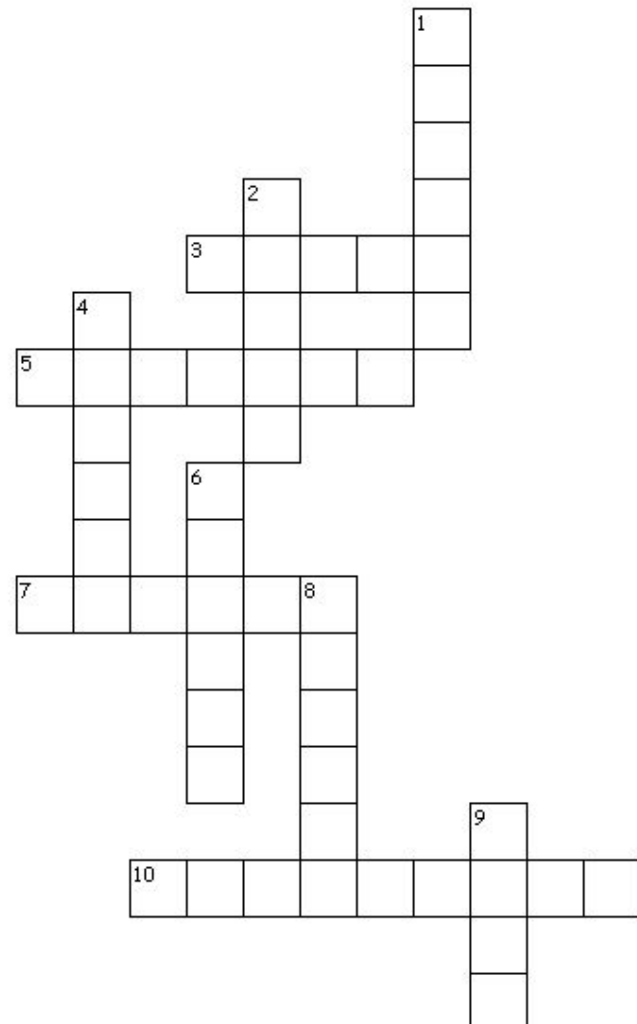


Hopper Gristmill/Sawmill

When European settlers first came to the area that is now known as Mahwah, the land was all forest. They began to build houses and farms, but they needed to clear the trees to create fields. They also needed a way to get the supplies to build houses and a way to get food. So, many gristmills and sawmills were built along the Ramapo River. A gristmill grinds grains into flour. A sawmill cuts logs into boards and allowed settlers to use the trees they cut down to build buildings. The Hopper Gristmill/Sawmill was built originally as just a gristmill around 1760 by Lambartus Laroe. In 1764, it was sold to Thomas Boggs. He ran a tavern in his home that was close to the mill. During the Revolutionary War, David Baldwin owned the mill. He used it to grind grain that was used by American troops. After the war, Garrett W. Hopper bought it. He added the sawmill. William G. Hopper, who was a New Jersey state legislator, became the owner in 1832. The mill was used until it burned down in the 1870s.



Complete the crossword

Across

- 3. What was the last name of the man who built the gristmill?
- 5. This is used to cut logs into boards.
- 7. What was this area when settlers first came?
- 10. This is used to grind grain into flour.

Down

- 1. What was the last name of the state legislator who owned the mill?
- 2. What was the first name of the man who owned the mill during the Revolutionary war?
- 4. Many mills were built along the _____ river.
- 6. Settlers needed to clear trees so they could make _____.
- 8. During the Revolutionary War, the mill helped feed American _____.
- 9. What was the mill destroyed by?

Observations