

Society for the Preservation of Old Mills

The list is continually updated and refined by SPOOM under the leadership of the Mill List Coordinator. We rely on members and non-members to help keep the mill lists up to date. If you find something new or different when visiting a mill, please send an update to Bob McLaughlin at rlm101@verizon.net.

NOTE: Some sites are or may be partially restricted or on private property. Please observe “No Trespassing” signs. Always check with property owners or local authorities before visiting. Remember we are guests as we visit these locations. Please leave the property and its items, as you found it. Another person coming upon the place later will be grateful as well for the honesty of going out to these places and leaving them in the same condition you found them. Leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but pictures.

KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Using the official Kentucky state highway map, we have included the map coordinates for the approx. location of mills. This should make it easier to find old mills. Maps may be obtained from Travel, PO Box 2011, Frankfort, KY 40602, or by phoning 1-800-225-TRIP. Maps may also be obtained at welcome centers on major highways as you enter the state.



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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

ADAIR COUNTY

Condition: Site

OLD GRIST MILL

ID: KY-001-001

COLUMBIA

Updated: 1/5/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Russell Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: (H 11) Was in Milltown Community on SR 61, 6 miles northwest of Columbia on Russell Creek. Milltown got its name from the large mill which operated there. It was built sometime in the mid-1800s, and owned by the Townsend family, who ran it for several years. It was finally sold to N.S. Mercer, and it remained in his family until it stopped operating. The mill was three stories and a solid stone foundation. It ground corn and wheat and also had a cotton gin and carding machine. The cotton gin separated the seeds from the cotton, and the carding machine straightened the wool and turned it into long threads for making clothes. The saw mill used a sawblade similar to a cross cut blade, which was operated by a flutter wheel and produced an up and down motion. It later used a circular saw. Power came from a turbine wheel set several feet into rock. A boom across the mill pond held the logs brought down river to be sawed. Canoes were hued out of some of the large poplar trees. During WW II the big wheel was sold for iron scrap to help the war effort. The mill began to rot away. Some rocks remain where the foundation was located.

<http://www.kyinfofolk.com/adair/Cities/Milltown1.htm>

<http://www.columbiamagazine.com/index.php?sid=12899>

Comments: No information available.

YOUNG'S MILL

ID: KY-001-002

JOPPA

Updated: 1/5/2024

AKA: Bryant Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Russell Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Near Joppa.

Comments: The mill belonged to Alvin Young. Current generated at the dam powered the motors which turned the grinders. Alvin would go to the mill half an hour early and start the generator to build up power. Young sawed lumber, generated electricity for the house, ground corn, cleaned seed, and at one time made flour at this mill. A stone remnant of the mill is said to be on the left bank of Russell Creek.

<http://www.columbiamagazine.com/index.php?sid=32329>

ALLEN COUNTY

Condition: Site

FINNEY MILL

ID: KY-002-001

FINNEY

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https://sites.rootsweb.com/~kyallen/communities_of_allen_county.htm

Updated: 1/5/2024

PhotoCredit:

<http://www.allencountyky.com/database/misc/spring.html>

BARREN COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

Updated: 1/5/2024

PhotoCredit:

<https://www.wikitree.com/photo/jpg/Webb-11364-2>

Condition: Site

Updated: 1/5/2024

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AKA:
 Type: Other
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments: The mill was incorporated in 1913. They did general planing mill operations and mill work. They bought and sold lumber, contracted for and built houses and other buildings, etc.
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1167&context=traces_bcgsn

BATH COUNTY

Condition: Site

Bath001 ID: KY-006-001 OWINGSVILLE Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.13722 Longitude: -83.7936
 Watersource: Licking River
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments:

Bath002 ID: KY-006-002 SALT LICK Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.15734 Longitude: -83.61522
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments:

Bath003 ID: KY-006-003 SALT LICK Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.14683 Longitude: -83.64417
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Steam
 Built:

Location:

Comments:

Bath004 ID: KY-006-004 SHARPSBURG Updated: 6/23/2022

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA: Rogers Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: Hinkston C

Currently:

Latitude: 38.16688 Longitude: -83.9753

Watersource: Hinkston Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

SALT LICK WATER MILL

ID: KY-006-005

SALT LICK

Updated: 6/23/2022

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.07388 Longitude: -83.61259

Watersource: Salt Lick Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

WATER DELL GRIST MILL

ID: KY-006-006

WTOMING

Updated: 6/23/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.1825 Longitude: -83.71926

Watersource: Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

BELL COUNTY

Condition: Site

ASHER SAW MILL

ID: KY-007-001

WASIOTO

Updated: 1/5/2024

AKA:

Type: Sawmill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: A large saw mill was built in the early 1890s, by T. J Asher and his sons. It was the largest saw mill ever in the county. Logs were brought from the upper Cumberland in Bell County and from forks of the Cumberland in Harlan County. The mill employed hundreds of men. It had a big lumber business until about 1910, when the firm left the lumber business and went into the coal business.

http://www.bellcpl.org/uploads/4/2/6/7/42679073/history_of_bell_county_kentucky.pdf

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COLSON GRIST MILL	ID: KY-007-002	MIDDLESBOROUGH	Updated: 1/5/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Animal Built:			
Location: Comments: The grist mill, owned by the Rev. John C. Colson was powered by horses and cattle. It was under a large shed near his house. There were two sweep poles. A yoke of oxen was at the end of one pole, and a team of horses was at the end of the other pole. One of the tenants stood on top of the mill with a whip to keep the animals moving. The mill was said to make excellent meal. http://www.bellcpl.org/uploads/4/2/6/7/42679073/history_of_bell_county_kentucky.pdf			

RENNEBAUN & SLAWSIB SAW MILL	ID: KY-007-004	PINEVILLE	Updated: 1/5/2024
AKA: Type: Sawmill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: Two miles above Pineville. Comments: This began as a circular saw mill with a capacity of 18,000 feet of lumber. In 1890, it was purchased and changed to a band saw mill with a capacity of 30,000 feet per day. The mill was remodeled in 1895, and became a modern saw mill plant able to produce 50,000 feet daily. They were now able to fill orders of any size promptly. Soft yellow poplar lumber was the primary product and gave them a world market. Timber was cut in the winter and carried to booms on forks of the Cumberland River to wait to be sawed into lumber. http://www.bellcpl.org/uploads/4/2/6/7/42679073/history_of_bell_county_kentucky.pdf			

WILLIAMSBURG MILLS	ID: KY-007-003	WILLIAMSBURG	Updated: 1/5/2024
AKA: Type: Sawmill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: Comments: Two early lumber mills were in Williamsburg: the Jones Lumber Company and the Kentucky Lumber Company. Logs were hauled out of the mountains, branded and rolled into streams, and floated to the mills. Originally oxen were used. Later it was mules. Long booms at the mills were stretched across the river to hold the logs until needed by the mills. http://www.bellcpl.org/uploads/4/2/6/7/42679073/history_of_bell_county_kentucky.pdf			

BOONE COUNTY

Condition: Site

BEAMON MILL	ID: KY-008-008	LIMABURG	Updated: 1/5/2024
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AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Gunpowder Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: Jeremiah Beemon operated a grist mill here in 1849. It was water-powered from the Gunpowder Creek. A saw mill was added about the time of the Civil War.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1143&context=kentucky_county_histories

Boone001 ID: KY-008-001 BEAVERLICK Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 38.8696 Longitude: -84.66186
Watersource: Big South Fork
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: Creek was named Lick Creek in 1883.

Boone002 ID: KY-008-002 BURLINGTON Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 38.99509 Longitude: -84.71608
Watersource: Gunpowder Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments:

Boone003 ID: KY-008-003 HEBRON Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Saw & Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 39.06595 Longitude: -84.70518
Watersource: Gunpowder Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Steam
Built:

Location:

Comments:

Boone004 ID: KY-008-004 BURLINGTON Updated: 7/1/2020

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Condition: Site

Bourbon004 ID: KY-009-004 PARIS Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.24946 Longitude: -84.26948
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:
 Comments:

Bourbon005 ID: KY-009-005 Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.19036 Longitude: -84.27986
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:
 Comments:

Bourbon006 ID: KY-009-006 STONY POINT Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.09868 Longitude: -84.17997
 Watersource: Strodes Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location:
 Comments:

Bourbon007 ID: KY-009-007 Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.14798 Longitude: -84.12556
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:
 Comments:

Bourbon008 ID: KY-009-008 Updated: 5/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Location: Comments:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 38.16701 Longitude: -84.16341 Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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Bourbon009 **ID: KY-009-009** **RUDELS MILLS** **Updated: 1/5/2024**

Location:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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Comments: In 1828, Thomas and Hugh Brent erected a 720-spinidle cotton mill about 500 feet west of Ruddels Mills. It also both ground grain and sawed lumber and included a horse-powered fulling mill by 1830. In 1836, it burned and was rebuilt by Abram Spears. Until about 1855, it also spun wool. Later the mill was turned into the Ford and Bowen Distillery. There is a marker at the intersection of Ruddells Mill Road and Old Ruddles Mill Road.
<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=171782>
<https://explorekyhistory.ky.gov/items/show/444>
<https://www.vafweb.org/resources/Documents/1990%20Lexington,%20Kentucky%20modified.pdf>

HEMP MILLS **ID: KY-009-010** **Updated: 1/5/2024**

Location:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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Comments: Bourbon County was one of the chief hemp producing counties. Two hemp mills processed 50,000 yards of fiber per year. One of those mills was owned by William Alexander prior to 1856. It was operated using 100 enslaved people.
<http://www.kentuckyhemphighway.com/index.php/bourbon-county/>
<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=170055>

MILLERSBURG MILLS **ID: KY-009-003** **MILLERSBURG** **Updated: 1/5/2024**

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AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 38.29612 Longitude: -84.15132
Watersource: Hinkston Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: John Miller built the first mill in the area before the end of the 18th century. It was built of logs and located on Hinkston Creek. His brother William built a mill on the other side of the creek.
<https://www.kyhistory.com/digital/collection/Morgan/id/5822>

PARIS MILLS

ID: KY-009-002

PARIS

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 38.21335 Longitude: -84.24672
Watersource: Stoner Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments:

RUDELS MILLS

ID: KY-009-001

RUDELS MILLS

Updated: 1/5/2024

AKA:
Type: Saw & Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 38.30485 Longitude: -84.23853
Watersource: Hinkson Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: In 1788, Isaac Ruddell built a grist mill on the north side of Hinkson bridge. In 1795, he added a saw mill for his son Abram to operate.
<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=171782>

Comments:

BOYD COUNTY

Condition: Site

CROWELL SAW MILL

ID: KY-010-004

ASHLAND

Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
Type: Sawmill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Keyes Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built: 1880

Location:

Comments: A saw mill was built at the mouth of Keyes Creek about 1880, by brothers Charles H. and Samuel N. Crowell.

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About 1890, it was sold to Keyes Creek Lumber Co and then to the VanSant-Kitchen Lumber Co. A new mill was installed in 1898,
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~kyboyd/general/History-Ashland/HistoryAshland.pdf>

PATTON MILL ID: KY-010-005 CATLETTSBURG Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: William Moore Patton arrived in Catlettsburg in 1856, and bought a flour mill from Lampton & Riley, who had built it. He operated the mill until 1863, and then sold it to his brother.
<http://genealogytrails.com/ken/greenup/bios1.html>

POAGE SAW MILL ID: KY-010-002 POLLARD MILLS Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built: 1799
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Hoods Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: About 1799, a water-powered saw mill was built on Hoods Creek by the Poage family. A grist mill was later added.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1036&context=rennick_ms_collection

POLLARD MILL ID: KY-010-001 POLLARD MILLS Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built: 1848
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Henry B. Pollard established the post office as Pollard Mills in 1847. A year later he built a tan yard and a grist mill near his home on what is now Pollard Road.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H._B._Pollard

VANSANT KITCHEN MILL ID: KY-010-003 ASHLAND Updated: 1/6/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Sawmill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Keyes Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The mill was located on Keyes Creek and depended on the river to bring the timber down from the forests. Later a narrow-gauge railway was used to haul timber from locations far up the hollows.
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~kyboyd/general/History-Ashland/HistoryAshland.pdf>

BOYLE COUNTY

Condition: Site

KINGS MILL

ID: KY-011-001

HERRINGTON LAKE

Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1860

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The mill was built about 1860. When Dix Dam was built in 1925, the resulting lake covered the intact mill. The covered bridge nearby was a single span. It was floated off its piers and the materials salvaged when the lake filled.
<https://herringtonlakeky.com/herrington-lake-history/f/kings-mill-on-dix-river>

BRACKEN COUNTY

Condition: Site

Bracken002

ID: KY-012-002

BROOKSVILLE

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 36.685

Longitude: -84.06533

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Bracken003

ID: KY-012-003

LENOXBURG

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.74489 Longitude: -84.21032

Watersource: Snag Creek

PhotoCredit:

Bracken004 ID: KY-012-004 Updated: 12/1/2018

Location:
Comments:

Bracken005 ID: KY-012-005 Updated: 12/1/2018

Location:

Comments:

FROLICHER WINDMILL	ID: KY-012-007	NEEDMORE	Updated: 1/6/2024
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Location:

GERMANTOWN SAW & GRIST MILL	ID: KY-012-006	GERMANTOWN	Updated: 4/9/2021
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.65711 Longitude: -83.97582

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

MILFORD WATER & STEAM POWERED FLOUR ID: KY-012-001

MILFORD

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam & Water

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.58374 Longitude: -84.26455

Watersource: Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The property contained about ten acres and was known as the Milford Mill Seat. It included the mill dam, mill race, the mill, and a complete steam plant for use in dry seasons. Capacity of the mill was 60 barrels. New machinery was installed in 1911. It did a big custom trade. In 1915, it was offered at public sale.
https://www.nkyviews.com/bracken/text/flour_mill_sale.html

BREATHITT COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

OLD GRIST MILL

ID: KY-013-002

ROWDY

Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Troublesome Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: In ROWDY COMMUNITY, between Jackson & Hazard on Route 476, on Troublesome Creek.

Comments: No current information is available.

THE OLD GRIST MILL

ID: KY-013-001

JACKSON

Updated: 10/1/1981

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Troublesome Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: (F 15) On Troublesome Creek, Mill and log dam.

Comments: Check with SCS office in Jackson.

BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

Comments: Used for storage.

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ky/breckinridge/towns/irvington.html>

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1040&context=rennick_ms_collection

GREEN MILLS ID: KY-014-002 FALLS IN THE ROUGH Updated: 1/6/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Rough River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: In the late 1700s, Green moved to Kentucky. He was then a surveyor who located land warrants for people. He bought land in 1821, and built a saw mill and grist mill. Two years later he built a dam. The frame mill housed stone burrs and horizontal gears which were hand carved from white hickory. The vertical gears were steel. Records indicate that by the mid-1840s, turbines were in use rather than a water wheel. His nephew, Lafayette Green, continued to operate the mill in 1855, and built a new stone dam. At one point the grist mill was expanded with a three-story woolen mill. In 1890, another saw mill was built on the eastern bank of the Rough River. Lafayette's sons formed the Green Brothers Company and continued and expanded the operation. The meal ground there was famous and was known as Grayson Lily and White Rose brands. A decline began in the 1930s, when the timber was depleted, and the saw mill ended operations in 1933. It was sold and dismantled in 1941. The remains of the mill collapsed in 2016. The ruins were donated to the Falls of Rough Old Mill Preservation non-profit with the expectation that the mill would be reconstructed. As of 2021, nothing had happened.

<https://explorekyhistory.ky.gov/items/show/646>

<https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4044&context=theses>

<https://abandonedonline.net/location/falls-of-rough-mill/>

HILL'S MILL

ID: KY-014-005

Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Rough Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: This mill was built and operated by Jas. Frederick Hill. It was water-powered and ground both corn and wheat. There were also a saw mill and carding machine.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1040&context=rennick_ms_collection

BULLITT COUNTY

Condition: Site

BECKWITH MILLS

ID: KY-015-004

SHEPHERDSVILLE

Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: One mile below Shepherdsville.

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Comments: John W. Beckwith probably started the forge, rolling mills, and grist mills around 1819. In 1828, there were new owners. Several others followed. The last of the land was sold in 1866, and the mills had probably ceased to exist.
<https://www.bullittcountyhistory.com/bchistory/ironmanufacture.html>

BELL'S MILL ID: KY-015-003 Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Cedar Creek
PhotoCredit:

Location: Zoneton area.

Comments: The deed to the property says there was a water saw and grist mill there when it was purchased by Charles Bell, although it may be that Bell built them. By 1860, he was building his mill business, although he still relied on farming to support his growing family. His son John worked in the mill with his father when he came home from the Civil War. When Charles died in 1872, the mill had to be sold to support the family. In 1876, an attorney named Myler bought the property as an investment. Others, including three of Charles Bell's sons, did the work. Within a few years ownership was back in the Bell family. Willard Bell operated the saw mill until at least 1909, when heavy rains flooding the mill site.
<https://bullittcountyhistory.org/memories/bellsmill.html>

Bullitt001 ID: KY-015-001 Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: Location not found.

Comments:

Bullitt002 ID: KY-015-002 Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: 37.97435 Longitude: -85.53127
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

SMITHVILLE FLOUR MILL ID: KY-015-005 SMITHVILLE Updated: 1/6/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: This large mill did a big business. It provided flour to farmers in the surrounding area and shipped to Louisville and other places.

<https://bullittcountyhistory.org/bchistory/bullittco1905.html>

SUMMERS MILL ID: KY-015-006 Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
Type: Saw & Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Cedar Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: Cedar Creek, now in Fort Knox.

Comments: In 1808, Benjamin Summers was issued a writ which permitted him to build a water-powered grist and saw mill on Cedar Creek. Summers had purchased the land from Peachy Willis.

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/tr/pdf/ADA316671.pdf>

TROUTMAN MILL ID: KY-015-007 Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Crooked Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: On Crooked Creek.

Comments: A mill was built before Michael Troutman' death, and he was in possession of it when he died in 1814. It was sold to Nathan Harris and then to Wilford Lee in 1826. When Lee died in 1851, the property went to his son Charles Lee.

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/tr/pdf/ADA316671.pdf>

BUTLER COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

MORGANTOWN GRIST MILL ID: KY-016-001 **MORGANTOWN** Updated: 8/1/2000

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Nonoperational
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: (G 8) In MORGANTOWN. Exact location is not known.

Comments: Mill using a Midget Marvel system as late as 1916. No other information available.

CALDWELL COUNTY

Condition: Site

COX MILL ID: KY-017-008 SALEM Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Shoal Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Water

Built: 1843

Location:

Comments: Solomon Cox built this water mill in 1843. It was a noted institution until the 1850s, when it washed away.
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm>

FUGITT WATER MILL ID: KY-017-006 FAR WEST Updated: 1/17/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Shoal Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: North of Far West.

Comments: This mill ran from 1839 to 1859, when it was washed away.
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm>

GARDNER MILL ID: KY-017-007 MIRABILE Updated: 1/6/2024

AKA: Sackman Mill
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Animal

Built:

Location: North of Mirabile.

Comments: This was a horse mill.
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm>

HAUN MILL ID: KY-017-004 FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP Updated: 1/6/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm>

MORMON WATER MILL	ID: KY-017-005	Updated: 1/6/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: Shoal Creek PhotoCredit:		
Powered by: Built:		
Location: In the county. Comments: The Mormons started building a water mill on Shoal Creek near the old Hamilton-Kingston road. When they were expelled, the unfinished mill was sold to Wilhoit and Massingill. They ran it until the 1840s, when it washed away. https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm		

RICHEY'S MILL	ID: KY-017-009	SALEM	Updated: 1/6/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Animal Built:			
Location: Comments: The "pull around" horse mill was built by Sam Richey in 1847. It was run by his wife after he died. For years it was talked about as "Mother Richey's" Mill. The millstones can be seen in the old McClelland graveyard in Kingston Township. https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm			

WHITE'S MILL	ID: KY-017-001	DAWSON SPRINGS	Updated: 1/6/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: Tradewater River PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: Comments: The mill may have been built in 1818. The post office was established in 1832 and closed in 1841. The mill survived beyond this time. https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1161&context=kentucky_county_histories			

WHITE'S MILL	ID: KY-017-003	FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP	Updated: 1/6/2024
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Shoal Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1834

Location: In Fairview Township.

Comments: Robert White built a water mill on Shoal Creek in 1834. The flood of 1839, washed it away.
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~mocaldwe/history2.htm>

CALLOWAY COUNTY

Condition: Site

BRANDON'S MILL

ID: KY-018-001

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Blood River
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: 12 miles southeast of Murray on Blood River, now under Kentucky Lake.

Comments: Charles and Howard Brandon returned home following the Battle of New Orleans and the end of the War of 1812. Later they built a dam on the Blood River to provide a power source. The first mill was built on the east side of the river. A mill was then built on the west side, and this remained the site for Brandon's Mill until Kentucky Lake was filled. The mill ground wheat into flour and corn into meal for local farmers and for public sale. It serviced a wide area, even far into Tennessee, and kept very busy. A bucket called a "toll dish" held one gallon of grain/one eighth of a bushel and was used to collect grain charged for grinding. A frame hotel near the mill housed the farmers who brought grain to the mill as well as the traveling public. The lake began filling in 1944.
<https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1022&context=jphs>

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Condition: Site

Campbell002

ID: KY-019-002

FLAG SPRING

Updated: 3/4/2022

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.89208 Longitude: -84.27429
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Steam

Built:

Location:

Comments:

Campbell003

ID: KY-019-003

GRANTS LICK

Updated: 7/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.83584 Longitude: -84.4078

Watersource: Plum Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Campbell004

ID: KY-019-004

Updated: 3/4/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.9899 Longitude: -84.35676

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Campbell005

ID: KY-019-005

ALEXANDRIA

Updated: 3/4/2022

AKA: J.B.Willenbrink & Co.

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.95782 Longitude: -84.38168

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

GUBSER'S GRIST MILL

ID: KY-019-001

GUBSER MILL

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.88845 Longitude: -84.30947

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (C 13) Parts of the mill can be seen at Log Cabin Museum, 243 W. Clay Ridge Road in GRANT'S LICK.

Comments: The mill has been destroyed, and some parts can be seen at the museum. What parts are there, we don't know. Gubser's Mill is named after a Swiss native, Jacob Gubser, who operated the mill in the mid 1800s. It once claimed a mill, a wagon shop, a blacksmith, a shoe shop, a general store, a post office, and a lawyer.
https://www.nkyviews.com/campbell/campbell_other.htm

CARROLL COUNTY

Condition: Site

BAKER, GINN & CO.

ID: KY-021-002

CARROLLTON

Updated: 1/7/2024

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Location: Comments: The manufacture of tobacco hogsheads became a significant business in Carrollton. This was one of the two mills involved in their manufacture. During one year this mill made and sold over 4000 hogsheads. https://www.nkyviews.com/carroll/carroll_businesses.htm	AKA: Type: Other Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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CARROLLTON WOOLEN MILL ID: KY-021-006 CARROLLTON Updated: 1/7/2024

Location: Comments: The mill was built in 1870, at a cost of \$78,000. The building was 100' x 155' plus an ell. It employed 80 hands and manufactured jeans only. Most sales went to Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, and New Orleans. http://www.mygenealogyhound.com/kentucky-biographies/ky-carroll-county-biographies/john-howe-genealogy-carroll-county-kentucky-carrollton-ky.html#	AKA: Type: Textile Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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CARROLLTON WOOLEN MILLS ID: KY-021-001 CARROLLTON Updated: 1/7/2024

Location: Comments: This mill was established in 1870, by John Howe. At the time it was the largest and most important industry there. There seems to have been a pants factory connected to the mill. The products were doeskin jeans. Doeskin was a finely woven, soft, smooth woolen fabric. The machinery was run by steam. There was a fire at the mill in 1878. https://www.nkyviews.com/carroll/carroll_businesses.htm https://72scrapbooks.blogspot.com/2016/08/howes-business-one-entrepreneurial.html https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/60f41d5e-edb3-45b8-9bd9-0c6a8c52c007	AKA: Type: Textile Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Steam Built:
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JOHNSON'S MILL ID: KY-021-005 EAGLE STATION Updated: 1/7/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The community was first settled in 1846, and the early attraction was a grist mill. Grain was brought to the mill from miles around.
https://www.nkyviews.com/carroll/text/eagle_sta.html

STAIRS & FROMMA MILL ID: KY-021-003 CARROLLTON Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location: Carrollton, in the lower part of town.

Comments: Stairs and Fromma rebuilt an old cotton factory to create a mill. It had a set of stones to grind wheat, a set to grind corn, a set to grind midlings, and a flour packer on the lower floor. Upstairs there were a bolter, a smut mill, a purifier, and a machine to scrub wheat. The building was a two-story brick structure measuring 40' x 60'. It was nearly fire proof and was well lighted with windows. The office and engine and boiler room were in a one-story brick addition to the main building. The capacity of the mill was about 30 barrels of flour per day besides grinding corn.
https://www.nkyviews.com/carroll/text/flour_mill.html

STANTON PLANING MILL ID: KY-021-004 CARROLLTON Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
 Type: Other
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: This mill began operations in 1883. It had the best machinery available. A 65 hp engine purchased from Smith, Myers, & Schneir of Cincinnati provided the power.
https://www.nkyviews.com/carroll/text/stantons_mill.html

CARTER COUNTY

Condition: Site

MAGGARD GRIST MILL ID: KY-022-001 Updated: 1/7/2024

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AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: Little Fork of the Little Sandy River.

Comments: Levi Pennington built this mill. At his death there were other owners. It was discontinued in 1918, by Jim Bunn Maggard. The large buhrstones came from Virginia.
https://kycarter.com/photos/place/maggard_grist_mill.htm

PACTOLUS GRIST MILL

ID: KY-022-002

PACTOLUS

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Little Sandy River
PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Water

Built: 1810

Location:

Comments: Pactolus Grist Mill was built around 1810, to grind grain into flour. It was built on the Little Sandy River and had many owners until it closed in the 1940s. A dam was built to furnish water power.
<http://www.wgohwugo.com/cartercohistory.pdf>

VINCENT MILL

ID: KY-022-003

VINCENT

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Little Sandy River
PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Water

Built: 1874

Location:

Comments: The J.A. Vincent family built the mill in 1874, and ran it until it closed in 1921. A dam was built to furnish water power.
<http://www.wgohwugo.com/cartercohistory.pdf>

CASEY COUNTY

Condition: Site

COFFEY'S MILL

ID: KY-023-001

MIDDLEBURG

Updated: 1/7/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA: Riffe's Water Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.36091 Longitude: -84.81884

Watersource: Green River

PhotoCredit:

Location: (G 12) At Middleburg, on the Green River. It is located about 1/2 mile north of the junction of SR 198 and SR 1552.

Comments: Much of the land in the area belonged to Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the president. He or his son sold some of these holdings to Christopher Riffe about 1803, and Riffe built a water mill. It was later sold to Jesse Coffey, who replaced it with a larger one. The community was called Coffey's Mill. Some remnants of dam remain.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1049&context=rennick_ms_collection
<https://www.kyatlas.com/ky-middleburg.html>

DUNN MILL

ID: KY-023-004

DUNNVILLE

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Goose Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Dunn owned the mill, which was a saw mill, grist mill, and flour mill. It was later owned by Will Hiter. L. M. Combest ran the mill in the 20th century.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1049&context=rennick_ms_collection

ELLISBURG MILL

ID: KY-023-005

ELLISBURG

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: For many years this was a general mill. It sawed lumber and also ground both corn and wheat. Customers came from some distance around the mill. Later it mostly sawed lumber. In December of 1912, it was blown up.
<https://www.seekingmyroots.com/members/files/H002204.pdf>

GREEN RIVER WOOLEN MILLS

ID: KY-023-006

Updated: 1/7/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Textile Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1897

Location: In the county.

Comments: The mill was established in 1897, by O.C. Russell. It burned down the next year and was rebuilt in 1898. The business was successful until Russell died in 1936.
<https://www.seekingmyroots.com/members/files/H002204.pdf>

MILL NUMBER ONE

ID: KY-023-002

POPLAR SPRINGS

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
 Type: Sawmill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: Eugene Zimmerman headed a company which brought two large saw mills to the county. A large settlement grew up around Mill Number One and became known as Staffordsville to honor the first superintendent. After the best timber was cut, the mill was moved nearer the timber.
<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~wvmystica/genealogy/caseycounty.html>
http://www.genealogytrails.com/ken/casey/news_historygrovedistrict.html

MILL NUMBER TWO

ID: KY-023-003

WALLTOWN

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:
 Type: Sawmill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: Eugene Zimmerman headed a company which brought two large saw mills to the county. This mill was located on land owned by Fritz Bastin near Walltown. The cut logs were hauled by oxen to a point known as Duncan, after the man who measured the lumber and logs. The oxen were jacked up with a windlass to be shod with a peculiar type of shoe needing two pieces to each foot. There were so many oxen and wagons that the blacksmith shops were thriving. The mill was moved to Grove after the best timber was cut. Years after the mill had gone there still was a huge pile of sawdust.
<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~wvmystica/genealogy/caseycounty.html>
http://www.genealogytrails.com/ken/casey/news_historygrovedistrict.html

MINTONVILLE MILLS

ID: KY-023-007

MINTONVILLE

Updated: 1/7/2024

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments: Irvin's Mill on Rock Lick and Spears Mill on Big Poynter were flour mills which ensured a supply of bread. A horse mill and later a steam mill were owned by Brent Roy. A saw mill was owned by John Matherly, and a stave mill was owned by Theo. Walden.
<https://www.seekingmyroots.com/members/files/H002204.pdf>

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

PARKER'S GRIST MILL

ID: KY-024-002

Updated: 10/1/1981

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Nonoperational
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location: (J 5) 3 miles west of SR 114 and 1 1/2 mile north of I-24, in lower southeast corner of the county, near TN border.
 Name of town is not known.

Comments: No information available.

Condition: Site

BARKER'S MILL

ID: KY-024-007

BARKER'S MILL

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA: Miller's Mill
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments: Chiles Barker bought a mill from Peter Peacher in 1860. It was located beside a bridge over West Fork Creek. It served the needs of the community until about the time of WW II. For 20 years prior to 1860, James Miller operated this mill, and it was called Miller's Mill.
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/christian/town/barkers.html>

CLIMAX MILL

ID: KY-024-005

HOPKINSVILLE

Updated: 1/7/2024

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AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Hopkinsville at 21st St. and Walnut St.

Comments: This mill was one of the leading mills in the area. In 1908, it merged with Crescent Mills to form the Hopkinsville Milling Company.

<http://www.sunflourflour.com/index.html>

CRESCENT MILLS

ID: KY-024-004

HOPKINSVILLE

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built: 1874

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Hopkinsville, at the intersection of 7th St. and the railroad.

Comments: F. J. Brownell and John T. Rabbeth established this mill in 1874. It was the first steam powered flour mill in the city. Soon it was producing 150 to 200 barrels every 24 hours and had become a regional leader in the milling industry. Flour brands produced were: Perfection Patent, Orient Extra Fancy, Sultan Family, Crescent, and Sunflour.

<http://www.sunflourflour.com/index.html>

HALEY GRIST MILL

ID: KY-024-003

HALEY'S MILL

Updated: 6/1/2012

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (H 6) No location information. Near community of Haley's Mill.

Comments: No information available.

HOPKINSVILLE MILLING COMPANY

ID: KY-024-006

HOPKINSVILLE

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: This company was formed in 1908, by merging the Crescent Mills and Climax Mill. It remained a relatively small operation although it gained national recognition. The mill turned out the highest quality flour, cornmeal, and

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grits and sold these products in a market area which included more than a dozen states.
<http://www.sunflourflour.com/index.html>

RINN'S GRIST MILL	ID: KY-024-001	PEEDEE	Updated: 12/1/1997
AKA:			
Type: Grist Mill		Powered by:	
Condition: Site			Built:
Currently:			
Latitude:	Longitude:		
Watersource:			
PhotoCredit:			
Location:	(H 6) Southwest of HOPKINSVILLE and I-24 on Little River. Take SR 164 southwest from Newshead for 5 miles. Turn southeast at Peedee and go 1 mile.		
Comments:	No information available.		

CLARK COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

JONATHAN BUSH MILL	ID: KY-025-001	WINCHESTER	Updated: 1/7/2024
AKA: HAMPTON MILL			
Type: Grist Mill		Powered by:	
Condition: Nonoperational			Built:
Currently:			
Latitude:	Longitude:		
Watersource: Lower Howard's Creek			
PhotoCredit:			
Location:	(E 13) Address restricted. No other location available.		
Comments:	Jonathan Bush operated this water-powered flour mill. It was said to be a merchant mill. The stone structures were erected by Bush sometime between 1806 and 1812. One building was three stories high. The manufacturers census of 1850, lists the annual product as 400 barrels of flour and 3,000 bushels of meal with an annual value of \$4,800. Jonathan's son, William T. Bush, took over the mill after his father's death in 1857. Alexander S. Hampton owned the mill from 1867 to 1891, and Joel T. Hart was owner from 1891 until 1905. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 11/20/90. https://www.lowerhowardscreek.org/History_and_Stories/Renaming_Martin_House/renaming_martin_house.html		

TAYLOR MILLS	ID: KY-025-002	WINCHESTER	Updated: 1/7/2024
AKA:			
Type: Grist Mill		Powered by:	
Condition: Nonoperational			Built:
Currently:			
Latitude:	Longitude:		
Watersource:			
PhotoCredit:			
Location:	(E 13) Address restricted. No other location available.		
Comments:	John and William Taylor purchased land from Jonathan Bryan which included a grist mill. Shortly after acquiring the grist mill, William Taylor added a fulling mill to handle one of the steps in the manufacture of woolen cloth. He continued to run the grist mill and to operate a small distillery as well. When the notes to Bryan to pay for the property came due, there was no money, and William mortgaged the mills. The property was put up for sale in		

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1802. And the grist mill burned in 1803. The fulling mill did not sell, but somehow William paid off the mortgage. He then constructed a merchant mill. In 1809, the county court gave him permission to build a dam and flour mill. The mills were rented out following Taylor's death in 1814. National Register of Historic Places 1980.
<https://www.winchestersun.com/2018/08/31/where-in-the-world-a-tale-of-two-mills/>
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Condition: Site

BRANDENBURG'S OLD MILL	ID: KY-025-016	Updated: 1/7/2024
AKA:		
Type: Grist Mill	Powered by:	
Condition: Site		Built: 1790
Currently:		
Latitude:	Longitude:	
Watersource:		
PhotoCredit:		
Location: Big Stoner Settlement.		
Comments: David Brandenburg was a miller and millwright. About 1790, he built a mill to grind wheat into flour. The bolter was made by stretching a bolting cloth across a frame in the shape of a parallelogram. This was set in a frame and turned by hand with a crank. It took several hours to bolt 100 pounds of flour. Http://files.usgwarchives.net/ky/clark/misc/sett10001.txt		

Central Mills	ID: KY-025-014	LEXINGTON	Updated: 5/1/2020
AKA:			
Type: Grist Mill	Powered by:		
Condition: Site		Built:	
Currently:			
Latitude:	Longitude:		
Watersource:			
PhotoCredit:			
Location: On West Armstrong.			
Comments:			

Clark005	ID: KY-025-005	Updated: 5/1/2020
AKA:		
Type: Saw & Grist Mill	Powered by:	
Condition: Site		Built:
Currently:		
Latitude: 37.89198	Longitude: -84.12775	
Watersource: Howard Upper Fork		
PhotoCredit:		
Location:		
Comments:		

Clark006	ID: KY-025-006	Updated: 5/1/2020
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.86752 Longitude: -84.1196

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Clark007 **ID: KY-025-007** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.0036 Longitude: -84.06766

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Clark008 **ID: KY-025-008** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.9279 Longitude: -84.16121

Watersource: Four Mile Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Clark009 **ID: KY-025-009** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.88795 Longitude: -84.19185

Watersource: Four Mile Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Clark010 **ID: KY-025-010** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

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Location: Comments:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 37.90894 Longitude: -84.22412 Watersource: Two Mile Creek PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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Clark011 **ID: KY-025-011** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

Location: Comments:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 37.93394 Longitude: -84.27026 Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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Clark012 **ID: KY-025-012** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

Location: Comments:	AKA: Type: Saw & Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built:
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HAINEY MILL **ID: KY-025-015** **Updated: 1/7/2024**

Location: Comments:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: Big Stoner PhotoCredit:	Powered by: Built: 1785
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Location: In the county.

Comments: David Petty constructed the first mill on Big Stoner for Richard Hainey about 1785. The dam was built of stone and brush. The mill house was said to have been small and a very rude structure. The millstones were probably manufactured from local material. Several bushels of corn could be ground in 24 hours. This was considered a luxury compared to using a mortar and pestle.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ky/clark/misc/sett10001.txt>

JONATHAN BRYAN'S GRISTMILL **ID: KY-025-017** **Updated: 1/7/2024**

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.90067 Longitude: -83.98716

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

WADES MILL

ID: KY-025-003

WADES MILL

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA: Judy's Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.06356 Longitude: -84.0976

Watersource: Stoner Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Wades Mill, seven miles northeast of Stoner.

Comments: William Wade established a post office here in 1872. It was named for the grist mill which he owned on nearby Stoner Creek. Prior to Wade the first operators were the Judy family. The post office closed in 1906.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1174&context=kentucky_county_histories

CLINTON COUNTY

Condition: Deteriorating

ALBANY GRIST MILL

ID: KY-027-001

ALBANY

Updated: 1/7/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Deteriorating

Built: 1921

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Mill Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: (J 11) In vicinity of Albany at the state line, in town of Branch Creek.

Comments: The mill was purchased in 1908, from W. L. Perkins by brothers Plato and Will Hancock. People from nearby counties in both Kentucky and Tennessee brought wheat and corn to be ground into flour and meal. This was sold to local merchants, country stores, and individuals. The original mill operated with steam and was one of the most modern mills in operation. When Will died in 1913, Plato became sole owner. He moved the mill and replaced the steam power with a large water wheel. Plato's son George took over in 1933, and ran it until 1943, when he joined the armed forces. An employee, George Shoopman, ran it until it closed in 1945. When George Hancock was discharged from military service he reopened the mill and continued to run it. Electricity replaced the water wheel in 1952. In the middle 1970s, it stopped grinding flour and meal and produced commercial feed and other farm products.
<http://kyinfofolk.com/clinton/albanymill.html>
 The mill had a Fitz overshot waterwheel. The wheel has been removed and the building is deteriorating.

Condition: Site

ANDREWS GRIST MILL

ID: KY-027-002

SEVENTY SIX FALLS

Updated: 11/1/1998

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently: Part of a Village
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Built:

Location: In what was planned to be a town called Seventy Six Falls which is in the vicinity of SOMERSET and ALBANY, KY.

Comments: A town was planned at SEVENTY SIX FALLS, which never developed. This name was derived from the falls at the mill, which were said to be 76 feet high. John Andrews, Frethis Andrews and Cyrus Wells purchased the mill in December, 1864. The mill burned in 1977. Besides the mill, there was a sawmill, blacksmith shop, cabinet shop, carding factory and a store. For further information, contact Luretha Cross, 152 Crawford Ave., Somerset, KY 42501. She has a book which was written about the area.

DAVIESS COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

MAYHEW GRIST MILL

ID: KY-030-001

OWENSBORO

Updated: 8/1/2000

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Nonoperational
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Electric

Built:

Location: (F 6) In OWENSBORO. Exact location is not known.

Comments: This was one of the very first installations of the Midget Marvel milling system in the United States. It was known to be in operation in 1916. Condition of the mill is not now known.

Condition: Site

BARNETT DILLEY MILL

ID: KY-030-006

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA: Cooper's/Taylor's
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Sampson Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: On Sampson Creek near the trail from old Pattonsburg to Gentryville.

Comments: William Patton may have built the mill in 1850. In 1854, it was Cooper's Mill, and in 1856, it was Taylor's Mill.
<https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/>

BARNETT MILL

ID: KY-030-019

Updated: 1/8/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Water

Condition: Site

Built: 1847

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Panther Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Southwest of Owensboro.

Comments: Jonathan Barnett built this small, water-powered grist mill in 1847. He ran it for several years. Ebenezer Cawhorn then owned and rebuilt it. Samuel Vanover added a saw mill and ran it and the corn mill for several years. Henry Vanover then became owner and used it only for grinding corn.

https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

BURTON HORSE MILL

ID: KY-030-012

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Animal

Condition: Site

Built: 1822

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: Bassett Burton built a horse mill on his farm in 1822. It ground corn and wheat for people from a distance of 15 miles. Four horses hitched to the mill could grind a bushel of corn into the finest meal in six minutes. The family ran the mill after Burton's death.

https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

FARMERS' DELIGHT MILLS

ID: KY-030-015

KNOTTSVILLE PRECINCT

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1871

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Knottsville Precinct.

Comments: The proprietors were W .S. Hazel and G.O. Clements. The mills were first built by Hazel in 1871, and named Farmers' Delight Mills. There were a small corn mill and a lath saw attached. In 1882, Hazel sold to John Stevens and then built a larger mill on the same location. This had two sets of stones and a corn sheller. The machinery was the latest and most approved kind. It made first-class flour.

https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

HALL, MOORE & EURKHART MILL

ID: KY-030-014

DELAWARE

Updated: 1/8/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: In 1868, Hall, Moore & Eurkhart built this saw mill and corn cracker, the first mill in Delaware. For three years they sawed for the penitentiary at Jeffersonville, when the business failed. W.J. Lumpkin, the owner in 1876, added a flouring mill in 1877, it was run by steam. The mill sawed hard lumber and ground wheat and corn with a capacity of 60 barrels of flour per day. It made first - class flour, with the second grade nearly as good as the first. They also used the Eureka separator and smutter to produce an excellent quality bolted meal.
https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

HAPTONSTALL'S MILL

ID: KY-030-005

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA: Haptiins Falls/Smith/Nappenstalls/JMeremiah Lenhart

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Lazy Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Probably on Lazy Creek near an old road to Maysville.

Comments: Vincent Smith is reported to have built the mill in 1845. It burned in 1860.
<https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/>

LEWIS WATSON MILL

ID: KY-030-004

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: North Big Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: On North Big Creek.

Comments: Lewis Watson owned the mill in 1841. In 1849, it was sold to Jonathan Watson and last mentioned in 1859.
<https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/>

LIARLEY'S MILL

ID: KY-030-008

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA: Dave Brown's Fish Trap/Youtsey's Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: On the trail from Salem to the Old Union Meeting House.

Comments: This may have been called Dave Brown's Fish Trap in 1856, and Youtsey's Mill a year later. Solomon Lierley is

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listed as a probable owner.

<https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/>

MCCULLY MILL	ID: KY-030-002	Updated: 1/8/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:		
Powered by: Built:		
Location: Section 15 in the county. Comments: The mill was built sometime before 1840, and sold to Taylor McCully in 1839. It may have been the first water-powered mill in the county. In 1860, it was owned by Mary McCully. https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/		

MOLASSES MILL	ID: KY-030-017	MASONVILLE PRECINCT	Updated: 1/8/2024
AKA: Type: Saw & Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built: 1873			
Location: Masonville Precinct. Comments: Kebecca Cook ran one of the first molasses mills in the area. In 1873, he built a grist and saw mill on his farm and ran it until 1881, when he moved it to Belleville in Hancock County. There he added a flouring mill and ran it until 1882. https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt			

MULLIN'S FLOURING MILL	ID: KY-030-013	WHITESVILLE	Updated: 1/8/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Steam Built: 1868			
Location: Comments: The flouring mill was built in 1868, by Jesse Haynes for about \$7,000 and was used by him as a flouring mill. A wool carding machine was attached. Two years later it was rented to Mullin and Brack, who ran it for 18 months. Subsequently it was rented and owned by others. In 1877, Geo. W. Mullen bought it and made significant repairs. In 1882, Mullen put in new machinery and made it one of the important businesses in Whitesville. The mill ran on average five days a week. It could grind 150 bushels each of wheat and corn in ten hours. A 50 hp steam engine was used, and coal came from a mine close to the mill. https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt			

PATTON MILL	ID: KY-030-003	Updated: 1/8/2024
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AKA: Sevier Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: On North Big Creek where the town of Pattonsburg was.

Comments: The mill is known to have existed between 1841 and 1847. A road to the mill was requested in June 1841, and approved in December.

<https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/>

SHRIVER'S MILL

ID: KY-030-007

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA: Shriver and Scott's/Daviess County Milling Company

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Grand River at a site later called Mill Dam.

Comments: The builder may have been Samuel Crews. It was sold to Andrew Shriver in 1854. It was then called Shriver and Scott's Mill. In 1876, it was the Daviess County Milling Company.

<https://daviesscountyhistoricalsociety.com/1839/06/24/the-long-lost-mills-of-daviess-county/>

SMOCK FLOURING MILL

ID: KY-030-009

OWENSBORO

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Flour Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Owensboro.

Comments: The house was built for a flouring mill by Richard Smock in 1862. He used it for three or four years, and it was then converted into a distillery. A few years later it was seized and sold by the Government and then purchased by William J. Lumpkin. He used it for a flouring mill for six years. It was idle for a year and then rented by Fuqua & Wise for a flouring mill. Six months later the boiler was burned by a careless engineer.

https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

TAYLOR'S PLANING MILL

ID: KY-030-010

OWENSBORO

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Other

Powered by: Other

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Owensboro.

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Comments: This was a large mill 60' x 90'. It ran with a 36 hp engine. Both soft and hard woods were dressed here. The patronage was local. There were several proprietors over the years.
https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

TERRILLS FLOURING MILL ID: KY-030-011 OWENSBORO Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:
Type: Flour Mill Powered by: Other
Condition: Site Built: 1874
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: Owensboro, on Fourth Street near Triplett Street.

Comments: In 1874, Joshua G. Terrill built this planing mill for \$8,000, including the machinery. The main building was three stories high plus a basement and had a footprint of 60' x 30'. A 45 hp engine drove the machinery. Two warehouses were nearby. New improved machinery was added in 1882. The capacity of the mill was 100 barrels of flour per day. A large exchange business with farmers in this and nearby counties was done, and part of the time they ran day and night.
https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

WILHITE & LEET'S FLOURING & GRIST MILL ID: KY-030-018 MURBAT PRECINCT Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Steam
Condition: Site Built: 1880
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: Murbat Precinct.

Comments: The mill was built as a grist mill by John H. Wilhite in 1880. He operated it for two and a half years, and then formed a partnership with Aaron Leet. The original building had been 19' x 50'. They put up an addition that was three stories high and 24' x 50' and added new machinery. They began grinding corn in November of 1882. The daily capacity was 250 bushels of corn. A 40 hp engine made by Guthrie, Long & Bransford provided the power. The plan was to add a flouring mill. An earlier grist and saw mill was built by Henry Haley in 1868. In 1877, it was destroyed when the boiler exploded.
https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

WINKLER HORSE MILL ID: KY-030-016 KNOTTSVILLE PRECINCT Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Animal
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: Knottsville Precinct.

Comments: Besides farming, Joseph F. Winkler ran a horse mill. The burrs were said to be the oldest in the county and were bought from Evansville in a rowboat by William Mason. His father had used them for many years. Winkler did his own grinding and also custom work for his neighbors.

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https://archive.org/stream/cu31924028845787/cu31924028845787_djvu.txt

EDMONSON COUNTY

Condition: Restored

CHAUMONT GRIST MILL ID: KY-031-001 CAVE CITY Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA: MAMMOTH CAVE NATL. PARK

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Restored

Built:

Currently: National Park

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Off I-65, on KY 255/70.

Comments: Within Wondering Woods historic museum village. Now a protected bat sanctuary by US Park Service as part of Mammoth Cave National Park, this is a defunct theme park, partly demolished. Currently off-limits."
<https://www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/24890>

Condition: Site

SKAGGS MILL ID: KY-031-002 DICKES MILL Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Water

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Skaggs is said to have owned a water-powered grist mill with Mr. Atwood. The mill burned about 1880. Atwood thought Skaggs was responsible and killed him.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1057&context=rennick_ms_collection

FAYETTE COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

BOWMAN GRIST MILL ID: KY-034-003 LEXINGTON Updated: 1/8/2024



AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently: Other Business

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: S. Elkhorn Creek

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2009

Location: (E 12) 2800 Bowman Mill Rd. From US-68W go right onto Old Harrodsburg Rd. After 0.2 mile, take a slight right onto Bowman Mill Rd.

Comments: On S. Elkhorn Creek. In Bowman Mill Historic District. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 07/28/99. George and Isabella Bowman sold the mill site (properties # 7 8,9) in 1857. The Bowman Mill was still operating in 1901 when it was purchased and overhauled by J. E. Delph in 1901(Lexington Herald 1/29/01:4). The grist mill is no longer standing today.

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<https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/4ebb426b-d97c-4120-b5b8-38259a93bb5e>

GRIMES GRIST MILL

ID: KY-034-001

LEXINGTON

Updated: 5/15/2021



AKA: IRIQUOIS HUNT CLUB

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1803

Currently: Other Business

Latitude: 37.91588 Longitude: -84.33994

Watersource: Boone Creek

PhotoCredit: R. Kinsey 2010

Location: (E 12) From Lexington, go south on US 25 about 11 miles to a junction with Grimes Mill Road, turn left/east and go 1.6 miles to 7520 Grimes Mill Road. The mill will be on the right. On Boone Creek.

Comments: Built 1803 by Phillip Grimes. The Charles Grimes' merchant mill was built to grind wheat for export to New Orleans. Malt house and distillery added soon after mill was built. Grimes Whiskey became famous. For over 100 years it continued under various owners. In 1928 it ceased operating and became the headquarters for the Iroquois Hunt Club. Built of stone and wood. An arch on the side indicates that probably the water flowed through the building. The shingle roof looks old, but it has been remade into quite a fancy club. Picturesque. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 6/21/82.

<http://www.iroquoishunt.com/history.html>

Book available: Grimes Mill: Kentucky Landmark on Boone Creek, Fayette County First Edition by Harry G. Enoch (Author)

JAMES PETTIT'S GRIST MILL

ID: KY-034-002

FORD

Updated: 5/14/2021

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.93237 Longitude: -84.34008

Watersource: Boone Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: (E 13) On SR 418 near FORD. No other location available.

Comments: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 6/23/83. No other information available.

Condition: Ruins

ELI CLEVELAND'S HEMP MILL

ID: KY-034-004

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Ruins

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Boone Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the southern part of the county, one mile from where Boone Creek empties into the Ohio River.

Comments: Fire damaged this mill in 1796. Cleveland believed the fire was deliberately set and accused his enemies of arson. He listed the property for sale, but it did not sell until 1801, when Joseph and Jeremiah Rogers purchased it. Cleveland's industrial site also had lumber and grist mills. Today the property is owned by Boone Creek Outdoor, an adventure company. They offer hiking excursions to the mill site ruins.
<http://www.kentuckyhemphighway.com/index.php/fayette/>

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Condition: Site

Fayette007 **ID: KY-034-007** **ATHENS** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA: Walters & Reed

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.93229 Longitude: -84.34

Watersource: Boones Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fayette008 **ID: KY-034-008** **ATHENS** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.10451 Longitude: -84.40362

Watersource: Davids Fork

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fayette009 **ID: KY-034-009** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.15176 Longitude: -84.44051

Watersource: North Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fayette010 **ID: KY-034-010** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.09403 Longitude: -84.5699

Watersource: Town Fork

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fayette011 **ID: KY-034-011** **SOUTH ELKHORN** **Updated: 5/1/2020**

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Location: Comments:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 38.00869 Longitude: -84.6033 Watersource: PhotoCredit: Powered by: Built:
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McCONNELL's SPRINGS MILL	ID: KY-034-006	LEXINGTON	Updated: 1/8/2024
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Location: Comments:	AKA: Trotter Mill Type: Other Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit: Powered by: Built:
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Comments: This operation was a going concern between 1810 and 1834. It was a gun powder mill establishment. On the grounds were several mills: a wheel mill for pulverizing raw materials, a water-powered stamping mill, a water-powered glazing mill, and a grain mill. Ten to 15 men were directly involved in making gunpowder. A few women were employed to cook and wash, presumably for the workers. The saltpeter used in the production of gunpowder came from Kentucky until the industry collapsed after the conclusion of the War of 1812. After that it was purchased from the London markets. Markets for the gunpowder were found in Kentucky and Ohio, and an agent in St. Louis sold it to Indians involved in the fur trade. In 1833, a cholera epidemic hit, and Trotter and two daughters died. The surviving children did not wish to operate the powder mill, and the equipment was sold. Thomas Smith bought it and kept the gunpowder mill running. In 1839, there was a fatal explosion at the mill, ending its use.

[app.aarpdriversafety.org](https://mcconnellsprings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/McConnellSprings_in_Historical_Perspective.pdf)
https://mcconnellsprings.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/McConnellSprings_in_Historical_Perspective.pdf

PETER EVANS GRIST MILL	ID: KY-034-005	LEXINGTON	Updated: 5/1/2020
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Location:	AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 37.89845 Longitude: -84.39535 Watersource: Raven Run PhotoCredit: Powered by: Water Built: 1833
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Location: In Raven Run Nature Sanctuary.

Comments: The grist mill was built by Peter Evans in 1833. A dam was built across Raven Run Creek, and the water from the creek powered the mill. Farmers in the area took corn to the mill to be ground. Foundations of the grist mill are visible below a trail.

<https://ravenrun.org/trails-1>
<https://birdinghotspots.org/hotspot/L920717>

FLEMING COUNTY

Condition: Site

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Fleming002

ID: KY-035-002 PLEASANT VALLEY

Updated: 6/19/2022

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.3927 Longitude: -83.8586

Watersource: Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fleming003

ID: KY-035-003 ELIZAVILLE

Updated: 6/19/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.3927 Longitude: -83.8586

Watersource: Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fleming004

ID: KY-035-004 MOUNT CARMEL

Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.48119 Longitude: -83.64093

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fleming006

ID: KY-035-006 SHERBURNE

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.28 Longitude: -83.80237

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Little remains of the once thriving town of Sherburne on Ky 11 and the Licking River acquired in 1802 by Robert Andrews, a native of Sherburne, New York, who, by 1807, had built there a water-powered grist mill. This was joined later by a sawmill, a carding factory, and other businesses so that when the local post office was established on March 5, 1814 it was called Sherburne Mills.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1190&context=kentucky_county_histories

Fleming007

ID: KY-035-007 HILLSBORO

Updated: 6/20/2022

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Location: Comments:	AKA:			
	Type: Grist Mill		Powered by: Steam	
	Condition: Site			Built:
	Currently:			
	Latitude: 38.28443 Longitude: -83.69226			
	Watersource:			
	PhotoCredit:			
Fleming009	ID: KY-035-009	FOXPORT	Updated: 6/20/2022	
Location: Comments:	AKA:			
	Type: Grist Mill		Powered by:	
	Condition: Site			Built:
	Currently:			
	Latitude: 38.49031 Longitude: -83.5934			
	Watersource:			
	PhotoCredit:			
Fleming010	ID: KY-035-010	FOXPORT	Updated: 6/20/2022	
Location: Comments:	AKA:			
	Type: Corn Mill		Powered by:	
	Condition: Site			Built:
	Currently:			
	Latitude: 38.44159 Longitude: -83.57982			
	Watersource:			
	PhotoCredit:			
Fleming011	ID: KY-035-011	MUSES MILLS	Updated: 6/20/2022	
Location: Comments:	AKA:			
	Type: Saw & Grist Mill		Powered by:	
	Condition: Site			Built:
	Currently:			
	Latitude: 38.34901 Longitude: -83.52717			
	Watersource: Fox Creek			
	PhotoCredit:			
Fleming012	ID: KY-035-012	MUSES MILLS	Updated: 6/20/2022	

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.35914 Longitude: -83.53379

Watersource: Brushy Fork

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fleming013

ID: KY-035-013

PLUMMERS MILL

Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA: Campbell & Yeazell

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.2991 Longitude: -83.57246

Watersource: Fox Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fleming014

ID: KY-035-014

PLUMMERS MILL

Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.3276 Longitude: -83.58903

Watersource: Littleton Branch

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Fleming015

ID: KY-035-015

GODDARD

Updated: 6/20/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.36254 Longitude: -83.6152

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

MARTHA MILLS

ID: KY-035-008

TILTON

Updated: 1/8/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.36503 Longitude: -83.76694
 Watersource: Fleming Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built: 1815

Location:

Comments: The mill was built here on Fleming Creek in 1815 and the name is probably from the wife of an early owner of the mill. A Martha Mills post office operated from 1836 to 1851.
<https://www.kyatlas.com/ky-martha-mills.html>

MUSES MILLS

ID: KY-035-005

FLEMINGSBURG

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:
 Type: Flour Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.41878 Longitude: -83.72912
 Watersource: Fox Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Steam
 Built:

Location:

Comments: Muses Mills is a Fleming County community on Fox Creek about 12 miles southeast of Flemingsburg. The area was settled early in the nineteenth century by the Muse family and the community included saw and grist mills, a store, and other businesses. The post office opened in 1876.
<https://www.facebook.com/johnnyjettart/posts/muses-mills-is-a-fleming-county-community-on-fox-creek-about-12-miles-southeast-/649015769387299/>

PLUMMER'S MILL

ID: KY-035-016

Updated: 1/8/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Water
 Built:

Location: In the county.

Comments: Benjamin Plummer came to Kentucky from Maryland and settled in Fleming County. He engaged in agriculture and built a water powered mill. It became one of the landmarks of the county.
<http://genealogytrails.com/ken/fleming/bios1.html>

RINGOS MILL

ID: KY-035-001

HILLSBORO

Updated: 6/19/2022

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.26871 Longitude: -83.61
 Watersource: Fox Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Comments:

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Condition: Ruins

A. W. MACKLIN MILL

ID: KY-037-001

FRANKFORT

Updated: 1/8/2024



AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Water

Condition: Ruins

Built: 1844

Currently:

Latitude: 38.2144 Longitude: -84.81165

Watersource: Elkhorn Creek

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2009

Location: (E 12) East of Frankfort in community of Forks of Elkhorn at the forks of the Elkhorn Creek, along US 460.

Comments: In 1844 A. W. Macklin began construction of a large merchant and custom flouring mill on the Elkhorn with a capacity of 150 barrels per day. It was the only water-power mill in the country that could be operated during the entire year. He was joined by his eldest son, Benoni Macklin, age 20, who took control of the mill. At A. W.'s death, it became the property of Benoni and then passed to his 7-year-old daughter. The mill burned on April 6, 1892.

<https://books.google.com/books?id=9mVBAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA763&lpg=PA763&dq=GEORGE+B.+MACLIN+GRIST+MILL&source=bl&ots=oJcGLwJKyi&sig=34ebYvnWeM4N8fOkVNRD1OOTH60&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwih1cmX3YvWAhWJ54MKHWotCIUQ6AEIPTAG#v=onepage&q=GEORGE%20B.%20MACLIN%20GRIST%20MILL&f=false>

Condition: Site

FRANKFORT COTTON MILLS

ID: KY-037-007

FRANKFORT

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The mill was awarded a premium for the best yarn at a textile fabrics fair at Cincinnati in 1869. The specimen exhibited had been taken from every day stock and competed against yarns made especially for the exhibition by many competitors. The mills operated until about 1880.

<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyoffrankli00john/historyoffrankli00john.pdf>

FRANKFORT WOOLEN MILLS

ID: KY-037-006

FRANKFORT

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1852

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The mill was incorporated in 1852. The capital stock was \$100,000.

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FRANKLIN PAPER MILL

ID: KY-037-004

FRANKFORT

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1836

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Elkhorn River

PhotoCredit:

Location: Three miles from Frankfort on the Elkhorn River.

Comments: This mill began operation in 1836. It was run by E.H. and S. Steadman.

They manufactured the best quality of every kind of paper. Products were shipped all over the country. Good prices were paid for clean cotton and linen rags.

<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyoffrankli00john/historyoffrankli00john.pdf>

KENTUCKY RIVER MILLS

ID: KY-037-002

FRANKFORT

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Other

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1878

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Frankfort, on lock #4 of the Kentucky River.

Comments: The property was rented from the state of Kentucky, and construction began in 1878. A year later the company started to produce hemp yarn for Brussel Carpets. Producing hemp rope was a sideline. Demand caused them to switch entirely to hemp twine in 1880. In 1883, the mill was destroyed by fire but was rebuilt and fully operational by March, 1884. The new mill was a single story built on the old foundation. It was equipped with new and improved machinery from England, which was said to make more and better quality twine. The physical plant was expanded over the next 20 years. This included a large water tank and an automatic sprinkler system. The mill employed 125 workers. During WW II they had a contract with the US Navy to produce marine oakum. The demand for hemp rope had begun to decrease earlier in the century and continued to decline. The Kentucky River Mills closed in 1952. It was the last hemp mill to operate in the state.

<https://www.heritagehemptrail.com/franklincountyhemp>

PARKER MILL

ID: KY-037-003

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1813

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Glenn's Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county on Glenn's Creek.

Comments: In 1813, John Parker was granted permission to build and operate a grist mill on Glenn's Creek. It operated for more than half a century. A part of the old dam remains.

<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyoffrankli00john/historyoffrankli00john.pdf>

PEAKS MILL

ID: KY-037-008

FRANKFORT

Updated: 1/9/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA: Garrard Milling Company

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1901

Currently:

Latitude: 37.61803 Longitude: -84.57638

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: At the NW corner of E. Buford and Mill Sts. In Lancaster.

Comments: Garrard Mills is a flour and feed mill which was built in 1901, by J.S. Minor and his son. W.F. Champ bought it in 1909, and ran it until 1944. L.H. Moore bought it at that time and left it to his wife when he died in 1958. She owned the mill until 1989. It was auctioned as a result of a civil action and purchased by William Kirby Teater. The Teaters operated the mill for personal use. James Bushnell bought it 25 years later. When the railroad came to Lancaster the tracks ran next to the mill. Coal was delivered to the mill and distributed from there. In time the train no longer ran through the area and larger companies took over the milling industry. James Bushnell turned it into a place for community gatherings and an event venue. National Register of Historic Places 1984.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garrard_Mills

<https://oneandonlygarrardcounty.wordpress.com/2015/09/29/garrard-mill/>

GRANT COUNTY

Condition: Site

KENNEDY'S MILL

ID: KY-041-001

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: On the direct road from Crittenden to Garnersville, about equidistant from each.

Comments: Mose Jacobs ran the mill and did a large corn grinding business each Tuesday and Friday. A newspaper article in 1877, said that customers considered him an honest man.

https://www.nkyviews.com/grant/text/kennedys_mill.html

GRAVES COUNTY

Condition: Site

FROST MILL

ID: KY-042-003

WINGO

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The Frost family owned a large two-story mill with a millpond.

<https://www.gravescountky.gov/communities/>

MAYFIELD WOOLEN MILLS

ID: KY-042-001

MAYFIELD

Updated: 1/9/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In Mayfield, between 9th, 11th, W. South, and W. Water Streets.

Comments: This mill and the Merit manufacturing Co. were at one time two of the largest factories of their kind in the nation. The Mayfield Woolen Mills were founded in 1860. For many years this mill manufactured woolen piece goods and made them into clothing. They took the raw wool, and scoured and dyed it, then spun it into yarn and wove it into cloth. All of their products had signed guarantees that they were as represented. Although they usually sold only to merchants, at one time they had a huge sale and sold directly to customers.
https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/data/batches/mohi_hayden_ver01/data/sn84020274/00294559474/1902042601/0476.pdf

THOMPSON MILLS

ID: KY-042-002

WATER VALLEY

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In Water Valley, on the east side of the tracks.

Comments: Wayne Thompson operated a saw mill and flour mill by the railroad tracks. It was here that self-rising flour was first formulated and milled in the area.
<https://www.gravescountky.gov/communities/>

GRAYSON COUNTY

Condition: Site

GREEN BROS. GRIST MILL

ID: KY-043-001

FALLS OF ROUGH

Updated: 10/1/2005



AKA:

Type: Saw and Flour Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built: 1823

Currently:

Latitude: 37.58946 Longitude: -86.55185

Watersource:

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2005

Location: (F 8) Northwest of Leitchfield. 5 miles from Rough River Dam Park, on KY 110. West of Rt 79 by 2.3 miles.

Comments: 1823 – mill built by Morgan B. Green and brother Willis Green. House and store also built. The original dams built by George Wilson and then Benjamin Sebastian did not last as they were constructed of logs. Later one of stone was constructed. Operated continuously for 140 years by the Green Family. Farmers from 7 counties brought grain for milling into flour and cornmeal. The sawmill had an old circle saw installed in 1823; it was replaced by a band saw, six feet by eight inches in 1914. In 1921 a still larger band saw, six feet by ten inches, was installed. The saw mill closed in 1933 due to a lack of good timber. In 1938 the sawmill was dismantled and shipped to the Miller Brothers Lumber Co. in Florida over the Old Branch line of the L & N Railroad on the last leg of its operation. The flour mill had a capacity of 25 barrels per day, operated an average of 250 days in a year,

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and ground 6,250 barrels of flour per year. A barrel consisted of eight 24-pound sacks; each sack weighed 23 pounds. Only when the river flooded did it shut down. The best grade of flour was "Grayson Lily," second was "White rose," and third grade was "Good Enough." Much of the flour was distributed from Louisville. Many area farmers sold their wheat to the Green Brothers, leaving some in storage for their own use. Thus, they could get a barrel of flour whenever they wanted. A toll of one-twelfth was exacted for storage and grinding. The meal ground there was labeled "Old Fashioned Water Ground." They grew all of the corn they used. It was all "Boone County White" because it had a white cob and left no red specks in the meal. The water ran through the building built over the dam. Construction: foundations of cut stone; the rest white clapboards; roofs of tin, now rusted red. The iron wheel mounted on the side (there were two, one is on a facing side and was not photographed) was probably turned by the water wheel and in turn ground the grain. Part of a 6000 acre farm and timber complex supporting several family owned industries including a grist mill, saw mills, general store, and post office. Some of the buildings used to be a school and a church. Nearby is a mansion, now a bed and breakfast.

Update: In 2010 a fire destroyed the old general store and post office. The foundations are still standing. On August 14, 2016, the mill collapsed. "... Mr. Harvel Escue plans to give the mills to the Falls of Rough Old Mill Preservation non-profit group for the stabilization and reconstruction of the Mill. He has worked with our group to dismantle the mill, saving all the equipment, t-beams, gears, and everything else needed. Using as much of the original mill as possible, construction is expected to start in Fall 2016."

<http://fallsofrougholdmillpreservation.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/pg/panthercreekroad/photos/?tab=album&album_id=861411820546426

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/ky/breckinridge/towns/fallsofrough.html>

<http://millpictures.com/mills.php?millid=1061>

WHEELER'S MILL

ID: KY-043-002

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Nolin River

PhotoCredit:

Location: North bank of Nolin River.

Comments: This mill served both Grayson and Hart counties. It was built before the Civil War by H.C. Wheeler. It was first used as a grist mill with a carding machine and a sash saw mill attached. A dam across the river furnished water to a turbine. A set of buhrstones to grind wheat was added about 1850. Graham flour, a brand flour, shorts, and better flour grades were all produced. These were later replaced with a set of rollers and bolting cloth. Wealthier citizens ate the flour, and the poorer ones ate the shorts for their bread. About 1890, a circular saw replaced the sash saw. Wheeler built a pontoon bridge across the river to accommodate his patrons in Hart County.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

GREEN COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

MONTGOMERY GRIST MILL

ID: KY-044-001

GREENSBURG

Updated: 5/14/2021

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Hop Philpot became owner. Philpot moved it to a hill to remove it from a flood plain. In total it operated for about 100 years. The original frame building was two stories and ground wheat and corn. The buhrs were later changed to rollers and a bolting cloth was added. At some point a third story was put on and a saw mill added.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

GORIN MILL

ID: KY-044-004

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Little Barren River

PhotoCredit:

Location: One mile above where Little Barren River empties into Green River.

Comments: The mill was a flour and corn mill powered by a turbine water wheel. It was a two-story frame building. The dam was about 100 yards down river and was connected to the mill by a steel line to furnish power. Tom Gorin owned and operated it in the early 1890s.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

GREENUP COUNTY

Condition: Site

BENNETT'S MILL

ID: KY-045-001

SOUTH SHORE

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently: Historical Marker

Latitude: 38.631 Longitude: -82.92688

Watersource: Tygarts Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: At Bennett's Mill Bridge, KY 7 at KY 1215.

Comments: Benjamin F. Bennett arrived in Kentucky in 1855, and purchased the saw and corn mills at the Old Globe Furnace on Tygert Creek. He rebuilt and improved the mills and added equipment to manufacture flour. Modern machinery was installed as the years passed. The mills became the largest in the county and included planing, saw, flour, and feed mills. One of the state's longest wooden, one-span, covered bridges was built about 1855, by Benjamin and his brother Pramley in order to accommodate customers at the mill. The bridge is weathered but intact.

<http://genealogytrails.com/ken/greenup/bios1.html>

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/kyhs/hmdb/MarkerSearch.aspx?mode=County&county=45>

HANCOCK COUNTY

Condition: Site

SHELLEY MILL

ID: KY-046-001

HAWESVILLE

Updated: 1/9/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Flour Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Steam
Built:

Location:

Comments: Z.H. Shelley closed out his factory and distillery in 1866, and built a large steam flouring mill near the Ohio River. He ran it in partnership with Dr. T .A. MacGregor. It was the largest mill in the county and represented a capital of over \$10,000.
<http://genealogytrails.com/ken/hancock/bios3.html>

HARDIN COUNTY

Condition: Site

BUSH MILL ID: KY-047-006 Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Buffalo Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: On Buffalo Creek near Elizabethtown, now in Fort Knox.

Comments: The mill tract owned by William Bush in 1839 encompassed 105 acres. Permission for two dams was requested.
<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/tr/pdf/ADA316671.pdf>

HAYCRAFT MILL ID: KY-047-003 Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built: 1796

Location: In the county.

Comments: In 1796, Samuel Haycraft, Sr. built the first mill in the county. It was a grist mill, and Thomas Lincoln assisted in the enterprise. Ownership changed later, and it was converted to a saw mill.
<http://genealogytrails.com/ken/hardin/events.html>

JAMES STOVALL MILL ID: KY-047-005 Updated: 1/9/2024

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of SR 84, midway between Sonora and Western KY Parkway.

Comments: Washed away in 1853. Rebuilt in 1855 by Daniel Wortham and later owned by Joseph Richardson who built the existing dam in late 1800s. Used to generate electricity in the early 1900s. Use discontinued in 1930s. Demolished in 1965.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 10/5/88.

<https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/a032e1c2-2670-4166-8c5a-a7955d3a4737>

HARRISON COUNTY

Condition: Site

MAKEMSON MILL & DISTILLERY

ID: KY-049-001

CYNTHIANA

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Mill Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Cynthiana, on Mill Creek.

Comments: The mill was located on land purchased in 1795, by the Makemson family. It operated in the early 1800s.

<http://genealogytrails.com/ken/harrison/countyrecords.html>

HART COUNTY

Condition: Site

BOYD MILL

ID: KY-050-018

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: A spring a few yards from the Green River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: A large spring at the base of a hill and a few yards from the Green River provided water for a turbine wheel.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

BROAD FORD MILL

ID: KY-050-014

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Nolin River

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the northwest part of the county on Nolin River.

Comments: The Ash family operated this water mill powered with a turbine wheel. It was a grist mill which ground wheat and corn.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

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BUCKNER MILL

ID: KY-050-005

HODGENVILLE

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Bacon Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: South of Hodgenville on Bacon Creek.

Comments: John Buckner built a one-story grist mill which operated with an overshot wheel. The mill race was between 200 and 300 yards long. Nothing remains.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

CANN MILL

ID: KY-050-022

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Lynn Camp Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Green River at the mouth of Lynn Camp Creek.

Comments: James A. Cann owned a grist and sash saw mill on Green River at the mouth of Lynn Camp Creek. It operated with a turbine. Mr. Wheeler, who owned property across the river, cut a large sycamore which fell across the river and changed the course of the current. This caused the land on which the mill stood to be cut away.

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CHUCK LUCK MILL

ID: KY-050-007

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: This mill was built by John Miller and Thomas Lush. It was a story and a half high and ground both wheat and corn. The flour meal was soon abandoned. The original wooden turbine was later changed to a steel wheel. Only some dam timbers remain.

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COSBY MILL

ID: KY-050-010

UPTON

Updated: 1/10/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Round Stone Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Round Stone Creek several miles southwest of Upton.

Comments: Charlie Cosby built a dam across the mouth of a spring which was the headwaters of Round Stone Creek. Water from the spring ran through a race to a turbine water wheel. The mill was one story with a heavy, hand-hewn frame fastened with wooden pegs. Buhrstones ground wheat and corn. There were also a carding machine and a saw mill connected to the mill.

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CUB RUN MILL

ID: KY-050-009

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: This mill was located on one side of a deep ravine, and the water power came through a steel pipe from a spring on the opposite side. It was a two-story frame building, and both wheat and corn were ground. It was wrecked later by a freshet, and the top story was removed. After that only corn was ground. By 1925, it had stopped operating.

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DENNIS MILL

ID: KY-050-008

BLOWING SPRINGS

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Nolin River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: William Dennis built a one-story water grist mill on Nolin River at an early date. Corn meal was ground. It was operated by a turbine. The mill washed away with a high tide of the river.

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GARDNER MILL

ID: KY-050-017

Updated: 1/10/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA: DeWitt Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Green River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Gardner and DeWitt built this mill. It operated with a turbine wheel and ground grain using buhrstones. Fielding Carden became owner after the Civil War. He operated it until the 1870s, when it washed away.

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GLEN BROOK MILL

ID: KY-050-002

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Water

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Glenbrook, now gone.

Comments: This grist, saw, and planing mill was built in the mid-1870s, by Lane and Weller. Springs furnished the waterpower.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1211&context=kentucky_county_histories

GORIN MILL

ID: KY-050-019

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: A spring at the foot of the hill

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county on the Green River.

Comments: Major James H. Gorin built this two-story weather-boarded mill on top of a hill. A turbine water wheel provided the power at the foot of the cliff. They were connected with a steel cable. Buhrstones ground the grain.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

GRINSTEAD'S MILL

ID: KY-050-020

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county on the Green River near the Edmonson County line.

Comments: The mill was built by Elisha Johns and operated by him until it was burned down by soldiers during the Civil War.

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GUNPOWDER MILL

ID: KY-050-001

MAGNOLIA

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA:

Type: Other

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Lynn Camp Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: John Courts built the first commercial gunpowder mill in the state in 1811-12. Two large springs furnished the power necessary to grind the charcoal made on the site. This was mixed with saltpeter and sulphur to make a fine product for rifles and a coarser product for cannon and blasting powder. This mill was in use from the War of 1812 through the Civil War. A marker is at the intersection of U.S. 31E and Powder Mill Road (Kentucky Highway 569), on the right when traveling north on U.S. 31E.
<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=96818>

HIGHBAUGH MILL

ID: KY-050-004

BONNIEVILLE

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built: 1860

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Bacon Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Four miles up Bacon Creek from Bonnieville.

Comments: George Highbaugh built a mill around 1860, to meet the needs of the settlers in the northern half of the county. It had two stories and a basement with a saw mill attached. A turbine was first used to power the flour and grist mill. Later a steam engine was added. A bolting cloth separated grades of flour. In 1890, James T. Turner opened a post office to serve the mill. The post office closed in 1905.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1211&context=kentucky_county_histories

HOLDERMAN & WILKINS MILL

ID: KY-050-021

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Lynn Camp Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county on Lynn Camp Creek.

Comments: Jacob Holderman and Wilkins were granted the privilege to build a dam across Lynn Camp Creek and then erected a two-story frame mill with weatherboarding on the south side of the creek. They ground wheat and corn with buhrs. Later they added rollers and a bolting cloth to grind wheat but continued to grind corn using buhrstones. In 1844, the mill had already been in operation for some time and continued well after that with a variety of owners. Nothing remains.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1209&context=kentucky_county_histories

HOUSTON MILL

ID: KY-050-006

Updated: 1/10/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Bacon Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Two miles east of Bonnieville.

Comments: After several other owners, Mr. Houston became owner. It was a one-story boxed building with a set of buhrstones to grind corn. A saw mill under a shed adjoined the mill. A century later the old turbine wheel was still in place.

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LINES MILL

ID: KY-050-003

BONNIEVILLE

Updated: 1/9/2024

AKA: Young Mill/McClure Mill

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Waterwheel

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Bacon Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: One-half mile above Bonnieville.

Comments: The original mill was built by Jeff O'Daniel about 1886. This was a two-story building with hand hewn framing in which both a grist mill and saw mill operated. The saw used was a sash saw, and the buhrs were first used at the Stamp Mill further down the creek. It later became a one-story boxed building with one set of corn buhrs. A water wheel provided the power.

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MASSIE MILL

ID: KY-050-012

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Green River

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county on Green River.

Comments: John Massie built a hewed and boxed frame building which served as a grist mill with saw mill adjoining. It is believed that it was first a water-operated mill. Steam power was installed later.

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RIDERS MILL

ID: KY-050-011

Updated: 1/10/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Site

Built: 1866

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Round Stone Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Where Highway 1140 crosses Round Stone Creek.

Comments: George E. and J. Miles Rider built this mill on Round Stone Creek about 1866. This may have been the first mill on the creek. It was one story with a set of French buhrs for grinding corn. An old-time sash saw mill was attached. The saw was seven to eight feet long and seven or eight inches wide, and the machinery was operated by a turbine wheel. The water wheel was a crude wooden one made from a block sawed from a large poplar log. The Rider family operated the mill until 1887, when it was sold to Bud Morris. He discarded the sash saw and installed a circular saw. Later he sold the mill to James W. Wilson and went up the creek to build the Morris's Mill. Riders Mill was a favorite gathering place for men of the community.

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THREE HUNDRED SPRINGS MILL

ID: KY-050-015

CANMER

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Spring next to Green River

PhotoCredit:

Location: Between Canmer and Defries.

Comments: This was a two-story log building with a basement and weatherboarding. Two overshot water wheels were used as a unit with a steel line between them. David Garvin built it about 1840. Flint buhrs ground flour and meal. Sons Dink and Hal Garvin operated the mill after David's death. G.W. Blakey bought it in 1875, and operated it for 25 years. Other owners followed.

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WAGGONERS MILL

ID: KY-050-016

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Spring

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county near Green River.

Comments: The Lane family owned this mill. It was a two-story frame mill with weatherboarding and an overshot wheel. Corn and wheat were originally ground with buhrstones but later changed to rollers. The same water operated a saw mill which was 300 yards or more from the flour mill. The water went through a trace to a turbine wheel at the saw mill.

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WATERS MILL

ID: KY-050-013

Updated: 1/10/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Green River
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: General Eastin came from Paris, KY, and obtained a 30-year lease to build two mills on the island. One was a grist mill, the other a saw mill. In 1851, he subleased to his two sons, Henry L and Thomas, for three years. The sons continued to operate the mills until Federal troops occupied the island in 1862. The mills were all but destroyed at that time. High water and vandalism completed their destruction, and they were never rebuilt.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1212&context=kentucky_county_histories

Henderson001

ID: KY-051-001

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 37.73153 Longitude: -87.75367
Watersource: Highland Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments:

Henderson004

ID: KY-051-004

SPOTTSVILLE

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 37.85486 Longitude: -87.40831
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments:

KATTERJOHN BROS. MILL

ID: KY-051-002

HENDERSON

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 37.83807 Longitude: -87.5809
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Steam
Built:

Location:

Comments:

MOORE'S MILL

ID: KY-051-006

TOMPKINSVILLE

Updated: 1/10/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Condition: Site

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: This mill was originally used as an industrial mill. It is a two-story frame building with 11 bays and a tin gable roof.
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/mc_bldgs/39/

SMITH MILLS

ID: KY-051-007

SMITH MILLS

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Condition: Site

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Animal

Built:

Location:

Comments: The mill was named for Col. Robert Smith, an American officer in the War of 1812. He built and operated a horse mill with a sweep attachment which ground corn into meal. He also owned and operated a steam saw mill.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1212&context=kentucky_county_histories

HENRY COUNTY

Condition: Site

EMINENCE MILL

ID: KY-052-002

EMINENCE

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Condition: Site

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: In 1902, the company had been in business for 20 years. At this time they built a new mill.
<https://eminence.ky.gov/our-city/Pages/History.aspx>

SMITHVILLE ROLLER MILLS

ID: KY-052-001

SMITHFIELD

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Condition: Site

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1896

Location: (D 11) Take SR 22 to CR 1861 and follow this road to Smithfield.

Comments: This was an old flour mill built in 1896. At the turn of the century it was considered the best flour mill in the state.

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It was operational until 1987. It was dismantled and moved to Lebanon, TN, where it was to be rebuilt by Reclaimed Reserve of Danville, KY.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/feedman/5311159926>

<http://seeingthroughanewlens.blogspot.com/2011/03/smithfield-kentucky.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/JunkinJohnny/posts/sign-from-the-old-smithfield-roller-mill-located-in-smithfield-ky-the-mill-was-b/2553413308012474/>

HOPKINS COUNTY

Condition: Site

PARKER MILL ID: KY-054-002 MADISONVILLE Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Five miles west of Madisonville.

Comments: W. B. Parker owned a farm west of Madisonville on which he built a saw mill. It was the first double circular saw mill in the county.

[Http://www.genealogytrails.com/ken/hopkins/bios_perrin1.html](http://www.genealogytrails.com/ken/hopkins/bios_perrin1.html)

PRITCHETT MILL ID: KY-054-003 MADISONVILLE Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Flour Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built: 1851

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Two miles east of Madisonville.

Comments: In 1851, Horace Pritchett moved from his farm into town and built the first steam flour mill. He ran it for five years and sold it. He had attached a carding machine to the mill.

http://www.genealogytrails.com/ken/hopkins/bios_perrin1.html

WHITE PLAINS LUMBER MILL ID: KY-054-001 WHITE PLAINS Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Sawmill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: This was a large lumber mill in the early 1900s. Twenty mule teams were required to move logs to the mill. Much of what it produced was shipped to Germany.

<http://kykinfolk.com/hopkins/towns/whiteplains.html>

JEFFERSON COUNTY

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Condition: Nonoperational

BRADFORD MILLS

ID: KY-056-005

LOUISVILLE

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1870

Currently: Private Residence

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Two former mills have been converted into living space. One was built in 1870, the other in 1910. Historically this was part of the American Woolen Company, a Boston-based company. The mill produced worsted yarns. It had five cards, five worsted combs, 7760 worsted spindles, and 3640 twister spindles before a later expansion. A historical feature is a small stone engraving embedded into the older building's tower. It includes the Latin words, "Labor omnia vincit," or Work Conquers All. As this slogan has been adopted by labor groups, it may indicate that the work force was unionized. National Register of Historic Places 1982.
<https://brokensidewalk.com/2015/bradford-mill-lofts/>

ECLIPSE WOOLEN MILL

ID: KY-056-002

LOUISVILLE

Updated: 5/15/2021

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently: Other Business

Latitude: 38.24908 Longitude: -85.73251

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (E 10) At 1044 East Chestnut Street, LOUISVILLE.

Comments: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 12/22/78. No other information available.

FALLS CITY JEANS & WOOLEN MILLS

ID: KY-056-006

LOUISVILLE

Updated: 1/10/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1886

Currently: Other Business

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: 1010 S. Preston St., Shelby Park, Louisville.

Comments: The company was incorporated in 1882, and the mill was completed about 1886. The Industrial Revolution was going strong, and Louisville was a production hub with eight woolen mills. This was one of the largest and produced more than 2.5 million yards of jeans per year. They were known as Kentucky Jeans and were sold all over the country. These jeans were made of a light cotton cloth of finer count yarns. They were cheaper to make and good to wear while working. Jeans could be bought for \$1.50 per pair. The building has a gambrel roof with a row of gabled dormers forming an upper story. The red brick structure is two stories high, has a raised basement, and features a large entry tower. National Register of Historic Places 1982.
<https://explorekyhistory.ky.gov/items/show/863>

Condition: Operational

WOLF PEN BRANCH GRIST MILL

ID: KY-056-001

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Updated: 6/1/1996

1/18/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Operational
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Wolf Pen Branch Creek
 PhotoCredit:
 Powered by: Overshot Wheel
 Built:

Location: (D 10) On Wolf Pen Branch Creek. From Louisville, go east on US 42 to junction of Wolf Pen Road. Turn right go about 3 1/2 miles. A private lane leads to the mill. Impossible to see the mill from the road, and the local residents are not cooperative in giving directions.

Comments: The mill has stood since about 1870. Records show that other mills were built here before that. The stone body and frame of the mill have remained stable. Only new roofing and windows have been necessary. The overshot wheel has been repaired and replaced several times through its history. The mill is now protected by a conservation easement held by River Fields and the Kentucky Heritage Council jointly. The mill is occasionally operated. National Register of Historic Places 1978.
<https://www.michaelcwellphotography.com/2017/11/wolf-pen-branch-mill.html>

Condition: Site

BALLARD & BALLARD COMPANY **ID: KY-056-003** **LOUISVILLE** **Updated: 1/10/2024**

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:
 Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments: Samuel and Charles T. Ballard established the Ballard and Ballard Company in Louisville in 1880. Obelisk Flour was the primary product. Painted signs on the sides of old buildings advertising Obelisk Flour can still be seen in many parts of the eastern United States. The company ceased production of flour under its own name when it was purchased by Pillsbury in 1951. The Louisville mill was said to be the largest winter wheat flour mill in the world. In 1870, it was destroyed by fire. A company flour building still stands in Memphis.
<https://sah-archipedia.org/buildings/TN-01-157-0065>

LOUISVILLE COTTON MILL **ID: KY-056-004** **LOUISVILLE** **Updated: 1/10/2024**

AKA: Louisville Textile Co./German Mill Lofts
 Type: Textile Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:
 Powered by:
 Built: 1889

Location: 946 Goss Avenue, Louisville.

Comments: This mill was built in 1889, and was the first cotton mill in Louisville. It was a significant example of Victorian industrial architecture. Initially it produced cotton warp for Kentucky Jeans, but it diversified in 1919, under the name of Louisville Textile Co. By 1948, it was Kentucky's largest textile mill. Fincastle Fabrics were made here and sold worldwide in the 1930s and 1940s. Labor costs and competition caused it to close in 1967. Booker-Price Furniture Corp. owned it from 1968 to 2012. During the latter part of that time the Louisville Antique Mall was a

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tenant. After extensive renovations, it is now Germantown Mill Lofts. National Register of Historic Places 1982.
<https://history.ky.gov/markers/louisville-cotton-mill>

OLD MILL	ID: KY-056-007	Updated: 1/10/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:		
Powered by: Built:		
Location: At the end of Old Mill Road in Peewee Valley. Comments: This mill operated in the middle 1800s. It was a popular place for summer visitors. A millstone survives and is on display in Central Park near the fish pond and mural of the Old Mill. https://www.peeweevalleyhistory.org/old-mill.html		

TARASEON MILLS	ID: KY-056-008	LOUISVILLE	Updated: 1/10/2024
AKA: Type: Flour Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built: 1819			
Location: Shippingport, Louisville Comments: Taraseon Mills was built as a flour mill sometime between 1815 and 1819. At one time it was a woolen mill. https://filsonhistorical.org/wp-content/uploads/publicationpdfs/5-3-2_Grahamton-and-the-Early-Textile-Mills-of-Kentucky_Pusey-William-Allen.pdf			

JESSAMINE COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

GLASS MILL	ID: KY-057-002	WILMORE	Updated: 1/11/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Nonoperational Currently: Latitude: 37.85683 Longitude: -84.65837 Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built: 1914			
Location: 401 E. Main St. Comments: This mill was established in 1891. It became the Glass Milling Company after it moved from its previous location on Glass Mill Road. It ground 60,000 bushels of wheat with a capacity of 60 barrels of flour per day. It also operated a generator to supply power for Wilmore until 1925, when Kentucky Utilities began supplying electrical current to the community. https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyofjessami00you/historyofjessami00you.pdf https://www.jessaminejournal.com/2017/06/07/old-building-new-future-purchase-agreement-approved-for-brumfield-hay-and-grain/			

Condition: Site

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CEDAR DWARF MILLS

ID: KY-057-003 NICHOLASVILLE

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.85487 Longitude: -84.64016

Watersource: Jessamine Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

CHRISMAN MILL

ID: KY-057-007

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.84522 Longitude: -84.50807

Watersource: Hickman Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Near junction of Chrisman Mill Road and Logana Pike.

Comments:

CROCKETT GRIST MILL

ID: KY-057-012

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1800

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: Joseph Crockett, a veteran of the revolutionary War, built and operated this grist mill around 1800. By the middle 1800s, it was a distillery bottling Lexington Club Whiskey. The mill produced Hickman Lily and Snow on the Mountain Flour. Prohibition closed the distillery, and the mill and community around it followed.
<http://kaintuckeean.blogspot.com/2010/03/no-destination-union-mill.html>

HAYDON'S MILL

ID: KY-057-013

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: The first mill in the county was built by Meredith, the first millwright in the state. Afterwards it was run by Gavin Steele. Wright also built the Union Mills and the Torbett Mills.
http://genealogytrails.com/ken/jessamine/jessamine_settlers.html

HENRY GLASS MILL

ID: KY-057-011

Updated: 1/11/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Water
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Jessamine Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location: Three miles from the Kentucky River.

Comments: The stone mill is said to have been laid out as a mill site as early as 1782. Subsequently it was turned into a paper mill and operated as late as 1849. It then became a distillery run by a man named Bryan and later by Henry Glass. The first burr millstones imported to this county came from France in 1837, and were used by Glass. There was water power sufficient to run the mill for seven months in the year. Parts of the original millhouse and dam were incorporated into a home standing on a hill a little up from the creek.
<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyofjessami00you/historyofjessami00you.pdf>
http://genealogytrails.com/ken/jessamine/jessamine_settlers.html
<http://www.jesshistorical.com/jarnspiger.htm>

JESSAMINE MILLS **ID: KY-057-010** **HANLEY** **Updated: 4/9/2021**

AKA: Watts
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.80557 Longitude: -84.58008
 Watersource: Saw Mill Branch
 PhotoCredit:

Location: Near junction of Watts Mill Road and Brumfield Lane.

Comments:

JESSAMINE VALLEY MILLS **ID: KY-057-005** **WILMORE** **Updated: 4/9/2021**

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.84213 Longitude: -84.64561
 Watersource: Jessamine Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location: Near junction of Glass Mill Road and Figg Lane.

Comments:

Jessamine004 **ID: KY-057-004** **WILMORE** **Updated: 4/9/2021**

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.84857 Longitude: -84.6418
 Watersource: Jessamine Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location: Near junction of Glass Mill Road and Frankfort Ford Road.

Comments:

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Jessamine008	ID: KY-057-008	NICHOLASVILLE	Updated: 5/1/2020
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 37.88006 Longitude: -84.57103 Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Steam Built:			
Location: Comments:			
Jessamine009	ID: KY-057-009	KEENE	Updated: 5/1/2020
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 37.94212 Longitude: -84.63975 Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: Comments:			
SINGLETON MILL	ID: KY-057-014		Updated: 1/11/2024
AKA: Type: Saw & Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: Spring PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: About half a mile below the mouth of Jessamine Creek. Comments: Jeremiah Singleton, one of the earliest settlers on Jessamine Creek, built a mill which was used both as a saw mill and a grist mill. The dam was first built of stone and later lined with brick laid in cement. The mill was built of stone. The mill was torn down and the bricks in the dam removed. https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyofjessami00you/historyofjessami00you.pdf			
UNION MILLS	ID: KY-057-001	NICHOLASVILLE	Updated: 1/11/2024
AKA: Hickman's Mill Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 37.89245 Longitude: -84.51364 Watersource: Hickman Creek PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: East of Nicholasville at 2310 Union Mill Rd/Rte. 169. On the corner of Union Mill Rd. and Stinnett Lane. Comments: Robert Crockett built the buildings about 1803. They included a grist mill, a saw mill, and a powder mill. By the middle 1800s, there was a distillery bottling Old Lexington Club Whisky. The mill produced Hickman Lily and Snow on the Mountain Flour. Prohibition closed the distillery, and the mill and community around it followed. Only some of the foundation remains. Two small sections of stone wall were found at this location. One has an			

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opening for water to flow through embedded in the wall.

<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/public/gdcmassbookdig/historyofjessami00you/historyofjessami00you.pdf>

<http://kaintuckeean.blogspot.com/2010/03/no-destination-union-mill.html>

Only some of the foundation remains. Two small sections of stone wall were found at this location. One has an opening for water to flow through embedded in the wall.

WATTS MILLS

ID: KY-057-006

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.7878 Longitude: -84.58669

Watersource: Hickman Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

KENTON COUNTY

Condition: Site

TAYLOR MILL

ID: KY-059-001

TAYLOR MILL

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1795

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Bankclick Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: In 1795, Jacob Foster and William Smith petitioned the county court for authority to operate a saw and grist mill on Bankclick Creek a quarter mile above its mouth. Permission was granted to Jacob Foster. James Taylor purchased the property in 1810, and the road leading to the mill became known as Taylor's Mill Road. Others moved into the area and felled trees for lumber and cleared land for farming. The mills ceased to operate in the late 1850s or early 1860s. A great deal later, in 1959, two towns merged to form the city of Taylor Mill.
<https://taylormillky.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/History-of-TM-Book.pdf>
https://www.pdskc.org/portals/pdskc/documents/plan_pdf/redesrpt.pdf
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_Mill,_Kentucky

KNOX COUNTY

Condition: Site

JEFFERSON COTTON MILL

ID: KY-061-001

LOUISVILLE

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1829

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Louisville, on the north side of Main Street between Preston and Jackson Sts.

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Comments: This mill was organized in 1829, by Robert Graham and his associates. It was quite successful, but the gradual introduction of cheaper goods by eastern competitors caused them to look for a cheaper location in Meade County.
<https://home.army.mil/knox/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-management-division/cultural-resources-management/prehistory-and-history-fort-knox-area>

SAWYER'S MILL ID: KY-061-002 **BARBOURVILLE** Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Steam
 Condition: Site Built: 1886
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location: Barbourville, on Main St.

Comments: A large mill was erected within the city limits in 1886. The steam-powered mill was owned by W.W. Sawyers. It was equipped with modern machinery. None of the mill remains.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1041&context=kentucky_county_histories

LARUE COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

EAGLE GRIST MILL ID: KY-062-001 **GLENDALE** Updated: 10/1/1981

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Nonoperational Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location: (F 9) Exit off I-65 at SR 222 (Glendale), go east to Glendale junction, then 5 miles to the mill.

Comments: No information available.

Condition: Site

CHISM MILL STONES ID: KY-062-003 **HODGENVILLE** Updated: 1/9/2023

AKA:
 Type: Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location: (G 10) Adjacent to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site near HODGENVILLE, KY.

Comments: A set of millstones in use as an historical marker. The stones were in use at the Chism Mill & the Howell Mill in the early to mid 1800's. The historical marker states that "these are the only hand-hewn millstones found in this area".

EAGLE MILLS ID: KY-062-005 **HODGENVILLE** Updated: 1/11/2024

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1893

Location: Seven miles west of Hodgenville.

Comments: This grist and flour mill was established in 1893, by James H. Morrison. The post office closed in 1903, but the mill survived under several owners for a number of years.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1237&context=kentucky_county_histories

HAYCRAFT MILL ID: KY-062-006 ELIZABETHTOWN Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1796

Location:

Comments: The first mill recorded in the valley was built in Elizabethtown in 1796, by Thomas Lincoln for Samuel Haycraft.

https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NRHP/64000226_text

HODGEN MILL ID: KY-062-004 HODGENVILLE Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1789

Location:

Comments: In 1788, Robert Hodgen applied to the Nelson County Court in Bardstown for a permit to build a mill "at Gum Spring on Nolynn River." The permit was granted, and the mill was operating in 1789. It was built within the protection of Phillips' Fort. Abraham Lincoln is said to have gone to the mill to play with the Hodgen children.

<https://laruecountyky.gov/county-history-hodgenville>

<https://www.achp.gov/preserve-america/community/hodgenville-kentucky>

MATHERS GRIST MILL ID: KY-062-002 HODGSONVILLE Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.5412 Longitude: -85.7683
 Watersource: S. Fork Nolin River
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: (G 10) Near HODGSONVILLE at intersection of SR 84 and SR 357, near Lincoln birthplace. 2500 Tanner Rd.

Comments: Now a wedding venue in a barn on the property.

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LAUREL COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

MCHARGUES GRIST MILL

ID: KY-063-001

LONDON

Updated: 1/11/2024



AKA:

Type: Replica

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1939

Currently: City Park

Latitude: 37.08408 Longitude: -84.05453

Watersource:

PhotoCredit: R. Kinsey 2010

Location: (H 13) From I-75, exit 38, go east on KY 192 for 2 miles then south on US 25 for 1 mile. Turn left at the traffic light, go 1 mile to the park. Watch for park signs along the route.

Comments: The original mill was built in 1812, on the banks of Lynn Camp Creek in Knox Co. It was believed to be the first water-powered grist and saw mill in southeastern Kentucky. Fortifications were built to protect from the Indians. Conical shaped burrs for grinding corn were imported from France and brought through the Cumberland Gap and over Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road. Three grades of flour were ground plus bran and cornmeal. Wool also was carded. Barns were available for horses, and overnight lodging in the camp house was available for patrons coming from a distance.

<https://millpictures.com/mills.php?millid=2523>

McHargue's Mill is a replica of an early Laurel County mill. It was constructed in 1939 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). There are almost 100 millstones displayed at the mill. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. No admission charge. Address: 998 Levi Jackson Mill Road, London, KY 40741. Photogenic

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Condition: Site

BIG SANDY MILLING COMPANY

ID: KY-064-002

LOUISA

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA: Louisa Supply Company/Louisa Flour & Feed Co./Louisa Milling Company

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.11668 Longitude: -82.60541

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Louisa, on Pike St. between Lock Ave. and the railroad tracks.

Comments: This was a three-story post-and-beam structure with a full basement. The posts were 12-14 inches square. The mill reinforced Louisa's regional status as a trade town. It was demolished by 2014. National Register of Historic Places 1988.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Sandy_Milling_Company

GOLDCAMP MILL

ID: KY-064-001

FALLSBURG

Updated: 1/11/2024

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AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Blaine Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The mill began when a local citizen had the idea to erect a mill to grind Indian corn into meal. The millstones were brought down the Ohio River from Fort Dequane and hauled across the hill by two ox teams pulling an old sled. This was the first mill in the county and was patronized by settlers from all parts of the county. The original mill was remodeled several times. A large flour mill was added, and a new dam was built across Blaine Creek, giving more and better power. A large saw mill was erected, and the village became an important lumber center. The village of Falls of Blaine became today's Fallsburg.

https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1239&context=kentucky_county_histories

LEWIS COUNTY

Condition: Site

CAMMING MILLS

ID: KY-068-004

CONCORD

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: In the early 1800s, Mrs. Camming, a widow, and her seven sons came to the county and located on Bedford farm at the foot of Brush Creek Island. There they had a horse mill. They also built a mill on two flatboats with the water wheel between them. The current of the river ran the mill. The horse mill was later turned into a steam mill which sawed lumber to build several flatboats and steamboats. They also had a flour and saw mill just above the mouth of Sycamore Creek.

http://genealogytrails.com/ken/lewis/history_sycamore_covedale_concord.html

LOVEL SAW MILL

ID: KY-068-002

CONCORD

Updated: 1/11/2024

AKA:

Type: Sawmill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: John Lovel had the first saw mill here. He did a large business, and several houses in Concord got their lumber here. John Taylor succeeded John Lovel, and he was followed by Hon. R.B. Lovel and G . L. Purcell.

http://genealogytrails.com/ken/lewis/history_sycamore_covedale_concord.html

MERCHANT FLOURING MILL

ID: KY-068-003

CONCORD

Updated: 1/11/2024

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Nonoperational
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.53048 Longitude: -84.66375
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2015

Location: (F 12) At Depot & Mill Streets in STANFORD.

Comments: Built in 1881 as Lincoln Mills it struggled to be successful until Purchased by J.H. Baughman in 1892. Joined by his brothers, Jim and John, and brother-in-law, Walter McKinney, it became known as J.H. Baughman & Co. It operated until John Baughman, Jr. Retired in 1969. The mill contains logs from Kentucky's first steam mill, Buffalo Mill, ca. 1848. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 3/29/78. The mill is a three-and-one-half-story brick structure. It has a brick foundation and a full basement plus an attic with lots of space. Its footprint measures 40' x 35'. The eastern/gable end has three bays; the facades running parallel to the ridgeline have four. On the southeast corner is a massive industrial brick chimney.
<https://www.historic-structures.com/ky/stanford/baughmans-mill/>
<https://history.ky.gov/markers/baughman-mill>

Condition: Site

DUDDERER GRIST MILL ID: KY-069-002 STANFORD Updated: 5/15/2021

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.55735 Longitude: -84.59985
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location: (F 12) East of STANFORD on Goshen Road.

Comments: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 4/16/79. No other information available.

LOGAN COUNTY

Condition: Site

BROWNING MILL ID: KY-071-002 COOPERSTOWN Updated: 4/29/2023

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 36.95712 Longitude: -86.87423
 Watersource: Mud River
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

HARRISON'S MILL ID: KY-071-003 ADAIRVILLE Updated: 1/12/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Textile Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built: 1813

Location:

Comments: The Shakers in this community built a fulling mill in 1813, which met the demands for textile finishing in the area. At that time they also had a carding mill which was three years old. By 1860, these had become a full-fledged woolen factory.
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_fac_pub/25/

Condition: Unknown

SHY'S GRIST MILL	ID: KY-071-001	ADAIRVILLE	Updated: 10/1/1981
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AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Unknown
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Red River
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: (J 7) On SR 591 west of Adairsville on Red River.

Comments: No information available.

MADISON COUNTY

Condition: Site

BARNES MILL	ID: KY-076-002	RICHMOND	Updated: 1/12/2024
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AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently: Historical Marker
Latitude: 37.71419 Longitude: -84.38969
Watersource: Silver Creek
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built: 1796

Location: On Barnes Mill Rd., about 8 miles from Richmond.

Comments: The mill was built on Silver Creek by 1796, by a Revolutionary War soldier, Elias Barnes, Sr. It was operated continuously by the same family for over 100 years, passing from Elias, Sr. to Elias Jr., who was a blacksmith. It then went to his son James, a captain in the Mexican War. Other family members operated the mill until about 1913. Only the road remains. Marker 1871 is in place.
<https://history.ky.gov/markers/site-of-barnes-mill>

BOGIE GRIST MILL	ID: KY-076-001	RICHMOND	Updated: 1/12/2024
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1810

Currently:

Latitude: 37.73164 Longitude: -84.4329

Watersource: Silver Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: (F 13) Along Bogie Mill Road 8 miles west of RICHMOND on Silver Creek.

Comments: The mill site is about 120 yards south of the Thomas Bogie House. The mill was built about 1810, and was destroyed sometime between 1892 and 1920. Local legend says that the stones from the mill were used in the grading of Barnes Mill Road. The Bogie brothers Thomas, Andrew, and James, arrived in 1777. They were Scottish immigrants who came to Kentucky via Buckingham County, Virginia. In addition to farming several hundred acres, the Bogies built two mills.

<https://digitalcollections.eku.edu/exhibits/show/rediscovered/rural/andbogie>

<https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/f035f978-c9ef-49ae-960e-1e4aa536d4f2>

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 8/13/76. No other information available.

WEDDLE GRIST MILL

ID: KY-076-004

RICHMOND

Updated: 1/12/2024

AKA: Douglas' Mill/Ogg's Mill/Griggs' Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Muddy Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Near the road from Richmond to Jackson's Ferry.

Comments: George Weddle operated a gristmill and connected distillery beginning in the early to the mid-1800s. For nearly a century it played a prominent role in the local community. The mill produced flour and cornmeal for nearby farmers. A stagecoach stop brought travelers to the tavern to sample the house whiskey. It was destroyed by fire in 1971. Other concerns which operated at the same site included Douglas' Mill, Ogg's Mill, and Griggs' Mill.

<https://www.amazon.com/History-Weddles-Located-Doyleville-Kentucky/dp/1329792106>

ZARING MILL

ID: KY-076-003

RICHMOND

Updated: 1/12/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1892

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Dreaming Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Richmond on the banks of Dreaming Creek.

Comments: J. W. Zaring built the mill in 1892. It was a six-story building previously occupied by Potts Bonanza Mills. His product was named Zaring's Patent, a product widely used by housewives who wanted something a little better than the usual products. Corn and wheat were both ground. The corncobs went into a furnace to generate steam to run the machinery. At Zaring's death in 1917, his son Allen took over. The mill was remodeled four times due to expansion, a fire, and a cave-in. The mill was sold in 1947, and by 1954, the mill had stopped production. The mill was torn down to make for an expanding Kroger complex. At one time the mill also had its own electric plant and operated at night.

<https://madisonsheritage.eku.edu/items/show/729>

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MARION COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

BURK's MILL and DISTILLERY

ID: KY-078-001

LORETTO

Updated: 1/9/2024



AKA: Maker's Mark

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1805

Currently: Other Business

Latitude: 37.64814 Longitude: -85.34883

Watersource: Hardin Creek

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2015

Location: 3350 Burks Spring Rd, Loretto. It is best to start in Bardstown due east from where the Bluegrass Parkway and the Kentucky Turnpike (Interstate 65) cross. Follow Kentucky Route 49 South as it winds through a ridge of sugar-loaf hills known as the Knobs. There are no signs for Maker's Mark along that road, but in Loretto, after you change to Kentucky Route 52 East, there is a small sign three miles out of town directing a left turn into the distillery.

Comments: Aug.5, 1805 – Charles Burks petitioned the Washington County Court for permission to dam Hardin Creek so that he could build a water-powered grist mill. Permission was granted, and the mill was operational by the end of the year. Sometime within the next ten years, Burks began a distillery operation in connection with the grist mill. The limestone walls of this mill are now the support for the present stillhouse. The mill operated continuously as a water-powered grist mill until 1906

March 2, 1896 – William Marcus Burks and sons, Georg R and Roy, incorporated the distilling operation into M.H. Chamberlain & Co. Subsequently it changed hands several times.

1906 - Boiler power replaced the water wheel.

@1935 - Prohibition forced the Burks family to shut down and leave.

1937 – Frank Bickett refurbished the distillery and began producing whiskey.

1951 – The plant was shut down and in 1954 distilling began again. In 1954 bottling of Maker's Mark whiskey began.

[Http://explorekyhistory.ky.gov/items/show/264](http://explorekyhistory.ky.gov/items/show/264)

Condition: Site

Marion002

ID: KY-078-002

LEBANON

Updated: 1/12/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Rolling Fork River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: A mill was once near the old mill dam it was purchased by J. Luther Collins in 1879. His son Abell Collins purchased it in 1909. The Collins family owned the mill for 45 years and constructed the concrete dam. It was sold to Ray Bateman in 1924.

<https://visitlebanonky.com/the-rolling-fork-river/>

MARSHALL COUNTY

Condition: Site

JOHNSTON HORSE MILL

ID: KY-079-001

SHARPE

Updated: 1/12/2024

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Animal
 Built:

Location:

Comments: Sharpe was settled in 1820. Originally it was known as Oakland. The first settler was Absolum Johnston, who operated the first horse mill in the county.
<https://www.marshallcountydaily.com/2018/07/01/western-auto-of-bentons-a-walk-through-history-32/>

MASON COUNTY

Condition: Site

CROSBYS OLD MILL

ID: KY-081-009

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.7145 Longitude: -83.87592
 Watersource: Lick Run
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments:

LIMESTONE MILLS

ID: KY-081-006

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments:

MACKEYS MILL

ID: KY-081-010

DOVER

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.71918 Longitude: -83.87987
 Watersource: Lee Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments:

Mason001

ID: KY-081-001

GERMANTOWN

Updated: 7/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.57487 Longitude: -83.93752

Watersource: N. Fork Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Mason003

ID: KY-081-003

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.68054 Longitude: -83.81542

Watersource: Lawrence Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Mason004

ID: KY-081-004

MORANBURG

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Corn Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.67308 Longitude: -83.81302

Watersource: Lawrence Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Mason007

ID: KY-081-007

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.6883 Longitude: -83.87313

Watersource: Lee Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Mason008

ID: KY-081-008

Updated: 7/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Location: Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Grist Mill			Powered by:	
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 38.69181 Longitude: -83.92858				
	Watersource: Bracken Creek				
	PhotoCredit:				
Mason011	ID: KY-081-011	MURPHYSVILLE		Updated: 7/1/2020	
Location: Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Grist Mill			Powered by:	
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 38.56888 Longitude: -83.86342				
	Watersource: N. Fork Licking River				
	PhotoCredit:				
Mason012	ID: KY-081-012	MURPHYSVILLE		Updated: 7/1/2020	
Location: Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Grist Mill			Powered by:	
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 38.60019 Longitude: -83.90887				
	Watersource: Clarks Run				
	PhotoCredit:				
Mason013	ID: KY-081-013	ORANGEBURG		Updated: 7/1/2020	
Location: Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Grist Mill			Powered by:	
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 38.54582 Longitude: -83.67741				
	Watersource: N. Fork Licking River				
	PhotoCredit:				
Mason014	ID: KY-081-014	ORANGEBURG		Updated: 7/1/2020	

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.5295 Longitude: -83.64546

Watersource: N. Fork Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Mason015

ID: KY-081-015

LEWISBURG

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.55286 Longitude: -83.77221

Watersource: N. Fork Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

MAYSVILLE CITY MILLS

ID: KY-081-005

MAYSVILLE

Updated: 7/1/2020

AKA: Robinson & Co.

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.64418 Longitude: -83.76015

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

MAYSVILLE COTTON MILL

ID: KY-081-016

MAYSVILLE

Updated: 1/12/2024

AKA: January and Wood Company Incorporated

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1834

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: This mill was established in Maysville about 1834, by William Shotwell. It was purchased by William Gosling four years later, and several other owners followed. In 1888, the business was incorporated as the January and Wood Company Incorporated. It ceased operations in 2004. They were known for their high grade cordage, twines, and carpet warp. The Maysville brand of carpet warp, rug yarns, and rug filler were purchased throughout the country. In 1815, Sears first listed Maysville Carpet Warp and Rug Filler in their catalog. Before railroads came to the area, cotton came by steamboat from Memphis and New Orleans. From the time the mill opened in 1834, to its closure in 2004, it closed only for a few months during the Civil War when it could not secure cotton.
<https://maysville-online.com/features/66894/a-look-back-at-january-and-wood-inc-maysville-cotton-mills>

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

TAYLOR MILL

ID: KY-081-002 MAYSVILLE

Updated: 1/12/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.57487 Longitude: -83.73281

Watersource: N. Fork Licking River

PhotoCredit:

Location: Five miles southeast of Maysville where Taylor Mill Road crosses the North Fork of the Licking River.

Comments: There was a water-powered mill here as early as the 1790s. It was later owned by the Taylor family.
<https://www.kyatlas.com/ky-taylors-mill.html>

McCREARY COUNTY

Condition: Ruins

STEPHEN'S GRIST MILL

ID: KY-074-001 PINE KNOT

Updated: 1/12/2024

AKA: CHRIS KING'S MILL

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Ruins

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (J 13) On SR 92 to Daniel Boone National Park, which is 4 miles east of Pine Knot Post Office.

Comments: Standing for over a century, this mill was used on occasion until recently. Original poplar rafters and millstones are still intact. In 1952, new metal 16-foot overshot wheel replaced old wooden one. During the Civil War, Confederates took mill in hopes of finding grain. Similar mills were in most early communities. "Toll" for grinding usually an eighth of the grain.

<https://history.ky.gov/markers/stephens-old-mill>

Marker Number: 1356

The mill has collapsed and is now just a pile of rubble. Because of the bad condition of the road to the mill, it's almost impossible to get to the site by automobile. An historic marker signifies the mill location.

MEADE COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

DOE RUN GRIST MILL

ID: KY-082-003 BRANDENBURG

Updated: 10/1/1981

AKA: LOWER MILL

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (E 9) Near BRANDENBURG on SR 1638 near the Doe Run Valley Development on SR 448.

Comments: It is non-operable. Once a flour mill, but later furnished electricity for the town of Brandenburg. It had a turbine. Last operated in 1938.

DOE RUN MILL

ID: KY-082-002 BRANDENBURG

Updated: 11/4/2023

Society for the Preservation of Old Mills

KENTUCKY MILL LIST



AKA: Stevenson's; Oakland; Upper Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1788

Currently: Private Residence

Latitude: 37.94968 Longitude: -86.12986

Watersource: Doe Run

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2015

Location: (E 9) From Brandenburg, take SR-448 southeast. Stay with 448 when 1638 splits to the left. Turn left on Doe Run Inn Road and go to the end.

Comments: Thomas Lincoln (Abe's brother) was a stone mason who helped build part of the building. The original mill was probably built in 1788, with an addition in 1821. It last operated in 1880.

1788-1790 - Taller part built by Jonathan Essery. Originally known as Stevenson's Mill. It is made of local limestone with timbers that were hand-hewn. The walls are two feet thick. It was built on Doe Run, discovered and named by Squire Boone, brother of Daniel Boone. Originally a textile mill.

1800 - A section was added. Thomas Lincoln (Abe's brother) worked as a stonemason on this part. The mill was seldom profitable due to many competing mills.

1900 - It was being used as a barn.

1901 - Purchased by W.D. Coleman and became the Sulfur Wells Hotel. Tourists came for the health benefits of the sulfur water.

1947 - Leased by the Haycrafts

1958 - Purchased by Curtis and Lucille Brown and renamed the Doe Run Inn.

Dec. 19, 1978 - placed on the National Register of Historic Places

2014 - Closed sometime during this year. Went on the auction block October 2016. Rumor has it that there is a quirky ghost, seen on the stairway and in the dining room, that unties guests' shoes.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doe_Run_Inn

<http://www.americancivilwarforum.com/the-history-of-doe-run-inn-180654.html>

<http://www.wdrb.com/story/33113619/iconic-brandenburg-inn-to-be-auctioned>

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/doe-run-inn-brandenburg>.

Condition: Ruins

PUSEY-COLEMAN GRIST MILL

ID: KY-082-001

MULDRAUGH

Updated: 12/1/1997

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Ruins

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (E 9) In vicinity of MULDRAUGH on Doe Run Creek near junction of US 60-31W and SR 1638. Go northwest 5 to 8 miles.

Comments: Only ruins remain.

Condition: Site

ESSERY MILL

ID: KY-082-007

Updated: 1/13/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Undershot Wheel

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Doe Run

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Doe Run.

Comments: Jonathan Essery built the first corn mill in the county. It ran with an undershot wheel on Doe Run.

[https://www.google.com/maps/place/Otter+Creek/@37.8952979,-](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Otter+Creek/@37.8952979,-86.0996539,12z/data=!3m1!4m6!3m5!1s0x8868d8ae1753bde1:0xf20d991762d6e983!8m2!3d37.8999923!4d-86.0236465!16s%2Fg%2F1v3dsw6f?entry=tту)

[86.0996539,12z/data=!3m1!4m6!3m5!1s0x8868d8ae1753bde1:0xf20d991762d6e983!8m2!3d37.8999923!4d-86.0236465!16s%2Fg%2F1v3dsw6f?entry=tту](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Otter+Creek/@37.8952979,-86.0996539,12z/data=!3m1!4m6!3m5!1s0x8868d8ae1753bde1:0xf20d991762d6e983!8m2!3d37.8999923!4d-86.0236465!16s%2Fg%2F1v3dsw6f?entry=tту)

GARNETT'S MILL

ID: KY-082-005

GARNETTSVILLE

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA: Grable's Mill/J. A. Withers & Son

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1806

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Otter Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Garnettsville, now in Fort Knox.

Comments: This grist and saw mill was established in 1806, by Christopher Grable on land owned by Philip Barbour. Grable may have been a squatter. William Garnett took over the operation in 1812, and about the same time Vertrees became owner of the land. In 1822, Garnett owned the property and ran the mill successfully through the 1830s. By 1842, Garnett was in debt and had to sell the mill. Four years later he regained control of the mill and operated the mill for five more years until 1851, when he sold it to James A. Withers. Withers operated it until his death in 1886. Annual production was listed as 60,000 feet of lumber and 1,000 barrels of meal.

<https://home.army.mil/knox/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-management-division/cultural-resources-management/prehistory-and-history-fort-knox-area>

GRAHAMTON TEXTILE MILL

ID: KY-082-004

GRAHAMTON

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1835

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Otter Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: This was probably the most famous and successful mill in the area. It began in 1835, when Robert Graham & Company bought 175 acres including Brandenburg's Mill (established about 1815) from David Brandenburg. Graham's firm wished to relocate its steam-powered cotton and woolen mill to a better site with water power. The first dam and mill race were made of wood. They were replaced by stone in the early 1850s. The firm grew over the next two decades. It produced a variety of goods which included cotton and wool yarns, linens, cottonades, jeans, and a cloth known as Otter Creek Stripe. It supplied the Army with canvas for tents during the Mexican War. In 1860, 55 employees operated 1,692 spindles and 70 looms. In the middle 1860s, a new stone flour mill was added. Eventually it declined and was converted to a warehouse.

[https://home.army.mil/knox/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-management-](https://home.army.mil/knox/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-management-division/cultural-resources-management/prehistory-and-history-fort-knox-area)

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

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OVERTON MILL ID: KY-082-006 PLAIN DEALING Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Otter Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Plain Dealing, now in Fort Knox.

Comments: John Overton Jr. built the first flour mill on Otter Creek about 1813, and the town of Plain Dealing grew up around it. Isaac W. Overton, nephew of John, became owner of Overton's Mill in 1825. He acquired it from John Fishback, who had a half interest in the mill or mills. Records indicate that it produced flour and meal and sawed lumber. Overton operated the mill until 1842, when he sold it to Samuel P. Sterrett, who had been a former supervisor at Grahamton Mill. Sterrett stopped the sawmilling and added steam power to supplement water power. Between 1869 and 1870, he added the milling of rolled wool to the flour and grist mill activities. He sold the mill to Virgil S. Long in 1884.

<https://home.army.mil/knox/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-management-division/cultural-resources-management/prehistory-and-history-fort-knox-area>

METCALF COUNTY

Condition: Operational

ROGERS GRIST MILL ID: KY-085-001 SUMMER SHADE Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA: BROWN'S MILL

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Operational

Built: 1993

Currently:

Latitude: 36.94823 Longitude: -85.71932

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (H 10) From Glasgow, take KY 90 east 6 miles to KY 1330, Go north on 1330 for 4 miles to KY 640, turn north on 640 and go 1 mile to Wilbur Glass Road. Turn right on Wilbur Glass Road and go 1 mile to Fallen Timbers Farm (1199 Wilbur Glass Road). Mill is in a hidden hollow 200 yards northwest of the house.

Comments: This restored grist mill is located on land owned earlier by surveyor Edmund Rogers. Lumber and parts from old mills were used to restore the mill. The new metal overshot water wheel replaces the original wooden one. The mill is open for events. The ultimate goal is to open a school to teach herbal medicinal plant usage. Mario and Raven Rodgers own the mill.

<https://www.jpinews.com/2022/07/06/rogers-mill-gains-new-life/>

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1109&context=traces_bcgsm

METCALFE COUNTY

Condition: Site

MILLS ON SKAGGS CREEK ID: KY-085-003 Updated: 1/13/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Skagg's Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: Ritter's Mill was the upper mill on Skaggs Creek. It was built in 1812 and was a favorite site for social events. Two of the best known mills were built by Daniel Bowman Ritter. One was built about 1821, the other about 1841.
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1109&context=traces_bcgsn

YOUNG MILL

ID: KY-085-002

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Peter's Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1818

Location: On Peter's Creek.

Comments: The mill was owned by Asa Young and was running as early as 1818. A dam was built on Peter's Creek to provide the water power. Eventually more power was needed, and an additional dam was built on Indian Camp Branch. When Young died in 1865, his son George C. operated the mill. It is believed to have been operating as late as the early 1900s. By 1930, only the mill pond remained.
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1109&context=traces_bcgsn

MONROE COUNTY

Condition: Site

MOORE'S MILL

ID: KY-086-001

THOMPKINSVILLE

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently: Historical Marker
 Latitude: 36.66519 Longitude: -85.6542
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: 3531 KY-163. Marker is on State Highway 163, on the left when traveling south. Located about 3.5 miles south of Tompkinsville.

Comments: In 1874, Phillip Moore purchased a steam saw mill on Meshack Creek from S .A. Moore. Eventually Phillip's son Joel and four grandsons moved the mill near Hestand. In 1929, the expanded lumber mill was one of the first to operate at night using electricity. Grandson George owned the mill from 1941, until he died in 1865. It was razed in 1983. It was an 11 bay, two-story frame building with a tin gable roof, originally used as an industrial mill.
<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=39402>
https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1001&context=hb_mc

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

MONARCH MILL

ID: KY-087-001

MT. STERLING

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently: Other Business

Latitude: 38.05513 Longitude: -83.94132

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Mt. Sterling, on the corner of South Maysville and East Locust.

Comments: The mill was built in the 1880s. In its heyday, it was the center of flourishing activity with farmers bringing their wheat and other grain for processing. In 1892, C.H. Petry and William S. Lloyd owned the business and made products such as Monarch, Crown, and Anchor flour. The Monarch and Crown brands were said to be very popular with housewives. The building was built in the Classic Revival style. It is three stories, brick, and flat-roofed. Before 1940, the brick walls on the south and west sides were stucco with unpainted cement. The entrance to the mill has a double leaf door with a segmentally arched transom. On the south side is a one-story, two-bay building with a flat roof which was the office at one time. This became the engine room in 1908, after a new office was added on Locust Street. The building is now owned by the Montgomery County Extension Service. National Register of Historic Places 1991.

<https://kymconnections.blogspot.com/2019/03/historic-monarch-mill-mt-sterling-ky.html>

Condition: Site

HOWARD'S MILL

ID: KY-087-002

MT. STERLING

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Slate Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Howard's Mill, six miles southeast of Mt. Sterling

Comments: This was an old water mill which was unusually large with a large capacity. It was built and operated by the Howards family, an old and famous mercantile family in the county. The mill site later became the location of the Mount Sterling water works. A mural of the mill and dam was on the wall of the Montgomery Hotel in Mt. Sterling. National Register of Historic Places 1991.

<https://howrap.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.kyatlas.com/ky-howards-mill.html>

MORGAN COUNTY

Condition: Site

COX'S MILL

ID: KY-088-002

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Animal

Condition: Site

Built: 1819

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Blackwater Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Blackwater Creek.

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Comments: The first mill in the county was built by John Cox in 1810. It was driven by horse power. The stones were 20" in diameter and five inches thick. They were brought from the Cumberland Gap on packhorses.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=&httpsredir=1&article=1052&context=kentucky_county_histories

WELLS MILL ID: KY-088-001 **WELLS MILL** Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Water
Condition: Site Built: 1816
Currently: Historical Marker
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource: Licking River
PhotoCredit:

Location: Marker is in Old Mill Park on Riverside Dr. in West Liberty.

Comments: This was the first settlement in the county and was named for Edmund Wells who operated a water mill on the Licking River in 1816. It was sold in 1838, but remained a central landmark for some years.
<https://www.kentucky.gov/government/Pages/AgencyProfile.aspx?Title=Morgan+County>
<https://history.ky.gov/markers/founding-of-morgan-county>

MUHLENBERG COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

J.A. SHAVER GRIST MILL ID: KY-089-001 **GREENVILLE** Updated: 8/1/2000

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Electric
Condition: Nonoperational Built:
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: (G 7) In GREENVILLE. Exact location is not known.

Comments: A mill which switched to using a Midget Marvel system. The mill was known to be in operation in 1916. Mr. Shaver was the sheriff of Muhlenberg County. Condition of the mill today is not known.

Condition: Site

COOKSEY'S MILL ID: KY-089-005 Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by: Overshot Wheel
Condition: Site Built: 1810
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: Alexander McPherson and some of his neighbors built a mill with an overshot wheel about 1810. When Henry Myers became owner he converted the wheel to an undershot wheel. After the Civil War the original building was replaced with a new mill run with a turbine water wheel. Grinding was slow, but the buhrstones crushed the grain without heating and robbing the natural flavor.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1358&context=kentucky_county_histories

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

MARTIN'S WATER MILL	ID: KY-089-002	GREENVILLE	Updated: 1/13/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: Jarrel's Creek PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: On Jarrel's Creek west of Greenville. Comments: William Martin built the first water mill in the county near his home on Jarrel's Creek. A log and mud dam was built across the creek to hills on each side, 150 yards in length. A pond resulted which allowed the mill to run for most of the year. He also constructed a still house and made whiskey. Nothing remains. https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1031&context=muhlenberg_cty_heritage			

STAPLES MILL	ID: KY-089-003	FRIENDSHIP	Updated: 1/13/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Animal Built:			
Location: Near Friendship. Comments: J. B. Staples ran a horse-powered mill which ground wheat and corn. It would take an hour to an hour and a half to grind a bushel of corn. A story is told about a young man who was always hungry and had to wait a long time to get his corn ground. He stood at the meal spout and caught the fresh meal and ate it. A turning lathe and cotton gin were in operation across the road. Nothing of the mill remains. https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1358&context=kentucky_county_histories			

WEIR'S STEAM MILL	ID: KY-089-004	GREENVILLE	Updated: 1/13/2024
AKA: Type: Saw & Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Steam Built: 1848			
Location: North of Greenville on Central City Road Comments: Edward R. Weir established the first steam mill in 1848. It was both a saw mill and a grist mill https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1358&context=kentucky_county_histories			

NELSON COUNTY

Condition: Operational

BARDSTOWN VILLAGE GRIST MILL	ID: KY-090-001	BARDSTOWN	Updated: 1/13/2024
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Reconstruction Powered by: Overshot Wheel
 Condition: Operational Built: 1830
 Currently: Part of a Village
 Latitude: 37.81092 Longitude: -85.46156
 Watersource: Town Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location: (F 10) In BARDSTOWN VILLAGE, a reconstruction of an early Kentucky village at 310 E. Broadway.

Comments: Originally built near Sand Gap and moved pretty much intact in 1980 to Old Bardstown Village. The millstones are only two feet in diameter and water for the overshot wheel is recirculated by an electric pump. The water wheel is completely modern in construction.

[Http://www.rudisphotoworld.com/Stock-Photographs/Southern%20Region/Historic%20Sites/Kentucky/USA-60605.htm](http://www.rudisphotoworld.com/Stock-Photographs/Southern%20Region/Historic%20Sites/Kentucky/USA-60605.htm)

Condition: Site

CHAPLIN MILL

ID: KY-090-005

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.86869 Longitude: -85.23228
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Nelson002

ID: KY-090-002

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.80625 Longitude: -85.50882
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Nelson003

ID: KY-090-003

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill Powered by: Steam
 Condition: Site Built:
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.75946 Longitude: -85.6445
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Nelson004

ID: KY-090-004

Updated: 12/1/2018

Society for the Preservation of Old Mills

KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.74799 Longitude: -85.40488

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Nelson006

ID: KY-090-006

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.98628 Longitude: -85.48409

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

OHIO COUNTY

Condition: Site

REID'S CANE MILL

ID: KY-092-001

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Other

Powered by: Animal

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: R.G. Reid built the first cane mill in the neighborhood. It was made of wood. The rollers were turned by hand and operated by horse power. The crop produced more than 100 gallons of very black and very sweet syrup.
<http://ohiocountykentuckyhistory.blogspot.com/2014/12/>

OWEN COUNTY

Condition: Site

DENNY SAW MILL

ID: KY-094-003

OWEN

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Sawmill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

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Comments: The engineer and another man were fatally wounded when the old engine and boiler blew up.
https://www.nkyviews.com/owen/text/grist_mill_explodes.html

HAMPTON'S SAW & GRIST MILL ID: KY-094-002 CANEY PRECINCT Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
Type: Saw & Grist Mill Powered by: Steam
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county, Caney precinct.

Comments: When an inexperienced hand allowed the water in the boiler to run out and put fresh water into the red-hot boiler, it exploded. Twelve people were hurt, one fatally. It felt like an earthquake.
https://www.nkyviews.com/owen/text/grist_mill_explodes.html

LUSBY'S MILL ID: KY-094-001 LUSBY'S MILL Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Location: Lusby's Mill, unincorporated.

Comments: The mill was originally built by William Jones for the Cobb family. About 1852, it was acquired by John or William Lusby.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusby%27s_Mill,_Kentucky

PENDELTON COUNTY

Condition: Site

Pendelton001 ID: KY-096-001 Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill Powered by:
Condition: Site Built:
Currently:
Latitude: 38.71401 Longitude: -84.26455
Watersource: Kinkade Creek
PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

PENDLETON COUNTY

Condition: Site

BUTLER MILLS ID: KY-096-002 BUTLER Updated: 1/13/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1847

Location:

Comments: Uriah Kendall built a saw and grist mill about 1847, but it did not prosper. The Hon. U.S. Patton built the next one and was very successful in his venture. He sold out to C .C. Hagemeyer & Co. who added buildings, made improvements, and increased capacity. It had the reputation of being one of the most complete combined mills in the state.

<http://www.kykinfolk.com/pendleton/history/butler-history.htm>

CENTENNIAL MILL

ID: KY-096-006

FALMOUTH

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA: Construction Mills

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Bill Hamilton owned and operated the Centennial Mill. About 1890, it was sold to J. L. Rogers and became the Construction Mills. Eventually it sold out to the Falmouth Lumber and Coal Company.

<http://www.kykinfolk.com/pendleton/200-years/200-years6.htm>

FALMOUTH SAW MILL

ID: KY-096-008

FALMOUTH

Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:

Type: Sawmill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: The Falmouth Planing Mill and Lumber company owned a large saw mill across the river in Shoemakertown. It was completely destroyed by fire in 1909. The fire company ran a hose across the river from a plug at the pumping station. With the aid of boats they managed to save some buildings and lumber.

<Http://www.kykinfolk.com/pendleton/200-years/200-years6.htm>

HAGERMEYERS SAW MILL

ID: KY-096-007

BUTLER

Updated: 1/13/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Sawmill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: This mill was operating in the early 1870s. Hagermeyer went to the headwaters of the Licking River, bought logs and floated them down the river to the mill. The logs were caught in a boom, which was made by chaining logs together across the river. The mill was one of the largest in the state.
<http://www.kykinfolk.com/pendleton/200-years/200-years6.htm>

IDEAL ROLLER MILL **ID: KY-096-005** **FALMOUTH** **Updated: 1/13/2024**

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1893

Location:

Comments: The mill began about 1893, under R. B. McDonald. Other owners followed. The capacity of the mill was 125 barrels of flour per day and 100 bushels of corn meal. In 1985, it was owned by Donald Moore. Moore dismantled it and moved into a new building at Second and Chapel Streets.
<Http://www.kykinfolk.com/pendleton/200-years/200-years6.htm>

PENDELTON WOOLEN MILLS **ID: KY-096-003** **FALMOUTH** **Updated: 1/13/2024**

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location:

Comments: Joshua Woodhead established the woolen mill. He obtained machinery from a similar mill in Lowell, Massachusetts. From 1866, to the early 1900s, the Pendleton Woolen Mills made blankets, skirts, jeans, etc. and shipped them worldwide.
https://www.nkyviews.com/pendleton/text/falmouth_walking.html

T. M. SHOEMAKER & CO. SAWMILL **ID: KY-096-004** **FALMOUTH** **Updated: 1/13/2024**

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
 Type: Sawmill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built: 1883

Location:

Comments: This sawmill was established at Falmouth in 1883. It was one of the largest county mills and a capacity of 25,000 feet of lumber daily. The lumber was sold locally and shipped to Chicago and Cincinnati. The mill burned and was not rebuilt.
<http://www.kyinfofolk.com/pendleton/200-years/200-years6.htm>

PERRY COUNTY

Condition: Site

OLD TUNNEL MILL ID: KY-097-001 DWARF Updated: 1/13/2024

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Troublesome Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built:

Location:

Comments: At a horseshoe bend in the creek, two early settlers tunneled through the mountain to get a good water fall for a mill race. They built a saw mill, a carding mill, and a grist mill.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1053&context=kentucky_county_histories=kentucky_county_historie
<https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?arti>

PULASKI COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

HUGHES GRIST MILL ID: KY-100-001 Updated: 10/1/1981

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Nonoperational
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built: 1850

Location: (H 12) In vicinity of SOMERSET on the left about a mile below the point where SR 192 crosses Pittman Creek.

Comments: Once had a turbine. Structure built in 1850. Had vertical 24 inch stones.

PAYNE GRIST MILL ID: KY-100-002 EUBANK Updated: 1/14/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1903

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (G 12) Near EUBANK off SR 1247, near PULASKI.

Comments: Elmer Payne built this mill in 1903. It was three stories high. Rolled oats was the main product. The flour sacks were labeled "Eubank Roller Mills." Fire destroyed the mill in 1989.
<https://kywriting07.wordpress.com/2006/05/16/eubank-kentucky/>
 Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 8/14/84.

Condition: Site

HAIL MILL

ID: KY-100-004

HAIL

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1859

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Buck Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: Thomas Hail petitioned for a mill site in 1859, and received permission to construct a mill dam. He ground wheat and corn into flour and meal at the mill. It operated into the early 20th century.
http://kykinfolk.org/pulaski/fact_book/four.htm1

ROBINSON MILLING COMPANY

ID: KY-100-003

SOMERSET

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA: Somerset Milling Company, Curtis Milling

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (H 12) On South Main Street in SOMERSET.

Comments: This mill was demolished in December, 2023. The city had designated it as a hazard, and it had become known for rat infestation. It was purchased by Charles Stevenson about a decade earlier and was said to have been in a state of disrepair at that time. Until recently it had processed about 2,000 bushels of grain daily. The mill was built in 1904. It was originally known as Curtis Milling until Robinson bought it in 1934.
https://www.somerset-kentucky.com/news/blasting-the-past/article_3fed2128-bf47-5c7a-b47e-b61314ab6c27.html
 Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 8/14/84.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Condition: Site

MITCHELL'S MILL

ID: KY-101-002

Updated: 1/14/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA: Ball's Mill

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: William H. Mitchell bought a tract of land in 1846, which included a mill. It was known as Ball's Mill. Eventually it became Mitchell's Mill.

<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~kyrobert/mitchellsmill>

STEWART FLOURING MILL

ID: KY-101-001

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Flour Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built: 1865

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: In the county.

Comments: Charles Palmer built this mill in 1865, as a machine shop and planing mill. It was not profitable, and he sold out to Davis & Ogburn. They converted it into a flouring mill. It was powered with steam.

<https://www.tngenweb.org/goodspeed/robertson/history.htm>

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY

Condition: Operational

GRIST MILL BAKERY

ID: KY-102-001

RENFRO VALLEY

Updated: 1/14/2024



AKA:

Type: Replica

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Operational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.38617 Longitude: -84.33067

Watersource:

PhotoCredit: R. Kinsey 2010

Location: (G 13) In RENFRO VALLEY, just off I-75, Exit 62 in Crafts Village.

Comments: A bakery which grinds cornmeal in a replica mill with an overshot waterwheel. The wheel is mounted on the bakery for cosmetic purposes. There is a large reflective millpond directly at the rear of the building. "This mill replaced another mill that used to be associated with the barn dance activities from 1937."

<https://millpictures.com/mills.php?millid=1912>

ROWAN COUNTY

Condition: Site

GILL'S MILL

ID: KY-103-001

Updated: 1/14/2024

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Comments: Samuel Criswell Gill built a grist mill. Later he built a water-powered saw mill, which furnished lumber for the area and was a major supplier to the Cincinnati area for over 100 years.
<https://www.rcky.us/community-history/gills-mills>

Updated: 1/14/2024

Location: Morehead, at the junction of US-60 and KY-32 in the northeast section.

Comments: The New York based company built a large saw mill, and the mill town was established in 1873-74. It processed timber shipped from the Cranston area. Five hundred men were employed. There was a band saw upstairs and a circle saw downstairs. It was put up for sale in 1898. The property included: 1400 acres of land, 48 tenement houses, store house, other buildings, all machinery, ten miles of railroad, and three railroad cars. A New York company bought it, but a fire started soon after. It burned the entire town including the saw mill. The man in charge of the mill was arrested.
<https://www.rcky.us/community-history/rodburn7>

RUSSELL COUNTY

Condition: Site

Updated: 1/14/2024

Location: Greasy Creek.

Comments: Around 1900, the Carnes family built a mill to produce flour and meal. It began with buhrstones but converted to steel rollers.
<https://www.myitky.com/history>

Updated: 1/14/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Greasy Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: This mill was begun by English immigrants who were skilled in mechanics and textiles. It was powered by a small overshot water wheel. The dam across the creek was made of hand-hewn timbers joined together with wooden pegs. The dam was damaged during a big flood. It is not known if it was repaired.
<https://www.myjtky.com/history>

PATTERSON & MEADOWS WOOLEN MILL ID: KY-104-003 GREASY CREEK Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Textile Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Greasy Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Greasy Creek.

Comments: This mill was powered by a wooden water wheel, and the dam was built of wood. The dam was carried away by floods but was quickly rebuilt. Patterson and Meadows operated it until 1877, when the Reese family became owners. The textile industry in the county was at its peak production at this time, and a huge 24' overshot water wheel was installed to power the mill's looms. In the early 20th century, Esco Reese installed the first turbine in the county to operate a saw mill. It was a Lefelle-type only 15" in diameter, and people had trouble believing that such a small machine could power huge saws. It was a huge success and could power both the saw mill and the woolen mill at peak production.
<https://www.myjtky.com/history>

THE OLD PAPER MILL ID: KY-104-001 Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Other

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Greasy Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Greasy Creek.

Comments: The first industry to locate here was a pulp paper mill. It began about 1800, and probably operated until 1823. The paper was a durable product. Deeds 200 years old on this paper can be found in the Green County Courthouse (Russell County was part of Green County at that time.) The paper was used locally and was rafted down the Cumberland River to Tennessee and up the Ohio to Pittsburgh.
<https://www.myjtky.com/history>

SCOTT COUNTY

Condition: Operational

WEISENBERGER'S GRIST MILL ID: KY-105-001 MIDWAY Updated: 6/1/2015

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST



AKA: MIDWAY MILL

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Electric

Condition: Operational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.12826 Longitude: -84.6364

Watersource: South Elkhorn Creek

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2015

Location: (E 12) From I-64 go into the town of MIDWAY. From the railroad crossing in town, go 3 blocks to Stephens Street. Turn left, past Midway College, for approx. 3 miles to the mill. Address is 2545 Weisenberger Mill Road.

Comments: 1865 – August Weisenberger emigrated from Baden, Germany and purchased an existing three-story stone mill. His son, Philip, took over the operation and was later joined by his son August later by son Phil. Today Phil's son Mac Weisenberger owns and operates the mill, and his son Philip has joined the family business as well. 1913 – The old mill had become structurally unsound. It was demolished and the stone crushed to make a new concrete building. The water wheel was replaced by a twin-turbine electric generator powered by water from the creek. As more equipment was added, they had to supplement with power from the local utility. @2013 – A \$56,000 grant from the US Dept. of Energy supported the installation of a new, more energy efficient generator, allowing the creek to provide all of the mill's power needs. Equipment in use is still a system of belts and wheels @-1913 This remains a smaller mill, grinding about 1,000 bushels of grain a week. Products in the early years were soft wheat flour and white cornmeal. By the 1940s, In order to meet the demands of customers, they began to offer more products and now offer more than 70 items, including a variety of flours, mixes, and breading blends. Purchases can be made on site, on line. About 80% of their sales now are to restaurants and institutional kitchens. All of its grain comes from within a hundred miles of Midway. It is now part of a larger milling operation. Although most milling is done with electricity, some specialized grinding is done with water. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 1984.

http://www.weisenberger.com/category_s/1592.htm

<http://www.kentucky.com/2013/03/04/2541109/weisenberger-mill-has-been-going.html>

Condition: Site

BRANHAM'S MILL

ID: KY-105-004

STAMPING GROUND

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.23196 Longitude: -84.65442

Watersource: North Elkhorn Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Galloway Road.

Comments: "The former distillery building was the site of a woolen mill in 1864. In 1868, it was turned into a distillery. There were numerous mills in the area. These included a flouring mill on the waters of North Elkhorn, a saw and grist mill located on Lytle's Fork, a woolen mill; a grist mill on South Elkhorn, and a paper mill with a flouring mill attached."

<https://stampinggroundky.gov/history/>

CARLEYS MILLS

ID: KY-105-003

GEORGETOWN

Updated: 3/4/2022

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill Powered by:

Condition: Site Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Elkhorn River

PhotoCredit:

CRAIG MILL ID: KY-105-005 **GEORGETOWN** Updated: 1/14/2024

Comments: Rev. Elijah Craig established a fulling mill in 1793. It produced cordage and rigging for ships.
<https://www.heritagehemptail.com/scottcountyhemp>

CRAIG-JOHNSON GRIST MILL **ID: KY-105-002** **GREAT CROSSING** **Updated: 4/1/2002**

Comments: Site of the mill and dam. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 06/10/75. No other information available.

MODEL MILL ID: KY-105-006 GEORGETOWN Updated: 1/14/2024

Comments: This was Georgetown's last flour mill; it was built in the late 1890s, and ran until 1969. The property where the mill was located first held a paper mill followed by a fulling mill. The flour mill produced Royal Spring brand flour.
<https://sites.rootsweb.com/~kyscoths/imagearc.htm>

SCOTT MILLS ID: KY-105-007 AUBURN Updated: 1/14/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: This was a corn mill built in 1876, by Jack Gordon. It was purchased by A.E. Griffith in 1879, and by 1899, it was producing 200 barrels of flour a day. Many owners followed. In 1940, a diesel engine was installed, and electricity was added in 1948. In 1947, it incorporated as Auburn Mills, Inc. It was still producing white flour and white corn meal along with stock feed in 1974. The firm's labels were Scott's Auburn Leader Flour, Scott's Pearl Meal, Clipper Corn Meal, and Polar Bear Flour. They also packaged in about 30 private brands.
[Http://www.auburnkyusa.com/Scott_Mills.htm](http://www.auburnkyusa.com/Scott_Mills.htm)

SHELBY COUNTY

Condition: Site

BAGDAD ROLLER MILL ID: KY-106-001 **BAGDAD** Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA: R.L. Harrison and Sons
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: The Richmond City Mill Works built the roller mills in 1884. The Bayne Brothers were the first owners through 1908. Other owners followed. In 1914, Peoples Bank foreclosed, following a bad crop the previous year. R.L. Harrison bought the mill and labeled his best grade of flour "White Lily." The mill is still operating and has continued in the Harrison family. Early on the mill supplied corn meal and flour to the surrounding areas. In 1958, it incorporated in order to generate capital to add a feed mill.
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/feedman/2970303932>

SIMPSON COUNTY

Condition: Unknown

PRICE GRIST MILL ID: KY-107-001 **FRANKLIN** Updated: 10/1/1981

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Unknown
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: (J 8) South of FRANKLIN on SR 383 about 8 miles, turn west on SR 591, go 3 miles to the mill.

Comments: No information available.

SPENCER COUNTY

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Condition: Site

GOODWIND MILL

ID: KY-108-002

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.00422 Longitude: -85.21518

Watersource: Salt River

PhotoCredit:

Location: On Salt River.

Comments: In 1827, Thomas Goodwind petitioned the court for permission to build a water grist mill and saw mill on the Salt River. He owned property on one side of the river, and John Shelton owned property on the other side. A panel of 12 people determined that it should be built on Shelton's side, and the sheriff set aside an acre of Shelton's land to be deeded to Goodwind. They determined that Goodwind should pay Shelton one dollar and that the mills would be of great value to the area.

<http://kyinfofolk.com/spencer/Mills/mills.html>

Spencer003

ID: KY-108-003

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.98954 Longitude: -85.29209

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Spencer004

ID: KY-108-004

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.10651 Longitude: -85.43763

Watersource: Plum Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Spencer005

ID: KY-108-005

TAYLORSVILLE

Updated: 12/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.0334 Longitude: -85.35139

Watersource: Brashears Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

VANDYKE GRIST & SAW MILL	ID: KY-108-001	TAYLORSVILLE	Updated: 12/1/2018
AKA: Type: Saw and Gristmill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: 38.09915 Longitude: -85.30559 Watersource: Brashears Creek PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Undershot Wheel Built: 1789			
Location: (G 3) In Spencer County, on Brashears Creek.			
Comments: Built in Virginia in what is now Spencer County, KY, by Elijah and Billy VanDyke, this 4 story log mill housed 4 run of French buhrs, a sawmill and a carding mill. The large mill was powered by an undershot wheel on an 11 foot head of water. The mill operated until 1959, last by C.L. Stout and his descendants for 45 years. This period spanned the entire evolution of flour milling from stone buhrs and hexagon reels to the present modern methods.			

TAYLOR COUNTY

Condition: Site

CAMPBELLSVILLE MILLS	ID: KY-109-001	CAMPBELLSVILLE	Updated: 1/14/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location:			
Comments: By 1892, Campbellsville had a flour mill, a saw mill, and a woolen and carding mill. https://www.campbellsvillemainstreet.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Campbellsville-Taylor-County-Historic-Sites-Booklet.pdf			

SCOTT PAPER MILL	ID: KY-109-002		Updated: 1/14/2024
AKA: Type: Grist Mill Condition: Site Currently: Latitude: Longitude: Watersource: PhotoCredit:			
Powered by: Built:			
Location: Taylor Mill.			
Comments: The Scott Paper Mill was established in 1869, by Thomas Meagher. It rapidly became a major manufacturer of paper products, and the town became a hub for the paper industry. It has ceased operations, but its impact is still felt. https://www.tfdsupplies.com/blogs/local-historical-events/7-pieces-of-history-near-taylor-mill-ky			

TODD COUNTY

Condition: Site

BRADSHAW MILL	ID: KY-110-003		Updated: 1/14/2024
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location: In the county.

Comments: The old Bradshaw Mill not only was a mill where grain was ground but was also a carding mill where settlers brought their wool.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1293&context=kentucky_county_histories

CARSON'S MILL

ID: KY-110-001

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Water
Built:

Location: In the county.

Comments: John Carson built the first and only water mill in the county. It had one pair of stones, and the flour was bolted by hand. It was said to be doing a brisk business, as "when it got one grain smashed it immediately attacked another."
https://kentuckygenealogy.org/todd/todd_county_kentucky_pioneers.htm

DAMON MILL

ID: KY-110-002

ELKTON

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
Built:

Location:

Comments: Thomas Garvin, possible the first citizen of Elkton, ran a mill for some years. George Lewis later owned it, and it was from him that the Damons bought it in the 1880s.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1293&context=kentucky_county_histories

TRIGG COUNTY

Condition: Operational

CADIZ FEED MILL

ID: KY-111-001

CADIZ

Updated: 7/1/1997

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AKA:
 Type: Feed Mill
 Condition: Operational
 Currently: Feed Mill
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1911

Location: On Hwy 68, 5 miles east of CADIZ.

Comments: The original mill, built in 1870, was located at the west city limits, across the river. This mill was removed in 1960 when Barkley Lake was created. The new mill, which is now a feed mill, was built to replace the original mill. Owner is H.S. White.

Condition: Site

JEFFERSON & JONES FLOUR MILL

ID: KY-111-006

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Little River
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built: 1819

Location: Cadiz Precinct.

Comments: The earliest mill here was a small combination saw and grist mill built in 1819, by Levi Harland and John P. Wilkinson. It was made of logs and did a good business for several years. Mr. Stewart bought it and built a frame flouring mill. This was replaced by Jefferson & Jones.
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/trigg/history/chap6.html>

MUDDY FORK MILL

ID: KY-111-007

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Muddy Fork
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:

Built:

Location: On Muddy Fork.

Comments: Alexander & Wimberly built a small mill on Muddy Fork as early as 1842. They did a thriving business grinding grain and sawing lumber. It operated until about 1866. The last owner was Mm. A. Smith.
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/trigg/history/chap6.html>

OGLE MILL

ID: KY-111-002

Updated: 1/14/2024

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AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Little River
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Water
 Built: 1826

Location: On Little River.

Comments: Jesse Ogle built a small water mill near the mouth of Potts Creek on Little River about 1826. It operated until about 1836, when most of the building was washed away by a freshet.
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/trigg/history/chap9.html>

SHARP MILL

ID: KY-111-003

CALEDONIA VILLAGE

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA: Peal Mill
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Sinking Fork
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by:
 Built: 1855

Location: Near Caledonia Village.

Comments: About 1855, S.P. Sharp built a flour mill on Sinking Fork. It had several owners and many improvements were made through the years. It became known as Peal Mill.
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/trigg/history/chap9.html>

THEDFORD HORSE MILL

ID: KY-111-004

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Animal
 Built:

Location: In the county.

Comments: By 1798, a man named Thedford had built a rudely constructed horse mill near the site of Trigg Furnace.
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/trigg/history/chap9.html>

WILFORD & BRO. FLOURING MILL

ID: KY-111-005

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: Longitude:
 Watersource: Little River
 PhotoCredit:

Powered by: Waterwheel
 Built:

Location: Cadiz Precinct.

Comments: Robert and Isaac Wilford built a mill powered by a water wheel on Little River near the present Howard Anderson Bridge. They were among the county's wealthiest people. Previously, about 1822, Robert Baker had built a saw and grist mill here. It stood until 1869, when Jones & Gatewood tore it down and began to build a large one but

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could not finish it. The Wilford brothers finished it and made it the largest and best mill in the county. It was a frame building, 40' x 50', four stories high, and could produce 80 barrels of flour daily.
https://www.kentuckynewera.com/cadiz_record/opinion/article_e41dfeb7-8d79-5f58-ae17-9ddb524edb9d.html
<https://www.westernkyhistory.org/trigg/history/chap6.html>

UNION COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

EXCHANGE GRIST MILL	ID: KY-113-001	UNION	Updated: 8/1/2000
AKA: WALLACE & WYNNS MILL			
Type: Grist Mill		Powered by:	
Condition: Nonoperational		Built:	
Currently:			
Latitude:	Longitude:		
Watersource:			
PhotoCredit:			
Location: (F 5) In the town of STURGIS. Exact location is not known.			
Comments: The mill was known to be using a Midget Marvel system in 1916. Today's condition is not known.			

Condition: Site

GRAINGER MILL	ID: KY-113-008	GRAINGERTOWN	Updated: 1/14/2024
AKA:			
Type: Saw & Grist Mill		Powered by:	
Condition: Site		Built: 1844	
Currently:			
Latitude:	Longitude:		
Watersource:			
PhotoCredit:			
Location:			
Comments: An old grist and saw mill built by Andrew M. Grainger in 1844, operated until an explosion destroyed it. https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1299&context=kentucky_county_histories			

J.W. LINDLE MILL	ID: KY-113-003	Updated: 7/1/2020
AKA:		
Type: Grist Mill		Powered by:
Condition: Site		Built:
Currently:		
Latitude: 37.52062	Longitude: -87.94977	
Watersource:		
PhotoCredit:		
Location:		
Comments: Distillery.		

Union002	ID: KY-113-002	Updated: 7/1/2020
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

Location: Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Saw & Grist Mill				Powered by: Steam
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 37.56539 Longitude: -88.07252				
	Watersource:				
	PhotoCredit:				
Union004	ID: KY-113-004				Updated: 7/1/2020
Location: McElroy & Townsend Streets. Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Grist Mill				Powered by: Steam
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 37.68672 Longitude: -87.91835				
	Watersource:				
	PhotoCredit:				
Union005	ID: KY-113-005	WAVERLY			Updated: 7/1/2020
Location: Comments:	AKA: Greenwell & Kersey				
	Type: Grist Mill				Powered by: Steam
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 37.70682 Longitude: -87.81636				
	Watersource:				
	PhotoCredit:				
UNION007	ID: KY-113-007	CASEYVILLE			Updated: 7/1/2020
Location: Comments:	AKA:				
	Type: Grist Mill				Powered by:
	Condition: Site				Built:
	Currently:				
	Latitude: 37.5433 Longitude: -87.99956				
	Watersource:				
	PhotoCredit:				
UNIONTOWN MILLS	ID: KY-113-006	UNIONTOWN			Updated: 7/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.77019 Longitude: -87.93796

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

WAVERLY MILL

ID: KY-113-009

WAVERLY

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments: When E.A. and D. O. Byrne planned to ship a steam-powered flour and corn mill from St. Mary's to their father's farm at Highland Church, a group of Waverly citizens raised a thousand dollars to pay them to locate the mill in Waverly. In 1874, it converted into a distillery but went into bankruptcy after making 50 barrels of apple brandy. It was again used as a distillery some time later and again went bankrupt after about 1000 barrels of whisky. It was sold again and the machinery moved to the Kelsey and Cromwell Mill in Morganfield.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1299&context=kentucky_county_histories

WARREN COUNTY

Condition: Site

MADISON'S MILL

ID: KY-114-002

DRAKE

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource: Drake's Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: Drake on Drake's Creek.

Comments: John Sales Campbell built the mill in the 1830s or 1840s, for Joel R. Alcock. A dam was also built across the creek.
<https://www.tngenweb.org/robertson/family/familyrowj.html>

ROW'S MILL

ID: KY-114-001

Updated: 1/14/2024

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AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built: 1845

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: Southern Warren County.

Comments: John L. Row located in the south part of the county in 1845, and built the first horse mill. Later he built a steam mill on the Barren River near Bowling Green. In 1854, he built what is now Sweeney & Potter's Mill on Drake's Creek. In 1874, he built a large grist mill on land three miles south of Bowling Green and continued to operate it.
<https://www.tngenweb.org/robertson/family/familyrowj.html>

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Condition: Ruins

BERRY MILL

ID: KY-115-002

LITSY

Updated: 8/1/2018

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Ruins

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.77148 Longitude: -85.1895

Watersource: Little Beech Fork of Salt River

PhotoCredit:

Location: Along Berry Mill Road.

Comments: The man who started the mill did it on 1 acre of ground and he had a store there too. His mill was 1st called Berry Mill. Then it became known as the Vanarsdell Mill.
https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1139&context=rennick_ms_collection
 Berry Mill on Beech Fork which (dates to 1818.
https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NRHP/64000261_text

Condition: Site

S. F. TURNER STEAM FLOURING AND GRIST

ID: KY-115-001

SPRINGFIELD

Updated: 1/14/2024

AKA: MONTGOMERY & SMITH MILL & GRAIN

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently: Other Business

Latitude: 37.68827 Longitude: -85.22953

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (F 11) In SPRINGFIELD at 400 West Main Street. Blue Grass Dairy and Food is either on the location or near it.

Comments: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 2/10/89. No other information available.
<http://landmarkhunter.com/125714-s-turner-and-company-steam-flouring-and-grist-mill>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Washington_County,_Kentucky
 Site of the S.F. Turner and Company Steam Flouring and Grist Mill, which was formerly located at 400 W. Main Street (Kentucky Route 152 in Springfield, Kentucky, United States. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989, it has since been destroyed, but it has not yet been removed from the Register.
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Turner_mill_site_in_Springfield.jpg

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

WAYNE COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

GLUFORD GRIST MILL ID: KY-116-003 MONTICELLO Updated: 11/1/1997

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Turbine

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1932

Currently:

Latitude: Longitude:

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location: (H 12) Near MONTICELLO, south of SR 90 along Otter Creek, east of SR 200.

Comments: Not operating. It had a turbine and stone grinding was done until customers demanded bolted meal. Last operated in 1945.

Condition: Operational

MILL SPRINGS GRIST MILL ID: KY-116-001 MONTICELLO Updated: 11/4/2023

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Overshot Wheel

Condition: Operational

Built:

Currently: Public Park

Latitude: 36.93408 Longitude: -84.7787

Watersource: Springs

PhotoCredit:

Location: (H 12) In Mill Springs Park. From Touristville take Hwy 1275 northwest for 1.2 mi. Turn right 174 ft.

Comments: The first mill on this site was built in 1817, by Charles, John, and James Metcalf. It had 48" French buhrstones for grinding wheat and corn. It was destroyed by fire in 1824, and rebuilt. Then came the Battle of Mill Springs, which was fought in this area in 1862. The mill was replaced with the current mill in 1877, by Lloyd Lanier. It is a three-story frame building plus basement, 40' square, and supported by large stone columns. At the time a 28' wooden wheel was installed. In 1885, J.S. Jones and Company modernized the mill with new machines and steel rollers. In 1907, it was sold to Bolan E. Roberts, who operated it as Diamond Roller Mills. A year later the wheel was replaced with one 40' high and three feet wide. The wheel was powered by numerous natural springs. In 1949, the federal government acquired the mill as part of the Lake Cumberland project. The mill was restored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1976. There is also a small granary, now used as a gift shop. The site is open seasonally on weekends for visitors to tour and see corn being ground. National Register of Historic Places 1973.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mill_Springs_Mill#

<https://www.waynecountykentuckyhistoricalsociety.org/historical-wayne-county/>

<https://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/about-us/our-history/mill-springs-park/>

Condition: Ruins

HURTS GRIST MILL ID: KY-116-002 MT. PISGAH Updated: 1/14/2024

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA: ADKINS-HURT MILL

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Ruins

Built: 1836

Currently:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Watersource: Little South Fork of the Cumberland River.

PhotoCredit:

Location: (J 12) South MONTICELLO, at MOUNT PISGAH, on Route 167, on the little south fork of the Cumberland River.

Comments: Benjamin Adkins, Sr., an early settler in the county, built this mill in 1836.

It is surrounded by mountains and is the last known surviving log mill in Kentucky.

It remains in good condition. (this was 1977) It is rectangular in structure, two stories high, and is built of large, square-hewn poplar logs with rifle slits on two levels. It is powered with a turbine which is within the mill. The foundation is of cut, undressed limestone which was dry-laid. One corner stone has been replaced with a mill stone which Adkins used when he operated the mill. National Register of Historic Places 1977.

<https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/53f90dff-7669-48cb-afba-442aaa8906ca>

WOODFORD COUNTY

Condition: Nonoperational

GUYN'S GRIST MILL

ID: KY-120-002

TROY

Updated: 6/1/2009



AKA: PAJNA CO.

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by: Steam

Condition: Nonoperational

Built: 1860

Currently: Other Business

Latitude: 37.90114 Longitude: -84.70967

Watersource: S. Fork Clear Creek

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2009

Location: (E 12) Take SR-33 southeast out of Versailles. Once it has made a sharp turn to the southwest, watch for Pauls Mill Road on the right/west, then ¼ mile to Paul's Mill. (Adjacent to KY-120-001).

Comments: Built circa 1850-1870 by William Rankin Guyn (1839-1927). It was strategically positioned along the early trade routes that ran among Lexington, Mundy's Landing, and Harrodsburg. William first built a sawmill, later a grist mill and blacksmith shop and operated them with his brother Moses. Together with the Paul's Mill and an inn run by other neighbors, the Blacks, this became a bustling small community. William's children took over operation of the mill, a general store and other family businesses. Operated until 1920. Much of the equipment remained in 1983. Description: 2.5 stories clapboard plus attic 40' X 30' Massive tenoned beams, circular sawn rafters and joists, Stone foundation of ashlar cut Kentucky limestone with stone piers, gable roof, remnant of a small rock dam downstream. Sign says restoration in progress but no evidence of activity. This mill is said to be haunted. Sometimes some see an apparition of an old man to the left, and to the right some say a little girl on a swing can be seen. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places August, 1983

<http://kybackroads.blogspot.com/2008/11/guyns-millwoodford-county.html>

<https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/4f3bba39-d205-46b7-91b8-947acc48530d>

HOPE MILLS

ID: KY-120-006

VERSAILLES

Updated: 10/1/2005

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST



AKA:

Type: Roller Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.05444 Longitude: -84.73074

Watersource:

PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2005

Location: On Green Street just west of Main Street in Versailles.

Comments: An abandoned flour mill in Versailles, On the front, faintly printed, one can read: Roller Mills – Grain – Hay. An article published before 1922 says this mill “does Versailles credit . . . Known favorably in the state for 25 years and especially the last 10 under present proprietor . . .”. Superior equipment and warehouses. Sells flour to the best class of merchants all over Kentucky. Best grades of Hope Mills flour, often winning over other first-class brands. “Hope Mills flour is made “on honor.” Cain & Rout are able to say that during all of their ownership of the mills (including the trying times for millers a few years ago when many mills were adulterating flour), they have never made or sent out a single pound of flour that was not absolutely pure.” Capacity of 200 barrels per day. Cain and Rout, owners, also owned a valuable wheat elevator at the edge of town
<http://www.stithvalley.com/ancestry/cain/jandrew/hopemill.htm>

PAUL’S MILL

ID: KY-120-007

VERSAILLES

Updated: 6/1/2009

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Nonoperational

Built:

Currently: Private Residence

Latitude: 37.9052 Longitude: -84.71158

Watersource: E. Fork Clear Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location: 473 Pauls Mill Road. Take SR-33 southeast out of Versailles. Once it has made a sharp turn to the southwest, watch for Pauls Mill Road on the right/west. Follow along the river to the mill on the left behind an iron gate.

Comments: 2 story stone, gable roof; Mill pond and dam, park-like grounds, swans on the pond. John Paul purchased 300 acres in 1813 from prominent Lexingtonians. The mill may already have been there at that time as the stone construction and wooden machinery that are still in evidence today appear to predate 1813. There were also outbuildings that included brick slave quarters, two stone foundation barns, a log corn crib with covered wagon stand, and a distillery. The Guyns, neighbors, also had a wood mill, and other neighbors, the Blacks, used their home as an inn, Black's Station, to accommodate people bringing wood, flour and corn to the mills. Together, the families created a thriving community that enhanced the local agricultural and industrial economies for over 100 years. Four generations of the Paul family owned this property, the last one selling the property in the early 1900s. The Connecticut native Mrs. Rupert Porter purchased the property around 1960, renamed it Valhalla, and initiated an extensive project on many of the buildings and the bridge crossing over Clear Creek onto the property. In the 1980's Dr. Herman and Elizabeth Playforth developed a portion of the farm to accommodate their fox-hunters. Most recently Ben and Elaine Walden have made extensive renovations to suit the farm's new purpose the raising of exceptional Thoroughbred racehorses. The name Pauls Mill has been restored. The mill house is again the center of a bustling economy as it serves as the farm's office. The gears for the old mill wheel sit side by side with today's computer technology. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places 1980.
<http://www.paulsmill.com/>

Condition: Ruins

GUYN'S SAW MILL

ID: KY-120-001

TROY

Updated: 6/1/1996

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

	AKA:		
	Type: Saw Mill	Powered by:	
	Condition: Ruins		Built:
	Currently:		
	Latitude:	Longitude:	
	Watersource:		
	PhotoCredit:		
Location:	(E 12) Within Guyn's Mill Historic district, and adjacent to (KY-120-002) At Mundy's Landing & Paul's Mill road, 2 1/2 miles northwest of South Elkhorn Creek on the Lexington-Harrodsburg Pike.		
Comments:	Not much remains. Billed as KY oldest mill and was exhibited at the 1892 Chicago World's Fair. However, Craig's Mill and Higbee's Mill may be older. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 1983.		

Condition: Site

FISHER'S GRIST MILL	ID: KY-120-005	MIDWAY	Updated: 1/6/2024
	AKA:		
	Type: Grist Mill	Powered by:	
	Condition: Site		Built:
	Currently:		
	Latitude:	Longitude:	
	Watersource:		
	PhotoCredit:		
Location:	(E 12) Off US 421, near MIDWAY.		
Comments:	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 6/23/83. Refers to stone house not the mill.		

GLENNS CREEK MILLS	ID: KY-120-016	MILLVOLLE	Updated: 1/14/2024
	AKA:		
	Type: Grist Mill	Powered by:	
	Condition: Site		Built:
	Currently:		
	Latitude:	Longitude:	
	Watersource: Glenns Creek		
	PhotoCredit:		
Location:			
Comments:	Roderick Perry and Isaac Miles petitioned the county for permission to build mills in 1819. They built their mills on the east side of Glenns Creek about a mile apart. In 1830, Randolph Darnell built a third saw and grist mill half a mile south of Miles' Mill. Samuel, son of Isaac Miles, succeeded his father and formed a partnership with an Englishman named Gorbut. Together they added a woolen factory, wagon shop, blacksmith shop and general store to the grist and saw mill. Samuel's son John succeeded his father and ran the mill until 1873. He then moved to Frankfort and built an elevator and mill. The old Miles Mill was put up for sale. All three mills on Glenn's Creek were gone by 1901. https://www.vafweb.org/resources/Documents/1990%20Lexington,%20Kentucky%20modified.pdf		

MORTONSVILLE GRIST MILL	ID: KY-120-004	SALVISA	Updated: 6/1/2015
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KENTUCKY MILL LIST



AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 37.97126 Longitude: -84.75684
 Watersource:
 PhotoCredit: C. Cook-Fuller 2015

Location: (E 12) From Versailles take KY-33 S for 4.8 miles. Turn right onto Delaney Ferry Rd. 2.1 mi. Then left onto Boots Gregory Rd. The miller's house is on the left.

Comments: Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 6/23/83. No other information available.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Woodford_County,_Kentucky

Woodford008

ID: KY-120-008

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.13694 Longitude: -84.82274
 Watersource: Glens Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford009

ID: KY-120-009

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.1236 Longitude: -84.82557
 Watersource: Glens Creek
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford010

ID: KY-120-010

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:
 Type: Saw & Grist Mill
 Condition: Site
 Currently:
 Latitude: 38.01625 Longitude: -84.81939
 Watersource: Grier Run
 PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford011

ID: KY-120-011

Updated: 5/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 38.01294 Longitude: -84.80162

Watersource: Grier Run

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford012

ID: KY-120-012

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA: Wilson & Co.

Type: Saw & Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.9471 Longitude: -84.81885

Watersource:

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford013

ID: KY-120-013

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA: Hill & Moseby

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.94352 Longitude: -84.76882

Watersource: Clear Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford014

ID: KY-120-014

Updated: 5/1/2020

AKA:

Type: Grist Mill

Powered by:

Condition: Site

Built:

Currently:

Latitude: 37.9478 Longitude: -84.69998

Watersource: N. Fork Clear Creek

PhotoCredit:

Location:

Comments:

Woodford015

ID: KY-120-015

Updated: 5/1/2020

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KENTUCKY MILL LIST

AKA:
Type: Grist Mill
Condition: Site
Currently:
Latitude: 38.09525 Longitude: -84.80072
Watersource: Glens Run
PhotoCredit:
Powered by:
Built:

Location:
Comments:

Condition: Unknown

MCCRACKIN DISTILLERY/MILL **ID: KY-120-003** **TYRONE** **Updated: 6/1/1996**

AKA:
Type: Other
Condition: Unknown
Currently:
Latitude: Longitude:
Watersource:
PhotoCredit:
Powered by:
Built: 1789

Location: (E 12) On SR 1659 near TYRONE. No other location available.

Comments: The mill was built in 1789, by Cyrus McCracken, Jr. The mill operated with water power diverted from the creek through a mill race. After a time the sawmill became a gristmill and later was converted into a distillery. National Register of Historic Places 1983.
<https://www.facebook.com/201632573236822/posts/the-mccracken-millas-soon-as-you-round-the-bend-you-see-the-house-with-the-massi/1831305363602860/>

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