

## IVY MILL PLACE

1856 Case, "Adam Ivy vs. L. Herschel Massey," for partition on sale of mill called "Turkey Point Merchant Mills," erected near Kings Bottom on the Catawba River. About 5 acres of land, originally erected by Adam Ivy, John M. Doby, the late Benjamin S. Massey and the estate of James Stewart. Ivy had purchased Doby's 1/4th interest and now owned 1/2. Stewart had left his 1/4 interest to his wife Mary Stewart and 1/4th belonged to the heirs of Benjamin Sykes Massey. Ivy was "vested" in the last term [of court] at the sum of \$1600 and was ordered to pay interest from 21 June 1855 and pay 1/2 of partition ; \$400 plus interest to Mrs. Nancy Stewart and \$400 and interest to heirs of B. S. Massey.

1856- Report of Oscar Lieber, state geologist: Reference to gold mine owned by Ivy, Massey & Doby- " a mine opened to a very slight extent."

1860- Lancaster District Industrial Census: Adam Ivy owner of merchant mill of \$2,000 value; processed corn in 1859: 7,000 bushels valued at \$7,000; 2500 bu. of wheat valued at \$3,000. Run by water power; 2 sets of runners; 1 employee paid \$15 per month.

1870- Lancaster County Industrial Census. Adam Ivy owner of grist mill valued at \$3,600. Reaction wheel; 6,000 bushels of corn, 6,000 bu. of meal at value of \$10,000; 1000 bu. of wheat valued at \$3,000 produced 30,000 lb flour valued at \$12,000.

1871- Ivy Mill tract, originally property of John M. Doby, sold by him when Doby left for Arkansas in 1855. in 1871 deeded by Adam Ivy to sons James Morrow Ivy and Adam Clark Ivy.

1875- A. C. Ivy conveyed his interest in Ivy Mill tract to J. M. Ivy by deed. (Lancaster Book A, Deeds, pp. 324-25) 700 acres, more or less, known as the mill tract bounded by John Slagle, William Rodgers, Jane Hagins and others and the Catawba River. Also, one tract of 725 acres bounded by lands of F. Barber, gold mine lands of Massey, Doby & Co, Adams Ivy's Homestead lands and the Catawba River. Said two tracts recently deeded to J. M. Ivy & A. C. Ivy by James D. Caskey, Sheriff of Lancaster Co.

1898. Mill tract taken over by Williams, Black & Co., cotton merchants of Rock Hill.

1912- "The Record is informed that the Lancaster County road forces began this morning to complete the road from the end of the Roddey bridge over the Catawba at Ivy's Mill, in the River Bend, out to the National Highway. The distance is one and a half miles. At the abutment of the mill on the Lancaster side there is a tremendous hill, and after going into it was found to be almost solid rock. We are informed that Lancaster County began work there today with steam drills, etc., prepared to remove the rocks and build this mile and a half of road at at cost of \$3,500. We understand that some of the Lancaster taxpayers are pretty sore over the matter, but they ought not to kick on \$3,500, when they think of York County putting \$15,000 or more into it. Then this road and bridge will enable them to come over to a 'good town' in their automobiles and buggies." (Rock Hill Record, Aug 19, 1912, p.1.)

1916 - "The Old Ivy Mill, one of the ancient landmarks, went down before the fury of the Catawba early Monday morning. It was in a cove of the bank and those who saw it let loose say that it was simply lifted from its base and floated upstream a little distance before it was caught by the current." (Waxhaw Enterprise, July 19, 1916)

"Doby's Bridge was lifted from its bearings carried upstream several hundred yards and demolished." (Fort Mill Times, July 27, 1916)