

A Short History of My Neighbourhood

Part 3
Mills

Windmills in *Nouvelle France*



- The Europeans who came here cultivated wheat and other grains for food.
- They used them to make bread.
- But, before baking bread, they had to grind the grain.
- And windmills serve this well.
- Windmills,
- or watermills...

At left, a windmill on Île-Perrot

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Watermills

- Watermills are more practical than windmills, but the waterflow must be strong enough.
- The Sulpicians built two watermills on their domain in our area, but they were demolished before photography was invented.
- A few are still standing now such as the Légaré watermill in Saint-Eustache.



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