

Appendix A: Chain of Title and Tax Assessments**Chain of Title, Middleford Mills**

Year	Owner(s)	Reference
1760s	Joseph Vaughan and Company	Scharf 1888
1802	Heirs of Joseph Pennell	Deed Book AB 25:114-117
1805	William Huffington, Jr., James Huffington, and Thomas Townsend	Deed Book AB 25:114-117
1805	William Huffington, Jr. and James Huffington	Deed Book AB 25:117-118
1807	William Huffington, Jr.	Deed Book AB 25:525-526
1814	William and Edward Huffington.	Orphans Court Case Files 1815
1817	William Huffington	Deed Book AK 33:326
1823	Sussex County sheriff	Deed Book AM 35:564-565
1823	Mitchell Huffington	Deed Book AM 35:564-565
1823	Thomas Townsend	Deed Book AM 35:564-565
1827	Thomas Townsend's heirs	Orphans Court Case Files 1831-1832
1832	Barkley Townsend	Orphans Court Case Files 1831-1832
1832	Robert Houston (half)	Deed Book 45:380-384
1832	William and Michael Stuart (half)	Deed Book 43:313-314
1845	Lot Rawlins (Houston's half)	Deed Book 52:238
1850s?	Lot Rawlins (Stuarts' half)	none
1862	James and John .M. Rawlins	Will Book M12:43-46
1900	Robert Purvis	Deed Book 135:85
1923	Robert Purvis' Heirs	Deed Book 239:548-551; 552-554
1943	H. Rafe Griffith	Deed Book 340:225-228
1945	Various owners	various

Middleford Mills Tax Assessments

Year	Owner(s)	Description	Value	Hundred
1796	Marshall, Wishart & Pennell & Company	Mill lot and stream and dam, 30 acres	£250	Nanticoke
		Forge tract and dwelling house, mill and stream	£700	Nanticoke
1803	Vaughan and Douglass	5000 acres	\$7500	Nanticoke
1806	No listing			Nanticoke
1807	William and James Huffington	Sundry store goods	\$250	Northwest Fork
1809	William Huffington and others	400 acres	\$600	Nanticoke
	William Huffington	5 acres improved in town of Middleford/55 acres	\$760/\$52	Northwest Fork
1812	No listing			Nanticoke
1816	Heirs of William Huffington, Jr.	430 acres and forge and sawmill	\$1290	Nanticoke
		70 acres adjoining Middleford	\$420	Northwest Fork
		Mansion house and lot in Middleford	\$500	Northwest Fork
		Store house and lot in Middleford	\$200	Northwest Fork
		2 houses and lots, rents for \$18 each	\$100	Northwest Fork

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Year	Owner(s)	Description	Value	Hundred
		1 house rents for \$60	\$200	Northwest Fork
		1 house rents for \$12	\$50	Northwest Fork
1819	Edward and William Huffington	No description	\$840	Nanticoke
1822	Thomas Townsend	470 acres	\$940	Nanticoke
	Edward and William Huffington (transfer to Thomas Townsend)	1 house and lot in Middleford	\$500	Northwest Fork
		1 house store and counting house rents \$24	\$150	Northwest Fork
		1 house occupied by Ephraim Collins	\$150	Northwest Fork
		6 small houses rents for \$12 per year each	\$500	Northwest Fork
1825	No listing			Nanticoke
1827	No listing			Nanticoke
	Thomas Townsend's heirs	All property in and about Middleford	\$2000	Northwest Fork
1834 (recorded in 1833 book)	same	Lands from land assessment	\$2000	Northwest Fork
1836	Robert Houston	100 acres and half sawmill	\$250	Nanticoke
		200 acres/half of gristmill	\$500/\$850	Northwest Fork
	William and Michael Stuart	Half sawmills and 100 acres	\$250	Nanticoke
		Half of gristmill	\$850	Northwest Fork
		1 house and lot in Middleford	\$100	Northwest Fork
	William Stuart	1 store house and granary	\$200	Northwest Fork
1840	Robert Houston	100 acres, half sawmill	\$250	Nanticoke
	William and Michael Stuart	100 acres	\$250	Nanticoke
1841 (recorded in 1840 book)	Robert Houston	200 acres/half mill	\$450/\$850	Northwest Fork
	William and Michael Stuart	Half mill and 3 houses and lots	\$1055	Northwest Fork
1844	Robert Houston	100 acres, half sawmill	\$200	Nanticoke
		Half part of Middleford Mill property including houses and lots, transferred to Lot Rawlins	\$850	Northwest Fork
	William and Michael Stuart	100 acres, half sawmill	\$200	Nanticoke
		1 store house and lot	\$200	Northwest Fork
		1 house and lot	\$200	Northwest Fork
		1 house and lot	\$300	Northwest Fork
		1 house and lot	\$20	Northwest Fork
		1 cooper's shop on ground, rent \$10, half Middleford Mills property including houses and lots	\$850	Northwest Fork
	Lot Rawlins	200 acres/1 house and lot and store house	\$200/\$500	Northwest Fork

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(recorded in 1840 book)	William and Michael Stuart	Store house and lot from William Stuart	\$200	Northwest Fork
1846 (recorded in 1844 book)	Lot Rawlins from Robert Houston	Half mill and 100 acres	None given	Nanticoke
1847 (recorded in 1844 book)	Lot Rawlins	Acquired from Robert Houston/deduct for destruction of the mill	\$850/--\$350	Northwest Fork
1848	Lot Rawlins	1055 acres, half sawmills	\$1466	Nanticoke
		200 acres, one house lot and half mills and lots in Middleford	\$1200	Northwest Fork
	William and Michael Stuart	4 houses and lots and half mills	\$950	Northwest Fork
1852	Lot Rawlins	60 acres and sawmill (also other unrelated lands valued separately)	\$1500	Nanticoke
		1 lot with dwelling and store house	\$750	Northwest Fork
		4 houses and lots	\$125/\$100/\$50/\$50	Northwest Fork
		2 acres of land, old field near Middleford	\$30	Northwest Fork
		1 lot with old burnt gristmill at Middleford, half the stream and 2 old houses thereon	\$1000	Northwest Fork
1856	Lot Rawlins	1076 acres	\$9560	Nanticoke
		352 acres from land assessment	\$2376	Northwest Fork
		Lot with mill and stream	\$1500	Northwest Fork
		5 houses and lots	\$1075	Northwest Fork
1857	Lot Rawlins	1076 acres	\$9560	Nanticoke
1860	Lot Rawlins	1 sawmill and stream and 75 acres (also other lands valued separately)	\$1000	Nanticoke
	James and J.M. Rawlins	1 gristmill and carding [machine?] with half the stream at Middleford	\$1800	Northwest Fork
1864	J.M. and J. Rawlins	1 sawmill and stream	\$1000	Nanticoke
		1 gristmill (each have other lots as well)	\$1800	Northwest Fork
1868	John M. and James Rawlins	75 acres and 1 sawmill	\$1200	Nanticoke
		2 houses and lots, 1 gristmill, carding and planing mill	\$2000	Northwest Fork
		2 houses and lots, 1 gristmill, carding [mesher?] and planing mill	\$2000	Seaford
1872	John M. and James Rawlins	1 mill and stream and 75 acres	\$1000	Nanticoke
		1 grist, carding, planing mill	\$4000	Seaford
1876-80	John M. and James Rawlins	1 mill and stream and 75 acres	\$1000	Nanticoke

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Year	Owner(s)	Description	Value	Hundred
		1 grist, carding, planing mill	\$3000	Seaford
1880-84	John M. and James Rawlins	1 mill and stream and 75 acres	\$1200	Nanticoke
		1 mill and factories	\$3000	Seaford
1884-88	John M. and James Rawlins	1 mill and stream and 75 acres	\$1200	Nanticoke
		1 mill and factories	\$3000	Seaford
1888-92	John M. and James Rawlins	1 saw, grist and planing mill/75 acres	\$600/\$450	Nanticoke
		1 mill property	\$3000	Seaford
1892-96	John M. Rawlins	1 water grist and sawmill/75 acres	\$500/\$450	Nanticoke
	John M. and James Rawlins (transfer to John M. Rawlins heirs)	1 mill property	\$3000	Seaford
1896-1900	William H. Rawlins	75 acres	\$375	Nanticoke
1901-04	Robert Purvis	Mill property/3 lots and 3 houses	\$300/\$350	Seaford
1905-08	Robert C. Pervis	60 acres	\$300	South Nanticoke
1909-12	Robert C. Pervis	60 acres	\$300	South Nanticoke
		1 acre land and mill	\$1000	Seaford
1913-16	Robert C. Pervis	25 acres	\$200	South Nanticoke
		Mill property/2 lots and houses	\$500/\$480	Seaford
1916-1920	Robert C. Purvis	114 acres with improvement at Middleford	\$1000	
1921	Robert C. Purvis, Estate	114 acres with improvement at Middleford	\$1400	
1922	Robert C. Purvis, Estate	114 acres with improvement/added improvement	\$1400/\$100	
1923-1929	John R. Purvis	1 acre with improvement (mill)	\$200	
	Alice P. Hill et al.	113 ½ acres and lot/added improvement	\$1500/\$100	
1930	John R. Purvis	1 acre with improvement (mill)	\$200	
	Alice P. Hill et al.	113 ½ acres with improvement	\$2000	
1931-1942	John R. Purvis	1 acre with improvement (mill)/added improvement	\$200/\$400	
	Alice P. Hill et al.	113 ½ acres with improvement	\$2000	
1943-1944	John R. Purvis	1 acre with improvement (mill)/added improvement	\$200/\$400	
	H. Rafe Griffith	113 ½ acres	\$1400	
1945	John R. Purvis	1 acre with improvement (mill)/added improvement	\$200/\$400	
	H. Rafe Griffith transfers	Charles Hurley, 68 ½ acres		
		Charles Gray Friedel, 4 acres		
		Ira. S. Simpler et ux., 3 acres		
		Walter M. and Helen Mickle, 4 acres		
		William A. Hill et ux., 15 acres		

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Year	Owner(s)	Description	Value	Hundred
		Raymond H. Williams et ux., 4 acres		
		15 acres not transferred		

**Middleford Mills (land adjacent to former mill pond and races)
post-1945 land transfers, by parcel**

Parcel Number/Acreage	Year	Grantee	Grantor	Reference
394/26 acres	1966	Charles W. and Belva B. Hurley	Charles G. Allen, Jr. and Ruth H. Allen	DB 963:326-327
80/no acreage	?	Charles W. and Belva B. Hurley	Charles G. Allen, Jr. and Ruth H. Allen	No deed found
80.01/9 acres	1966	Charles W. and Belva B. Hurley	Charles G. Allen, Jr. and Ruth H. Allen	DB 963:326-327
	1984	Charles G. Allen, Jr. and Ruth H. Allen	David Mark and Anne S. Allen	DB 1320:153
77/no acreage		Ruth M. Friedel	Richard W. and Gertrude M. Harris	DB 480:349
		Gertrude M. Harris	Michael M. and Patricia P. Harris	WB 200:47; DB 2257:113
78/no acreage		Ruth M. Friedel	Louis H. and Elsie Callaway	DB 512:224; DB 561:557
79/6.5 acres	1954	Charles Gray and Mildred A. Friedel	James E. and Ruth M. Friedel	DB 431:326
	1966	Ruth M. Friedel	Charles N. and Carolyn G. Jackson	DB 599:141
81/no acreage 82/5.88 acres	1950	Raymond H. and Leona W. Williams	Dorothy W. and Louis C. King	DB 393:428-429
			Robert W. King	WB 214:144
83/15 acres	1949	William A. and Frances D. Hill	Samuel L. and Gloria Mellin	DB 388:53
83/5 acres	1963	William A. and Frances D. Hill	Samuel L. and Gloria Mellin	DB 560:649