



Aberdeen Mills

SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

July 2010

!!Reminder!!



SPOOM-MA Semi-Annual Meeting: August 28th, 2010

Elizabethtown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Program & Information

For those who plan to travel to the meeting area before Saturday August 28, there are places to stay and to see.

PART 1: SPOOM-MA Meeting

- 8:30 -9:00 Reception, Coffee, & Registration at Aberdeen Mills
- 9:00-10:30 SPOOM-MA Business Meeting at Aberdeen Mills

PART 2: Joint Meeting

- 10:30 Welcoming Remarks & Introduction of SPOOM-Bob Lundegard
- 10:40 Introduction and Remarks by Merritt & Katcha Neale
- 10:50 A Brief History of Aberdeen Mills by Merritt Neale
- 11:00 Heishman's Mill – Design, Construction, Funding and Adventures of a Fish Passageway – Theodore Hazen, Master Miller and Millstone Dresser
- 12:30 Lunch at Aberdeen Mills
- 1:00-2:30 Tour of Aberdeen Mills by the members of SPOOM
- 4:00 Adjourn

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There are 24 Mills within 15 miles of Aberdeen. Maps and locations of these mills will be located at www.aberdeenmills.com/localmills

Dauphin County		
Curry's Feed Mill – Hershey	Espenshade's Feed – Middletown PA	Fry's Mill – Middletown
Manada Hill Mill – Manada Gap	Shiffe Mill – Hershey	Lykens Mill (Working) – Lykens Valley
Lancaster County		
Bellaire Feed and Fork Mill - Elizabethtown	Blue Rock Mill – Columbia	Donegal Mill – Mt. Joy
Chickies Mill – Columbia	Florys Mill – Lancaster	Hershey Mill – Mount Ville
Rohrers Mill – Strausburg	Lime Valley Mill – Lancaster	Mascot Mill (Tours) - Lancaster
Milton Grove Mill – Lancaster	Annville Mill – Lancaster	Scharers Mill – Marieta
Mount Vernon Mill – Middletown	Nissley Mill – Elizabethtown	Roddy Mill – Mt. Joy
Spangler Mill – Mt. Joy	Union Mills – Elizabethtown	Window Mill – Columbia



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-- Robert Lundegard

AGENDA & MOTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION of the SPOOM-MA BOARD For the August 28, 2010 Meeting At Aberdeen Mills

Motion

That the SPOOM-MA Chapter membership categories be expanded to include an "Organization" membership with annual dues of \$50.00.

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2010 Meeting-Judy Grove
- Treasurer's Report on Members and Finances-Jane Sewell
- Newsletter Editor's Report-Susan Langley
- Report on mill preservation activities-Ivan Lufriu
- Report on Nominations for 2011-2013 term-Marlene Lufriu & Marge Lundegard
- Report on "Mid-Atlantic Milling History Celebration"-Judy, Mason, & Bob
- Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report to *Old Mill News*-Robert McLaughlin
- SPOOMMIDATLANTIC.ORG web page-Bob
- Rack Card Experiment Evaluation
- Plans for March 2011 Chapter Meeting at Peirce Mill, Host: Richard Abbott
- Roundtable Comments -New Business:

Introductions

Merritt & Katcha Neale- Our Hosts
Ted Hazen.



From the Desk of the President

-- Robert Lundegard

Thanking our Officers and Board members is my first consideration. Our Chapter is in its sixth year and has made good progress in establishing a structure for expanding the mission of SPOOM in our Mid-Atlantic region.

Ivan Lufriu has established an active and constructive program to help mill owners who want to preserve what they have for subsequent generations. Mills become unrecognizable ruins as we speak, we must preserve a stable and viable base of mills to show to the public and turn a corner on significant mills that have been neglected. Come to the August 28, 2010 Chapter meeting and hear Ivan's latest report.

Judy Grove has established an organized process for communications with SPOOM members, for keeping track of Chapter memberships, and for implementing our spoommidatlantic.org Administrative system. A critical part of her effort is an extensive e-mail list of SPOOM members in our area. This list enables getting the word out with a click of the mouse. Jane Sewell keeps our financial books in a solid and auditable fashion. Robert McLaughlin maintains our visibility with SPOOM and *Old Mill News* readers and is contributing to the Chapter's watershed map project for the Susquehanna River basin. Susan Langley turns out our very informative and readable electronic Chapter Newsletter. Charles Yeske, Peter Preston, Merritt Neale, and Richard Abbott have or will host Chapter meetings during my term. Thanks to you all.

Special thanks must go to Peter Preston for hosting our March meeting, to the women of the Methodist Church who catered the lunch and early morning coffee, and to Bernadine Teague owner of the Polar Grove Mill who arranged for our tour of this unique tide mill.

This is the time for nominations of officers for the 2011-2013 term. Our Nomination Committee may need your support. If you are contacted please provide your guidance and service to the Chapter. Our Chapter needs the support of the public mills in our region. We need their resources in our membership drives, we need their leverage in sending our message to the public, and we need their experienced guidance as the Chapter moves forward extending a helping hand to mill owners taking on the preservation task. There are at least ten such mills in our region, we ask you to help us out.

I hope to see you at our next meeting at the Aberdeen Mills on August 28, 2010.

Flour Power – the Golden Age of Flour Milling in the Mid-Atlantic States

-- Judy Grove, Secretary

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic committee members and staff at the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site are engaged in preparation for the 2011 SPOOM Convention to be held at Colvin Run. The general theme for all the activities is captured in the title of this article. At our August meeting, progress to date on the various activities will be shared.

Meanwhile, the general membership is asked to assist with some details. Please consider which of the following ways you can help.

General Open House Date for 2011: A date on or around Oliver Evans' birthday will be set at the August 2010 meeting and member mills will be asked to be open on that date in 2011 to promote milling across the Mid-Atlantic region.

Mill DVD Collection: If your site has a DVD (or video that can be transferred to DVD), please forward a copy to Marlene Lufriu, 458 Mud College Road, Littlestown PA 17340 or Marjorie Lundegard, 950 Carya Court, Great Falls VA 22066. These will be maintained in archives and shown at the 2011 National SPOOM convention at Colvin Run Mill.

Project Funding: Sponsor letters have been prepared to fund the watershed map project, keynote speaker and other aspects of the 2011 Convention. Forward names of potential sponsors you know to Nick Yannarell at ntyann@verizon.net.

State or National Milling Day and Oliver Evans Stamp: Sample letters to contact elected state and national officials to promote these two items will be distributed at the August meeting. Share these with your milling friends.

Together we can raise awareness of the important contributions milling played in this country's development and foster the movement to help preserve this history.



Nineteenth Century Cotton Mill Burned at Baltimore

– John McGrain

The TV reporters and newspaper writers did not know what was going up in smoke in north Baltimore on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Most accounts called it a warehouse, but one TV reporter interviewed a bystander whose father had worked in the plant, and the interviewee said it was the Schenuit Tire Company's mostly vacant plant in the Woodberry section of Baltimore City, that burned in the five-alarm fire. Baltimore streets were heaped high with snow at the time and mill buffs were confined at home. Starting in 1925, the company founded by Frank G. Schenuit made tires for autos and later for aircraft in an historic cotton factory building that dated from 1843. The old textile works was still inside a vast sprawling complex of mid-20th century brick additions. The same grounds had been the home of the Woodberry Mill, a flour plant that burned just about the time the cotton works opened, and for a brief period, both mills had briefly co-existed. The mill building bordered the tracks of the Northern Central Railroad which had carried five presidential funeral trains in its long career of passenger service. The railroad was succeeded in modern times by Maryland Transit Administration's light rail line for commuters, which still functions, although the fire stopped travel for a while. The burned-out ruins still stand, but the old gable peak of the cotton works that peeped above the brick tire plant walls disappeared in the conflagration. A nearby two-story mill that had made seine netting in the 19th century was unscathed and houses a business entitled "Mail-Rite." The two textile mills had been the source of the Hooper family's fortune. A company town of brick duplexes survives, perched on a hill overlooking the mill sites, the dwelling hardly changed from stereographs taken in the 1870s.



Woodberry Mill, 1912.
Credit Jacques Kelly,
Baltimore Public Library,
Legacy Site

◀ During the fire.
Credit: WBAL



FLOWERFIELD MILL IN MICHIGAN

--Marge Lundegard

A Mrs. Dorothy from Kalamazoo, Michigan, called to seek information about the mill her father had owned in St. Joseph County, Michigan. She wanted to get a reprint of the two articles about the mill that were published around 1970 and 1980 in *Old Mill News*. Having the *Old Mill News* index published articles, I volunteered to find them for her.

The hardest part of the project was finding the index in my files. After an intense search, I located the index. Sure enough in the Michigan section of the index were the two articles. One article was published in 1973 and the other article was published in 1983. Mrs. Dorothy is trying to assemble all of the articles about the mill that was owned by her father, Mr. Kuplicki.

The three storied frame structure, named Flowerfield, was built around 1829 by Michael Beadle. The mill was a "corn cracker" mill. Beadle made improvements to the mill. He added a sawmill. The millstones were from a local granite quarry. The mill was the center of business for a large area. In fact, Mr. Beadle built several mills in the Three Rivers area.

Unfortunately, in 1851 the Flowerfield Mill burned. In 1855 the mill was rebuilt by Lewis and Joseph Tubbs. This mill had three runs of stones. In 1876 more improvements were made. In fact, in the year of 1876 the mill produced 5000 barrels of flour. The mill operated until the early 1940's.

Mr. Henry Kuplicki bought the mill in 1941. He had come to the United States from Poland when he was ten years old. The family had lived near a mill. Mr. Kuplicki grew up loving the mill. As an adult he moved to Detroit and worked at the Ford Motor Plant. However, he always had the dream of maybe owning a mill someday. So when the Flowerfield Mill was for sale in 1941, Mr. Kuplicki bought the mill. However, he still lived and worked in Detroit. He hired someone to operate the mill. Finally he moved his family to the mill. The mill was on twenty three acres of land and had a barn.

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Flowerfield Mill ca. 1940 ►



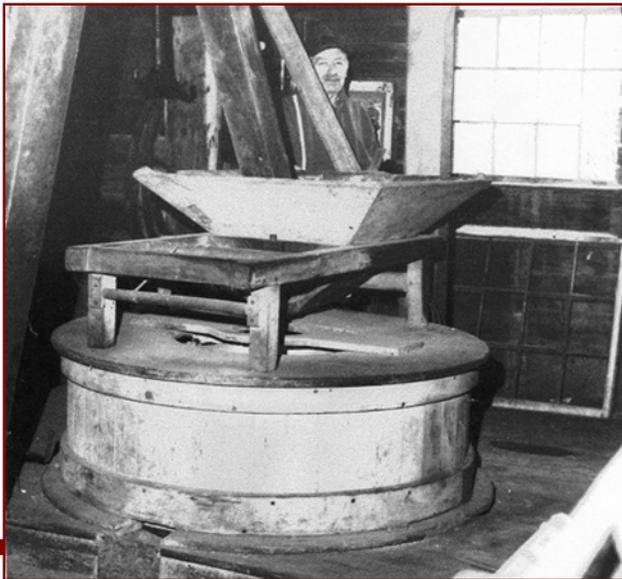
FLOWERFIELD MILL IN MICHIGAN...(cont'd)

The mill was on a spring fed creek that emptied into the St. Joseph River.

In 1977, Mr. Kuplicki died before he completed the restoration of the mill. The mill was still standing in 1983. The outside of the building was in bad condition. The flume had rotted away. The interior of the mill was in good condition.

What has happened to the mill? On January 19th, 2001, at 1:00 a.m., the mill burned to the ground. Arson was suspected. Even though the vandals were known, proof was not available. The mill had one run of stones and also 4 roller machines and two turbines. All equipment was lost in the fire. Since the mill did not have fire insurance thousands of dollars were lost.

Sometime later, Henry Kuplicki's son decided to empty the pond. From a rowboat, he opened the pond gates. When he opened the gates, the water formed a vortex near the gate and started to pull the boat under. He had to jump out of the boat to save his life. This son and his siblings still own the land and also a one room school house in the town.



To preserve the history of the mill Mrs. Dorothy is collecting articles published about the mill, some in the local newspapers and other mill magazines. The mill site will not be forgotten.

◀ **Flowerfield Mills Stone Pair**



Aztec Mill, New Mexico

--Andrew Wahil

Aztec Mill was built in 1860-64 by Lucien Bonaparte Maxwell as an Indian Agency. An 1868 photo shows Jicarilla Apache Indians lined up at front door to receive allotment, (A., below). In the background is the guest house and mansion of Maxwell in early Cimarron, Territory of New Mexico.

The Aztec Mill long a popular subject of artists. A painting by Manville Chapman (C., right) shows the mill as does an ink sketch by Charles Rosso.

A 1971 photographic view shows mill machinery located in the Cellar (B., right) (*New Mexico Architecture*, September-October 1971, p. 20).



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Notes & News

Tide Mills of Western Europe

The two touring exhibitions “Tide Mills of Western Europe,” supported by the European Commission through its Culture 2000 Program, will visit, the Ecomusée des Marais Salant (Île de Ré, France) from May to September, and the Centro de Interpretação Ambiental da Ponta do Sal (Cascais, Portugal) from 5 July to 9 August .

The exhibition is still available for those interested after September 2010. Contact Cláudia Silveira, Ecomuseu Municipal do Seixal, Praça 1º de Maio, 2840-485 Seixal, Portugal Phone: 00 351 210 976 112 or email: claudia.silveira@cm-seixal.pt More information is available at the website : www.moinhosdemare-europa.org. If you haven't visited this page, it's worth it for the puzzle, mill game and other information.



Loix Tide Mill threatened with Demolition

-- *Cláudia Silveira*

We've received information about the decision of demolishing the Loix tide mill, the only one that remains in the Ile de Ré (France) and has been recently affected by Xynthia storm. Perhaps we can help to prevent its demolition showing international concern about the situation and showing the authorities how important a mill may be.

We thank you for your participation in the blog (below) and we ask your cooperation sending this message to other persons who would be glad to help. Blog address: <http://sauvezlemoulinamaree.over-blog.org/> [For additional information contact Susan Langley.]



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For follow-up on the last meeting, check out the:

Gloucester-Mathews Gazette Journal

**“Preserving history: Preliminary talks held on Poplar Grove Mill”
by Sherry Hamilton for Thursday, April 29, 2010 Vol. LXXIII, no. 17
New Series, Gloucester, VA. 23061 | Mathews, VA.**

Society for Industrial Archaeology E-News

Check out the new electronic newsletter at:

http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001TTzY1hjm9Fj3zjuVkc_YeT8ToXUBB64h0ND9sAqS59xLgBPZFZICXGeD2OVLoBpiV0Ny2vM-4WsDSq720TIsQpnuumVg8-DK_7cn81vbhKdk28YdcNV-8uFV1I1WYdlvDTfcRX-HHjA%3D

Save the Date

Articles, photographs, and upcoming events are due to Susan by September 24th for the next newsletter. Don't forget photo credits/captions. Please remember to let everyone know about Fall Fairs, Christmas Craft Sales, Pancake Breakfasts and all the fun and fundraising activities out there, as well as all the news and events related to your mills or mills in your neighborhood. Email to: slangle06@comcast.net.



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