



Kemp's Mill and Dam on the Conococheague Creek.

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Kemp's Mill was previously owned by Joseph Volgamot (Wolgemuth). In 1777, his widow, Catherine and two sons, sold it to Nicholas Swingle. The confluence of Conodoguinet Creek and the Susquehanna River is slightly upstream from Harrisburg. The Vulgamot (Wogamot and various other spellings) family owned the "Dutch Folly" and its mill as early as 1745. Nicholas Swingle purchased the buildings before 1784. Dennis Griffith's 1794 Map of the State of Maryland shows "Swingley's Mill" next to the Conococheague Creek and not on a tributary. Varle's 1808 map shows the same configuration. The Leiter and Kemp families owned the mill during the nineteenth century. The mill was owned by William H.C. Kemp from 1878 to 1937 and in full operation until 1936, when it was extensively damaged by a flood. In the early 1970's, "Kemp's Mill" served as a restaurant and night club until but was damaged by the Hurricane Agnes flood in 1972, after which time, the mill was a private residence. In 1998, the thirteen-foot, concrete-covered dam was breached. In 2010, the building and dam were restored

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