

September 20, 1978

Mr. Louis McDermott,  
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Dear Mr. McDermott,

Thank you for your letter of September 6th.

I have checked the map which you refer to in your letter but have not been able to obtain any information on the mill on Six Mile Creek. In my opinion, the name shown on the map is "Pickerl's Mills" rather than "Rickerts Mills."

The Assessment Rolls of Bertie Tp. contain several references to the Decue family who apparently operated various mills in the municipality. The 1871 Assessment Roll of Bertie Tp. lists Frederick and Robert Decue as millers residing at the "mill site" on part of Lot 16. No specific concession is indicated. Unfortunately this vague description of the location of the mill site is consistently repeated in subsequent Assessment Rolls. Perhaps the term "mill site" referred to one specific well-known mill site in the Township and consequently the Assessor assumed that a more precise description was unnecessary.

The 1871 Assessment Roll also lists Israel and Cyrus Decue as millwrights living on the west part of Lot 16, Con. 14 N.R. The 1872 Assessment Roll describes Israel and Cyrus Decue as millowners.

The 1873 Assessment Roll indicates that Frederick Decue and William E. Decue were operating the mill on the "mill site" on part of Lot 16. The 1875 Assessment Roll lists Frederick, William E. and Robert Decue as millers operating a mill on part of Lot 15, Con. 5 N.R. . The 1880 Assessment Roll indicates that Frederick Decue was the sole operator of the mill on Pt. of Lot 15, Con. 5 N.R.. The same Assessment Roll indicates that Israel and Cyrus Decue were still operating a mill on Lot 16, Con. 14 N.R..

I hope that this information will be of some value to you in your research.

Yours very truly,



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