

Note on Deepmore Mill, (variously described as being at Saredon, Gt Saredon, Shareshill or Calf Heath), Staffordshire (near Cannock)

Grid Ref: SJ 9274 0815 On Saredon Brook (tributary of R. Penk, which runs into R. Sow(e), which runs into R. Trent) and another small stream.

1. I visited this place on 16th May 1965 was given to understand by the owner and/or the tenants of Deepmore Farm that the farmhouse, or part of it, was formerly the mill. I did not go inside, or take any pictures. I did make some notes on an SPAB watermill survey questionnaire form, which I later copied on to a fresh form and sent in to SPAB. That form is now at Mills Archive under reference SPAB-WAS-STAFFS-05. However, comparing, on the side-by-side maps website, the OS 25in 1892-1914 series map with a modern Bing view and the photo on the Staffs Past Track website, it seems to me that there was another building, now gone, abutting the house on the SW side. The watercourse ran through that building, so presumably the waterwheel was there and maybe the machinery of the mill, even if part of the present house was used (e.g) for mill storage.
2. The only piece of information that I gathered apart from that on the SPAB questionnaire form was – on 25th August 1965 a Mr Brindley of Stable Lane, Saredon (then aged about 55 or 60) told me that his father used to run Deepmore Mill. (His father's brother, George, was the last person to run Saredon Mill, nearby).
3. The questionnaire form says that the mill had been powered by a small tributary of the Saredon Brook, but it is clear from the OS 6" map 1888-1913 that the water supply came from a long leat, marked as the "old mill stream" that left Saredon Brook just below Saredon Mill. Another stream, small and unnamed, ran into the leat also, before it got to Deepmore Mill.
4. There are various items on the mill at Staffs record office.
5. As mentioned, a picture of the mill appears on the Staffordshire Past Track website
6. Amongst other items on the mill on the internet, there is a document (by Mark Singlehurst, 2014) on the internet "Historical Notes on Saredon

and its key buildings” which gives more information on Deepmore Mill and suggests that it was last used about 1900.

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/SCC/TrimDocProvider/?ID=003/07/06/04/79215>

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