

MILLWRIGHT ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRS AT BUCKHOLT MILL, DIXTON, MONMOUTHSHIRE

Buckholt Mill, also known as Upper Buckhall Mill is listed in Coates & Tucker, *Water-mills of the Middle Wye Valley*, 1983, p10:

“Mally Brook. SO507161. Just on Welsh side of brook. Walls partly standing; mill about 20 ft x 20 ft with exterior wheel-pit on west side, now filled in and closed on south by stone wall. More recent extension to mill on east. Wheel was probably overshot. Believed very old mill site. On Bryant [map] 1835.....Leat & terminal pond recognisable although Water Board’s filter station stands in southern end of pond.”

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales ‘Coflein’ reports: Buckholt Mill is depicted on the 1st edition of the 25-inch O. S. map of 1882. It was situated on the left bank of the Mally Brook 3km north of Monmouth, and fed by a 115 metre-long leat and 80 metre-long pond. It is shown as disused on the 2nd edition map of 1901.

Two estimates for repairs in 1819, in Gloucestershire Archives, ref: D637/I/53

1. From W Sheriff, Monmouth, Feb 11, 1819
‘Estimate for Repairing the Buckholt Mill’
To cutting the trough, labour £2.10.0
Cutting to wear £1.1.0
Work inside mill £2.2.0
22 perch 4 ft pond wall 2/6 thick, finding

Lime & what stone is wanting & labour	£4.5.2
Taking down old wall of mill	£1.1.0
71 perches of wall end of mill & through	
Part new stones	£11.4.10
13 perches do to weir wall 2/6 thick on	
New stone	£3.11.6
16 perches do of wing & slope walls	
New stone	£4.8.0
Yard of Riching new stone	£13.6.0
TOTAL	£30.17.0

2. From William Williams, Mill wright, Feb 8, 1819
 ‘An estimate to rebuild the Upper Buckhall Mill’
 New water wheel 15’ high, 3’ wide; new trough to mill
 from pond; new main shaft, pit wheel & walwer; new
 spur wheel & two nuts to work in do; new upright shaft
 & Crownd wheel; all new framing, bridge, brays, etc for
 2 pairs stones; new dressing mill & hoisting tack; 3 new
 stones – 2 French, 1 Welsh; the shrowding of the water
 wheel to be cast iron & senter pieces for the arms, pit
 wheel, walwer, spur wheel & 2 nuts to be all cast iron;
 sum carpenters work on upper floor; mill wright work
 role & cast iron, brass & all materials except timber &
 hauling; to put 2 prs stones to work.
 £228.13.6
 200 ft oak timber; 600 ft 1” elm board; 8 deals 18’ each

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