

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 the house was probably built by then.



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

1819

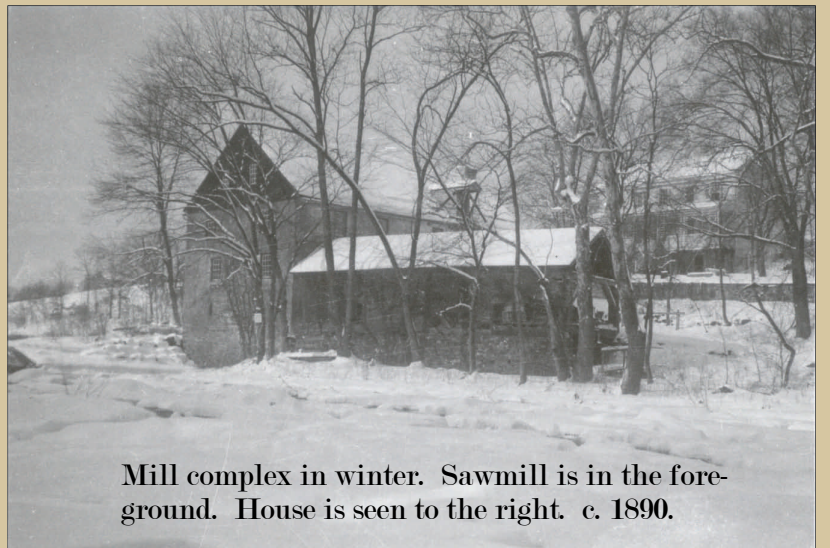
John & Mary Shoemaker
October the 2nd

The Foundation was Laid by Yost &
A. Bitting, August
Michel & C. Krause 1767



Montgomery County erected the stone arch bridge in 1845 for what is now Old Neiffer Road. The longest term of ownership was Aaron Reed who purchased the property in 1862 and held it until his heirs sold it to John Markely in 1910. It was most likely during Reed's ownership that the water-wheel was changed to turbines. Dr. Chevalier Jackson purchased the property in 1918 and lived here until his death in 1958. Dr. Jackson rebuilt the mill dam, restored the mill to running order and hooked up a generator for elec-

tric lighting from the turbines. Dr. Jackson was a lover of nature and did not want to see trees cut down, so the sawmill was never repaired. The sawmill has since been taken down. His granddaughter sold the property to Montgomery County in 1971. The property is currently not open to the public.



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