



Historic Mills of Ozark County, Missouri



The Era of Grist Mills

- Early Missouri settlements – no newspapers, poor roads, and slow transportation.
 - No matter how financially independent people were, they all needed to have their grain ground for meal and flour.
 - “Going to the mill” was a way of life and an adventure for the entire family.
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The Era of Grist Mills

- Gathering place and social center – settlers had the opportunity to become acquainted with others many miles away, and to discuss neighborhood, county, state and world news.
 - It was common for farmers to bring their whole family and camp near the mill for two or three days waiting their turn to have their grain ground.
 - Many romances and marriages were the result of gatherings at the mill.
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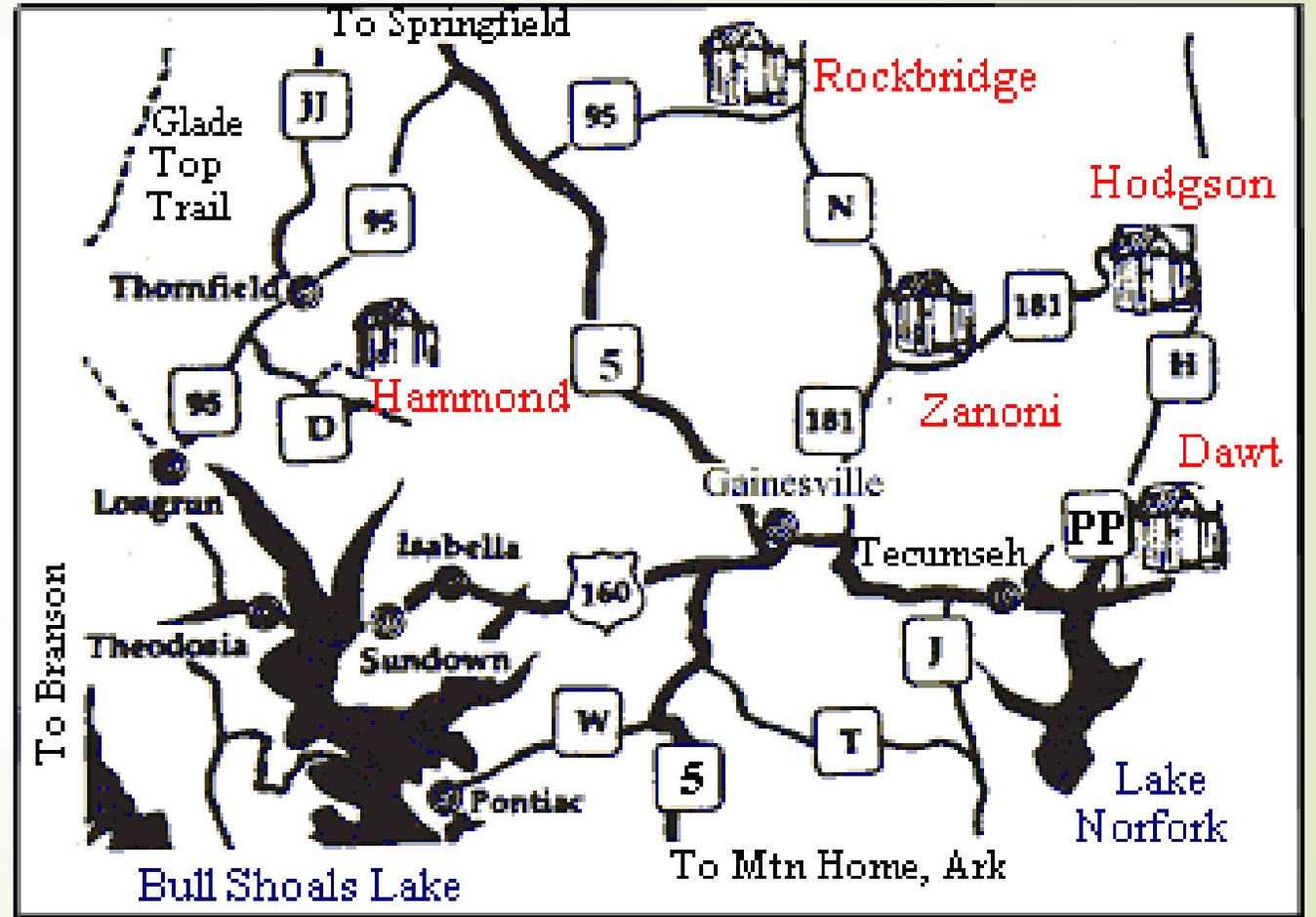


Mills in Ozark County, Missouri

- Missouri's scenic and swift flowing Ozark streams were naturals for powering the many mills which sprang up.
 - Some research indicates that there were 14+ mills in the area prior to the Civil War, but none remaining after.
 - The mills discussed here were all established post Civil War Era.
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Mills in Ozark County, Missouri

- Dawt Mill
- Hammond Mill
- Hodgson Mill
- Rockbridge Mill
- Zanoni Mill



Dawt Mill

- North Fork River
- Built in 1901 by Alva Hodgson
- The mill burned and was rebuilt in 1909



Dawt Mill

- Purchased by Dr. Ed Henegar
- Major renovation on the mill and grounds began in 1995



Dawt Mill Today



- Restaurants, lodging, entertainment
- canoe/kayak rental

Hammond Mill

- Little North Fork River
- Constructed in 1905 by John W. Grudier
- “Hammond” vs “Almond”



Hammond Mill

- Milling ceased in the 1940s shortly after the Bank of Hammond closed
- Other business buildings were sold for salvage or left to the elements
- All that remains (besides the mill) is the bank vault.



Hammond Mill Today

- Restored as a private home
- “Renovating had little issues as the building still stands square and true on a rock foundation”



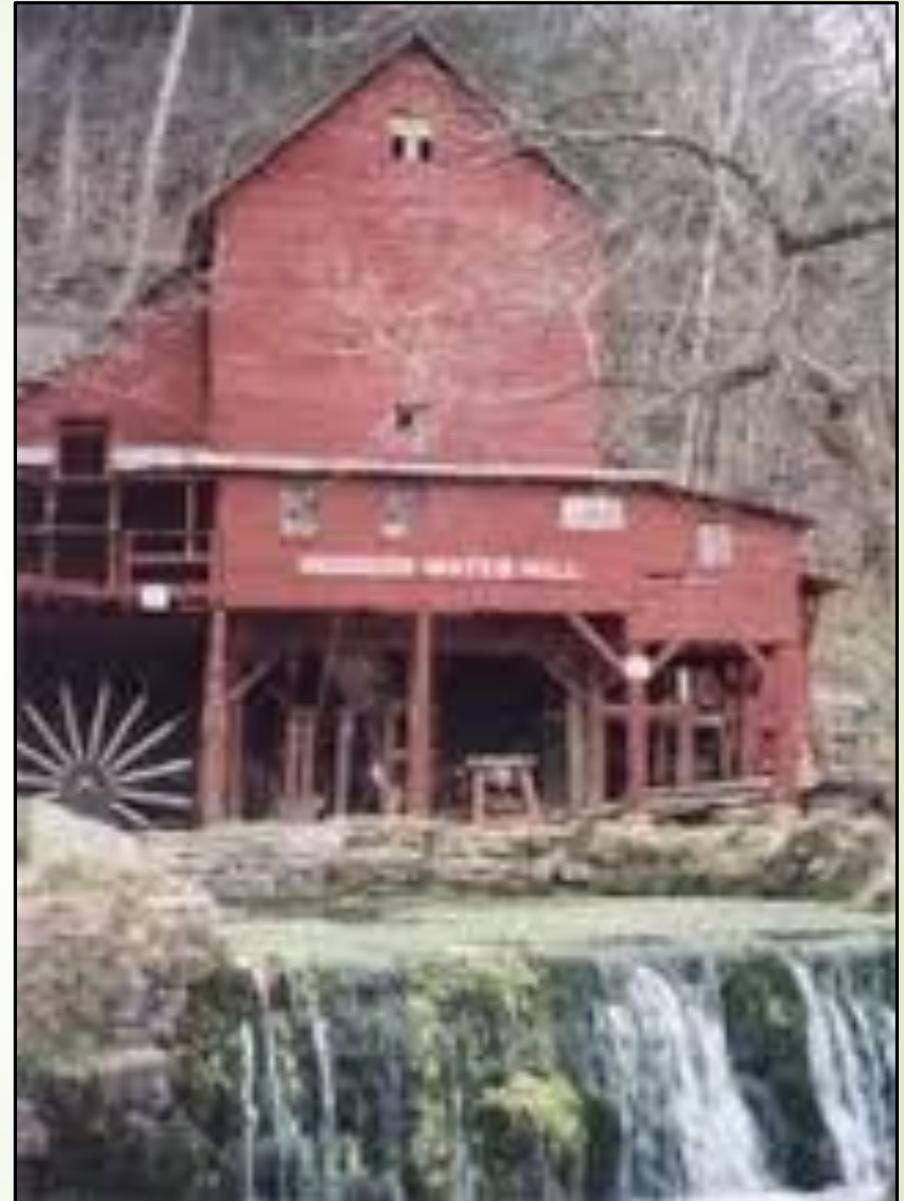
Hodgson Mill

- Bryant Creek
- Built in 1884 by Alva Hodgson
- The spring located there discharges 23 million gallons of water each day into Bryant Creek.



Hodgson Mill

- Top production was thirty barrels of bleached flour per day.
- Wheat germ, whole-grain nutrients & fiber were added to production
- 1971-75: Ford Times; Gourmet Magazine; American Farmer; Euell Gibbons – Grape Nuts



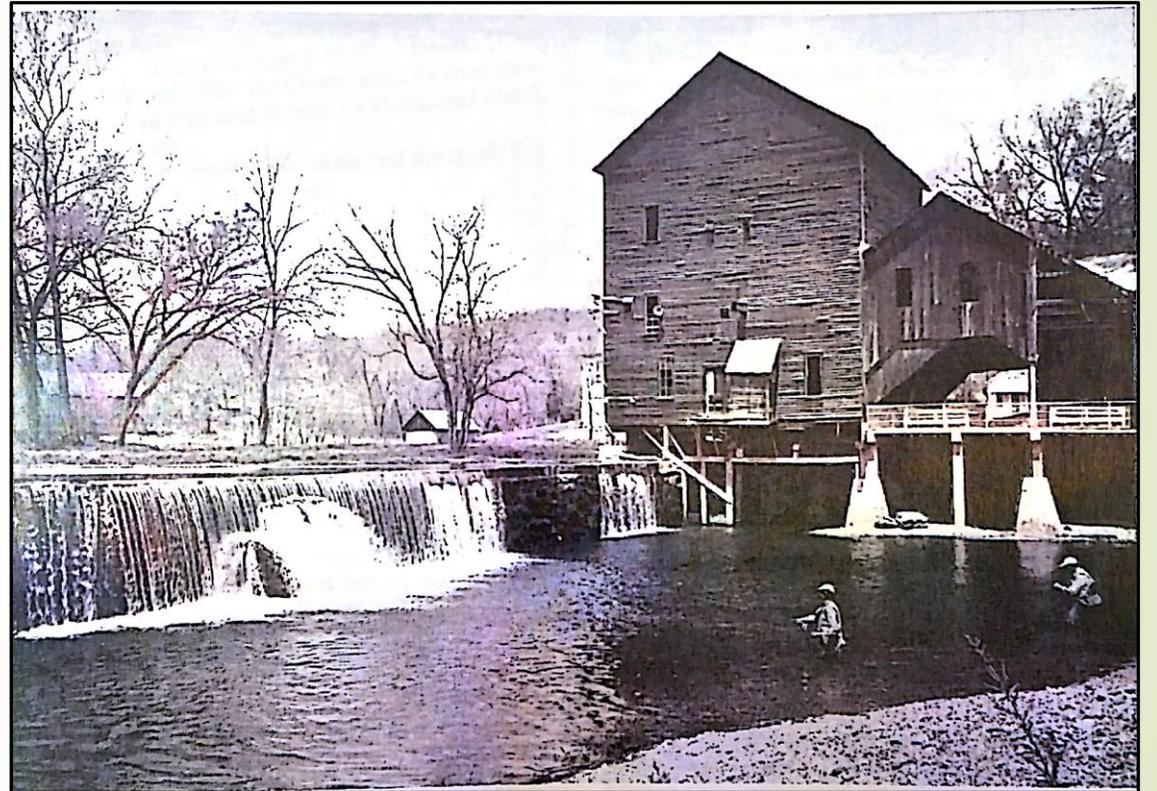
Hodgson Mill Today

- Currently owned by the Living Historium Foundation of Ozark County.
- Restoring Hodgson to its turn of the century status.



Rockbridge Mill

- Spring Creek
- Constructed in 1865 B.V. Morris
- Bank of Rockbridge closed in 1933
- Mill stopped operations in 1940



Rockbridge Mill

- Purchased in 1954 by the Amyx family
- Established as a trout hatchery and full service fishing resort



Rockbridge Mill Today

- Rockbridge Rainbow Trout and Game Ranch
- Dining, lodging, fishing



Zanoni Mill

- Hillside spring dispenses 500,000 gallons of water a day and feeds into Pine Creek
- Constructed in 1897 by George Shoemaker and John Cody



Zanoni Mill

- Purchased in 1976 by Dave & Mary Morrison
- Built a colonial style home on the property
- Opened a bed and breakfast



Zanoni Mill Today

- Privately owned by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Peters
- Part of a large cattle operation





Questions?

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