

Wayne **Tolliver** and James **Newby** leased the mill from sons, Paul and Johnny **Brunkhorst** in 1953 and ran it until 1958 when they turned it over to M. G. **Green** who ran it less than a year and closed it.

Another noted early resident of Bible Grove was Theoren **Gould**. He was described as a wide-awake business man, born July 10, 1842, in Edwards Co., IL. the son of Philander and Sarah **Knowles Gould**.

In early life, he farmed and at the age of 19 enlisted in the Civil War, serving in the Battle of Shiloh, seige of Corinth, Vicksburg and others til he was wounded at Jackson, Mississippi, after which he was honorably discharged and returned home. Theoren **Gould** owned over 600 acres of land in Bible Grove Township and adjoining counties. He opened the Bible Grove Grist Mill and bought the **Pixley's** general merchandising store in Georgetown where he was said to have done a thriving business.

Theoren married Nancy **Webster** in 1865 and to this union were born five children; Chloe, Charley, Philander, Sarah and Lola. Theoren and his family were very instrumental in the progress of Georgetown - later Bible Grove. Theoren **Gould** died in 1922.

A tragedy occurred on July 3, 1914 which was said to have had a lasting effect on the town. A man by the name of Frank **McCullough** broke into the **Gould** store that night in July and lit a lamp. The implication was that he intended to burglarize the place but somehow the lamp was overturned starting a chain of fires that was said, at the time, to have 'killed the town'.

Destroyed was the **Gould** store, the Farmers and Merchants Bank built by Noah **Webster** in 1878, Noah **Webster's** large house next door, and a restaurant in the corner of the lot.

McCullough was captured by Deputy Ed. **Cogswell** in Newton, IL. that same day, arrested and spent time in prison for his crime.

