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1536 Dairy Road
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Mr. J. Edwin Smith
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Re: Whitlock's Mill
Mineral, Va.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I have been unable to find any authentic records concerning the origin of the Whitlock Mill. It is said that the mill pond and the mill race were constructed by slaves which would put the date some time before or during the war between the states.

The first property transfer I have found so far was the sale of this property by Anthony and Mary Gholston to John Hancock on September 8, 1777 for the sum of "Fifty Pounds current money of Virginia". Location, "Trinity Parish and County of Louisa".

I did not locate the transfer from John Hancock to H. P. Hancock, perhaps father and son.

On September 25, 1886 my grandfather, John H. Whitlock, bought the property then known as Hancock's Mill from H. P. Hancock and Georgia K. Hancock. I have no way of determining whether one of these Hancocks started the mill, or if it might have been started before 1777 by the Gholstons, or earlier. When purchasing the property in 1886 grandfather changed the name from Hancock's Mill to Whitlock's Mill. He operated the mill from this time until his death in 1914, or so we think. Thomas Barton John Payne, Robert J. Payne and ~~KWIX~~ Butler were millers at one time or another during this period.

We have no knowledge of the mill having been operated between 1914 and 1921 when it was sold by grandfather's heirs (Mrs. S. J. Whitlock, widow, et al) to Mrs. M. L. Cooper. It is reported that the Coopers restored and operated the mill for a few years before selling it to Z. P. Miller of Charlottesville. The mill has not been operated since owned by the Coopers.

On October 25, 1934 Mr. Miller sold to H. G. Clark of Charlottesville.

In 1935 or 1936 W. G. and Kay C. Fisher bought the property from H. G. Clarke. It remains in the Fisher family to date.

Should I obtain any more information concerning the above I will forward same to you.

Sincerely,

Kay C. Fisher
Mrs. Kay C. Fisher

LAND TRANSFERS OF WHITLOCK'S MILL PROPERTY

Sept. 8, 1777 Anthony & Mary Gholston to John Hancock

John Hancock to H. P. Hancock

Sept. 25, 1886 H. P. and Georgie K. Hancock to John H. Whitlock

Sept. 1921 Mrs. S. J. Whitlock (widow of John H. Whitlock)
et al to Mrs. M. L. Cooper

Mrs. M. L. Cooper to Z. P. Miller

Oct. 25, 1934 Z. P. Miller to H. G. Clarke

c 1935 H. G. Clarke to W. G. & May C. Fisher

1975 Presently owned by the Fisher family