

The Daily Grind

The first mill on this site was built by settlers in 1838 and was destroyed by fire 10 years later. It was immediately replaced by moving another mill which was located several kilometres upstream (northwest) of here on Cold Creek to this location. The components of this mill were dismantled, floated down the creek to the present day location and reassembled. Over the years, the mill has been expanded several times and operated as a grist mill until 1980.

In 1853, this hamlet was known as Newcombe Mills with a population of 200 people. The community boasted the mill, several stores, a blacksmith shop and wood-working shops. The hamlet changed its name to Orland in 1898 and is now a part of the Municipality of Brighton.

The mill pond was located west of highway 30. It was several acres in size when this picture was taken in the late 1800's.



The original mill was considerably smaller than the current structure.



The mill bridge was made of timber and was part of the dam that ensured there was adequate water available to run the water wheel.

