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Sleepy Occoquan still attracts visitors to its waterfront street

Photos: News photos by Joe Purshy

If Ellicott could see it...

Reporter 'Interviews' early Occoquan resident

By CYNTHIA KUHN
 The town of Occoquan, Va., was specifically arranged for the historical year of 1976. Interviewed by Potomac News, the early Occoquan resident, John Ellicott, who was instrumental in the town's development, said that during its formative years, Occoquan was a tobacco town. He said that the town's major industry was tobacco, and that the town's major employer was the John Ballentine who initially came to Occoquan in 1794. He said that the town's major developer was John Ballentine, who had a mill in Occoquan. He said that the town's major industry was tobacco, and that the town's major employer was the John Ballentine who initially came to Occoquan in 1794. He said that the town's major developer was John Ballentine, who had a mill in Occoquan.



Warehouse built by John Ballentine in 1794. The building was destroyed by fire during the Civil War. The site is now occupied by the Washington Mill.

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