

Waterside Mill Burnley Road Bacup

Was built by Dawson and Howarth in 1839 both men being Bacup men. In 1882 the mill was put up for sale and was bought by Thomas Barrowclough who also owned Greens Mill. Waterside suffered many many unfortunate breakdowns. Waterside was once again up for sale, by 1897. In 1901 the mill was reopened for the making of velvet. But in 1905 the mill was once again leased for the purpose of manufacturing slippers. Parts of the mill up to then had been used by various business one being Irwell Springs Band who had used a upper room for a band practice room. The name of the new firm was Messrs Hargreaves, Maden and Ireland Ltd. Mr James Hargreaves and Mr Thomas Hargreaves were members of the firm James Hargreaves waste dealers Pippin bank. After 9 years the firm was wound up and restarted as just Maden and Ireland. Waterside became the property of E Sutton and Son as a shoe factory during the years 1939-1945 and enlarged. Kenyon Construction and Joiners used the bottom floor during the war.



Accidents and Fires At Waterside Mill

27th Oct 1917 Linda Crawshaw a young girl of 10 York Street, Bacup was following her employment at Waterside when she fell from the second storey a distance of twenty six feet. She fractured her right thigh and suffered other wounds. After having her wounds dressed by Dr Brown she was sent to Manchester Infirmary. 3rd Dec 1921 Messrs Maden and Ireland Ltd their offices and store rooms gutted by fire. Damage was estimated at £10,000