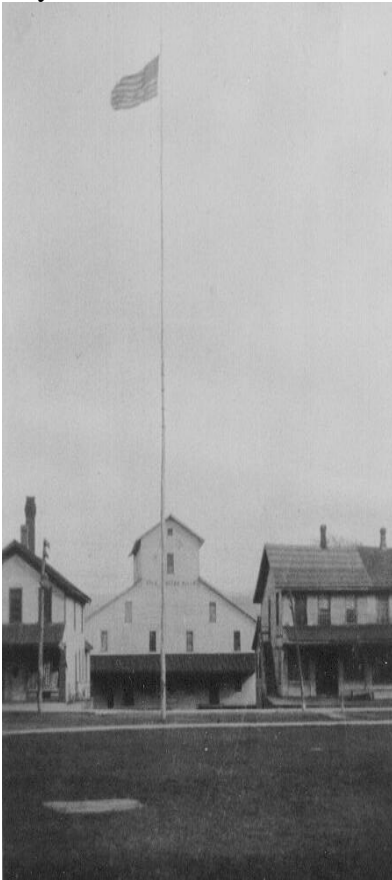


THE ALEXANDER MILLS

The original gristmill was built by William Adams in 1807. After his death in 1810, the mill was taken over by Benjamin Butterfield for a few years. Then in 1817 Timothy Mooers acquired the property. He rebuilt the mills and added wool carding and cloth manufacturing equipment. He was partners with Alfred Rann for a time. Timothy died in 1831. Timothy Mooers son Alonzo T. ran the milling and grain business for a number of years. A.T. partner was Judge Ira Rix, who later moved to Michigan. A. T. Mooers also ran a grocery and drug store.

The mills were next owned by E.G. Moulton and sons. In 1869, they enlarged the building and made other improvements. The Moulton's sold the mills to C. S. Thompson in 1876. Mr. Thompson hired Jeremiah D. Richards as the boss miller. J. D. Richard's hand was badly crushed in an accident at the mills. Mr. Thompson added new equipment to the mills in 1883. In July of 1892 there was a flood that rose until there was several inches of water on the mill floor. This was the highest the water had ever been. Frank M. Richards, son of J.D. Richards, purchased the mills in 1911. He sold the mills to Mr. J. Ray Totten of Rochester shortly before the fire of November 1917.



The mills were never rebuilt.

