

Farholme Mill



Farholme Mill – Stacksteads was built in 1853 by the Bacup and Wardle Commercial Company originally the company had been known as "The Bacup Commercial Company" the first directors of the company being humble working men James Dawson Piece Looker, Holmes Mill Bacup, James Hinchcliffe, Stone Mason, Duckworth, Duckworth, Mechanic Springholme Mill Bacup, Joseph Howarth Mechanic Irwell Mill Bacup and Abraham Pilling Weaver Springholme Mill Bacup. In February 1854 The New Bacup and Wardle Commercial Company were registered.

The first directors being: Henry Clayton Joiner Irwell Mills Bacup, Joseph Greenwood Spinner Grove Mill Bacup, John Howarth Power Loom Overlooker Brandwood Mill John Pickup Beamer Grove Mill Bacup, Thomas Taylor Carder Nunnhills Mill Stacksteads. Farholme Mill was known for having one of the loudest whistles used to summon people to work and in the case of a fire nicknamed "

The Farholme Donkey" or "Yankee Devil", the whistle could be heard up to 5miles away. After many complaints the whilst was banned by an Act of Parliament, but the company appealed to the local board, a compromise was reached providing the whilst was modified. The cotton trade in Rossendale began to decline after the Great War of 1914-1918 and many mills closed down, Farholme Mill managed to hold on until 1928 at which time a meeting of the shareholders voted in favour of winding up the company.

By 1930 the Valley Supply Company had begun trading from Farholme Mill. Various other companies used the buildings of Farholme Mill to carry out their business such as Durie & Miller, Lord & Clegg,

Tricketts and John White who was later absorbed into the Lambert Howarth Group. In February 1973 The Valley Supply Company bought the main building of Farholme Mill. 1974 saw the demolition of the second of Farholme's Two mill chimneys which were estimated to stand at a height of 144 feet whilst at the same time the first chimney had its canopy removed. The houses opposite Farholme Mill numbers 22-32 Farholme Lane were built in 1858.

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