
CHEVALLIERS MILL RUINS

Location

BRIDGE ROAD BEECHWORTH, INDIGO SHIRE

Municipality

INDIGO SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H8225-0135

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	The site was a Timber Mill (1855) that subsequently had flour milling equipment added. A tailrace was added in 1860 that took two years to construct.
Archaeological Significance	The archaeological remains of this mill would provide information on the technological aspects of the construction as well as adaptation of mill technology to this particular landscape. As there are no extant structures the archaeological resource would provide the only tangible means of identifying and analysing some of the construction methods used at this site. In addition, there is potential for associated artefactual deposits and remnant machinery.
Historical Significance	The mill is illustrative of early non-mining industry in the town of Beechworth. It was owned by several different individuals and companies with several phases of modification but ultimately failed because of the run-off from the gold mining activities up stream. Louis CHEVALIER, GRAHAM and WILSON and John BURROWS all owned the mill. John Burrows owned the Indigo Flour Mill in Barnawartha.
Other Names	Newton Flour Mills,
Hermes Number	162328

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History

The mill is located at the head of Newton Falls on Spring Creek and was constructed in 1855. The mill supplied the town with flour and timber. It had a tailrace 2.4 metres deep and 410 metres in length and is visible below the bridge. Two years to cut the race in the late 1860s enabling an area up stream to be sluiced for gold.

Louis CHEVALIER built a water-powered sawmill at the head of the Newtown Falls on Spring Creek in 1855 and added flour milling equipment later. This included French burr millstones. 'Newtown Flour Mills' was purchased by GRAHAM and WILSON c1868. By this time steam power was at least being introduced to the mill. Bought by John BURROWS [- 1904] in 1875. *In 1880 a tunnel was built under the town diverting the water away from the mill and the mill closed in the 1880's, its large wheel constantly under the sludge from gold mining activities upstream. By that time it was being powered by steam. The mill was sold in 1890. The wheel was sold to the Harrietville Deep Lead Mining Company.* <http://www.beechworth.com.au/Beechworth-History/Historic-Beechworth-Buildings/Chevaliers-Mill.html>

Graham Jones (no date) *There was a time: A Shire of Wangaratta Bi-Centenary Celebration Shire of Wangaratta*, p.34.

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