

## DAUGHERTY FLOUR MILL - Ladoga

-- Source: Crawfordsville Weekly Journal 29 December 1893

The Daugherty flouring Mill at Ladoga Goes up in Smoke. The most disastrous fire which has been visited upon the county for a long time occurred Thursday at about 4 o'clock at Ladoga. The large flouring mill of A. W. Daugherty and brother took fire and was totally destroyed. The fire was under good headway (when discovered and, even had the town had adequate fire protection, could hardly have been saved. The mill was consumed with all its contents including two car loads of flour ready for shipment and 2,000 bushels of wheat. The mill had recently been refitted and the loss is estimated to be about \$20,000, with \$10,000 insurance. The mill was a valuable piece of property and was doing a big business. It was the only flouring mill of consequence in the neighborhood and was liberally patronized. The origin of the fire is not known. Mr. Daugherty went all over the mill last night as usual but everything was then thought to be all right. The fire is not thought to have been incendiary. In addition to the mill a barn on the George Deisher property was destroyed and it was only by the greatest efforts that the W. F. Epperson heading factory was saved, a high wind blowing brands all over the place, which required a force of men to extinguish. A. W. Daugherty is at present in Florida and it is not known whether the mill will be rebuilt. - kbz