

# GIBSON'S GRIST MILL & STORE



AFTER ENTERING CLARK HOLLOW ON RT 630 (KNOWN AS SHILOH ROAD) AND TURNING RIGHT ON RT 631 (KNOWN AS SLAM GATE ROAD) APPROXIMATELY ONE FOURTH OF A MILE, FOLLOWING HITTLES MILL STREAM, ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD IS THE OLD GIBSON GRIST MILL AND STORE.

PETER PRESLEY COCKE, A YOUNG MAN IN HIS TWENTIES AND ONE OF THE PRESLY(1) THORNTON HEIRS OF "THE PEAKED MOUNTAIN TRACT", CONVEYED 121 ACRES TO MOSES GIBSON ON DECEMBER 16, 1805. (REF. CULP. CO. DB AA 216)

AT THE TIME MOSES GIBSON OWNED THIS PROPERTY HE OPERATED A GRIST MILL AND STORE THERE. THIS BEING THE ONLY STORE BETWEEN CULPEPER AND WINCHESTER AT THAT TIME.

PREVIOUSLY STATED, IN THE BOWLING GREEN CHAPTER, MOSES GIBSON WAS A VERY ENTERPRISING MAN. IT WAS FROM HERE HE RAN THE HILLSBORO POST OFFICE THAT WAS OPENED MAY 7, 1806 AND WAS DISCONTINUED IN 1825. THE FLINT HILL POST OFFICE OPENED ITS POST IN 1823. IN MARCH OF 1808 MOSES GIBSON PURCHASED "BOWLING GREEN" AND LIVED THERE UNTIL 1833, WHEN HE BOUGHT AND MOVED TO "HILLSBORO" WHICH BOUNDED THE GIBSON GRIST MILL.

IN MOSES GIBSON'S WILL OF APRIL 1836 HE STATED "IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE BACK MILL WITH A LOT OF LAND CONTAINING 12 OR 15 ACRES BE RENTED OR SOLD OR DIVIDED AS HIS DEVISEE' THINK BEST AND ANY PROFIT ARISING IS TO BE APPLIED TO PAYMENT OF THE DEBTS DUE FROM HIS ESTATE". (REF: RAPP. CO. WB A 144)

SOME PAST OWNERS OF THE "OLD MOSES GIBSON GRIST MILL" ARE:

ABSALOM TURNER ET AL CHANCERY SUIT			
1892	J. BAGGARLY	S	351
1911	J. HANSON WEAVER	Z	18
1912	R. ROBERT RUST	Z	268
1947	LYLE MILLAN III	49	573
1952	ROBERT SCOGGINS	57	221
1954	COL. HOLMES	61	198
1965	CLIFTON SOTHORN	87	24
1966	LYLE MILLAN III	87	191
1968	DAVID STRAHLE	93	324

ON JANUARY 25, 1972 ALFRED R. AND CAROL HALES PURCHASED A DILAPIDATED OLD RUN DOWN GRIST MILL AND STORE THAT MOSES GIBSON HAD OPERATED IN THE EARLY 1800'S. ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE OLD GRIST MILL THE HALES THEMSELVES BUILT A BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL HOME OVERLOOKING THE PICTURESQUE HITTLE'S MILL STREAM ALONG SIDE THEIR HOME. (REF: RAPP. CO. DB 102 325)