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<b>NOTE</b>	Location: .5 mile south of Dumfries off Rt. 629.
<b>NOTE</b>	Primary owners: Burr Harrison, John Graham, George Deneal, Francis Dunnington, Frank Wheat
<b>NOTE</b>	Also known as: Graham's Mill
<b>NOTE</b>	Only the walls, wheel and a millstone remain. The mill ceased operations about 1900. James Deneal was a vestryman at Pohick and Quantico churches.
<b>NOTE</b>	Includes transcription of James Deneal's transfer of power of attorney to George Deneal for his threshing machine and perpetual oven inventions.
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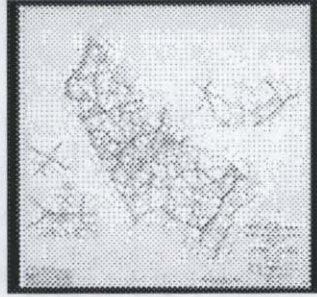
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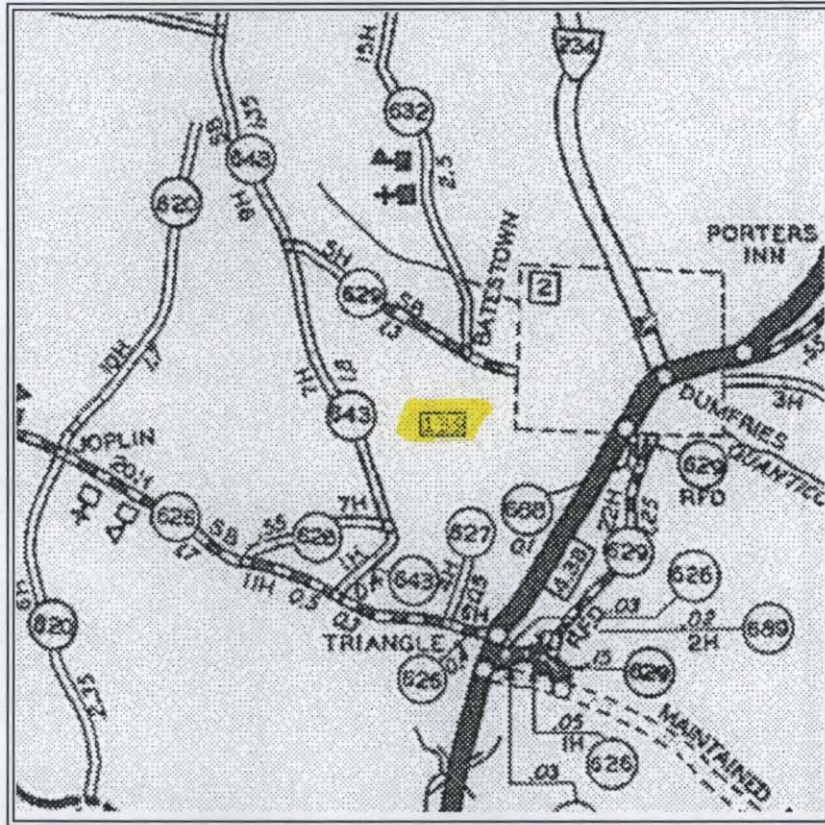
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--- DENEAL'S MILL SITE ---

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Research made by  
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Haymarket, Virginia.

October 15, 1937.

1. SUBJECT:

Deneal's Mill Site.

2. LOCATION:

To the south of Route #629, half a mile from Dumfries, Virginia.

3. DATE:

Before 1780.

4. OWNERS:

First tract, estate of Burr Harrison, part of nine acres conveyed to Burr Harrison by John Graham, once known as the "Saw Mill Tract" Harrison estate to James and George Deneal, 1793.  
Deneal to Timothy Brundidge, 1806.  
James Davis, Special Commissioner, to James Bohannon, 1876.  
Now owned by J. R. King.

Second tract: Hugh Devoir, 1779.

Luke Cannon, 1792.

James and George Deneal, 1815.

Francis Dunnington, 1826.

Frank Wheat et als, 1877.

This tract is still owned by the Wheat family, but is locally known as "Deneal's Mill Tract."

5. DESCRIPTION:

There is nothing left but the walls, a part of which have been hauled away for building purposes, and the broken wheel, and one large mill stone. The road bed has been changed in the last few years and it is quite easy to walk right past the ruins without noticing them. The creek is very shallow here now and the old dam is almost entirely taken away.

The upper mill, which is still called Deneal's Mill, is a little less than an eighth of a mile from the lower mill which was last operated by the Wheats. There is nothing left of that but a few stones hidden by the thick undergrowth.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

It is hard to realize, looking at these ruins, by the meagre stream of water, that here once centered so much of the busy life of the town.

Old maps show the upper mill as "Graham's Mill" and the map of 1820 show it as "Deneal's Mill". It has been over thirty years since the last meal was ground here, the miller at that time being a man named Mitchell who was killed there one night by his clothing catching in some of the machinery. After that time it rapidly fell into ruins. It has also been about the same length of time since the lower mill was in operation.

The water is so low that the rocks in the creek (Quantico) bottom are exposed, worn smooth as sea pebbles by the once swift water. There is a great deal of green carbonate in the rocks and it makes them look lovely.

The Bohannon who ran the mill for a number of years was quite a character and was the grandson of John Bohannon who had a mill some distance from this in the middle of the eighteenth century.

James Deneal was one of the vestrymen at Pohick Church and later at Quantico Church. He was prominent in the affairs of the community. The following extract seemed to be of interest:

"Know all men by these presents, that I, James Deneal of the town of Dumfries and state of Virginia, do make, ordain, contribute and appoint my brother, George Deneal of the town of Alexandria, my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name to sell all my right and interest and title in the inventions of mine and for which I have received an exclusive privilege from the General Government, To wit a machine for the threshing of grain, also a machine for baking all kinds of bread, called and known by the name of the Perpetual Oven, ratifying, conforming such sales, made by the said attorney, in testimony whereof I have affixed this seal, the sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and six.

James Deneal, (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence of  
John Sinclair  
James James  
James Deneal  
At a court held for Prince William County.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mr. Walter Keys, Dumfries, Virginia.  
Mrs. Richard Wheat, Dumfries, Virginia.  
Mr. Charles Callahan, Alexandria, Virginia.

Court Records, Prince William County, Virginia.

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