



65-006 Adelphi Mill and Storehouse

8401 and 8402 Riggs Road

Adelphi

(M-NCPPC)

Built circa 1796, the principal structure is a two-story stone grist mill on the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River; it is the oldest and largest mill in the Washington area. A small stone storehouse is built into the slope on the opposite side of the road. The brothers Issachar and Mahlon Scholfield built the mill and storehouse on the tract they renamed Adelphi (Greek for “brothers”) at the end of the eighteenth century. The mill was later owned and operated by George Washington Riggs, founder of the Riggs banking house. Known as the Riggs Mill in the early twentieth century, the last private owners were the McCormick-Goodhart family, who conveyed it to M-NCPPC in 1951. Now restored, it is open to the public as a rental facility.