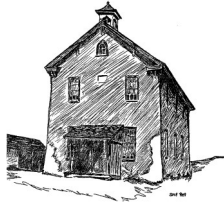


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Welcome to a Walk Through Time.....

Lewis Grist and Sawmill, West Nantmeal, PA—Part 2

“Cheer up, Good Times Are Coming,

*The leaves are turning to gold: the price of wheat is advancing. By getting your mill in shape **now** for steady work, you will be able to shake hands with success and refuse the flattery of failure.*

You can't afford to keep those old dust collectors any longer. They waste such a lot of material, hinder good purification, and keep the mill all in a muss. Of course, we want you to try the Wilson Tubular Dust Collector.....”

From an ad in The Weekly Northwestern Miller, November 6, 1896



Yes, the Grist Milling business can be dangerous, too! There have been many serious incidents dating back to the 1900's where some flour mills exploded due to the inherent danger posed by combustible fine dust particles—such as ordinary flour!

Fortunately, the owner of the Lewis Grist Mill ordered and installed a state of the art “Wilson Tubular Collector”, with no signs of major explosions in 2023!

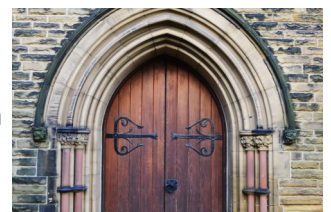
The rest is all history, and we are blessed to be able to continue renovating the circa 1762 Grist Mill building in West Nantmeal Township. Fortunately, the remnants of the old Wilson Tubular Dust Collector, still hangs from the attic ceiling. Although worn down through the passing of centuries, it's still proof that this critical safety measure was not overlooked by the Miller.

To be continued.....

Mark your calendar!

Doors! May 18, 2023, 4 PM, St. Mary of Providence Community Room

We use doors every day. Doors make our home functional by providing security and privacy. Do we take them for granted? Come learn about the history of doors of the various styles over the years from our speaker Seth Hinshaw, author of the book *A Field Guide to American Residential Doors*. Seth is an architectural historian with Richard Grubb and Associates and teaches historic preservation classes at Rowan University.



Tidbit (answer on second page)

Isabella Furnace located here in the township was known for producing pig iron, but also took orders for Ten Plate stoves. Why was it called a Ten Plate stove?

