

Alexandria Gazette 1 June 1803

A VALUABLE MILL FOR SALE – The Subscriber wishes to sell his Mill, known by the name of Clifton Mill, within two and a half miles of Dumfries, on the waters of Quantico, which is as constant a stream as any in this part of the country, and in an exceeding healthy situation; very conveniently situated to a fine wheat country, not being more than half a mile out of the way, in going to Dumfries, from the main road leading from Fauquier Court House, Centreville, &c. (and by some thought not any out of the way at all) and a very good road to it. There are, if the purchaser chooses 227 ¼ acres of land which may go to the mill, (except one acre which will be reserved) or a smaller quantity as may be agreed on. The mill is an over-shot with a wheel of 20 feet 9 inches and 4 feet head, with two pair of stones. One pair of French burrs of 5 feet, the other of Cologne, with every apparatus necessary for carrying on merchant business to the best advantage. The mill house is fifty feet long and twenty seven feet wide, two stories high, with a small kiln for drying corn, together with a barn, stable, cow house and lumber house, convenient to the mill. A convenient dwelling house, (not quite finished) with a kitchen, meat and corn house; the whole of which have been built within 7 years past. There are two very thriving young orchards of peach and other fruit trees. It was supposed, had not the frost killed the fruit this spring, upwards of 100 gallons of brandy might have been made from them. Should the whole of the land be required with the mill, there is another small house, kitchen and meat house, at a short distance from the former.

The situation of this property must render it a desirable acquisition to any person inclined to engage in this line of business; particularly so as it is situated to near tide water. It is deemed unnecessary to say anything more respecting the premises, as it is presumed any person inclined to purchase would wish to see them. Nothing would induce me to part with this valuable property but the pressing demands against me which I am anxious to discharge, therefore a great bargain may be expected. Any further information may be known on application to

John Sowden, Clifton Mill
Dumfries, Va. May 27, 1803

Alexandria Gazette 22 June 1805

PUBLIC SALE – The subscriber will offer, at Public Sale at Mr. George Williams' Tavern, in the town of Dumfries, on the first Monday in July (being the 1st of the month) that Valuable property known by the name of CLIFTON MILL, within two and a half miles of Dumfries, on the waters of Quantico, which is as constant a stream as any in this part of the country, and in an exceeding healthy situation; very conveniently situated to a fine wheat country, not being more than half a mile out of the way, in going to Dumfries, from the main road leading from Fauquier Court House, Centreville, &c. (and by some thought not any out of the way at all) and a very good road to it. Together with from 90 to 100 acres of land, the greatest part of it is wooded;. The mill is an over-shot with a wheel of 20 feet 9 inches and 4 feet head, with two pair of stones. One pair of French burrs of 5 feet, the other of Cologne, with every apparatus necessary for carrying on merchant business to the best advantage. The mill house is fifty feet long and twenty seven feet wide, two stories high, with a small kiln for drying corn, together with a barn, stable, cow house and lumber house, convenient to the mill. A convenient dwelling house, (not quite finished) with a kitchen, meat and corn house; the whole of which have been built within 9 years past. There are two very thriving young Peach Orchard It was supposed, had not the frost killed the fruit this spring, upwards of 100 gallons of brandy

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Alexandria Gazette 12 July 1809

TO MILLERS – I have invented a machine called a WHEAT RUBBER, for which I obtained a patent on the first day of this month. The machine may be seen in operation in the mill of Nathaniel Ellicott, Occoquan. Those millers, who feel an interest in investigating its merit and have not an opportunity of visiting Occoquan, may be fully informed by application to Mr. Ellicott. My WHEAT-RUBBER, I do verily believe is upon entire new principles, the cost of erecting it a trifle, the materials of which it is composed easily attainable in any part of our country, and the plan simple in the extreme: any workman of common capacity will be able to erect it from description only. Practical millers know, that in a great proportion of the wheat that comes to market (from the manner it is stacked in fields by the farmer and exposed to the weather) a number of sprouted and unsound grains mingle with the mass, and has eluded the ingenuity of the miller to separate it from the sound grain – they also know those unsound grains injure materially the taste and color of flour --- my machine not only frees the wheat of stone, onion, cockle, dirt, &c. but does absolutely take from it every unsound grain, from what cause so ever it may have been injured, as my machine will not let any unsound wheat pass it – millers may have their screen wire much finer than hitherto used, and thereby save considerably --- it will also be found that the grain in passing the rubber, is polished, and that even the eyes of the wheat is picked perfectly clean of dust or dirt. Some instances having occurred of certificates being obtained, saying much more in favor of a new invention than the public are willing to admit after trial – I hope it will be a sufficient apology for my taking a different course. My price for the privilege of using the rubber is fifty dollars for each pair of wheat stones the mill contains. Letters directed to me post paid shall be attended to.

James Deneale
Dumfries, Va. July 10, 1809

Alexandria Gazette 8 Dec 1817

PUBLIC SALE – In pursuance of the authority vested in us by a deed of trust, bearing date 3rd day of August 1814, from James Deneale, of Prince William County, for the benefit of the Mechanics Bank of Alexandria, and at the request of the president and directors of the said bank, we shall, for the purpose of raising the sum of eight thousand seven hundred dollars, with interest thereon from the 20th day of December in the year 1816, and the expenses of the sale at public sale, for ready money to the highest bidder, at the court house in Dumfries, on the first Monday in January next, the following property in the county of Prince William: a water Grist Mill, on Quantico Creek, and ten acres of land adjoining thereto, near the town of Dumfries, known by the name of DENEALE’S MILL, and all implements and appurtenances thereto

belonging. Also one other piece of land and water grist mill adjoining the above on Quantico Creek. Also, one and one half acre of land formerly known by the name of the SAW MILL TRACT and to include the saw mill and improvements.

Those who are disposed to purchase may view the property before the day of sale. The subscribers selling as trustees will convey no other right than that which they hold as trustees, not meaning to make themselves personally responsible for the title.

Robert Young
P. Triplett
November 19, 1817

Alexandria Gazette 28 Oct 1818

FOR SALE a Tract of Land, lying on the North Fork of Quantico Creek, and only two miles from the town of Dumfries, (known by the name of CLIFTON) containing about 250 acres. About two thirds of this tract is in wood. A part of the cleared land well enclosed. There is on this tract a good dwelling house, stables, &c. and convenient to the dwelling house a grist mill, containing two pair of stones, one of burr, a new five feet diameter; the other Cologne. The mill is lately built. Every part of the gear new, and completely fitted for merchant work. The mill better secured from floods than any I am acquainted with, having but 3 feet of dam, with a short race, to admit of fall for a twenty four feet overshot water wheel. In fact, the land is of good quality; the situation handsome and healthy; the stream a good one; and the mill new, spacious, and well finished, and lying in the most direct route for a great part of the produce that comes to Dumfries to pass it. Possession can be had immediately, and the terms known by application to me, at Dumfries.

James Deneale
October 14, 1818