



Post Prall, Railroad Period to Modern Period
A Summary Time Line of the Prallville Mills from 1833-2008

1833-1834 William L. Hoppock and John S Wilson

1833- Prall's Estate sold the mill property of 73 acres to William Hoppock and John Wilson. Hoppock lived in the Prall House next to the stone store. About 1848 Hoppock converted the store into a dwelling house and moved the Prall store operation and post office to the Linseed Oil Mill. **1834-1873** William L. Hoppock

1873-1876 Lemuel O. Kessler

*Following Hoppock's ownership, the Mill tract was sold to L.O. Kessler. At this period in 1874, the mill burned. The fire originated from sparks thrown out by a wood powered locomotive crossing a covered bridge spanning Wichecheoke Creek; burning the bridge and the near by Grist Mill.

1877-1883 Stout Stover

*At a sheriff sale, I. Stout Stover purchased the mill property and rebuilt the Grist Mill in 1877 and the date stone appears on the façade.

1883-1888 Joseph & John W. Smith

*The mill tract was sold by I. Stout Stover to Joseph Smith and his nephew John W. Smith in the year 1883. The Smiths owned and operated an insurance company in Lambertville. John W. Smith added the wooden addition to the stone store building, which William Hoppock had converted into a dwelling c. 1850 and used it as his residence until his death.

1888-1914 John W., Susan B., & Mary I. Smith

1914-1917 John W., Susan B., & Executors of Mary I. Smith

1917-1921 John W., Charles A., Joseph & Stanley W. Smith

1921- 1941 Charles A., Joseph, & Heirs of Stanley W. Smith

1943-1952 Charles A. & Joseph Smith

1952-1954 Charles A. & Elizabeth B. Smith

1954-1966 Edith S. & Elizabeth B. Smith

1966-1967 Edith S & Joseph Smith, Jr. & Eva Graham

1967-1969 Edgar S & Joseph Smith, Jr. & Eva Graham

1969-1973 Donald B. Jones

1973-Present NJ Department of Environmental Protection- Parks & Recreation

1976-1982 Delaware River Mill Society signed 10-year lease of the Mills with NJDEP

1979 Prallville Complex placed on the National Register of Historic Places

1982-2003 Delaware River Mill Society signed 20-year lease of the Mills with NJDEP

2004- Present - Delaware River Mill Society signed a second 20-year lease of the Mills with NJDEP

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