

Introduction to Marple and Mellor



Mills of Marple and Mellor



APPENDIX MILLS IN MARPLE AND DISTRICT

As a reference, this lists all the mills that were working during some or all of the period covered by this book. It groups them into four main areas and gives brief details about each mill where known. As well as the name of the mill and when it was established it gives brief details of ownership, power source, the size of the enterprise and the main products.

Ludworth and Mill Brow

Ludworth Corn Mill SJ 980 896
Mill Brook
Estab <1584
Water powered
Ceased corn milling <1895
Converted to bone mill
Destroyed ca.1925

Spade Forge Mill SJ 966 892
Mill Brook, Marple Bridge
Estab <1776
Water powered
Tilt hammer so bigger than most
blacksmiths
Agricultural instruments
Closed 1920s

Holly Head Bleach Works SJ 989 899
aka Holly Vale Bleach Works
aka Brierley's Mill
Estab ca.1786 by Daniel Brierley
Water powered. Steam after 1873
Medium size
At first cotton spinning but cloth finishing
after 1794. Just bleaching after 1840
Closed 1928
Demolished early 1930s

Primrose Mill` SJ 977 893
aka Mill Clough Mill
aka Ramie Mill
Estab ca.1790 by John Stanney
Water powered. Some steam by 1826
At first a fulling mill but cotton spinning by
ca.1797. Gas mantles after 1897 and
dyeing after 1936
Closed 1961 but then engineering works

Clough Mill SJ 975 893
 Estab c1800 by William Stanney
 Water powered. Later steam after 1837
 Small-medium size
 Cotton wool manufacture
 Closed ca.1893

Holly Vale Mills SJ 982 897
 aka Bridget Mill
 aka Holly Bank
 Estab before 1803 by Samuel Ratcliffe
 Water powered. 1846 expanded to spinning
 and doubling
 Large. Three separate small mills. 1881
 employed 173.
 Cotton spinning and candlewick production
 Closed 1886 after a fire
 Demolished 1930

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Buzzard Bleach Works SJ 981 884
 Estab ca.1790
 Water powered on Wetmorhurst stream
 Larger than Holly Vale in 1820s
 Ceased production ca.1845

Damsteads Mills SJ 979 883
 Estab 1794 by Bridge family. Ratcliffe family
 after 1846
 Water powered but ancillary steam after
 1828
 Two separate buildings. Employed 150-200
 Cotton spinning and candlewick
 Closed 1882

Arnfield Mill
 Estab before 1798 by James Arnfield
 Water power
 Possibly woollen mill originally
 Closed after 1839

Dove Bank Mill SJ 988 886
 Previously Bank Mill
 Estab 1820 by Waller brothers
 Water powered and steam
 Large mill two buildings
 Cotton spinning
 Closed 1876 after fire
 Demolished 1890

Cataract Mill SJ 970 886
 Estab ca.1890 by William Jowett
 Steam powered but on Slack Brook
 Small
 Cotton wool, surgical dressings and
 wadding
 Closed ca.2000
 Demolished 2012



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Goyt Valley

Marple Bridge Corn Mill SJ 965 894
Estab <1691
Water powered
Corn
Demolished 1930s

Chadkirk Print Works SJ 938 896
Estab 1755 by William Wright
Printing cotton fabric
Printing ceased 1929 and converted to
dyeing
Closed 1970s

Woodend Print Works SJ 981 854
Disley
Estab before 1793 by Samuel and
Benjamin Gratix
Water powered – two wheels
Ceased production 1877
Demolished 1920s

Strines Print Works SJ 974 866
Estab before 1792 by Egerton family
Water powered then steam
Printing cotton fabric
Large
CPA built completely new works in 1929
Closed 2002

Springwater Mill SJ 968 858
aka Bone Mill
Estab ca.1790
At first grinding bone and madder for
Strines works. Used for printing ca.1836 and
bleaching 1849
Ruin by 1904

Mellor Mill SJ 967 884
Estab 1792 by Samuel Oldknow
Water powered. Second wheel in 1815.
Then steam after 1860.
Very large
Cotton spinning
Closed after fire in 1892

Compstall Mills SJ 965 905
Estab 1802 by Thomas Andrew as print
works.
1824 spinning and weaving mill.built by
George Andrew
Water powered and steam introduced in
1833.
Very large.
Spinning, weaving, bleaching, printing
Printing stopped 1901, spinning in 1926 and
weaving in 1966

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Lime Kilns SJ 963 884
Estab 1797-1801
Large unit with 10 kilns and four access tunnels.
Closed circa 1902

Mineral Mill SJ 963 883
Estab by Oldknow circa 1800 as corn mill
Various occupiers till 1850
1858 converted to mineral production
Marple Mills Mineral Co Ltd
Ground minerals – gypsum, lime and high sulphur coal
Closed circa 1910

Hollins Mill SJ 959 887
Estab 1830 by Charles Walmsley. 1863 purchased by Carvers and Hodgkinsons
Steam powered
Cotton spinning. Weaving after 1863
Large
1954 mill closed
1957 mill demolished.

Rhode House Mill SJ 957 875
aka Shepley Mill
aka Ridge Mill
Estab 1840 by Robert Shepley
Steam powered
Cotton spinning and weaving after 1863
Large 22,000 spindles 600 looms
1926 major fire business closed
1930 Mill demolished

Aqueduct Mill SJ 956 900
Estab before 1864 possibly by Charles Webb
Several activities – printing, glue making, chemicals
1920 became print works
1955 printing stopped and laminated fabrics
1973 closed and converted to plastics manufacturing
ca. 2000 closed

Windlehurst Mill SJ 954 861
Estab 1872
Steam powered spinning mill
1896 run by Isaac Pearson who also had Goyt Mill
Fire 1897
Blown down in gale in 1908

Goyt Mill SJ 958 876
Estab 1905 by Goyt Spinning Co Ltd
Steam powered
Large mill. Six storeys
82,00 mule spindles, 45,000 ring spindles
Closed 1960 rented by Kay Metzeler
Currently multiple small businesses



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