

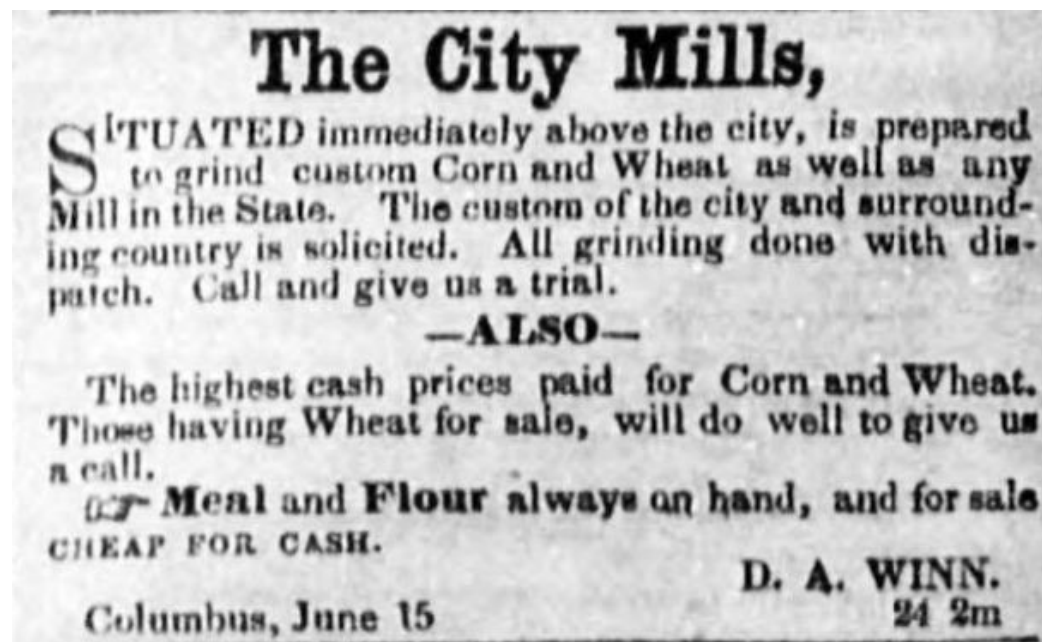
Today in Columbus History: On June 29, 1852, the *Columbus Enquirer* featured an ad for City Mills – offering to grind corn and wheat and sell meal and flour “cheap for cash.” City Mills had been erected just north of the city by Seaborn Jones in 1828. He had also built the first dam on the Chattahoochee that same year. The dam provided power to turn the mill’s water wheel, which, in turn, turned the grinding stones at the grist mill. In the beginning, the mill was known as the Jones Mill; the name was later changed to City Mills. Horace King built the corn mill that was part of the operation. In 1865, the mill was burned by Wilson, but later rebuilt in 1869. It was used until the 1980s then fell into disrepair. City Mills was purchased in 2015 by Columbus attorney Kenneth Henson, who later, in 2018, partnered with Historic Columbus Foundation and businessman Jack Pezold to create plans for a hotel/restaurant complex.

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*Our snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.*

Clipping from Georgia Historic Newspapers (GALILEO).

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>



**The City Mills,**  
SITUATED immediately above the city, is prepared to grind custom Corn and Wheat as well as any Mill in the State. The custom of the city and surrounding country is solicited. All grinding done with dispatch. Call and give us a trial.

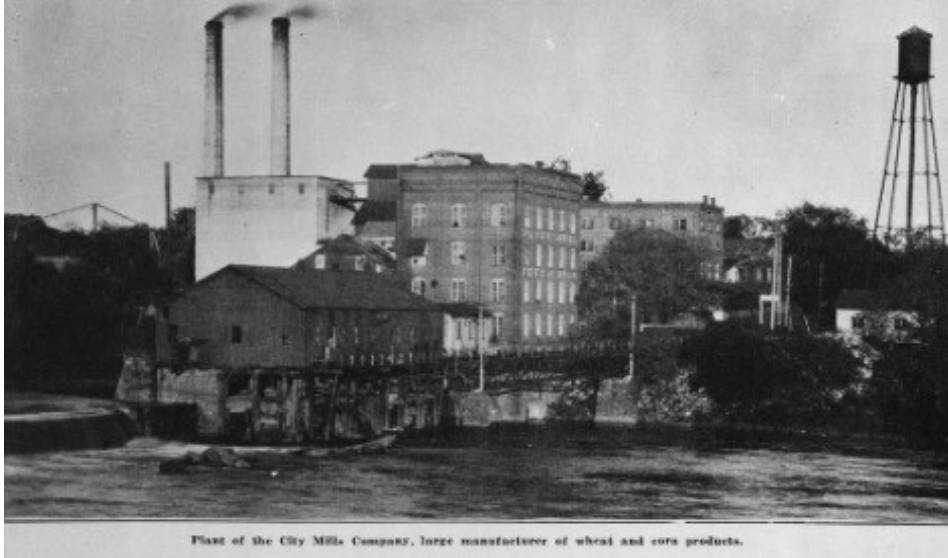
—ALSO—

The highest cash prices paid for Corn and Wheat. Those having Wheat for sale, will do well to give us a call.

**Meal and Flour** always on hand, and for sale  
CHEAP FOR CASH.

Columbus, June 15

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This photo from a Historic American Engineering Record report on City Mills. The report says: Significance: Grist milling has been continuous at the site since the City Mills were established in 1828. Some of the newer buildings house offices, equipment, and warehouses used in the production of feed. The corn mill, no longer used, was built by Horace King, a noted black builder and an ex-slave. Much equipment remains in place in the older buildings, including an intact hursting frame in the flour mill supporting seven run of grindstones. Other equipment in the flour mill, including a 50-year-old water turbine, is occasionally used. The history of the site well illustrates the relationship between the commercial and technological evolution of a company.



Portrait of Seaborn Jones, who built the mill. This photo included in a good article of mills and dams along the Chattahoochee done by Southern Research. For full report (very interesting reading) see: <http://southres.com/uptowncolumbusdams/whobuiltthedams.php>



This photo from an August 20, 2018 Ledger-Enquirer article of the plans for the new hotel complex. See:

<https://www.ledger-enquirer.com/lat.../article216879220.html>