The Mallon Windmill

The Mallon Windmill, built in 1920 by Mr. William Mallon, was a wind-driven mill used to grind rye and wheat into flour and animal feed, and to saw fire wood. It was constructed entirely of local wood, including the cog wheels, mechanism, gears and nails. The grinder stones were selected from the North Saskatchewan River, chiseled and ground down by hand. In the early 1950s, the mill was purchased and moved to Bruderheim on a site south of the Moravian Church cemetery. Later it was restored and moved to Heritage Park in Calgary, in tribute to the pioneer couple from the Bruderheim district, and on occasion is still used to grind flour to sell to tourists.



The Mallon Windmill, 1934. Julia and William Mallon.

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