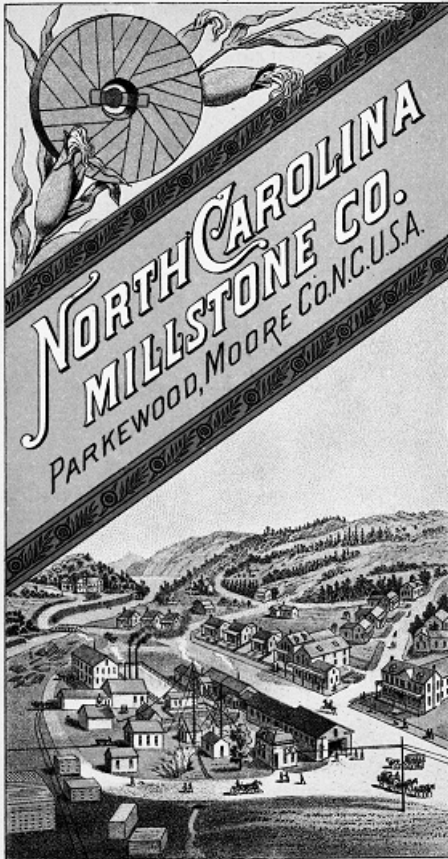


## Millstones <sup>[1]</sup>



### 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](#) <sup>[3]</sup>. In [Moore County](#) <sup>[4]</sup> a quartz conglomerate from Parkwood was an important source. The Smith granite quarry near [Charlotte](#) <sup>[5]</sup> 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](#) <sup>[6]</sup> [granite](#) <sup>[7]</sup>, and as recently as 1953 they continued to be used in the preparation of paints, fertilizer, and feldspar.

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