Basic Detail Report



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Title

Singletons Mill on the Hawkesbury River

Date

c 1900

Primary Maker

William Frederick Hall

Medium

Emulsion on glass

Name

Glass plate negative

History

This image depicts Singletons Mill on the Hawkesbury River which was built in 1834 for brothers, James and Benjamin Singleton. In 1903, the 'Australian Town and Country Journal' reported that the 'old mill', affectionately christened the 'one of the lions of the Hawkesbury', was situated halfway between Windsor and Peat's Ferry, 'in one of the most picturesque reaches of the river.' It was used to 'ground wheat and maize...until the great flood of 1867' which caused extensive damage. Despite it falling into disuse, much of its 'antiquated machinery' still existed when this article was published. It was even said to have been haunted and it remained a tourist attraction until it was demolished in the early 1900s.