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HISTORIC SIGNS**

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## JANNEY'S MILL, WATERFORD, VA

Around 1733, Amos Janney purchased 400 acres on the Southfork of Catoctin Creek and built a grist and sawmill in the 1740s. The settlement was known as Janney's Mill, which became a center of commerce known for its grain. During colonial times it was known by three names; Janney's Mill, Fairfax, and Milltown.

Amos Janney died in 1747, leaving his estate to his son, Mahlon, who replaced the original log mill with a two-story stone and wood mill at the location of the present Old Mill. Mahlon's new mill ground not only wheat grown on his land but also provided services for other farmers settling around "Janney's Mill."

By 1762, the growing population of grain farmers had necessitated the building of a larger grist mill on the site of the present mill. A nearby sawmill provided lumber to build houses and barns, and roads were constructed for travel to and from the mill, rebuilt and enlarged in the 1820s.

Research shows there were two additional mills operating in the village: Schooley Mill, near the corner of Factory and Second Streets, primarily a sawmill, also ground corn, limestone, and clover; and another near the corner of Clarke's Gap Road and Factory Street functioned as a cloth manufacturer.

By 1835, the settlement had grown into a village serving as a commercial hub to the surrounding farms. With the nearby Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in operation in the 1850s, Waterford's mills were providing products for an even wider market of Washington, DC, Alexandria, and Winchester. —*Adapted from The History of Waterford Virginia, by the Waterford Foundation.*



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