



History of Perley's Mills by Arthur Rankin

This part of the town, called Perley's Mills, was not recorded in the book Past & Present.

It was 1st settled by a family named Cliffords in the early 1800's. They built a road by Little Pond to connect with the stage road from Denmark to Ingalls Road and Cole Road in South Bridgton and to Biddeford. The Cole Family had apple trees. Mr. Cole was a fiddler and he used to play for the dances in Denmark and Sebago. Mr. Wallis Berry purchased the Cole farm.

About 1807 Mr. Berry and Mr. Perley built a dam at the outlet of Pickerel Pond. They built a saw mill to saw staves and shingles. They made barrels. They employed many men.

Later Archibel Wheel Company built a steam mill at the outlet of Little Pond and made steel wheels for the US Cavalry. After they were done he gave the mill back to Wallis Berry.

After the railroad built a depot station with rooms and a waiting area, Mr. Berry built a store. The mail was delivered for Sebago Hillside area. Mr. Maurice Dollof delivered the mail.

All that is left is an elevation marker.