

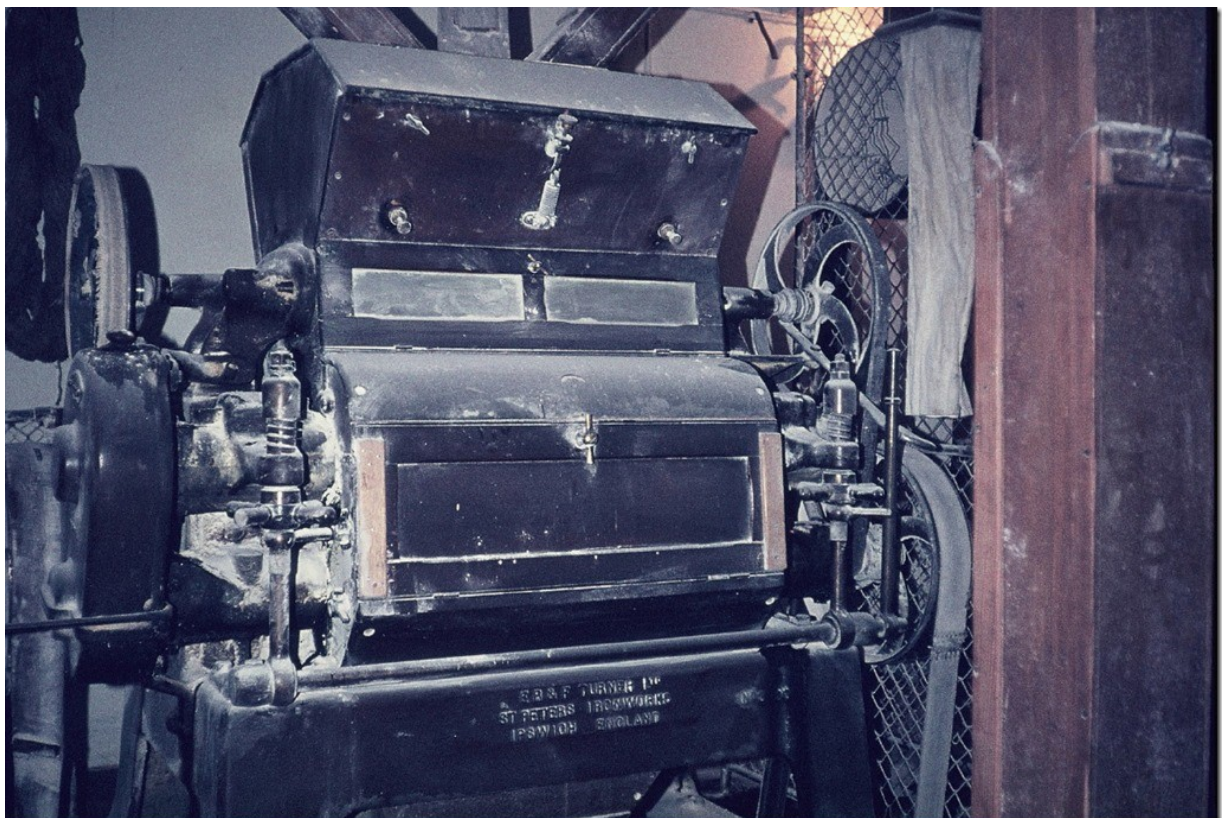
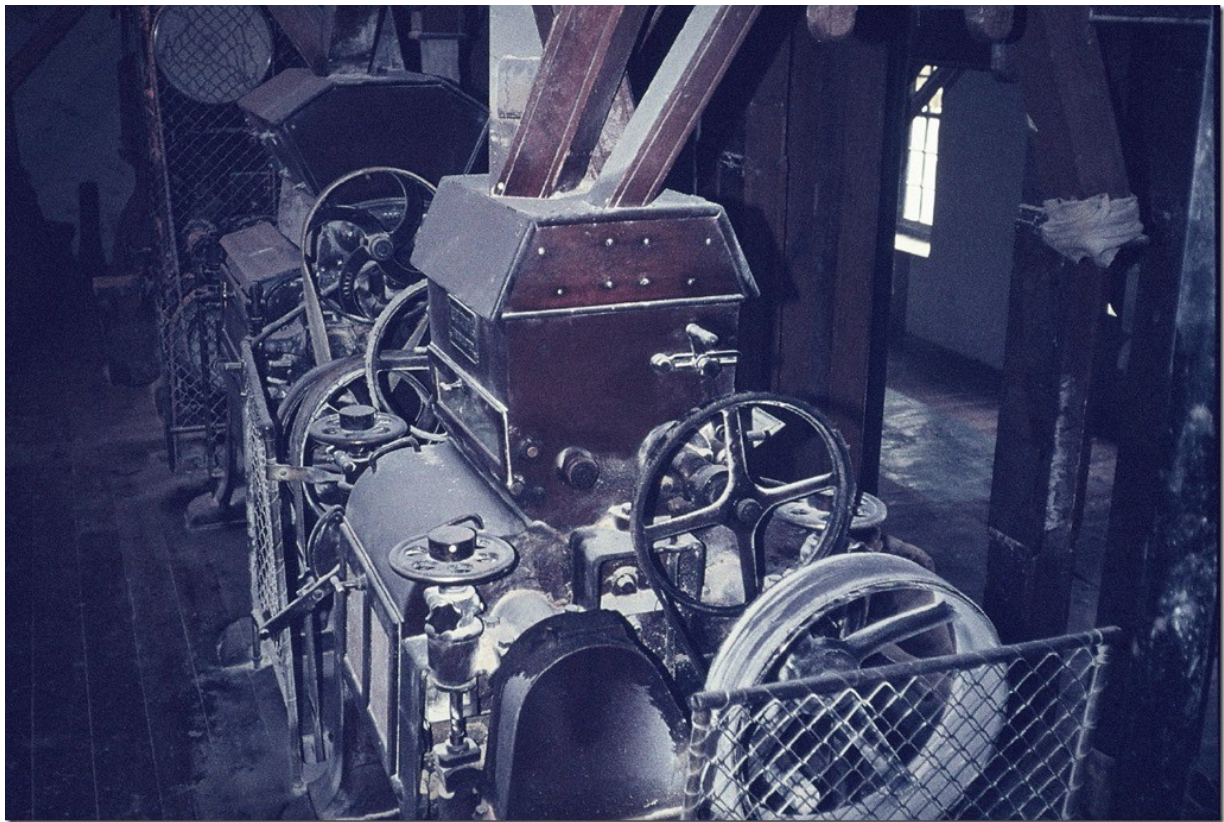
In connection with Mildred's article about Empire Mills, here is a picture of Phoenix Roller Mills in Grahamstown, Eastern Cape:

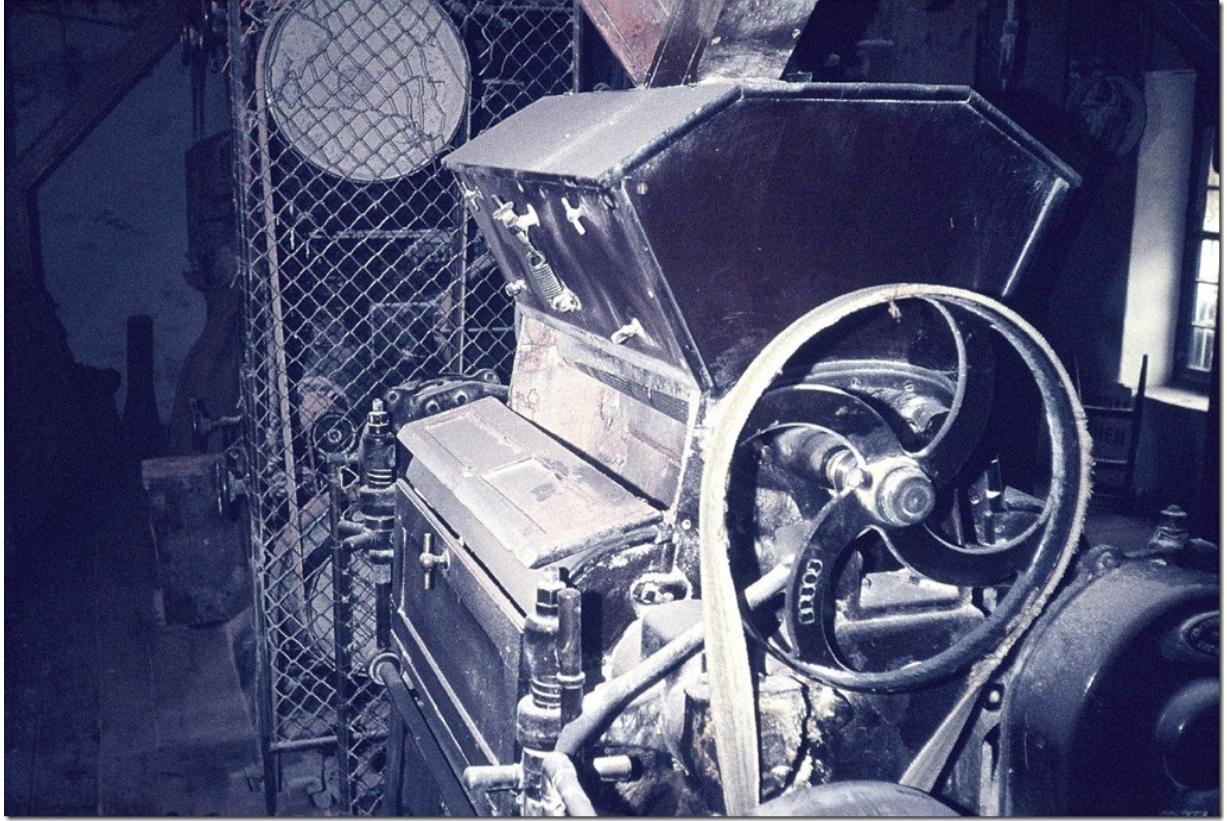


The building was needed for other purposes in 2010 and the machinery was up for scrapping. Luckily the entire contents were bought by a preservationist and we dismantled it piece by piece, marking every single item.



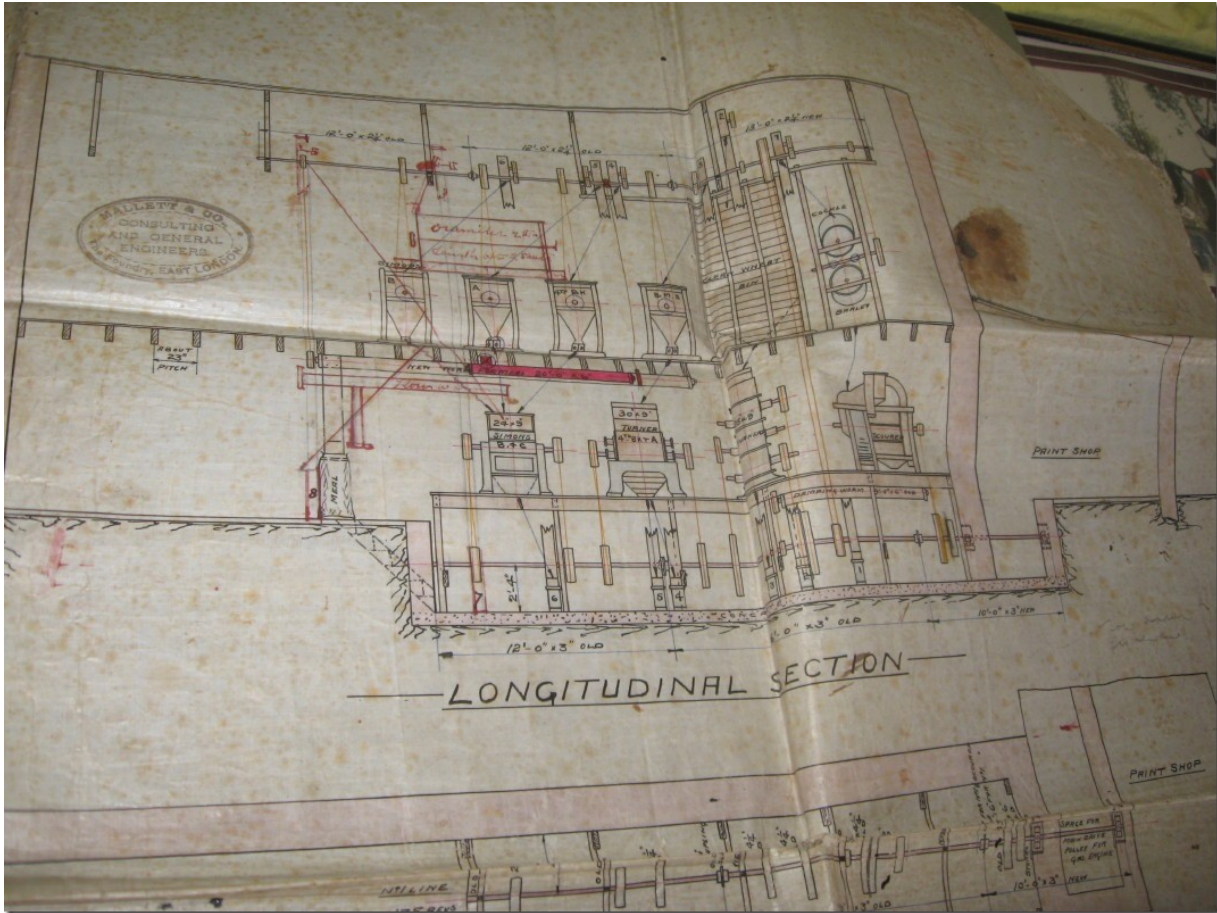
What is perhaps special about the Mill is that it comprised at least one item of all the prominent Milling machinery manufacturers, Henry Simon, ER & F Turner, T Robinson and others. Here are some very old photos we received from its working days:







This drawing shows Roller Mills by Simon, Turner and Robinson, the scourer is American!



Some of the elevators were 9m tall!



It was all transported 660km to the Eastern Freestate on big lorries, and it has all been in storage ever since:





It was driven by a Crossley X producer-gas engine, which was also recovered:



The good news is that it has been bought by another preservationist, and the plan is that it will soon be reassembled in Franschhoek in the Western Cape, another trip of 1100km!