

Historic Site Background

Site Name: Crawford's Mills

Other Name: None

Site Address: Between Melwood Road and Route 356 on Pine Run just downstream of the confluence of the two streams that join to form Pine Run.

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Owner: Julie and Calvin McCutcheon

Owner Address: 60 Rte. 356, Apollo, PA 15613

Owner Phone Number: 724-567-6099

Documents Available: Lists of Patrons at the Kiskiminetas Store, the general store at Crawford's Mills, are stored at the Apollo Library.

Year Built: Store patron lists document existence of Kiskiminetas Store from 1818 until 1836. Tax records show ownership of the gristmill and the sawmill by Widow Crawford in 1820. George Crawford, who had died by 1820, built the mills.

Additions/alterations: The site is completely gone. In the 1950's there were a few small homes along the southern side of Pine Run accessible by a dirt and stone road off Rte. 356 near where Rte. 356 passes over Pine Run. No record has been found that documents the final closing of the mills and shops.

What else is known about the site: In addition to the store and the two mills, other businesses at Crawford's Mills included a US Post Office, a tannery and a blacksmith shop. The 1820 tax lists show the gristmill valued at \$1,200 and the sawmill valued at \$500. The millstones were pulled from the creek by Tom Byers about 1960. They are standing on either side of the driveway at the Byers homestead. They will be returned to the site if and when it is restored and preserved.