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*Civil War Sites and Stories in Staunton, Waynesboro,
and Augusta County*

by Robert H. Moore II

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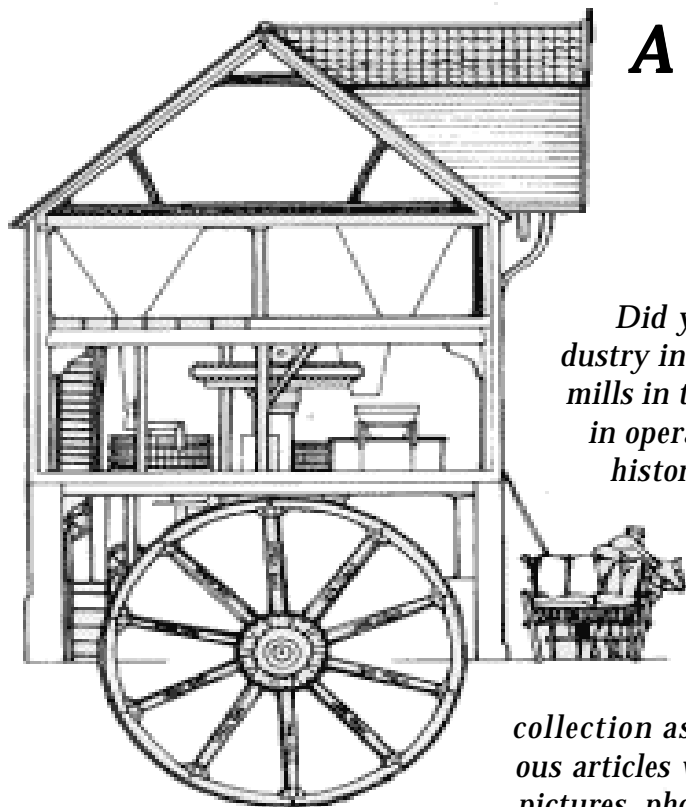
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