

## Elkin Roller Mill

The Elkin Roller Mill started operation in 1896 along the railroad in a building located just back of where Smith's Department Store stands now on East Main Street. The first labeled flour manufactured in Elkin was called "Diamond Dust." Many other products were made from grain grown in this vicinity.

This was the first electric roller mill in the area. Later they began selling coal shipped to Elkin by railroad. A platform scale was constructed at that time. Since that was the first scale of that type in the area, people found many uses for it in addition to weighing coal.

The building withstood two big floods - 1916 and 1940. In 1940 the water rose to 14 feet on the front porch.

The Mill closed during the 1950s.

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