EXAMPLE OUTLINE for “The Story of Thompson’s Mills” by Amy Smucker
To save space, the last four major headings are compressed, and their contents are hidden.

INTRODUCTION
WHEAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT
Settlers east USA started 1842 (Mullen 15).
The first family to put down roots in Linn Country arrived in 1845 (Mullen 18)
Donation Land Claim Act in 1850 brought a flood of people to the area to claim land for farming (Land p21).
First Linn Cty crop was wheat, primary food/income for 70 years. (Land p149)
Wheat even used as money. (Land p33)
Hand harvest w/ scythe and flail. Ground at mill, or by hand with mortar/pestle or coffee grinder. (Profiles p57)
Grist mills some of 1st businesses. 4 in LC by 1860, 10 by 1880. (History p70)
FINLEY
Built Thompson’s Mills. From TN. (Pioneer p49).
At 21, broke leg twice working at lead mines in Wisconsin. Permanently lame. (Pioneer p51).
1846, family to OR by wagon train. Also in train: Blakely and Brown, founders of Brownsville, and Finley’s father-in-law, Alexander Kirk. Kirk opened 1st ferry on the Calapooia River at Brownsville (History p15).
Neighbors inspired Finley to build a mill at a waterfall on Calapooia. (Crawfordsville grew nearby) (Pioneer p46-47).
First winter, daughter Eliza Finley Brandon wrote they had little to eat while mill was under construction. Ground wheat in a coffee mill, mixed it with water to make “bread”. Children cried from hunger. (Pioneer p50).
Mill done 1848, first south of Salem. Closer to farms, but some came even from Umpqua V. (History p10).
Eliza: Finley went in debt for mill, headed for CA gold mines. Paid in gold when he could. Wife insisted creditors had to come within a day – too many curious people who spilled some. (Pioneer p47).
When debts were paid Finley came home. Got sick (congestive chill), stopped Oregon City. Wife travelled there on horse and foot. He survived, however, much to her relief. (History p51)
BOSTON MILL
1852, Magnolia Flouring Mill in Albany. Finley lost business to it (colder). (Shedd p10).
Finley’s Crawfordsville mill still had business, and he started a larger one before 1861 (Pioneer p48).
Building the Mill
In 1858, bought land on Calapooia R. from Americus Savage $50. And water rights from Robert Elder $75 (Deacon p1).
Partnered 50% with Alex Brandon 25% and Philemon Crawford 25%, built a grist mill. (Boston p2)
Local logs from Crawfordsville. Eliza: called it “an immense task”. (Brandon p48)

Trouble
Winter 1861-1862 several large floods. Crawfordville mill building (not used as mill now) was washed away. Killed 20 hogs. (Pioneer p48)
10/25/1862 Boston mill burned to the ground (Deacon p2). Finley rebuilt. Beams also hand cut in Crawfordsville, still visible today.

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THOMPSON ERA
THE BABITS ERA
BECOMING A STATE PARK