

# Gems of the Rex Wailes Collection



Above: Went's Mill, Peldon, the Mill House after the Colchester Earthquake, 1884. Given to Rex Wailes in 1956 by Mrs E Went. The school boy with the black armband was her husband. His father had died shortly before and his brother (next to him) was running the business

Below: Drawing of 'Mill near Portsmouth' by Wellington Drummond, 1829



Above: Millwrights Wakes and Lamb at Coleby, Lincs, c 1900



Above: Patent for E Lancaster Burne's wind turbine technology



Right: A J Thrower, millwright of Belton, Suffolk, 1950

TRIP TO U.S.A. & CANADA. APRIL, JULY 1929.

Saturday. 27.4.29.

Left home on the 8.26, Mother saw me off. After some hectic minutes at the office I went with Dad to Euston, where he and Heywood saw me off on the boat train at 10.20 a.m.

I was among some young emigrants in the coach. They were off to Canada, and most of them hoped to get into U.S.A. eventually. They were all very cheery, with an accordian and a ukelele. One - an Irish Cokney - whom I talked to, ran down everything British and glorified everything American. Another - an Essex lad from Halstead - was just the reverse. They had all been at a training camp at Benefield for four months and seemed to have had a good time. One American fellow passenger who was returning with his wife and daughters and looked very prosperous, told them of the glories of Detroit and Henry Ford. We waited on the boat for an hour and a half before she moved at 4 p.m.

I was tickled when we dropped the pilot. He was