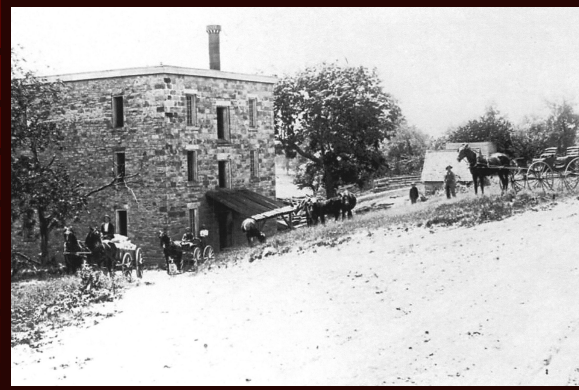


1856



ANDREW DEAN - GRIST MILL

On this site in 1856, Andrew Dean built the largest grist mill in Lincoln County. Grist mills, where grain was ground into flour, were an important part of early settlement. Because settlers had little cash, the miller took every tenth bushel of grain as his payment.

This mill was an impressive 5 stories high, built with flat field stones and used six mill stones imported from France at a cost of \$440 each, a fortune in 1856.

The mill ran for 66 years, providing settlers with a market for the surplus crops they were able to grow as they cleared their land of trees.

Thus the Town of Lincoln established itself as a prospering centre of agriculture.

Today people enjoy golfing where millstones once turned and farmers once gathered.

