

MILL BRANCH (trib. of Occoquan Creek)

33. PRIEST'S MILL (PEAK'S OR PEAKE'S MILL)

Built before 1735 and acquired then by John Peake. Merchant flour mill, operated until early 1900's. Destroyed before 1930's. Was s.w. of Ravenwood.

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OGCOQUAN CREEK (River, Run)

34. COUNTRY MILL (JANNEY'S MILL)

Built c. 1757 by John Ballendine. There were 2 mills previously on this tract which Ballendine acquired from Valentine Peyton in 1755. Merchant flour mill later owned by Janney family. Stood until 1890. At Occoquan.

35. MERCHANTS' MILL

Built c. 1759 by John Ballendine. Passed to John Semple, then Nathaniel Ellicott, then E. & A. Janney. Merchant flour mill. Owned jointly by merchants of Alexandria and Dumfries, hence its name. One of first mills in U. S. to have installed "automated flour mill" patented by Oliver Evans of Philadelphia, which was perfected in 1795. Burned in 1924. Just west of Country Mill.

36. COTTON MILL

Built 1828, bought by Occoquan Mfg. Co. 1837. Cotton textile mill, one of first in South. Burned during Civil War (1864?).

37. IRON FOUNDRY

Built c. 1755 by John Ballendine, probably on site of earlier water-powered forge. Ballendine was partner with John Tayloe and Presley Thornton of the Neabsco Works, but ceased to have an interest after 1765. Probably abandoned by John Semple at that time or later. 1/5 m. west of Rt. 123 bridge.

38. SINCLAIR'S (MADDOX'S) MILL

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Before 1820, when marked as Maddox Mill. Owned by Sinclair family in late 1800's and by G. W. Bell in early 1900's. Dismantled. Custom grist mill, approx. 1 m. below confluence of Broad and Cedar Runs, on present Lake Jackson.

Possibly same as Felkins Mill. Deed from James William & Chloe Riley [of Jefferson Co Va.] to Thomas Goodwin, 15 May 1840, conveying 200 acres, mentions Felkins Mill race as a boundary, along with lands of Israel Farrow deceased & Capt. Swatkins deceased. 1841 tax list shows property to be 3 mi. SE of the courthouse (Breastville). [PWC Deeds 16:72] Dtw on Cedar Run

from VA 975.5273 Con - A partial list of water-powered mills in PWC... 1976

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Reference Question Form

Date 10/5/00 Accepted by TZ

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Date Needed any time

Question: Any additional info -
Sketches, etc. re: Sinclair's Mill -
AKA Maddox's Mill. He's seen
E.R. Corner's "A Partial List of
Water-powered Mills in PUL"
and Eugene Scheel's map and
Crossroads & Corners. He's also

Sources Checked: Allen Hx Site File and
1901 map & 1800 map showing
Sinclair's & Maddox's Mills
respectively.

Please call 9/6/01

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w/ any additional
info re: Sinclair Mill
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