth wheel. When all was ready, he patted me on the head and sent me on my way. Needless to say, Mr. Mills Heard was my hero and friend until his death.

Mr. John Cecil's mill at Great Mills was the last mill in St. Mary's County to operate by water power.

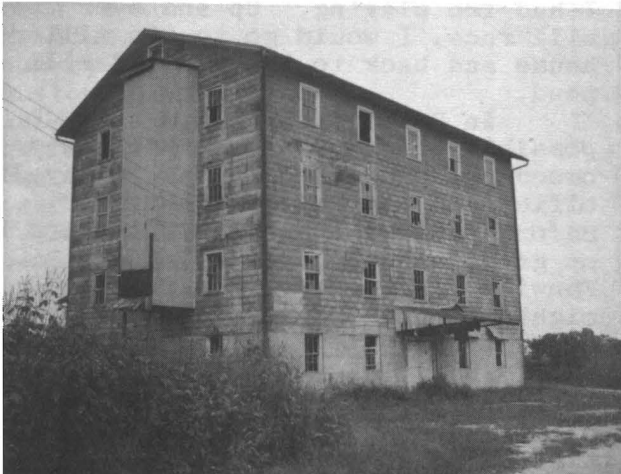
This mill site was the location of the "Factory" or Clifton Factory as it was called after a textile mill was located there. This textile mill was one of St. Mary's County's leading manufacturing industries in the early 1800's. This mill site on the St. Mary's River was mentioned often in colonial, as well as Revolutionary times.

Mr. George Cecil, brother of John, operated a grist mill at Valley Lee. Although I never carried grain to this mill, I visited it often, while it was operated by Mr. Cecil and his son, George.

Later, my memory of mills carries me to Loveville where Mr. Fred Long started a power mill. Every Saturday, it was my chore to drive old Easter to Long's Mill to carry grain and bring back flour and feed. The flour was for my mother, but I used the feed for the horse, our chickens, and our cows.

When Mr. Roe Cecil, son of Mr. George Cecil of Valley Lee, opened his mill near Leonardtown, it was there that I carried our grain.

The last grist mill in St. Mary's County was located at Chaptico. It was owned and operated by Mr. Aubrey Gardiner. After Mr. Gardiner's death, Mr. Frank Yowaiski owned and operated it. Wallace and Francis, his sons, operated it until it closed.



Gardiner-Yowaiski Mill
Chaptico, Maryland



Thus ended a St. Mary's County industry that had its beginning in the earliest days of the colony Maryland. Thomas Cornwalleyes started the first mill in 1634 and the Yowaiskies closed the last one in 1962.

The records of the colony and its populace reveal the many water and tide mills that were located on the numerous waterways, but a list of them has not been researched as yet.

After the Revolutionary War, when the young nation found it necessary to raise monies by taxation, a record was kept of mills that were taxed. The list included here was copied by me from the St. Mary's County Tax Assessment Record. Although no tide mills are listed, Dr. Peveril Meigs of Wayland, Massachusetts, an expert on mills, assured me that water mills and tide mills were the same in the record as both were called water mills.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY MILLS

<u>OWNER OR OPERATOR</u>	<u>LAND NAME AND TYPE OF MILL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT OR HUNDRED</u>
Abell, Bennett	Satisfaction - Water	1821	No. 3
Abell, Edward	By the Mill	1793-1801	Harvey
Abell, John Booth	Ishmaels Right - Water	1793-1806	Up. St. Mary's
Abell, John Booth Heirs	Ishmaels Right - Water	1812	Up. St. Mary's
Abell, Philip	Mill Land - A small mill out of repair	1793-1801	Harvey
Abell, Samuel	Beaverdam	1793-1801	Lo. Resurrection
Aisquith, John	Inclosure - Water	1793-1796	Lo. St. Mary's
Allstan, Henry	Mill Lot - Water	1812	Lo. St. Clement's
Allstan, Henry Heirs	Reeder's Adventure (Mill Lot) - Water	1821-1826	No. 4
Allstan, Thomas	Reeder's Adventure and Mill - Water	1795-1806	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Alvey, Jeremiah	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a Mill Seat 10 Acres - Water	1826	No. 4
Aprice, Bennet	Burch Hanger - Water	1801	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Aprice, Edward	Burch Hanger - Water	1812	Up. St. Clement's
Aprice, Mary	Piles Discovery - Water	1821-1831	No. 4
Aprice, Thomas	Burch Hanger - Water	1806	Up. St. Clement's
Armstrong, Elizabeth	Mill Land 18 Acres - Water	1826	No. 2
Armstrong, James	Mill Land 9-3/4 Acres	1821	No. 2
Armstrong, James	Guither-Tarleton Mill and Mill Land 15 Acres	1821	No. 2
Armstrong, John	Mill Land 40 Acres - Water	1796-1812	Up. St. Mary's
Armstrong, John Heirs	Mill Land 40 Acres - Water	1821	No. 2
Asquith, Grandison	Mill Land 18 Acres - Water	1831	No. 2
Aud, John	Hearde's Security with a small mill 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ Acres	1793-1801	Lo. New Town
Barnes, Col. Richard	Ranglefield - Water	1793-1801	Lo. New Town
Beane, John	Mill Land 20 Acres	1793-1795	Up. St. Mary's
Bennett, Thomas I.	Cross Manor - Wind	1821-1826	No. 1
Bennett, Wm. B.	Mill Seat	1812	Lo. St. Mary's
Biscoe, James	St. Jeromes Plains - Wind	1806-1812	St. Inego's
Blakistone, Nehemiah Herbert	Wind	1793-1796	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Bond, John of Thos.	Part St. Johns $\frac{1}{2}$ Mill Seat $\frac{1}{4}$ Said Mill	1793-1801	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Bond, Peregrine	St. Johns and $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mill	1793-1796	Up. New Town
Bond, Peregrine	Linstead with $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mill	1793-1796	Up. New Town
Bond, Peregrine	Half a Mill 10 Acres	1793-1796	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Bond, Peregrine	Half a Mill 8 Acres	1793-1796	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Bond, Peregrine	St. Johns and Mill	1801	Up. New Town
Bond, Peregrine Heirs	St. Johns Mill	1801-1806	Up. New Town
Bond, Peregrine Heirs	$\frac{1}{2}$ Harrow Hills and Cuchol Haven Mill Seat	1806	Up. St. Clement's
Bond, Samuel for James Biscoe Heir	Harrow Hills and Cuchol Haven with $\frac{1}{4}$ Mill	1793	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Bond, Samuel Guard- ian to Mary B. Biscoe	Harrow Hills and Cuchol Haven with $\frac{1}{4}$ Mill	1794-1801	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Bond, Thomas	Part St. Johns $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mill Seat 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres and $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mill	1793-1794	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Briscoe, Clement	Briscoes Lot and Mill	1793-1796	Chaptico
Briscoe, John	Part Thames with a Mill	1793-1821	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Briscoe, John Ll.	Part Thames with a Mill	1826	No. 4

<u>OWNER OR OPERATOR</u>	<u>LAND NAME AND TYPE OF MILL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT OR HUNDRED</u>
Brooke, O. Baker	Abells Friendship and Mill	1821-1826	No. 3
Brown, Richard	$\frac{1}{4}$ Clements Bay Mill	1793-1801	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Brown, Richard	St. Johns Mill Seat 3-3/4 Acres and Situation	1806-1812	Lo. St. Clement's
Causin, Gerard N.	Fords Inclosure and Mill	1821-1831	No. 3
Chappelear, Jno. Heirs	Trent Fork and Mill	1821	No. 4
Chilton, Charles	Chiltons Adventure and Mill	1793	St. George's
Chilton, Charles	Spring Branch and Water Mill	1806-1812	Harvey
Chilton, Charles	St. Joseph Manor 2 Water Mills	1821	No. 2
Cole, George	Johns Woods and Water Mill	1794-1801	St. George's
Cole, John	Johns Woods and Water Mill	1793	St. George's
Combs, Thomas Hatton	Charles Chance and Water Mill	1793-1812	Up. St. Mary's
Combs, Thomas Hatton Heirs	Charles Chance and Water Mill	1821-1831	No. 2
Corum, Barbara	Mill Pond 8-3/4 Acres	1801	Up. St. Mary's
Davis, Hezekiah	A New Water Mill	1793-1796	Lo. St. Mary's
Davis, James	Ishmaels Right and Water Mill	1821-1826	No. 2
Davis, Mary	Winifreds Lane and Water Mill	1801-1812	Lo. St. Mary's
Dillehay, Arthur's Heirs	Inclosure and Windmill	1821-1826	No. 2
Doxey, Josiah	Pheypoos Fort $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre-Wind	1821-1826	No. 1
Fenwick, Athanasius	Mill Land 10 Acres and Mill	1806-1821	St. George's
Fenwick, Athanasius Heirs	Mill Land 10 Acres and Mill	1826	No. 2
Fenwick, Richard	Cornelius and Water Mill	1806	Lo. St. Mary's
Fish, Thomas	Part Hawleys Manor and Windmill	1821-1826	No. 1
Floyd, Jesse	Cuthberts Fortune and Water Mill	1812	Lo. Resurrection
Floyd, Wm. & Others	Cuthberts Fortune and Water Mill	1821-1831	No. 3
Foiles, Thomas	Brick Kilns 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ Acres	1801-1806	Up. St. Mary's
Ford, Athanasius of Henry	By the Mill 29 Acres	1812	Harvey
Forrest, James	Back Acre and Water Mill	1821-1826	No. 3
Gardiner, Thomas	Part Brambley and Wind-mill	1821-1826	No. 4
Garner, Henry G.	Suttles Rest and Water-mill	1821-1831	No. 4
Gough & Binny	Guither-Tarlton Mill Land Water Mill and Saw Mill	1821-1826	No. 2
Gough, Stephen	Part Hanover and Water Mill	1821-1826	No. 3
Greenwell, Thomas of Phil.	Part Abells Inclosure with a Mill thereon	1793-1806	Lo. New Town
Greenwell, Thomas of Phil. Heirs	Part Abells Inclosure with a Mill thereon	1812	Lo. New Town
Greenwell, Wm. F.	Lot #1 and #2 including Mill Land	1821-1831	No. 3

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Hammett, Bennet	Mill Pond 8-3/4 Acres	1821-1831	No. 2
Hammett, Henrietta	Mill Pond 30 Acres $\frac{1}{2}$ a Water Mill	1806	Up. St. Mary's
Hammett, Robert	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a Water Mill	1806-1821	Up. St. Mary's
Hammit, Wm. of McKel.	Saturdays Work and a Small Mill	1801	Lo. St. Mary's
Hammit, McKelvie	Saturdays Work and a Small Mill	1793-1796	Lo. St. Mary's
Hammit, McKelvie	Mill Pond 30 Acres	1793-1794	Up. St. Mary's
Hayden, Jas. of Chas. Co.	Water Mill and Land 10 Acres	1793-1796	Chaptico
Hayden, James	Mill Lot 20 Acres Water Mill	1806-1812	Up. St. Clement's
Hayden, James of Jas.	Part Beverley with a Mill	1793-1826	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Hayden, James Heirs	Part Beverley with a Water Mill	1831	No. 4
Heard, Benedict J.	Water Mill	1831	No. 4
Heard, John	$\frac{1}{4}$ Part of a Water Mill	1793-1796	Up. St. Mary's
Heard, Richard	Thirds with Addition and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Water Mill	1793-1796	Up. St. Mary's
Hebb, Gough and Somerville	Guithers and Tarletons Mill and Mill Land 35 Acres	1812	Popular Hill
Hebb, William Jr.	Good Luck and Saw Mill 40 Acres	1806	St. George's
Herbert, Wm. Jun.	Halfhead Folly and 1/3 of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Mill 48 Acres	1801-1812	Lo. St. Mary's
Herbert, Wm. Jun. Heirs	Batchelors Hopewell and $\frac{1}{2}$ Wind Mill	1821-1826	No. 2
Holton, Mary	Addition 31 Acres $\frac{1}{2}$ Water Mill	1821	No. 2
Holton, Mary Heirs	Addition 31 Acres $\frac{1}{2}$ Water Mill	1826	No. 2
Holton, Wm.	Addition 31 Acres $\frac{1}{2}$ Water Mill	1793-1806	Harvey
Holton, Wm. Heirs	Addition 31 Acres $\frac{1}{2}$ Water Mill	1812	Harvey
Holton, Wm. Heirs	Temple Bar and $\frac{1}{4}$ Water Mill 120 Acres	1826-1831	No. 2
Holton, Wm. Heirs	Addition and $\frac{1}{2}$ old Water Mill 31 Acres	1831	No. 2
Horrell, Thomas	Trent Fork and Mill 100 Acres	1801	Up. Resurrection
Horrell, Thomas Heirs	Trent Fork and Mill 100 Acres	1806	Up. Resurrection
Jackson, Mary	Back Acre and Water Mill	1831	No. 3
Jarboe, James	Halfhead Folly $\frac{1}{2}$ Old Mill Seat	1831	No. 2
Jenkins, Mary	Last Shift and a Water Mill	1801	Lo. St. Mary's
Jones, Mordecia	Cross Manor and Windmill 200 Acres	1821-1826	No. 1
Keech, John	Keechs Folly and Mill 20 Acres	1801	Up. Resurrection
Keech, Samuel	Keechs Folly and Mill 20 Acres	1806	Up. Resurrection
Key, Edmund	Beaverdam and Mill 352 Acres	1806	Lo. Resurrection

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Key, H. G. S.	Ranglefield and Mill 40 Acres	1821-1831	No. 3
Key, Philip	Trent Fork with Mill 100 Acres	1793-1796	Up. Resurrection
Key, Philip	$\frac{1}{4}$ Harrow Hills and C. Haven on which is a Mill	1793-1812	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Key, Philip	$\frac{1}{4}$ Clements Bay Mill	1793-1801	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Key, Philip Heirs	$\frac{1}{4}$ Mill Seat	1821	No. 4
King, Stephen	Mill Land 9 Acres	1806-1812	Up. St. Mary's
Leigh, John	By the Mill $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre The Mill 5 Acres The Mill and Mill Seat 20 Acres The Mill Race 103-3/4 Acres and Water Mill	1821-1826	No. 2
Leigh, John	Locust Thicket with Mill 124-3/4 Acres	1826-1831	No. 3
Lilburn, Angelica	Hunting Neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mill 50 Acres	1806	Lo. St. Mary's
Lilburn, William	Part Hunting Neck and $\frac{1}{2}$ a Water Mill	1793-1801	Lo. St. Mary's
Locke, Jesse	Little Worth with a Mill 46-3/4 Acres	1801-1812	Up. Resurrection
Manning, Wilfred	Water Mill	1806-1812	Lo. St. Mary's
Mason, Armstead T.	Ranglefield and Mill 40 Acres	1812	Lo. New Town
Mason, John T.	Ranglefield and Mill 40 Acres	1806	Lo. New Town
Mattingly, Thomas	Romes Convenience and Mill 137 Acres	1831	No. 4
Mattingly, Zaca. of Luke	Romes Convenience and Mill 137 Acres	1821-1826	No. 4
McKay, Bennett	$\frac{1}{4}$ Part Indian Bridge Mill	1793-1795	Up. St. Mary's
McWilliams, Johns Heirs	Part St. Johns with Mill 59 Acres	1821-1826	No. 4
Melton, Eliza.	Part Burch Hangar Mill and Mansion	1821-1831	No. 4
Melton, James	Part Burch Hangar Mill and Mansion	1801-1812	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Milburn, Richard Junr.	Part $\frac{1}{2}$ Head Folly and 2/3 of $\frac{1}{2}$ a Water Mill	1793-1796	Lo. St. Mary's
Milburn, Richard's Heirs	Halfhead Folly and 2/3 of $\frac{1}{2}$ a Mill 97 Acres	1801-1812	Lo. St. Mary's
Milburn, Sarah Widow of Henry	Part Halfhead Folly 48-1/3 Acres 1/3 of 1/8 Water Mill	1793	Lo. St. Mary's
Milburn, Sarah Widow of Henry	Part Halfhead Folly 48-1/3 Acres 1/3 of 1/8 Water Mill	1794-1796	Lo. St. Mary's
Milburn, Stephen	1/6 of the Middle Mill	1793-1801	Lo. St. Mary's
Milburn, Stephen	Mill Land - Guither & Tarletons Mill and Mill Land 15 Acres	1826-1831	No. 2
Moran, Meverel	Tenement and Mill Seat on Indian Creek 32 Acres	1821-1826	No. 4
Neale, Benedict I.	2/3 Part St. Winifreds and 2/3 Wind Mill 153 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres	1812	Lo. St. Clement's
Neale, Fras.	1/3 Part St. Winifreds and 1/3 Wind Mill 75-2/3 Acres	1812	Lo. St. Clement's

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Neale, Col. Henry	Hilly Lee and Water Mill	1793-1801	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Neale, Jeremiah	St. Winifreds and Wind Mill 227 Acres	1806	Lo. St. Clement's
Neale, Raphael	St. Winifreds with a Mill 225 Acres	1793-1806	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Neale, Raphael Junr.	St. Winifreds with Water Mill 225 Acres	1812	Lo. St. Clements
Neale, Raphael	St. Winifreds with Mill 225 Acres	1821-1826	No. 4
Pool, Susanna	Half a Water Mill	1806	Lo. St. Mary's
Reeder, George's Heirs	Mill and Mill Seat 20 Acres	1812	Up. New Town
Reeder, George's Heirs	Water Mill 20 Acres	1821	No. 4
Reeder, John	Black Acre Water Mill 73 Acres	1806-1812	Up. New Town
Reeder, Thomas A.	Mill and Mill Seat 20 Acres	1793-1806	Up. New Town
Richardson, James	St. Michaels and Wind Mill 47 Acres	1806-1812	St. Michael's
Richardson, James Jr.	St. Michaels and Wind Mill 47 Acres	1821-1826	No. 1
Sanner, Joseph	Part Courtneys Fancy $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Water Mill 50 Acres	1812-1826	Lo. St. Mary's
Shadrick, John	Chiltons Adventure and Half of a Mill $9\frac{1}{2}$ Acres	1793-1801	Poplar Hill
Shamwell, Jo. Senr.	Higgs Purchase and Horse Power Mill	1821-1826	No. 4
Shemwell, William	Higgs Purchase and Horse Power Mill	1831	No. 4
Somervell, William	Guither and Tarleton Mill	1806	Poplar Hill
Somervell, William	Mill Land 35 Acres	1806	Poplar Hill
Somerville, William	Guithers and Tarletons Mill and Land 35 Acres	1801	Poplar Hill
Sothoron, Levin	A Mill Seat and Mill 2 Acres	1793-1796	Up. Resurrection
Taylor, Wm. Heirs	2/3 of the Great Mill	1796	St. George's
Tennison, Absalom	Mill Land 10 Acres	1826	No. 4
Tennison, Absalom Heirs	Mill Land 10 Acres	1831	No. 4
Thomas, Edward	Mill Pond 8-3/4 Acres	1806	Up. St. Mary's
Thomas, Edward	Water Mill	1812	Up. St. Mary's
Thomas, Isabella	Addn. to Hanover Water and Mill 7 Acres	1801-1806	Lo. New Town
Thomas, John Allen	Addn. to Hanover with Water Mill 7 Acres	1793-1796	Lo. New Town
Thomas, John Allen	A Mill Seat and Mill 20-3/4 Acres	1793-1796	Harvey
Thomas, Doctor William	Addn. to Hanover and Water Mill 7 Acres	1812	Lo. New Town
Thompson, Clarissa	Urquaharts Gift and Water Mill 512 Acres	1806	Up. St. Mary's
Thompson, Peter	Urquaharts Gift and Half a Water Mill	1793-1795	Up. St. Mary's
Thompson, Peter Heirs	Urguharts Gift and Mill 512 Acres	1801	Up. St. Mary's
Thompson, Peter U.	Tom Longs Point and Wind Mill	1821	No. 1
Thompson, Peter U. Heirs	Tom Longs Point and Wind Mill	1826	No. 1
Thornton, Vincent	Mill and Mill Seat 5 Acres	1801-1806	Harvey

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Thornton, Vincent Heirs	By the Mill 5 Acres and Mill	1812	Harvey
Turner, Hatch	Part Wild Cat and Water Mill	1826	No. 2
Turner, Philip	Part St. Johns Mill Seat and Situation 15 Acres	1821-1826	No. 3
Walker, Bennet	Part St. Johns Mill Seat 7½ Acres and Situation	1801	Up. St. Clement's
Walker, Bennet	St. Johns Mill Seat and Situation 7½ Acres	1806	Up. St. Clement's
	¼ 10 Acres of a Mill Seat called Addn to Farthings Fortune and Situation		
Walker, Bennet Heirs	St. Johns Mill Seat and Situation 7½ Acres	1812	Up. St. Clement's
	½ 10 Acres of a Mill Seat called Addn to Farthings Fortune and Situation		
Walker, Joseph's Heirs	½ St. Johns Mill Seat 7½ Acres and ¼ Said Mill	1795-1796	Up. & Lo. St. Clement's
Watts, Kenelm B.	Mill Manor and a Water Mill 106 Acres	1793-1796	Up. St. Mary's
Watts, Rebecca	Mill Manor and a Water Mill 106 Acres	1801	Up. St. Mary's
Watts, Rebecca (Flint)	Mill Manor and a Water Mill 106 Acres	1806-1812	Up. St. Mary's
Watts, Rebecca F. Heirs	Mill Manor and a Water Mill 106 Acres	1821-1826	No. 2
Watts, Richard Junr.	6th Part Guithers and Taretons Mill 5½ Acres	1793-1796	St. George's
Watts, Richard Junr.	One Third of the Great Mill	1801	St. George's
Watts, Richard Esq.	One Half of the Great Mill	1806	St. George's
Watts, Richard Heirs	One Half of the Great Mill	1812	St. George's
Wherritt, Thomas Senr.	2/3 Guithers and Tarletons Mill	1793-1796	Up. St. Mary's
Wilson, George	¼ Harrow Hill Cucholds Haven Mill Seat 5 Acres and Situation	1806	Up. St. Clement's
Wimsatt, Roberts Heirs	Vacancy by application A small Mill including 15 Acres	1793-1801	Lo. New Town

Under the column District or Hundred, Up. is the abbreviation of Upper and Lo. stands for Lower.

MILLS IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERT E. POGUE

MILL CREEK: A tide mill, Seventh District, between Brambley and Chickahominy. Date and owner unknown.

BUSHWOOD WHARF: A steam-powered flour mill owned by Truman C. Slingluff. Built about 1900. Last operator, Frank Hayden. A large three story building similar to Gardiner's Mill at Chaptico. Torn down about 1945.

MILESTONE: A water mill on Tomakokin Run, now called Mill Run. Date and owner unknown. Millrace can still be seen. Millstone now on Burch's farm at Milestown.

CHARLES COUNTY

WICOMICO: About three miles above Budd's Creek at Wicomico is located Wicomico Flour and Feed Mill. This mill has been run for many years by the Long Brothers and continues in operation, grinding both wheat and corn. It is believed to be the only mill still in operation in Southern Maryland.



Wicomico Flour and Feed Mill
operated by the Long Bros.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Like Charlie Fenwick, as a boy the Editor too was sent to the Cecil Mill outside of Leonardtown for flour and cornmeal. It was a long drive of some 12 miles by horse and buggy from our home on Canoe Neck, and sometimes I wondered if old "Dandy" would make it up Hilltop Hill on the return trip. We also went to the Slingluff Mill at Bushwood Wharf, using horse and wagon to haul the corn and wheat to be ground. In earlier years however, Papa sailed his "dory" Defender across the Potomac where he bought flour and cornmeal at the mill at Stratford, the birthplace of General Robert E. Lee.

It seems to the Editor that it would be fitting if the St. Mary's County Historical Society could acquire an old mill like the Gardiner-Yowaiski Mill at Chaptico which is still equipped. In addition to preserving one of our old mills, it would also provide ample space to house the Aloysius Fenwick collection of old tools and other items of that era. The Editor has been approached also by several people who have said they would like to donate old farm equipment and tools if the Society had housing for such items. There seems to be some real and enthusiastic support for a museum of this sort.