

## HISTORY OF CHESTERVILLE, MAINE by Sewall, Oliver, 1788-1861

Relevant excerpt:

### 56. — Wing's Mills.

In 1805 Allen Wing built a Sawmill in the southeast part of the town, on a stream rising in Fayette and falling into Parker's Pond. This mill did a good business under the management of David and Alden Wing, sons of Allen Wing, for years. Quantities of red oak for ship's plank were sawed here. A Gristmill, Shingle Machine and Clapboard Machine were afterwards put in operation a little below the Sawmill. In these mills much grinding has been done, and much lumber has been shaped for market.

### 57. — Accident to Eli L. Wing.

By a belt connected with some of the machinery of these mills, Eli E. Wing, David Wing's son, lost his arm in 1837. As he was adjusting a belt his hand was caught, and in a moment his arm with the shoulder blade was torn from his body. He was little better than dead when found a few minutes after, but by good attention he finally recovered. An individual who viewed the place soon after the occurrence informed the writer that by the blood spattered overhead and around the walls of the room it was evident the arm must have been carried around with the belt many times.

### 58. — Melancholy Death of Daniel Bachelder.

On the last day of January 1858, a still more serious occurrence took place in the building, and within a few feet of the same spot where young Wing lost his arm. Mr. Daniel Bachelder, aged about 50, who owned the Shingle Machine and Gristmill, went below to help start his shingle wheel, which was somewhat fastened with ice. He took with him an axe and an iron bar. About an hour after he was found dead, by David Wing, who happened to be there on business, near where he found his son in 1839. The wheel was going. The body of Mr. Bachelder lay balanced across a fence or railing near the wheel, his feet touching or very near it. The iron bar was standing against this railing as though placed there after being used. The axe was found in another place. On one arm of a wheel just above the platform covering the waterwheel was a mark evidently made by a blow from the bar point. Some violent blow had bruised and injured the side of Mr. Bachelder's face, and had broken his neck. The probability is that the blow came from the bar on the starting of the wheel, and that his death was instantaneous. He is represented to have been a very worthy citizen, an honest man and a humble Christian.

Wing's Mills after being purchased by Benjamin and Daniel Bachelder, were considerably improved.