

HISTORIC SITE

The Blythe Mill

Two mills that received power from the Auburn Dam operated in this vicinity. The saw mill was started 1851-54 by John Langton, and later operated by James Bird and George Hilliard. It had 36 saws and lathing material, and in the 1850s its production capacity was over 6000 metres of lumber a day. The grist mill originally had three run of stones and produced 600 barrels of flour a week. After John Langton the grist mill was owned by John Carnegie Jr, who made major improvements. It was later owned by Herst and Denne, and by George Hilliard who converted it to a roller system in 1883. The complex was purchased at auction by John Carnegie in 1894. Peterborough's first industrial suburb grew in the Blythe Mill area.

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