

**Guide to the Oral History of
DOVE, WILLIAM (1901-)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

William Dove was the last operator of the Muncaster Mill in Montgomery County. He was born in 1901 in Hardy County, West Virginia. In 1920, Dove and his father began running the Muncaster Mill, a grist mill (where grains are turned into flour), in Rockville, Maryland.

Interview – Interviewed March 10, 1975 by William Van Lauven for MCHS.

Subject

Muncaster Mill

Subject Names

Elgar Family
Muncaster, John
Muncaster, William

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