

## *Smoke Signal 3/06* **Millstone East Subdivision Finds Its Roots**

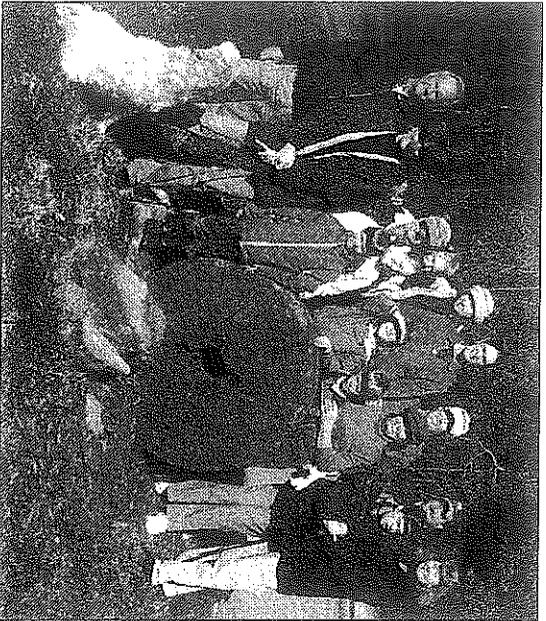
Remember back to when you were a kid playing in the woods, making all sorts of discoveries. Maybe it was a Tarzan-type vine to swing on, a nest full of blue robin eggs or a lizard peeking out from under a pile of wet Autumn leaves.

Well, the children of Millstone East were having that same sort of day in the woods behind our homes when they tripped over a real treasure. It was a well weathered, moss covered old millstone only slightly buried in the debris of that woodland along the creek on the Bowers Road side of the subdivision. For a while it was just their secret discovery. But, when they spotted a stranger who had parked along the road and was measuring the millstone, they alerted their parents and the adults in the neighborhood. The adults decided that they had better take some immediate action.

Darrell and his tow truck were hired. One early Saturday morning the children, adults and any passing onlookers gathered en masse along Bowers Road. The men hitched that old millstone securely to the tow truck's winch. A few fallen trunks and branches were moved out of the way and Darrell and his winch slowly began guiding that big ole' stone toward the tow truck. As the neighbors cheered, the millstone seemed to take on a life of its own as it glided in and around small trees without hurting a thing until it was hung and tethered securely to the tow truck.

Darrell's truck carried the massive stone up Liburn Stone Mountain Road and around the corner through the Millstone Subdivision into Millstone East. Everyone helped to stand it on its edge between two existing boulders on the Hopf's corner lot. There was much celebration that afternoon. And, then again at sunset, the neighbors gathered to drink a toast to christen their heritage—the millstone.

**NOTE:** The children are searching the woods for the other half of the millstone and the adults are only beginning the search for the history of this millstone and the mill that was located in the area. If you have any information, please send it to: [merlin4670@aol.com](mailto:merlin4670@aol.com)



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