

# Grove Mill



Was built three storeys high and with a chimney of 155 feet on land belonging to the Greensnook Estate by Stewart and Hamilton who also built Kilnholme Mill Stacksteads in 1863. In 1868 the partnership of Stewart and Hamilton came to an end in at which time the machinery in Grove Mill and Kilnholme mill were to be sold.

Grove Mill was home to the very first public swimming baths and Bacup's first slipper works.

In 1871 Mr Hamilton constructed a swimming bath for his son Johnny on the ground floor of the mill measuring 12ft wide and 21ft long, 6ft deep. The public could use the baths for the fee of two pence the only opportunity of being able to have a "wash all over". Mr Hamilton died at his home on Irwell Terrace in 1878 he was 50 years old, the mill was sold on February 11th 1880. Mr Molesworthy Hepworth of Albion Mill bought Grove Mill in August 1889 and immediately moved his looms from Albion to Grove, however the mill was once again up for sale in 1897.

In 1898 Grove Mill became the new home for Samuel Mc'Cleries slipper manufacturing plant.