



Colvin Run Mill

# **SPOOM**

## **Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

**September 2011**



### **Mid-Atlantic SPOOM Chapter Board Meeting**

#### **Chapter Minutes Summary**

**President Bob Lundegard led the business meeting at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site in Great Falls VA. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The balance in the treasury is \$4,040.71.**

**Susan Langley (newsletter editor), Marlene and Ivan Lufriu (Union Mills), Mason Maddox and Nick Yannarell (Colvin Run Mill), Adam Sieminski (Peirce Mill), Steve Springs (chapter photographer), and Charles Yeske (Bucks County Mills) were approved as SPOOM MA board members for 2012.**

**Ivan Lufriu reported on the availability of SPOOM grants for mill related projects. More information is available in *Old Mill News* or by contacting him at [ivamar@netzero.net](mailto:ivamar@netzero.net) or 717-359-4363. An earlier date for *Mid-Atlantic Milling Day* in 2012 will be chosen.**

**The Board was authorized to change servers for the SPOOM-MA Web Page to Jim Noel of Face Websites for better management of membership and communication features.**

**The spring 2012 chapter meeting will be held at Peirce Mill in Washington DC. Their official ribbon-cutting ceremony is during the Rock Creek Park Heritage Festival on October 15. Double Mills near Salisbury MD will host the August 2012 chapter meeting.**

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## Mid-Atlantic SPOOM Minutes (cont'd)

Approval was given to add a line on the membership form seeking permission to share contact information within the group and to make membership lists available at meetings or via Email request to the secretary. This information is to be used only for items related to mills and milling. (Those who decline permission will have names listed, but no contact information.)

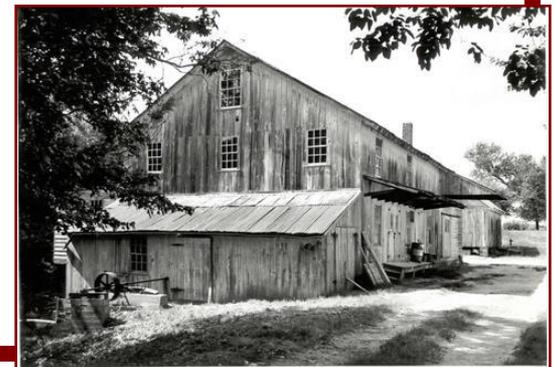
Tom Graham [tmajraham@erols.com](mailto:tmajraham@erols.com) provided information on *Early American Industries Association, Inc.* [www.EAIAinfo.org](http://www.EAIAinfo.org). Submit information for Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News* to [RIm101@verizon.net](mailto:RIm101@verizon.net) by November 1 for the January issue. Send completed pictures and survey forms on mills visited by members to Steve Spring at [millfoto@aol.com](mailto:millfoto@aol.com) to update the SPOOM mill lists started by Fred Beals. Mill lists are available through *Old Mill News* as PDF files or CD. Complete minutes are posted on the chapter website [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org).



**Double Mills, Inc., will be hosting the August, 2012, meeting of SPOOM-MA!**

*--Stephanie Elliott*

The Double Mills Grist Mill is located in Mardela Springs, Md., on the Barren Creek. The current structure dates from the 1870's with renovation, including an addition, completed in 1935. Our group has been working on its restoration since 2007, and we are currently in the second phase which will see the foundation and roof replaced. The mill building has been lifted off its foundation since Aug., 2008, while we have been raising necessary funds to have a new cement foundation poured, which includes the walls of the first level. The raceway, damaged in a 1979 storm, will be replaced in a future phase. We are glad to report that we are in the process of securing a date for the foundation work to begin, and plan to follow up with a new roof shortly thereafter. The mill has its original equipment and its turbine, which has been buried in mud for 32 years. It is thought all to be in restorable condition.



## **From the Desk of the President**

*-- Robert Lundegard*

Our Chapter had a delightful and very successful meeting at the Colvin Run Mill on Saturday August 20, 2011. During the preceding day, Marge Lundegard and the Friends of Colvin Run Mill conducted a marvelous tour of Northern Virginia mills for over 30 of our Chapter members.

The minutes of the business meeting of August 20 are posted at <http://www.spoommidatlantic.org> under Documents. I thank Judy Grove for preparing and posting the minutes and for being a great help during the mill tour and the business meeting. Judy helped the Chapter make new and promising arrangements for a new Chapter web site support firm. She did this during the discussions of this topic.

Excellent presentations were made by Ivan Lufriu of Union Mills and by Charlotte Cain of Northern Virginia Community College. Ivan describe the rich milling history around Ellicott City, MD in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. He covered all aspects of the industry from the growing of the grain to the sale and export of the product.

Charlotte Cain described the development of the GIS based mill mapping system and the application of this system using Fred Beals' Mill Lists along with data from Marge Lundegard, Debbie Robeson, and photos from Steve Spring. This system will be featured at the national SPOOM Conference on September 24, 2011.

The next Chapter meeting will be at Peirce Mill on Saturday March 24, 2012. Important topics for discussion and contribution will be attracting new members, organizing the nomination of members to be officers starting in 2013, and fleshing out and solidifying the web site.

Thanks for your membership, participation, and contributions to our Chapter program.



## August 19, 2011 Mill Tour

--Marjorie Lundegard

### ALDIE MILL

This mill was built by Charles Fenton Mercer and William Cooke between 1807 and 1809. Little River furnished the water to power two steel sixteen foot tandem overshot water wheel that powered 6 runs of stones. The mill was the “largest” of its kind in Loudoun County. The mill is a three storey brick structure.



▲ Aldie Mill



▲ Buckland Mill

### BUCKLAND MILL

This mill is located two miles west of Gainesville on Broad Run in the town of Buckland. The mill was built by John Love in 1790. This mill is also known as Calvert's Mill. The mill is a three storey frame structure. The mill was powered by a turbine.

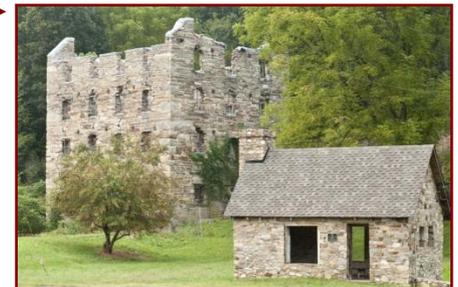
### BEVERLY CHAPMAN MILL

This will be a photo drive-by. This mill is located on Broad Run and is located in both Fauquier County and Prince William County. This was a five and a half storey stone structure that was destroyed by a fire in October 1998, leaving only the exterior walls of the mill intact. The original mill was built in 1747 by Jonathon Chapman and his son Nathaniel. The mill began as a crushed limestone mill. In 1758 the mill functioned as a gristmill.

Beverly Chapman Mill ►

### FLEETWOOD ROLLER MILL

This is a photo drive-by. This mill is also known as the Nathaniel Grigsby Mill and the Delaplane Mill. The mill is located on Crooked Run Creek. This is a two storey stone structure. The original mill had a water wheel. The mill had four sets of rollers and 3 runs of stones. All milling equipment has been removed and the mill is now used for storage.



## August 19, 2011 Mill Tour (cont'd)

### PALMER MILL

Other names for this mill are Slack Mill, Clifton Mill, and the Lewis Mill. The mill is located on Pantherskin Creek, about one mile east of Upperville on SR 623. The mill was built in 1765 by Edward Garrett Jr. The mill is a two and a half storey frame structure. The mill was operated by Wade Hampton Palmer from 1918 to 1941 when he died. The mill also had a sawmill and a cider press. At present the mill is being restored.



▲ Palmer Mill

### LITTLE FORK MILL

This mill is also known as the Burwell Mill and was once part of the original Burwell estate. This is a three storey stone structure built by slaves using stones from a quarry on the estate. The mill was probably built around 1830. This was a custom mill. In the basement one finds the greater face wheel, the lesser face wheel and a wallower.

### BURWELL MORGAN MILL

This mill is also located in Millwood, just up the street from the Little Fork Mill. This mill is also known as the Millwood Mill. The lower level of the mill is made of limestone and the upper levels are of frame construction. The mill was built in 1785. This is an operating mill today.

### LOCKES MILL

This mill is also known as Price's Mill and the Holker's Mill. This was an operational mill in 1751. The mill had two runs of buhrstones and a thirty four foot wooden overshot water wheel. The mill is a two storey frame structure. Today the mill has a twenty three foot metal Fitz overshot water wheel. The initial owner of the mill was Col. Fielding Lewis, brother-in-law of George Washington. Jon and Carol Joyce are the current owners of the mill and are in the process of restoring the mill.



▲ Lockes Mill



## **MILTON'S MILL**

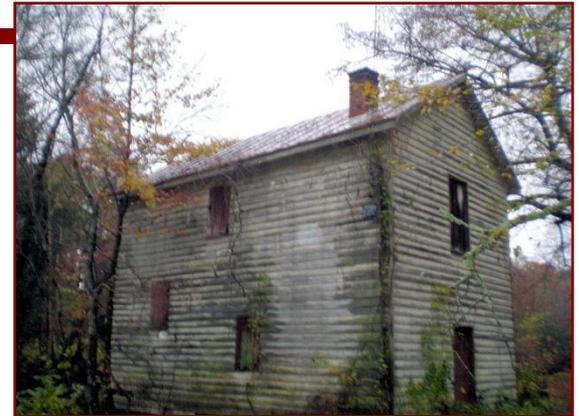
*--Marjorie Lundegard*

When European arrived in Virginia, the Northern Neck was one of the first areas to be settled. The first settlers at Jamestown were aware of the great rivers entering the Chesapeake Bay from the Piedmont. The most northern river for a Virginian was the Potomac River, to the south were the Rappahannock River, the York River, and the James River. These four rivers were defined by three fingers, or necks, of land running from the west to the Chesapeake Bay. It was natural to name these necks of land as the Northern Neck, the Middle Neck and the Lower Neck. Tobacco was the principle cash crop. Since food was needed, European grains were grown and grist mills were needed.

Milton's Mill is located near the Richmond-Westmoreland County line. It is located on SR 619 near a remote village called Pignet. To get to the mill, from the town of Warsaw take highway 360 east to where it intersects SR 619. Turn left onto SR 619 and go about four miles to the mill which is located on the left hand side of the road.

This mill is also known as Purcell's Mill. Mr. Purcell was the last person to operate the mill. The mill ceased operating in the 1990's. The mill is a two storied frame structure with clap board siding. The mill has a tin gable roof that is in good condition. The mill had two runs of stones and was last powered by a turbine. The milling equipment is intact. All of the windows have been covered with boards. Since the mill is very much isolated, the boarded windows and doors help to prevent vandalism.

The mill building is in fair condition. Some trees have fallen onto the mill. The building needs some repairs. The turbine has been pulled and rests outside the mill. The original mill had an overshot water wheel. The dam appears to be intact. There is evidence of the millrace. The Hurst frame is in good condition. The mill is located on Marshy Swamp Creek.



## MILTON'S MILL (cont'd)

One run of stones came from Europe and the second run of stones was purchased from the Stratford Mill. In fact, when the Stratford Mill was being restored, the Stratford Foundation tried to re-purchase the stones at Purcell's Mill. However, since the Purcell Mill was still using the stones, the Foundation was not able to retrieve them.

The original mill was built in the late 1700's by Robert E. Lee's grandfather. The mill was later rebuilt around 1784. In 1948 the mill was owned by a Mr. William E. Mc Kenny and a Mr. Charles Hogan. Later, in 1971, Mr. John Purcell operated the mill, producing cornmeal and wheat flour. This was a custom mill. After the mill ceased operating in the 1990's a Mrs. Millie Brooks bought the mill. She is the owner today.



## Tidal Energy Research Vessel visits Maine

<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article/162486/314/Tidal-energy-vessel-visits-Maine-for-conference>



## Tide Mill Site in Edmunds, Maine

--Bud Warren

I found a 1765 tide mill site – bed-logs, vertical sheathing, etc. still discernible. Robert Bell, age 15 hit that area, fresh from Scotland and made friends with the local Passamaquoddy, who were so impressed with him that when he told them he wanted to build a mill, they showed him a great spot and he began to work. The Bell family still owns the land and his tide mill site.



# The Susquehanna Watershed Mapping Project

--Robert McLaughlin

The Chapter is in the process of soliciting funding for the Mills of the Susquehanna Watershed Map. Thirty county historical societies in Pennsylvania have been contacted. Anyone interested helping can lobby their local historical society to support this effort. Many of you have seen the Potomac Watershed Map which is truly spectacular. Any contributions should go to The Friends of the Colvin Run Mill which is acting as the clearing house for contributions. The monies collected will go towards paying students at the Northern Virginia Community College to gather/process data on the mills in the watershed and produce the map. To date, 1554 mill sites in the watershed have been identified.

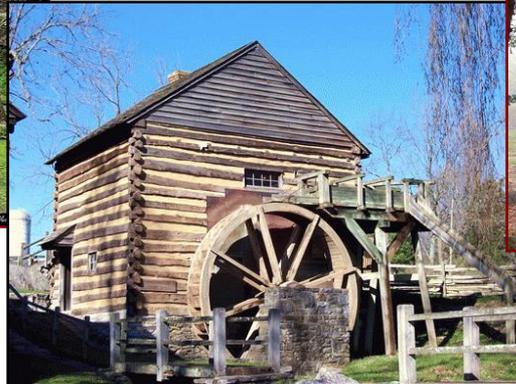
Also, if you wish to support the effort with research, contact Bob McLaughlin at [rlm101@verizon.net](mailto:rlm101@verizon.net). You can adopt a county and supply data for that county. To date, counties with active research are Columbia, Cumberland and York, PA.



Cross Mill, York Photo: Rootsweb.ancestry.com



Garvine's Grist Mill, York  
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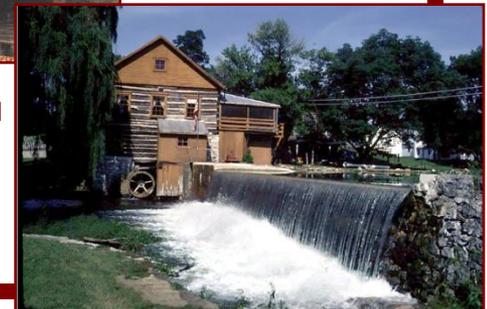
McCormick's Grist Mill, Cumberland  
Photo: Millpictures.com



Jud Christie Grist Mill, Columbia  
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Laughlin's Mill, Cumberland  
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## ❧ Save the Date ❧

### **SPOOM 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Bucks County, PA**

**September 27-30**

The SPOOM Board of Directors has given the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation the green light to host next year's annual conference, to be based in Bucks County. A two day mill tour will include 6-8 mills, most of which will be operating, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Pre-tour offerings will include a talk on grain production in Pennsylvania and workshops on beer making and open hearth baking, as well as access to SPOOM's archives and research assistance. Also to be offered are tours of Doylestown's four nationally significant museums and a covered bridges/mills excursion. Some other lecture sessions may be arranged, too. Accommodations will be at the Crowne Plaza in Trevese, convenient to I-95 and Route 1. More specific information will be available by late winter.

**Charles Yeske, Coordinator**

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Sheards Mill Covered Bridge ▲  
Photo: 123rf.com



◀ Cooper Mill  
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Evans-Mumbauer Mill  
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### 7th Annual Tide Mill Conference

### THE TIDE MILL: A ONCE AND FUTURE THING

The Tide Mill Institute

Nov. 19 – Kennebunkport, Maine, at the site of the 1794 James Perkins tidal grist mill.

Website: [www.tidemillinstitute.org](http://www.tidemillinstitute.org)

#### Presentations:

- Keynote Presentation: Will the Tide Mill Do a “Phoenix” and Live Again? – Roger Charlier
- History and Archaeology of the James Perkins Grist Mill
- Tide Mill Legal Issues: Historic and Current
- The History of Tide Mill History
- Why So Many? A Review of Maine’s Many Tide Mills



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### Tide Mills of Western Europe

--Cláudia Silveira

We have the pleasure to announce that the touring exhibition “Tide Mills of Western Europe”, supported by the European Commission through its Culture 2000 Programme, visited Angra do Heroísmo (Azores – Portugal) through 13 August 2011.

The exhibition is still available for those institutions that might be interested in presenting it after 15 February 2012.



**Best regards and greetings from Denmark**

*--Gerald Bost*

**Best regards from the TIMS Symposium 2011 at Denmark,  
Please share with us the wonderful impressions from  
the pre-tour of Bornhom andSkane.**

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**∞ Save the Date ∞**

**September 24 & October 15. Peirce Mill, Washington, DC. September 24<sup>th</sup> the mill will be open to tour. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, the ribbon cutting for the mill will take place during the Rock Creek Park Heritage Festival.**

Check out mill preservation activities in the Mid-Atlantic area by going to: [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org) and clicking on "More Information/Newsletters."



## Newsletter

Articles, photographs, and upcoming events are due to Susan by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for the next newsletter. Don't forget photo credits/captions. Please use Word documents and jpgs whenever possible as pdf's are v. difficult to use. Also, please remember to let everyone know about Spring Flings, 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](mailto:slangle06@comcast.net).



## \$\$ MEMBERSHIP DUES \$\$

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Memberships run on the calendar year. If you have not already paid your dues for the current year, please use the attached form to do so. Payments for each year may be sent beginning January 1. Individual memberships are \$10 with current SPOOM membership or \$15 without. Sustaining Memberships of \$25 provide additional funds for the support of mill restoration efforts within the chapter. Organizational memberships are available for \$50 and provide advertising space on our website at [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org). Each membership provides the quarterly newsletter, information on mills and seminars, tax deductible dues, and invitation to mill tours and semi-annual meetings. Please submit your payment promptly so you can continue to enjoy your membership benefits. Encourage like-minded friends to consider joining as well. Also check out our website for more pictures and information.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society for the Preservation Of Old Mills

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Please indicate level of membership and mail this form with your check or money order to **Membership Manager, 3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158. Please make your checks out to Mid-Atlantic Chapter.** The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a member in good standing of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills and serves, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia