Paint Creek Cider Mill

Oakland Township
Michigan
CONVEYANCES.

Entry.
Dated June 4, 1825.
Original Entry from Government of the W.1/4 of N.E.1/4 of Section 28,
Town 4 North Range 11 East,
80 acres.

1. United States,
To
Needham Hemingway,
Oakland County,
Michigan.

Warranty Deed.
Consideration 150.00.
Dated May 12, 1856.
Acknowledged May 12, 1856.
Recorded May 28, 1856.
In Liber 11, on page 506.

Conveys:- All that certain piece
or parcel of land, situate in and described as follows:- Beginning south 1 degree east 5 chains
of section 28, in Town 4 North Range
11 East, running thence south 35½ degrees west 7 chains and 6
links; thence south 1 degree west 7 chains; thence south 38
degrees east 5 chains; thence south 9 degrees east 5 chains;
thence south 63 degrees east 85 links; thence north 1 degree
west 23 chains and 71 links to the place of beginning, containing
6 acres, 3 roods and 20 perches of land.

First parties doth hereby agree with the said second party
to give him full power and lawful authority to flow with water,
of that certain piece or parcel of land, beginning south
1 degree east 5 chains from the north quarter east of section
28, hereinafter described, commencing at said place and to
overflow with water 15 rods up the said stream East and 3
rods each way from said stream called Paint Creek and likewise
the said second party so to have the privilege of turning the
water of Paint Creek into the mill race that he is now digging
the said privilege thereof.
Giffels & Vallet, Inc. L. Rossetti
Giffels and Rossetti
Bridge Addition 1960s
Goodison Building Restoration
Will Be Dining Hall, Cider Mill

The picturesque building above is a 95-year-old floor mill in Goodison, now being built by Dale O. Miller, Sr., across the road from the Rochester restoration of the 125-year-old floor mill in Goodison.

—Clarion Staff Photo

The man with the beam, on his shoulder is Dale O. Miller, Sr., caught by the camera as a craftsman, Jerry Woodward, applies stain to the mantle over the big stone fireplace in the dining hall of the restored floor mill in Goodison. The beam is a timber from the original structure, and was squared off with just such a tool as Mr. Miller is holding.

—Clarion Staff Photo

This generator, which is among the very early ones

—Clarion Staff Photo
The Rochester Era dated December 6, 1945 headlines Rochester Gear Works Ready on Saturday.
When the going gets tough and the trucks bog down, this winch cable is tied to a tree or stationary object and the truck pulls itself out.

The winch is also used to pull boats and landing craft up onto the beach. This winch will pull 25,000 pounds.

Rochester Gear Works manufactured over 126,000 bronze gears and steel worms used in winches mounted on U.S. Army trucks operating throughout the world.

Rochester Gear Works
Rochester, Michigan

This gun is capable of firing 30 shells per minute, weighing 90 pounds each, a distance of approximately 10 miles.

Rochester Gear Works manufactured seven parts for this gun, including traverse and elevating worms and worm gears, all cut with zero back lash giving extreme accuracy in firing.

Parts were made for a total of over 1400 guns.

Rochester Gear Works
Rochester, Michigan
Dale Miller, Sr., Jr.—and friend.

Dale O. Miller, Jr., throws the switch that completes the conversion of his mill’s water power to electrical power. The old carbon filament bulb is a reminder of early Edison days.
PAINT CREEK
MILLRACE

Paint Creek begins in a Brandon Township wetland and flows south-east to Rochester where it empties into the Clinton River. Today a thriving trout stream, the creek was important for waterpower during the nineteenth century. Needham Hemingway dammed the creek, dug a one-half-mile-long millrace, and built a gristmill in 1855. Edward Demerall owned a sawmill just west of here from 1840 until 1872, when the Detroit and Bay City Railroad laid track that disrupted production. By 1876, William Goodison had bought Hemingway’s mill, enlarged it, and installed modern machinery. The mill operated until 1941. The abandoned railroad bed became the Paint Creek Trail in 1981.