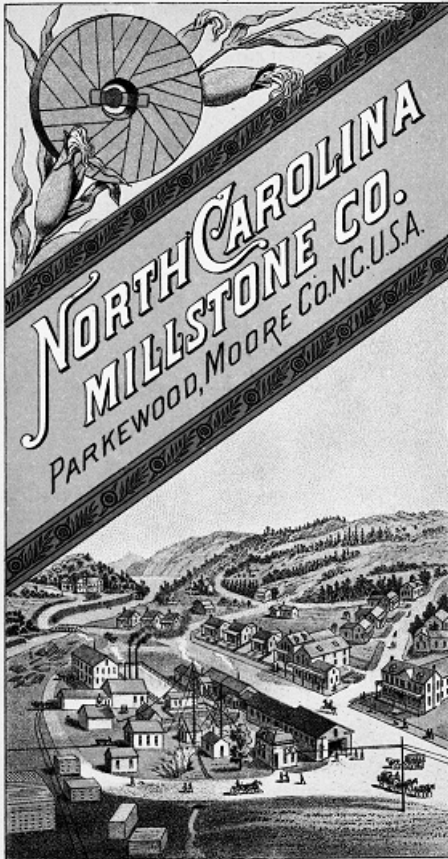


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Brochure for the North Carolina Millstone Company.

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Millstones of large diameter used for grinding cereals, ores for paint, fertilizers, and other products have been quarried from a variety of rocks in North Carolina since [colonial times](#) ^[3]. In [Moore County](#) ^[4] a quartz conglomerate from Parkwood was an important source. The Smith granite quarry near [Charlotte](#) ^[5] was worked for millstones that were used in early ore mills. Triassic sandstones were used for millstones and whetstones. During the twentieth century, most millstones were from [Rowan County](#) ^[6] [granite](#) ^[7], and as recently as 1953 they continued to be used in the preparation of paints, fertilizer, and feldspar.

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