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Cotton Mills in New England <http://newenglandtowns.org/cotton-mills>

In the early industrial period, one of the first products to be manufactured in New England on a large scale with water power was cotton cloth. Many New England towns grew into prosperous cities thanks to their rivers and their cotton mills. *Hayward's Gazetteer* documented many mill towns in which the production of cotton cloth was an especially prominent business in the 1830s:

Mills in Maine

- Brunswick, Maine
- Gorham, Maine
- Kennebunk, Maine
- Lewiston, Maine
- Lisbon, Maine
- Saco, Maine
- Sanford, Maine
- Westbrook, Maine
- Winthrop, Maine

Mills in New Hampshire

- Brentwood, New Hampshire
- Bristol, New Hampshire
- Chesterfield, New Hampshire
- Dover, New Hampshire
- Exeter, New Hampshire
- Franklin, New Hampshire
- Gilford, New Hampshire
- Gilsom, New Hampshire
- Goffstown, New Hampshire
- Hancock, New Hampshire
- Hillsborough, New Hampshire
- Hooksett, New Hampshire
- Jaffrey, New Hampshire
- Mason, New Hampshire

- Meredith, New Hampshire
- Nashua, New Hampshire
- Nelson, New Hampshire
- New Ipswich, New Hampshire
- Pittsfield, New Hampshire
- Swanzey, New Hampshire
- Wakefield, New Hampshire
- Winchester, New Hampshire

Mills in Massachusetts

- Adams, Massachusetts
- Chester, Massachusetts
- Coleraine, Massachusetts
- Easton, Massachusetts
- Fairhaven, Massachusetts
- Fall River, Massachusetts
- Franklin, Massachusetts
- Hopkinton, Massachusetts
- Ludlow, Massachusetts
- Marshfield, Massachusetts
- Middleborough, Massachusetts
- Millbury, Massachusetts
- Monson, Massachusetts
- Oxford, Massachusetts
- Palmer, Massachusetts
- Pittsfield, Massachusetts
- Seekonk, Massachusetts

- Sharon, Massachusetts
- Shirley, Massachusetts
- Southbridge, Massachusetts
- Sturbridge, Massachusetts
- Taunton, Massachusetts
- Uxbridge, Massachusetts
- Waltham, Massachusetts
- Wareham, Massachusetts
- Webster, Massachusetts
- West Boylston, Massachusetts
- Wrentham, Massachusetts
- Worcester, Massachusetts

Mills in Connecticut

- East Haddam, Connecticut
- Sterling, Connecticut
- Voluntown, Connecticut
- Westport, Connecticut
- Windham, Connecticut

Mills in Rhode Island

- East Greenwich, Rhode Island
- Exeter, Rhode Island
- Pawtucket, Massachusetts

For other kinds of mills, visit Wikipedia and search the history of these many town:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mill_town#New_England