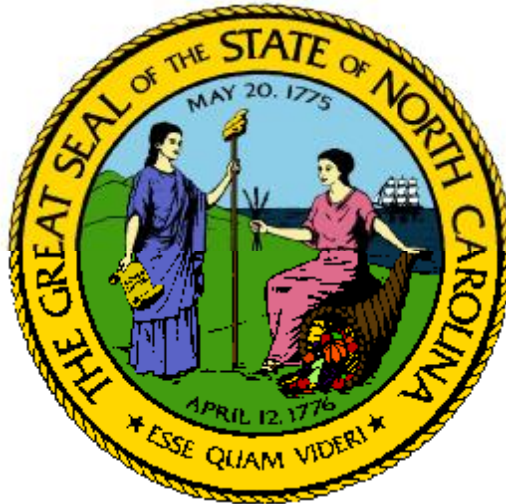


## The digital preservation project



The Digital Preservation Project is an effort to geo-locate the water powered mill sites that existed in Wake, Vance, Franklin and Warren Counties prior to 1900. Above ground remains of these sites are located on or near watercourses throughout the area. We have successfully located 30 sites with remains in Wake County to date.

Remains may consist of nothing more than stacked stone dam abutments slotted into a stream bank, or larger, complete dam sites like the ones at Robertson's Pond or Barbee Mill. In some cases substantial remains of the mill's power transfer infrastructure will be intact, such as at Cook's, Rollin's and Alford's sites.

We would like to know about any sites or locations where you suspect a dam or mill once stood. Given the coordinate location, we will investigate the site and report back to you on what it was, and if it was a mill, its history and lineage.

We are publishing a book and map on the sites for Wake County with a separate book and map for the other three counties. Wake has a rich heritage of such sites and more than 70 were active in 1875.

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