Judge Robert M. Rippey

- The trip to obtain the equipment for the mill took 43 days to make the round trip of 430 miles.
- Several members on the trip suffered frozen noses and feet, to the extent one gentleman was forced to use crutches for several weeks his feet were so severely frostbitten.
- To celebrate the opening of the mill the Declaration of Independence was read aloud.
- The town of old Rippey and thus New Rippey were named as a tribute to his work as a surveyor, businessman, and soldier in the War of the Great Rebellion.