Robeson Rolling Mill History Recap with Links to original documents

Year	Name &/or Building Use	Robeson's Rolling Mill, References in Deeds & Wills, Maps, Pictures, Names and its Uses 1686 – 1905 Source and Notes	Key Links for Endnotes
1684	Original Land Grant	**1684** William Penn "grants" 500 acres to Robert Turner	Turner 1684 signed by Wm Penn.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1686	*See Sources & Notes*	**19 Jun 1686:** 101-Year Lease 50.5 acres from R. Turner to J Tittery with boundaries **land all on West side of the Wissahickon Creek**	Fifty and one half Acres Mapped.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1690	**"Corn Mill"** (On the West side of Wissahickon Creek)	**8 Nov 1690 Indenture** - Lease addendum adding C. Sanders & A. Robeson. West side of the Creek based on stated boundary lines and states that it contains a Saw Mill and a Corn Mill.	1690 Nov 8 J Tittery and R Townsend to A Robeson Word to Pdf.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1691	**"Corn Mill"** (On the West side of Wissahickon Creek)	**4 Apr 1691** Indenture adding J Tyzache as of 1689 (addition of Tyzache predates Robeson/Sanders agreement) and states that it contains a Saw Mill and a Corn Mill.	1691 Apr 4 Tittery and Townsend Lease to Tyzache.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1691	**"Corn Mill"**	**11 Jul 1691** Indenture from R. Turner, Tittery et al. land & lease to A. Robeson and C Sanders; it states that it contains a Saw Mill and a Corn Mill.	11 July 1691 Deed.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1691	" " "	" " " (Different version, official transcription than above.)	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSF1-91Y9?i=499&cat=227024
1702	**"One Water Corn Mill"**	**1702 Sep 15** A Robeson to J Vanlaer half 200 acres and half 8 acres. References "One Water Corn Mill" in 4th line on right and continued "Millns (being three millns under the same roof)"	1702 Sep 15 A Robeson to J Vanlaer half 200 acres and half 8 acres.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1703	**"One Water Corn Mill"**	**1703 Oct 5 John Vanlaer and Sarah Sanders to** Andrew Robeson *Jr.*	1703 J. Vanlaer and S. Sanders to A. Robeson Jr.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1720	**"Roxborrow Mill and the Bolting Mill"**)	**27 Feb 1719/1720** Andrew Robeson Jr. Will - reports two mills: "…lands belonging to the Roxborrow Mill and Bolting Mill and..." (Roxborrow *(Corn/Grist)* on West side and Bolting *(Flour)* Mill on East side of the Wissahickon Creek)	Wills, 1682-1916; indexes to wills, 1682-1924; ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9B2-P3NS-Q (familysearch.org)
1748	**"Corn or Grist Mill"**	**1748 Sep 22** Zachariah Whitpaine to Magdalen Robeson: "…Water Corn or *[2nd mill]* Grist Mills or Millns (sic) (now being two grist mills with two pairs of Stones under one Roof) sometimes called or known by the name Wissahickon Mills	Deeds (Philadephia County, Pennsylvania), 1683-1886 ; index to deeds, 1683-1916; ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSN1-D9NS-K?i=325&cat=227024 (familysearch.org)

		and now called Roxborough Mills with their Appurtenances..." "Mill Race**s"** Plural.	
1752	**"Corn or Grist Mill"**	**1752 May 22** Magdalen Robeson to Henry Shellenberg - The wording seems to be simply a copy of the wording in deed that conveyed land and mills to Magdalen Robeson 4 years earlier with there being two Mills.	Deeds (Philadephia County, Pennsylvania), 1683-1886 ; index to deeds, 1683-1916; ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSFB-R9MY-H?i=215&cat=227024 (familysearch.org)
1752	**"Rolling Mill"**	**1752 Aug 22** Deed Rudman **Robeson** to Henry Shellenberg - The wording is the same as in early part of the deed as Magdalen's deed, but a later section has in it "Rolling" descriptor, phrased as "Stables, Millhouses, **Rolling** Mills, Buildings,…"	Deeds (Philadephia County, Pennsylvania), 1683-1886 ; index to deeds, 1683-1916; ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSFB-YQ8X-L?i=228&cat=227024 (familysearch.org)
1755	**"Corn or Grist Mill"**	**1755 Jun 22** Deed Dorothy - Henry Shellenberg to John Vanderen - as above the May 1752 deed; work-in-progress to reconcile with prior deed.	1755 Shellenberg to John Vanderan.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1777	**Key Map**	**John Hills Map**: Sketch of the Surprise at German Town by the American Forces Commanded by General Washington October 4th, 1777	Sketch of the surprise of German Town by the American forces commanded by General Washington October 4th 1777 - Scanned Maps - CURIOSity Digital Collections (harvard.edu)
1789	**Corn Mill**	**1789 Dec 8**: James Ash, Sheriff, witnesses transfer from the Vanderan Estate to Peter & Jonathon Robeson. Document contains reference to the Sheriff Deed Book. Mill may have been unused.	1789 Dec 8 James Ash Sheriff to Peter and Jonathon Robeson.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1790	**Corn Mill**	**1790 Mar 6:** James Ash, Sheriff, for the Vanderen's estate deed to Peter & Jonathon Robeson: "All those Corn and Grist Mills…on both sides of the Wissahickon Creek..."	1790 Mar 6 James Ash Esq Sheriff Vanderen estate Deed to Peter and Jonathon Robeson.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1802	Barn	**1802 Jul 6**: Sheriff Israel Israel to Peter Robeson to satisfy debts of Jonathon Robeson, deceased. 1790 "Corn Mill" is not referenced.	1802 Sheriff Deed to P Robeson.pdf (philacanoe.org)
TBD	Rolling Mill	TBD - When and who reinstalled the Rolling Mill wheel & works.	TBD
1816	**"Iron Mills"**	**J. Watson 1.) painting and 2.) pen & ink** with writing that reads: "Look up on the Whissihicon *(sic)* Bridge from the Iron Mills 4 October"	1816 Captain Watsons with Wheel Circled.pdf (philacanoe.org)

1816	Mill	**1816 Map** of Philadelphia County by John Melish has three mills	https://westphillyhistory.archives.upenn.edu/maps/1816-map-melish
1817	**"Robeson's Rolling Mill"**	**1817 records** for water height for "Peter Robeson's Rolling Mill."	1817 Water Heights Robeson's Rolling Mill.JPG (4032×3024) (philacanoe.org)
1816 - 1825	**Rolling Mill**	Schuylkill Navigation System Collection drawings 1st Reach 1-1.jpg. Has a notable boat landing or dock.	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PS8gXP__7M7U1LZZHXQBxaxERbVBEade
1820	**Rolling Mill**	**1820 Census of manufactures** original, documenting the mill being rented by Dr. John Moore, son-in-law of Peter Robeson; 4 page description.	Records of the 1820 census of manufactures; ark:/61903/3:1:3QHK-93PJ-XFFC?i=273&cat=280127 (familysearch.org)
1820	**Rolling Mill**	**1820 Census TRANSCRIPTION** - May need CTRL-CLCK	John Moore Renting the Rolling and Slitting Mill and Nail Factory 1820 Census.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1822	**Rolling Mill**	Frederick Graff drawing and documents related to suit and Fairmount Dam raising the River water level upstream, with geographic diagrams and drawing of the Rolling Mill Waterwheel.	Philadelphia Architects and Buildings 1822 (philadelphiabuildings.org)
1822	Rolling Mill & the Nail Factory located between it & the Saw Mill on Ridge Ave.	Document in the Philadelphia City Archives Fairmount Park purchases, Dobson Files. Part of Robeson suit vs. the Schuylkill Navigation Company for the loss of water power when the Navigation Company built the lower dam c. 1816 (Fairmount Waterworks Dam). 2nd link has the critical water power measurements and some open questions about the Nail Factory.	1822 Measurements Robeson.pdf (philacanoe.org) 1822 Robeson Mills Water Levels and Waterpower Measurments.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1827	Not Reported	Schuylkill Navigation Co. Maps Images 1-112 and 1-1	https://www.racc.edu/sites/default/files/imported/Yocum/canal/Reaches/Maps/Reach1/1-112.gif
1845	Rolling Mill	2nd set of Frederick Graff drawing and related 2nd suit documents with waterwheel and measurements for Freshet occurring 1839 and prior, being relevant as were before the dam was rebuilt in 1843-1844.	Philadelphia Architects & Buildings 1845 (philadelphiabuildings.org)
1841 - 1848	'Logwood Mill' making paints and dyes from logwood[1]	"Plan of the Township of Roxborough" and note from Jon. Robeson about raised level water at mouth of Creek as problem. *Public Ledger* 1841: "Wanted – A person well acquainted with Chipping and Grinding all kings of Dye Woods…at Robeson's Mills"	Township of Roxborough by M. Dripps [1848) Jonathon Robeson note flow of water to the Logwood Mill

[1] See background on dye mills here: Mills make the world go round – Page 11 – The Mills Archive

1874	Stables	Used as or in conjunction with a stable by Fairmount Park Guards and pre-Revolutionary War erection date assertion (Author unknown.)	1902 Dec 8 Philadelphia Inquirer Article ONE Page.pdf (philacanoe.org)
1877	Social Eating & Fishing Club	The Schuylkill Fishing Co. of the State in Schuylkill - leased & Occupied as its HQ 1877 - 1887; leases through 1902 as base to fish	Schuylkill Fishing Co Background
1905	Canoe Club	Philadelphia Canoe Club	Philadelphia Canoe Club - Home (philacanoe.org)