

1816 Captain Watson's "Travels in America: The Sketchbooks and Diary of Joshua Rowley Watson."



The Robeson Mills looking from the west bank of the Schuylkill River. Watercolor by Captain Joshua Watson, 1816. Source: The Barra Foundation, Inc.

The writing on the rock on the right reads:

Look up on the Whissihicon Bridge

from the Iron Mills 4 October 1816

The NE corner of the Robeson Rolling Mill and the waterwheel's paddles can be seen on the left side, with water flowing out of its tail race (red circle).

Farther up on the left is a Saw Mill.

The bridge crosses 'Ridge Road,' known as Ridge Turnpike In 1816.

