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Contents Listing by David Plunkett, 2010.

U S A. box #2

Central to South East Coast States
General Notes, correspondence & maps.

Listed by marked open folder contents: Copy inserted into each completed box.

New Jersey + – (green folder).

Hand written notes to State listed tide mills – most in Salem or Camden County.

Package of various papers – incorporating : Salem County Historical Society.

New Jersey: Past and Present, 1868 with pages 435 & 436 only.

Department of Education, State Library, Trenton, N.J. with two maps – one of 1834 is very clear in detail..

Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey – (1834) – part reprint of 1973.

Package of various letters, notes & extracts mainly for Salem County & State Library – c.1977 – 86.

Extract from Salem County Historical Society , Newsletter, September 1986. “The History of Abbott’s Dairy by Edward Abbott, Sr. – pages 5,6 & 7, Tide Mill Farm on Salem Creek. Plus further extract photograph of Tide Mill House, May 1978.

Copy extract (not dated) on Mill Creek - a tide mill was constructed by Joseph and David Morris and Thomas Hancock in 1729 - it did not operate for more than 15 or 20 years. Remains should be preserved. Also stating that the only tidemill in use today is the historic Ike Wards tide mill at Eagle Point , Virginia.

Copy extract from Scrapbook No. 2.A. of Wm. Patterson - About 1842, Wm. Johnson of Lower Penn’s Neck Township, built a large tide mill on Salem Creek - etc . It was demolished in 1846..

Copy extract of “How Dear to my Heart”, from writings of William J.S.Bradway, pages 101 – 102. John Brick’s early mills and the Jericho Mills on Gravelly Run.

Copy extracts from: The Early Sawmills of New Jersey, by Harry R. Weiss and Grace M. Weiss, pub’ by New Jersey Agricultural Society, Trenton. 1968. pp. 23 to 93.

Copy extracts from: The Early Grist and Flouring Mills of New Jersey, pub’ by New Jersey Agricultural Society, Trenton 1956. pp. 11 to 22..

New York – (pale red folder).

British Library exhibition notes, London 1987. The City in maps: urban mapping to 1900. Little of merit to New York except two listed maps in the exhibits.

No. 21: Towne of Mannados or New Amsterdam as it was in 1661

No. 53: Ratzer, Bernard: city of NEW YORK !&&>>>

Booklet : LONG ISLAND WIND AND TIDE MILLS : by HAER

Package of draft listing and notes of New York Tide Mills

Booket marked : THE MILLS OF LONG ISLAND, published 1962.

Part I – Windmills of Eastern Long Island by Rex Wailes.

Part II – The Water Mills on Long Island by Bernice Marshall. Pp. 34 to 44

[Some good historical facts of interest]

Copy extract from The Mill at Philipsburg Manor, published 1977; pp.110 – 126.

Package marked ‘Saddle Rock’. Two news paper extracts.

Public leaflet headed ' the Saddle Rock Grist Mill by the County of Nassau, - two copies.
Copy of L.I. Press, 9/30/62. 'Long ago on Long Island.' – single page.
Copy of L.I. Press, 11/3/68. 'Long Island Long Ago'. – single page.
Poor copy of ' L.I. Press, 8/11/73 ' Harken back to grist mill days – 2 pages.
Old Mill News XIV No.4, Fall 1986. Pages 10 –11. 'Foundations of Saddle Rock Gristmill to be Rebuilt'. by Richard Ryan.

Small package of extracts on 'Lefferts Mill Cove Pond'.- includes plans and mill framing.. 5 pages.
Selection of b&w photographs of tide mills of varying sizes. 7 No. Nassau County Museum. And enclosed with hand written note (cream paper) – on photographs.
Six colour prints (unmarked location) – of a brick built watermill site or excavation in progress.
Hand written note from Rex Wailes to WM, 20-1-72. Visited tidemill at Oyster Bay L.I. N.Y. in 1929.
Package of various extracts and notes which appear to originate from the Long Island Historical Society c. 1977.
Some on mills and others on the likes of lighthouses.

Delaware – (light brown folder).

Bi-fold leaflet on - 'The Historical Society of Delaware'.
Small package #1 : Delaware notes and draft on two pages: Only one confirmed and two further suggested sites to date..
Two copy maps provided by 'De Hollandsche Molen': General coast and rivers of state. Second, a detail centred on Newcastle on Delaware River with marked mills on Red Clay Creek and Brandywine River. Probably based on 'Storck' – p 153.
Package #2 : Various letters, notes & correspondence . Note feedback from Edward F. Heite.- c.1986 and others.
It would seem that tidemills were not as uncommon as would first appear in 17th & 18th C.
Package #3 : Extracts from – 'Delaware History, 1970, pp. 52 – 61. Chapter headed as 'Watermill, Windmills, Horsemills - and a Tide mill: Early Colonial Grain Mills in Delaware'. By C.A.Weslarger.

Pennsylvania – (orange folder).

Only two letters in reply to enquiry by WM.
Division of Archives and Manuscripts, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Nill reply.
Librarian, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Nothing on tidemills.

Maryland - (blue folder).

Two small packages of notes and correspondence largely with John McGrain.

Two maps provided by David Plunkett

Copy of John McGrain's published news of Mayo's Tide Mill of January 1976.

Various lists and notes on Maryland Tide Mills.

[*John McGrain is the State expert on tide mills in my view*].

Virginia - (buff folder).

Listing of Tidemills c.1977 with notes.

[*Some actually in MD*].

Notes on Mathews County – Poplar Grove, Bernadette [*Bernadine*] Teague (owner) and OMN references.

Notes to Va Gazette – (earliest major newspaper). + Colour pc. of Fort Monroe, Hampton.

Copy front page to 'Virginia Place Names' – by Raus McDill Hanson, 1969. with 2 page of pencil notes.

Marked copy of Mathews Co, road map with added notes from - DP to WM.

Notes to – Mathews Co, tidemills. Most are not Mathews Co, but Va. One double page only..

Notes to 'Accomack' - (Eastern Shore) – two mills stated.

Notes to 'Elizabeth City Co' – Six listed mills.

Notes to 'Gloucester Co' - none named.

Four pages, relating to letters with and from David Plunkett.

Package of letters & correspondence, largely centred on Williamsburg professionals.

Large package generally relating to Poplar Grove – including the following –

National Register of Historic Places Inventory – Nomination Form; with poor map and copy photographs.

Eight b&w photographs of tidemill c. 1981 of good quality.

Poor copy of 'The Tide Mill at Poplar Grove, by Jon S. Sass. OMN January 1982, pages 9-11 only.

Copy of "Poplar Grove" tide Mill in Mathews county, Virginia, by Eugenia and Milton Murray II, it includes a location map on last page.

Extract of, Gloucester Co, Place Names, page 93. Tidemill: pop. 100. Site of tidemill. [*I have further info – DP*]

Letter from Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, May 13 1977. 'Have no information on tidemills but encloses copy of page 118 from A. Lawrence Kocher and Howard Bearstyne, 'Shadows in Silver' (New York, 1954).

Figure 72 is of Poplar Grove tide mill.

More notes and copy photo's of Poplar Grove, house and mill.

Small package marked Norfolk, with letter from Virginia Historical Society, referring to Virginia Gazette of July 4 1766, page 3 column three. The sale of the plantation of John Hollowell, on the Western Branch about nine miles from

Norfolk Town . . . where there is a tide mill. Copy of sale notice.

Small package marked Plunkett – containing tidemill information for WM.

Extract of three pages from 'A New and Comprehensive Gazetteer of Virginia, by Joseph Martin, 1836.

Notes to 2 tidemills in Mathews Co. and further tidemills in Northampton Co.

References relating to mills – a general compilation of 1947, pages 28 – 33.

A package of various Va maps, at the end of this file.

North Carolina - (buff folder).

Single package of papers – generally referring to Old Mill News or Peveril Meigs.
Meigs never admitted to having found any tide mills in North Carolina.
WM claimed to have evidence for up to three tide mills in the Cape Fear River
Rice planting on the Lower Cape Fear – other notes and letters. No maps.

South Carolina - (buff folder).

This is a bulky folder, so I hope it has plenty of tidemill facts:

First thin package – lists recorded tidemill sites plus pages of pencil notes., *My guess is 16 sites at present.*

Second unmarked copy of draft tidemills.

Extract from William B Lees paper on the Limerick Plantation and mills. In 1791 – 1792 Jonathon Lucas (millwright) built the first tidal powered rice mill. Large scale cotton production did not commence until after 1795.

Extract from Agricultural History pages 56-66.- 1985. ‘ Jehossee Island: the Antebellum South’s largest rice plantation’, by James M. Clifton.

Hilliard/ The Tide Water Rice Plantation: Map – Figure 3. Major tide water rice areas in South Carolina and Georgia/
Illustration of a Water Rice Machine. – with explanations – not dated.

Various extracts and notes referring to rice Milling

Hand written notes on mills and millwrighting.- at least a dozen pages.

Three pages of pencil notes.

Two A4 poor copies of map of ‘Plantations of the Low Country’, South Carolina 1697 to 1865,

The Architectural Record, 36 (1924), pages 178 -184. . The Architectural Significance of the Rice Mill of Charleston S.C. by Samuel Lapham Jr.

Extract from ‘Year Book of the City of Charlestown’, S.C. – 1883, pages 434 – 437. Lucas Rice Mills – Jonathon Lucas born in 1754 in Cumberland, England and educated as a millwright. *Much good information on tide mill use.*

Extract from ‘Life and Labor on Argyle Island’, by James M. Clifton, Ed, 1978. All this extract is contained in the large Introduction as pages xx – xxxii.

Package of papers within – The Rice Museum, S.C. – letters, correspondence, contacts, useful manuscripts, publications and history.

Transactions of the Huguenot Society o South Carolina, No.92 (1987). *Useful content in constructing a rice system and machines.*

The South Carolina Magazine, November 1953.

Extract from ‘Joanathan Lucas and Rice Culture by D. Huger Bacot, (2 pages).

Copy package – ‘Tidal Rice Cultivation and the Problem of Social Change in South Carolina and Georgia , 1760-1815’, by Joyce E. Chaplin. Pages 1 – 83. *There are a few foreign pages in the centre which help rather than hinder a most useful content.*

Ring bound copy of: ‘A Teacher’s Guide to the Natural History of the Bluff Plantation Wildlife Sanctuary’, by Richard D. Porcher, Ph.D 1985. - *A very wide ranging educational work of merit, containing maps, drawings, aerial view and photographs.*

Selection of b&w photographs and colour post cards.

Large scale map of Santee, S.C. 1943.

Georgia -(buff folder).

*A few items overlap from S.C. so have been moved into Georgia where content is greatest only. **

Reply letter from Lamar University, Beaumont TX. Feb 28 1987. – refers to tidal saw mill in Georgia. *

Copy letter from Professor Rowland to WM (Dec 1987). I think I have found 7 Tide Mill Sites in Georgia. *

Rough draft listing and notes of mills.

Tidemills in Ga – a note: Largely pencil notes by WM

More notes and drafting in pencil – with a note of - 1607, Port Royal and of rice plantations, and extract from John Houston Sugar Store, Camden Co.

Brief note on plantation at Argyll Island and copy page from un-named publication on - operating both ways!

‘Historical Report on the Evelyn Plantation’ – Glynn Co. Includes two maps of site – no mention of mill found.

Brief pencil note of Elizafield Plantation. Glynn Co. HABS, Ga. 2118. No added data. *Next to plantation above!*

Brief pencil note relating to HABS, GA. 2126 - - only.

Package of papers – largely relating to Fort Wymberly and Womsloe Plantation.

Leaflet: Georgia’s Coastal Forts

Copy: Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Georgia: catalog of the measured drawings and photographs . . . in the Library of Congress, 1938. *Open at page 49 and highlighted on, Isle of Hope, Wormsloe Plantation.*

Extract from: General Oglethorpe’s Georgia (Colonial Letters 1733 – 1743) vol I, pp 202 -207.

Wild Heron Plantation: extracts from publications by Julia Floyd Smith, on period 1750-1860, in Low Country Georgia.

Two pages with highlighting on page 37 - about Wild Heron’s relic dikes, rice fields, locks and control of tides.

Extracts relating to: Butler Island Plantation on the Altamaha River:

‘The Archaeology of Slavery and Plantation Life, edited by Theresa A. Singleton, S.C. With maps, pencil notes and two tidal mills marked.

Extracts from a dissertation titled: ‘The Archaeology of the Afro-American Slavery in Coastal Georgia: A Regional Perception of Slave Household and Community Patterns by Theresa A. Singleton, University of Florida 1980. Pages 85 - 115. Includes b&w (poor) photograph as Figure 17, marked as Tidal Mill and Boat Landing.

Copy of letter to TAS (as above) following meeting at the Smithsonian in Washington DC, requesting more information, location of the sawmill, and both tidal mills at Butlers Island.

Small package marked Fort George – Fort King George, State Historic Site close to city of Darien, open to public.

Includes – Item (9). Tidal Powered Sawmill – late 1700’s to 1817. It states that it became the foremost timber port in the world. Followed by (10) replaced by an English, Boulton and Watt powered 36 horsepower steam engine, sawmill.

Large Package of various pencil notes, people, sites and address’s believed to relate to Ga.

Notes to ‘Plantation Slavery in Georgia’ by Ralph Betts Flanders, 1967.

Extract from, The Georgia Historical Quarterly Vol, LXX. No.1, Spring 1986. Pages 81 – 96.

Review Essay: The Golden Isles: Rice and Slaves Along the Georgia Coast by Randall M. Miller.

Package inside letter headed page – British Records Relating to America in Microform.

General Editor: Professor Walter Minchinton - *no less - surprise – surprise.*

Extract from un-named source – ‘Notes on Sources’, pages 312 – 319.

Leaflet entitled – Historic Sites of Coastal Georgia by Department of Natural Resources. With marked map in rear page.

Extract from Archaeology No. 29 (1976) pages 165-172.. Spaniards, Planters, Ships and Slaves, by Charles H. Fairbanks.

Package of letters and replies with notes from many institutions and people – including Julia Floyd Smith in August 1987, Stephen M Straight in 1987 etc . . . *This a most useful sequence of correspondence in general.*

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