

Olive Mill



Was built in 1860 by Benjamin Crapper and Joshua Hoyle, Olive mill had two fire engines and was recognised as being one of the most important manufacturing concerns in Rossendale. It seems from various newspaper articles that the Hoyles did not have a good relationship with their employees and cared little for their health. In 1916 employees of the mill were given 14 days notice the decision had been taken due to the calling up of the manager and the ill health of one of the directors.

By 1917 the mill had been bought by The Rawtenstall Shoe and Slipper Company Limited. Eventually the mill was taken over by J & J Ormerod Ltd and is used for their kitchen and bedroom factory. The chimney of Olive Mill was demolished in 1982.

In September 1899 a fire broke out in the Scutching room and the cost of damage was estimated at £75.00. July 1905 A cylinder end crashed into the shed causing a weaver Simon Taylor of Osbourne Terrace to be injured by flying debris. July 1908 David Henry Ashworth, aged 32 of 103 Rochdale Road, Bacup who worked in the carding room was caught in one of the cylinders of a carding engine and suffered a fractured nose and arm. Dec 1909 Fire broke out in the Throstle room causing £4.000-£5000 of damage.