

## Cobb's Mill Inn

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by the large stone wheels now standing in front of the Inn. Both the sawmill and the gristmill used water power to run their machinery.

It is interesting to note that in 1866 when the property was purchased by Osborn Taylor from William Davis, that the deed included 3 acres with grist, saw and cider mills, dwelling house, barn and other buildings. Apparently the building was also used as a cider mill for approximately 50 years. In 1891 Simeon Carver purchased the property which was then known for many years as the Davis/Carver Mill.

In 1912 Frank I. Cobb purchased the mills and used the property for a weekend and summer retreat after a rather frustrating attempt at raising farm animals, grinding grain and making shingles out of chestnut.\* Following the death of Mr. Cobb, Moira Wallace and Sydney Dyke bought Cobb's Mill and started to accept overnight guests including explorer-writer Peter Freuchen and journalist Quentin Reynolds (information taken from *Weston the Forging of a Connecticut Town* by Thomas Farnham). The Depression took its toll on the two women and they sold the property to Alice Delamar in 1934. Alice was a wonderful patron of the arts and with Jacques DeWolfe they converted the inn into an eating and drinking establishment. She imported a 26-foot pewter bar from France, hired one of the finest chefs in the area and charged prices way over the heads of the old-time residents of Weston.

However, Ms. Delamar's vision has remained intact for 70 years. Cobb's Mill Inn was taken over by Julie Jones who continued to provide Weston and surrounding communities with fine dining and a charming atmosphere. A tea room was added and a small gift shop. In 1986 the restaurant was sold to



*Cobb's Mill Inn (insert), is now a fine restaurant and the only place in this non-commercial town where one may buy a drink at the bar. Years earlier, it was the sawmill and gristmill shown in the larger photo. Located on the Saugatuck, it still boasts the old dam and parts of the original structure.*



Cobb's Mill Inn when it was used as a saw mill and grist mill. Known as Davis/Carver Mill

Domenic, Peter, and Frank Cocchia and Robert Testa. It remains the location of many beautiful weddings and parties. The soothing atmosphere and the beautiful waterfall adds beauty and charm to the setting to say nothing of the ducks and geese who frolic in the river below entertaining guests big and small.

In February, 2002 Mr. Cocchia announced the plans to sell the property once again. It is hoped that Cobb's Mill will remain a fine eating establishment for many years to come, but..... We hope that nothing will happen to such a fine piece of Weston's history. If you have not had the pleasure of partaking of a meal, please do. It is truly wonderful.

*\* See separate article written by Mr. Cobb's Son, Hubbard.*

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