

# Sunrise Mill

In 1767, Michael Krause and his step son-in-law Yost Bitting, built a mill on the Swamp Creek. In 1774, Krause is listed as owning a grist mill and a sawmill. They sold the mills after the Revolution. The mills had various owners, with Jacob Shoemaker purchasing the property and building the present barn in 1795. In 1819, Shoemaker enlarged and rebuilt the grist mill, and added the house in 1828.



Date board that was mounted on the gable end of the mill reads:

1819

John & Mary Shoemaker

October the 2nd

The Foundation was Laid by Yost &

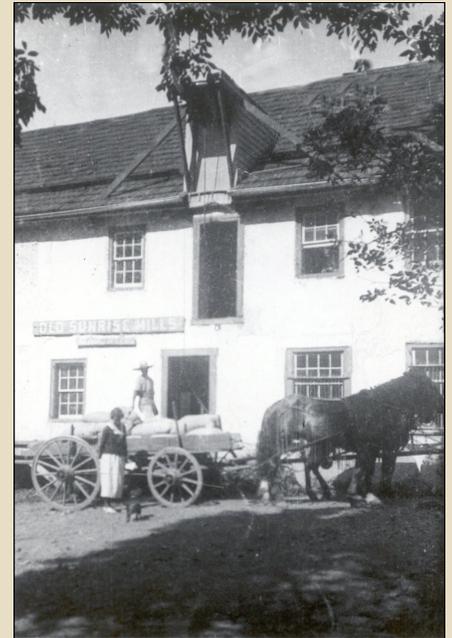
A. Bitting, August

Michel & C. Krause 1767

Montgomery County erected the stone arch bridge in 1845 on the public road that ran through the property. That bridge was replaced in 1964 when Dr. Jackson donated the land to relocate Neiffer Road to its current location, just North of the buildings.

Dr. Jackson was a lover of nature and did not want to see trees cut down, so he did not repair the sawmill. It was dismantled, saving the original equipment, and recently was rebuilt.

His granddaughter sold the property to Montgomery County in 1971. Its property is currently not open to the public as we work on the structures.



The longest term of ownership was Aaron Reed who purchased the property in 1862 and held it until his heirs sold it to John Markley in 1910. It was most likely during Reed's ownership that the internal waterwheel was changed to turbines in the 1870s. Dr. Chevalier Jackson's sister-in-law Josephine White purchased the property in 1918 and the family lived there until his death in 1958. She had the mill dam rebuilt, restored the mill to running order, hooked up a generator for electrical power and lighting from the turbines, and operated the grist mill as a business.



Mill complex in winter. Sawmill is in the foreground. House is seen to the right. c. 1890.