

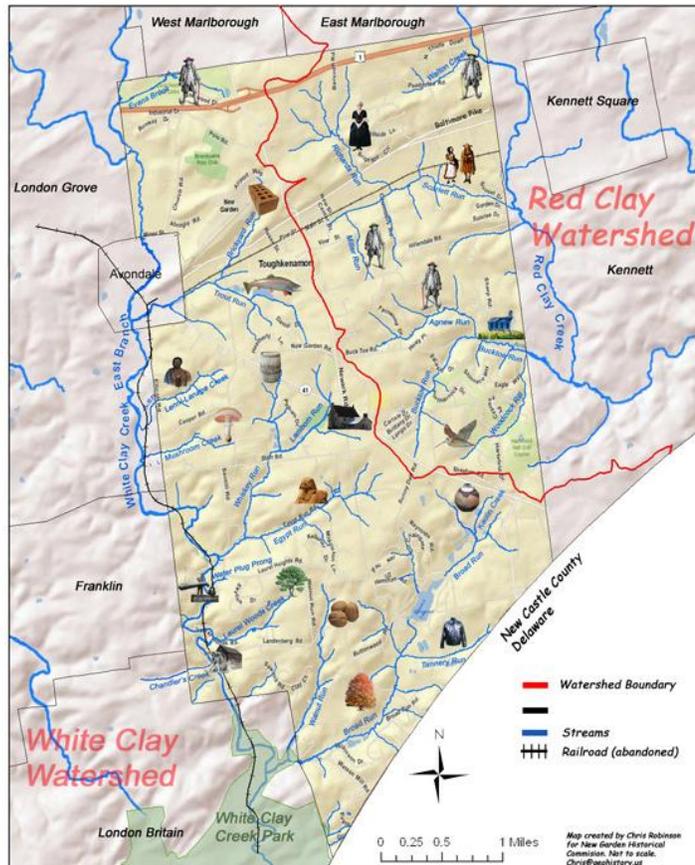


Mills in New Garden

From Ann Hagerty's book "Once Upon A Time In New Garden Township"

"It has been impossible to determine the exact location of the early mills. One large woolen mill was located on Mercer Mill Road at Penn Green Road. It no longer stands. The building on the opposite corner, now an apartment house, was used by the last mill owner as an office and storage building. Across Penn Green Road, in the Landenberg United Methodist Church yard, stood another weave mill that was later converted into housing for employees. Old maps show a grist mill on the eastern bank of the White Clay Creek, just about where the Seckler residence stands. Newspaper accounts state that a grist mill in Landenberg was later used as a "wool room," and the Seckler residence is known to have been used for wool sorting in years past. The same accounts, however, stated that the grist mill had been used as a wheelwright shop, and was at that time used as an office. A wheelwright shop appears on an old map at, or near, the aforementioned apartment house site.

Streams in New Garden Township



For more information about the names please [click here](#).

Downstream, on the present Thomas Beach property, stood a mill last known as the "bone mill." It, or one nearby, was used as a cotton mill at one time for the manufacture of woolen yarn at another; and at still another point as a wheelwright shop. On the western bank of the White Clay above the Methodist Church stood yet another large mill, near the old railroad track. North of it, immediately to the right of Laurel Bridge was still another, or maybe even two mills. Other grist and sawmills were situated still further north on Egypt Run, and southeast of the Village on Broad Run. Some details are known of early owners and usage, but references are conflicting. Adding to the confusion is the fact that Landenberg was created from the separate villages of Laurel and Chandlerville, and, perhaps, a third one called Nobleville."

For more about mills in New Garden go to the [New Garden Historical Commission website](#).