Wortham's Mill

Wortham's Mill is definitely a mill of mystery. This miss is located the nearest to my home of the five grist mills in this report. This was located on Pea Creek approximately one mile from my home. There is little information on Wortham's Mill because all persons who could have told about the mill are deceased. The mill is on the Civil War map shown at the beginning of this report. The mill was probably in use until the late 1800s.

Wortham's Mill was unique in comparison to the other grist mills of the area. What makes Wortham's unique is its steel water wheel. For a mill in this area and at that time to have had a wheel of this kind was very unusual. The wheel must have been shipped in from the northern part of the United States. It is amazing that ruins of the mill still remain in the creek as does the wheel. Wortham's Mill is quite a mystery in that there is no indication of a dam and certainly not enough water power to turn a steel wheel.

The following pictures display the wheel in its present condition.

The wood came out like spokes from the hub to form a wood wheel.

This wheel is actually the center of the original wood water wheel.

Wood from the mill building still remains in the creek.

Note the hand hewn logs and pegs in the wood at the right.

These are ruins of the mill foundation.

These rocks are below the mill about 30 yards.
They may have been used for a dam and washed down.