

THE SAWMILL ON SAWMILL CREEK, GRANT SETTLEMENT ROAD



ROSS MUSEUM

DIRECTIONS

- Take Foresters Falls road east out of the village until you come to the first intersection.
- Turn North onto the Grant Settlement Road and proceed 1.2k until you reach the bridge over McNaughton's Creek (formerly "Sawmill Creek").
- The sawmill was immediately upstream of the current road bridge.

HISTORY

Laughlin Curry, son of George Curry and Catherine Mathieson built a sawmill on Sawmill Creek near Foresters Falls in what is known as Grant Settlement. It was situated east of the narrow bridge that has been replaced at least twice (1999). Mr. Curry worked the sawmill from 1895 to 1904. Men who worked for him were Sam Thrasher, Bill Scobie, Frank Hartman, Charles Reiley, Sam Buttle, and Charlie Rose.



The sawmill was powered by a water wheel. There was enough water flowing in the creek to supply power continuously and it operated year-round. People brought their logs to be sawed into shingles, lathes and boards. A clapboard house was built by Laughlin Curry at the same time the sawmill was built. In 1904 the sawmill was sold to Robert Bulmer, Sr.

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