

## Historic Timeline of Graue Mill and Dam After Settlement

**1836** The need for a dam was recorded by an early settler of Brush Hill/Fullersburg.  
(Torode family letters, Dupage County Historical Museum)

**1837** A dam was constructed from logs and brush by Sherman King and Nicholas Torode, who used the dam to power a sawmill.  
(Sandra Bennet Williams in Hinsdale Images of America; Hugh Dugan in *Village on the County Line*; American Society of Mechanical Engineers website\*)

**@1840-1844** The log and brush dam washed out, and this was replaced by a log dam.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

**1848** The sawmill owned by the Torode family burned.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

**1849-1850** Frederick Graue and W. Asche bought the sawmill; the dam was rebuilt with stones and logs added to the original dam. Graue bought out Asche, and the mill became a grist mill.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers, George Ruchty in *The Fullers of Fullersburg*)

**1868** A water turbine drive was installed at the mill to assist with the grist mill operation.  
(Hugh Dugan)

**1870's** A crib-and-plank dam replaced the log dam.  
(Hugh Dugan)

**1916** The crib-and-plank dam was washed out.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

**1921-1931** The mill and surrounding area became the property of F.O. Butler of Oak Brook.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

**1931** The DuPage County Forest Preserve acquired the property from F.O. Butler.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

**1935** The Civilian Conservation Corps built a new concrete dam faced with stone.  
(American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

\*<https://www.asme.org/wwwasmeorg/media/resourcefiles/aboutasme/who%20we%20are/engineering%20history/landmarks/64-graue-mill.pdf>; *Village on the County Line* can be found in the "Suggested Reading" section of [fullersburg.org](http://fullersburg.org); *The Fullers of Fullersburg* can be found in the "For You" section of [fullersburg.org](http://fullersburg.org).

**Fullersburg Historic Foundation**

