

Acre Mill Woollen Mill - Stacksteads

Was owned by James Ashworth who began the mill in 1839 he was succeeded by his brother also called James but was soon taken over by the first James son, Miles Ashworth. Acre Mills lodge was known as the suicide lodge it being the chosen place for people to end their life's due to the waters of the lodge being warmer than most. Having no family of his own Miles Ashworth often commentated that his workforce was his family and often gave treats to his workforce some of these being trips to places like Blackpool. James Ashworth died at his residence Springhill in 1867 his son Miles died in 1889 he left £8,000 to provide for his wife and to go towards the building of a public baths or recreation ground at which time the grounds of Stubylee were purchased. Miles also provided the Mayoral robes and chains. 1914 Mr James Hensley of 16 Shepherd Street, Bacup was fixing a leather belt onto a scutching machine when his hand became caught in the machinery tearing the hand of at the wrist. June 1915 A fire breaks out the slashing, beaming and twisting departments are all burnt out.

