

NAME OF MILL **KEYNSTON MILL**
TOWN **TARRANT KEYNSTON .**
SOURCE of POWER **RIVER STOUR**
MAP REFERENCE **-ST-915 035**
.MILL REF **DOR.WT.349**

¼ml SW of Ch.- standing disused, 1961 - marked on maps 1903, 1928, 1938, 1945 Marked "mill" on 1945 OS map - At the end of the lane which goes south-westward .past the church, the mill being just beyond the Tarrant Crawford cross roads. .
(*Simmons*)

March 31, 33 Hen.VIII the site of the manor, the manor and advowson, 505 acres of lands, woods called Highwood and Ashley 95 acres in this parish, parcel of Tarent abbey, were granted inter alias to Thomas Wyatt, for lands in Kent in reversion. Hence the premises passed, 35 Hen. VIII to FRANCIS DORREL, alias Wyat, son of Elisabeth Dorrel, daughter of Sir Edward Dorrel knt.

1 Mary, to Rookwood in a like manner to Tarent Crawford, though it is said that afterwards demised to Sir JOHN RUSSELL, afterwards Earl of Bedford, together with the rectory of Tarent Crawford, in perpetuity, for £ 1350-19s; yet, 24 Eliz. (1580 it was held by Rookwood, who had licence to alienate it to.....Arundel.

In 1645, the old rents of the manor, Ashley wood, , the demesne lands, value £300 and 1641, £400 per annum, belonging to William Arundel esq. were sequestered.

It was purchased by Governor PITT, (1653-1726) whose great-great-grandson Thomas Pitt Lord Camelford possessed it, and was succeeded by his son Thomas after whose death it came to Lord GRENVILLE; who sold it to Sir JOHN WYLDBORE SMITH, Bart. father of the present owner.

Amongst the temporalities of this abbey enumerated in the Valor Ecclesiasticus 26 Hen. VIII occurs:

Manor of Kaneston Rent of mill there per annum £3-0s-0d.. (*Hutchins III Ed.*) (GP)

1042 Domesday Book ref: "Tarente, 2 mills (probably 2 sets of stones); 30/-" (*Phillimore 6-3.*) (GP)

1624 Mill with two watermills. (*Place Names of Dorset, A.D.Mills 1989 Pt.3. p123.*) (GP)

1700 "2 grist mills and a mault mill". (*Place Names of Dorset, A.D.Mills 1989 Pt.3. p123.*) (GP)

1765 "Campson Mill" on Isaac Taylor's map 2nd.Ed. 1765.

1775 SAM RUSSELL (*Rent records 132/2 - £ 10 per annum*) (GP) 1778 JOSEPH RUSSELL (*Land tax*) (GP)
1789 JOSEPH RUSSELL (*Parish records; burial*) (GP) 1790 JOHN SWAINE (*Land tax; £ 1-1-4: Lord Camelford*) (GP) 1793 JOHN SWAINE (*Rent records - £ 10 per annum*) (GP) 1794 JOHN SWAINE (*Land tax; £ 1-1-4: Lord Camelford*) (GP) 1799 Mr WATERMAN (*Land tax; £ 1-1-4: Lord Camelford*) (GP) 1800 Mr WATERMAN (*Land tax; £ 1-1-4: Lord Camelford*) (GP) 1801 Mr WATERMAN (*Land tax; £ 1-1-4: Lord Camelford*) (GP) 1816 ISACC RANDALL, (*Parish record, christening*) (GP) 1817 ISACC RANDALL (*Parish record, christening*) (GP) 1828 ISACC RANDALL (*Parish record, christening*) (GP) 1830 ISACC RANDALL (*POdir.*) 1838 ISACC RANDALL (*Tithe*) (GP) 1841 GEORGE HERRELL, millwright (*Census*) (GP) 1841 WILLIAM HAWKINS, millwright (*Census*) (GP) 1847 AMBROSE WHITEMARSH, s/o miller (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1851 ISACC RANDALL, miller & farmer, Tarrant Keynston (*Kdir*) (S)1855 EDWIN RANDALL, miller (*POdir.*) 1859 EDWIN RANDALL, miller (*POdir.*) 1861 EDWIN RANDALL (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1861 EDWIN RANDALL, miller and farmer aged 68 (must be incorrect as Par.record show his christening as 1816-G.Pugh) 1861 EDWIN? SAMWAYS, miller (*Census*) (GP) 1866 FRANCIS HART, miller (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1867 Mrs PATTY HART, miller, Keynston Mill. (*Kdir.*) (S)

1871 GEORGE ROSE, miller & farmer, 35 acres, employ 4 labs & 1 boy, born .Oxford (*Census*) (GP) 1872 GEORGE ROSE (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1873 GEORGE ROSE (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1875 GEORGE ROSE (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1875 GEORGE ROSE, miller, Keynston Mill (*Kdir*) (S)1879 GEORGE ROSE (*Parish records, christening*) (GP)

1881 CHARLES HAILE, grinder in flour mills. (*Census*) (GP)

1881 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, manager of mills & farmer of 30 acres, employing 4 men & 1 boy.(*Census*) (GP) 1882 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1885 Mill modified by Armfields.

1888 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (*Parish records, christening*) (GP) 1889 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller, miller (*Parish records, christening*). (GP) 1889 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (*Kdir.*) (S)

1891 GEORGE COOK, retired miller, 67. (*Census*) (not confirmed elsewhere as associated with mill. G.P.)

1891 GEORGE COOK, Miller, 24. (*Census*) (possibly an employee) (GP)

1891 AUGUSTUS MARTIN, miller, 22. (*Census*) (GP)

1891 WALTER STRANGE, miller & farmer, 34. (*Census*) (GP)

- 1895 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (Kdir.) (S)
- 1899 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (GP) 1903 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (Kdir.) (S) 1907 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (Kdir.) (S) 1911 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (Kdir.) (S) 1915 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller (Kdir.) (S) 1919 Mill sold by auction by Smith-Mariot, 'lot 13' of 34 acres, part of .2,400 acres of Tarrant Rushton Estate. (ref:DCRO sales particulars) (GP) 1920 WALTER JOHN STRANGE, miller and journeyman. (Kdir.) (S) 1927 ROBERT TURNHAM, (Kdir.) (S) 1928 Mr PETCHEY (Mr Holland, farmer, Tarrant Keynston took his animal .feed to the mill to be ground by this miller - personal comment.) (GP) 1929 Mr PETCHEY (left to go to Durweston Mill - Mr Holland pers.comm) (GP) 1935 HENRY STICKLAND, farmer (known locally more as a builder than a .farmer - Mr Holland pers.comm) 1949 Colonel SYMOUR, landowner, purchased the mill.
- 1952 Keynston Mill (CPO 1952).
- 1961 Mill derelict (Rex Wailes Oct.1961)
- 1962 Two wheels, derelict. (915 035) By-pass wheel was undershot 5ft. 4in x .4in. Iron. It had 'H' section cast iron arms. The main wheel, also .iron, had I section C.I. arms and wooden floats. Ratio between .pit-wheel and wallower was 37:31, a very heavy wallower wheel. Spur-wheel mortise four T arms and in halves. A ring on two slotted .supports was used to raise the stonenuts and the nuts were wedges up. .Iron upright shaft hexagon 9in across flats. (Rex Wailes.Oct.1962.) 1969 Mr & Mrs PARTRIDGE, farmers, rented the mill and 48 acres for "pick .your own" fruit farm. 1984 Mr & Mrs PARTRIDGE, purchased the farm and mill.
- 1984 Mill was used for animal feed but is now empty and used for storage, but still has a live water supply. Owner is Mrs Seymour. Mill and house attached, brick and slate. The undershot wheel is 10ft 2ins diameter diam. and 11ft wide; four sets of six radial metal arms bolted to hub, and metal buckets which have rotted away. The four sets of arms are loose on the shaft. On the stone floor are two pairs of 45" burr stones and one pair of 4ft peak, and lay-shafts with pulleys from the crown wheel, connecting with a layshaft on the top floor. Sack hoist still present. (P Jackson 3/1/1984-- CPO)
- 1994 Mr & Mrs PARTRIDGE, mill etc. offered for sale.
- 1995 When visiting the mill some time ago, I checked the gearing and found the pit-wheel had 84 teeth and the wallower 28. I have mention of the following order numbers but no dates. If you check the order book, these numbers may establish the date of the installation of the roller mills. There are dates of various screens supplied and the few dates mentioned are around 1913. These are replacement screens.
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| 1 double roller mill 18" x 6" | order 7084 | |
| 1 double roller mill 18" x 6" | order 7085 | |
| 2 double roller mill 18" x 6" | order 7086 | |
| Breakmeal wheel | order 7087 | |
| Rotary scalper | order 7088 | |
| 5 Centrafugals | order 7089 | |
| No.14 Purifier | order 7091 | |
| Dickey sieve | order 7092. | Hartley Wort. Apl 1995. |

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