

The Mill @ Essex Mill Pond

The steel beamed oak and pine structure was constructed in 1808. Farmers from Essex and surrounding counties transported their corn and wheat to the Mill until it ceased operations in 1976.

The Mill was at peak production during the Civil War years providing grain to the Confederate army. The current owners found a Richmond Times Dispatch newspaper article from 1864 in a wooden storage box in the Mill. The article was a call to arms for all able citizens to the Confederate Army to defend Richmond.

A local man, named Chuck Covington, recently posted a picture of the historic Mill on Facebook. He stated this exact Mill was originally constructed by his ancestor, William Covington, in 1690. The Mill was named "Covington Mill" and later was rebuilt in 1808, where it still stands today.