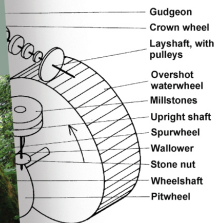


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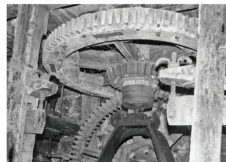
...ive to the stones. The 12ft by 4ft waterwheel had a horsepower, equivalent to roughly 5kW. The 7ft 3in dia. s. It has 88 wooden cogs. The wallower is a cast bevel spur wheel is over 6ft in diameter and carries 114 cogs each have 24 teeth. The crown wheel is a cast iron bevel This drove a layshaft via a bevel pinion, working the machinery via belt drives.¹³

tenant. Application to be made to J. B. Metherell, 12 Albion-hill, Newton Abbot.¹⁷ Thomas and John Fice had the running of the mill in the early 1890s but the partnership was dissolved in 1895; John Fice continuing as miller, at least until 1902.⁸

Commercial milling ceased in about 1910. The leat had not been maintained and instead a pond on the hillside provided the waterpower; the mill was workable until 1940.⁹ The property had formed part of Lord Hambleden's estate in the twentieth century, until his death in 1928.¹⁰

The overshot waterwheel, 12ft diameter by 4ft, survives. It is thought to have been cast by W. C. Bodley's foundry at Bonhay, Exeter, for local Chagford millwright Dicker. The iron penstock is by Beare¹¹ as is the mill machinery, much of which survives inside the building.¹²

The mill is now part of a private residence. It had been used as a store for some years.



The pit gear. Pit wheel, wallower and spur wheel, seen in April 1967. Alan Stayer

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