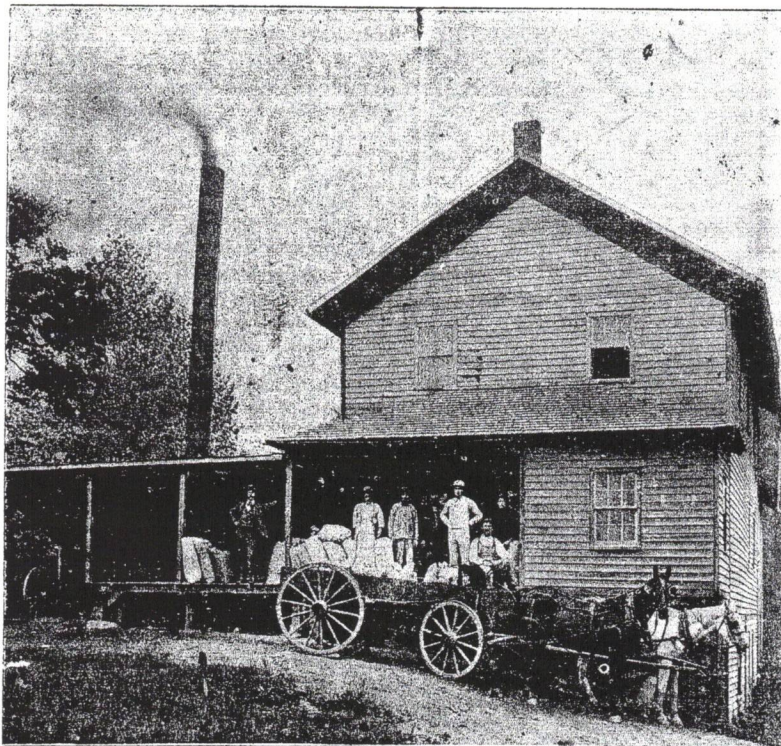


Fire Razes Roy's Mill, Link With Strongsville's Pioneers



"The same year (1821 or 1822) J. S. Strong proceeded to build another grist mill on Rocky River, nearly two miles east of the center," says the Ensign history of Cuyahoga county, published in 1879.

That was what came to be known as "East Mills", later "Roy's Mill". It was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon.

Children playing with matches is given as the cause. Also destroyed was an attached three car garage and a 1939 automobile, owned by Charles Corwin.

The children attempted to put the fire out, there was delay in calling

the Strongsville fire department, and the building and contents were aflame when the firemen arrived.

Operated by the Roy family from 1880 until a few years ago, the business was taken over by Joseph Harwood of Berea, present proprietor of the Harwood feed store here.

The mill stood in a hollow north of the junction of Route 82 and Howe Road. Although operated by electricity latterly, the water power machinery was still in place and was a connecting link to pioneer Strongsville days.

Loss is variously estimated at from \$7500 to 20,000.