

*best improvements was the 30-foot long pewter bar installed downstairs by the waterfall.*

“As a young blade, I used to enjoy taking a date down to the bar so I could tell her what it was like in the old days – how the space was filled with huge wood pulleys and wide leather belts carrying power from the water turbine to the milling machinery, and about the mountains of sawdust that resulted from the sawing process, sawdust used to insulate the blocks of pond ice stored in the ice house.

And if I really liked my date, I would tell her about that important day when our neighbor, George Adams, and a few other men came down and once again started up the mill to cut some logs into boards. George made me stand outside to watch as the big, circular saw (in what is now the main dining room) sliced the logs into boards. I didn't know it then, but this would be the last time the mill would ever run.

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