Watermills of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed

Sunday, January 23, 2022 2:00 pm

Presented by Richard Hunter

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About the Speaker:



Richard Hunter has had a lifelong interest in mills going back to his pre–U.S. existence in the UK. His doctoral dissertation at Rutgers was a historical of mill siting in

geographical study of mill siting in the Stony Brook-Millstone and North Branch of the Raritan watersheds. In his professional career as an archaeologist and cultural resource management specialist from the late 1970s onwards he has researched and excavated numerous water-powered industrial sites of many different types throughout the state and Mid-Atlantic region. He has a particular obsession with tide mills, which sadly are a hydro-geographic impossibility in the Stony Brook-Millstone watershed. Richard is founder and President of Hunter Research. Inc. a Trenton-based historic preservation and cultural resources consulting business, and has served on numerous state and local boards and commissions. He is author of many articles and co-author (with Richard Porter) of Hopewell: A Historical Geography.

People have long been drawn to water, out of basic necessity, as a source of food resources, and more recently, for the power it can provide. Explore the history of the water–powered industry and the several dozen or so watermills of the Stony Brook–Millstone watershed. These range in date from the early 18th through the early 20th centuries, and cover a wide range of mill types, mostly grist and sawmills, but also many others, e.g., fulling, carding, woolen, cotton, flax, plaster, oil, clover, and more. Examine how these mills supported and shaped the communities within the watershed.

Note: You can attend this event in person or online – Registration is required for either option:

In person at The Watershed Institute, formerly the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association: 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, New Jersey 08534

Online virtual presentation via Zoom

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