



**Town of Coventry- Water Powered Mills**

### Coventry Mill Sites

Key	Site Name	Year(s)	Owner(s)	Product(s)
1	Boynton	1815-1854 1855-1863 1863-1866 1866-1875 1875-1881 1881-1905 1905-1920 1920-1945 1945-1984 1984-Present	John Boynton Daniel Halladay (lease) Crittenden & Tibbals D. Clark & E. Taylor N. White & C. Stanley, Webler (lease) N. White & C. Stanley E. Woodworth E. Woodworth A. Tremont Gristmill Associates	Wool carding for families and carding machine manufacture and a blacksmith's shop Windmills and water pumps, also a brick kiln (other leasee) Percussion caps, metallic cartridges Cotton twine and wicking and cotton warp, brick kiln in a rented space Grist mill, lower level rented for spokes and carriage wheels Grist, Spokes and blacksmith shop Blacksmith Cider and vinegar Appliance repair Apartments
2	Genzyme	1716-1736 1736-1792 1792-1824 1824-1834 1834-1859 1859-1875 1876-1878 1878-1879 1879-1880 1880-1931 1931-1961 1961- present	J. Hartshorn then T. Porter Noah Porter Bacon, Gilbert & Fitch Coventry Manufacturing Co. John Boynton D. Green E. Eaton J Lathrop (lease) E.Tracy & T. Wood ( lease) T Wood TH Wood Co. Sutures Co, then Deknatel, then Genzyme Co., then Telaflex Co.	Grist mill Grist mill Grist mill Grist mill Grist mill Grist mill, then cotton batting, cotton rope, shoddy M Bessey (lease) bed quilts Bed quilts Shoddy Shoddy, then silk (thread) and fish line Silk fish line, buttons Surgical thread- sutures
3	Tracy-Shoddy	Prior to 1812 1812-1830 1812-1818 1818-1830 1830-1837 1837-1857 1857-1859 1859-1862 1862-1868 1868-1872 1872-1882 1882-1929 1929-2001 2001- present	E. Bacon Fitch, McLean, Gilbert, then C&R Manning, then lease to Alexander & Thompson Gilbert then J. Boynton E. Bacon, then J. Boynton T&J. Dikes and J. Sabin J. Boynton then J.W. Boynton Tolland County Bank W. Osborn (lease) D. Crosby & N. Kingsbury A. Dunham J. Wood- lease E. Tracy, then Tracy-Elliot Town of Coventry T. Ackert	Fulling of cloth Paper- hand made Carding shop- same site, different building Fulling, coloring, scouring of cloth- same site, different building Fulling, then cotton sheeting Cotton sheeting Idle Cotton Cotton, possibly idle for a few years Shoddy (M Bessey- lease, few years) Shoddy, possibly idle for a while Shoddy Volunteer Fire Dept from 1936 Electrician
4	Washburn	1841-1870 1870-1908 1908-1917 1917	H. Converse, E. Smith, A. Washburn; Crittendon & Tibbals (lease) A. Washburn E. Tracy Major fire- mill not rebuilt	Foundry and machine shop, and 1849-1863 Crittendon & Tibbals rent space for percussion caps Silk thread/yarn Assume silk thread

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5	Clock & Whale	c1800-1866  1866-1879 1879-1883 1883-1889 1889-1901 1901-1927 1927-c1939 c1939-1961 1961-1978  1978-present	J. Carpenter, then Fitch, then Dimick, then Coventry Cotton Co., then Dunham & Howe, then J. Boynton, then A. Boynton, then W.A. Loomis  J. Morgan J. Morgan & S. Bottum S. Bottum Sarah Bottum & B. Armstrong B. Armstrong & J. Dady National Silk Co. National Silk Co. N. Bearse  T. Szeluga	Saw mill and cordwood lot with pond  Silk in the octagon factory Silk Silk Silk Silk Silk Yarn of all types Misc. including auto body shop, storage, Lutheran Church, National Ribbon, Coventry Woodworking, pool hall, slot car racing, fiberglass molding, plumber Woodworking, then offices
6	Kingsbury Box	c1800-1864  1864-1915 1915-1948 1948-present	J. Carpenter, then Fitch, then Dimick, then Coventry Cotton Co., then Dunham & Howe, then J. Boynton, then A. Boynton, then W.A. Loomis  A. Kingsbury L&A. Kingsbury and later H. Davis L&A. Harvey, then S. MacPherson, then B. Oguschewitz, then Eastman, Fusick, then Rogers	Saw mill and cordwood lot & pond (same as #5)  Paper boxes, later printed labels Paper boxes and box manufacturing machines Used furniture sales, antiques, architectural salvage and storage.
7	Mason Cartridge	c1800-1853  1853-1866 1866-1891 1891-1903 1903-1907 1907-1923 1923	J. Carpenter, then Fitch, then Dimick, then Coventry Cotton Co., then Dunham & Howe, then J. Boynton, then A. Boynton, then W.A. Loomis  WA Loomis H. Mason (Phoenix Metallic Cartridge Co.) American Metallic Cartridge Co. Vacant WF Wood(lease from Lydia Mason) Major fire, mill not re-built	Saw mill and cordwood lot & pond (same as #5)  Hook & eye manufactory, 1865 paper cartridges Cartridges (ammunition) Cartridges (ammunition)  Toric eyeglass lenses
8	Washington Mill	1825-1835 1835-1851 1851-1853 1853-1868  1868-1878 1978-1884 1884-1890 1890-c1923 1923-1927 1927-1946 1946-1983 1983-present	H. Edgerton & F. Strong J. Boynton A. Kingsbury N. Kingsbury, then Kingsbury Mills, then W. Huntington Mill Brook Woolen HW Kimball HW Kimball EA Tracy (lease) EA Tracy A. Wood N. Bearse Town of Coventry	Textile machinery and a forge Satinet, fire in 1848, rebuilt, then cotton warp Cotton warp Satinet  Wool & Silk Satinet and cassimere Major fire in 1884, mill not rebuilt Small stone building erected for shoddy Vacant Toric eyeglass lenses Machine and welding shop, structural steel Public Works garage
9	Woods	1814-1820  1820-c1835 1835-1854 1854-1864 1864-1870  1870-1901 1901	Coventry Cotton Manufacturing Co., then Bates & Dimick (lease), then Dunham & Howe Gilbert & Dunham J. Boynton, then L. Boynton E. Hovey W. Bradbury  P. Cullen & J. Wood, then Wood only J. Wood	Cotton yarn  Cotton cloth Cotton (c1845 major fire, mill rebuilt) Silk Wool shoddy, jeweler's cotton, grist mill in adjacent building Cotton and cassimere, then doeskin jeans Major fire- mill not rebuilt

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10	Upper Kenyon (Globe)	c1854-1864 1864-1869 1869-1891 1891-c1900 c1900-1906 1906-1908 1908-1921 1921-1929 1929-1933 1933-1942 1942	H. Watrous, then H. Fargo, then G. Hastings, then W. Converse, then S. Moredock S. Moredock CH Kenyon & S. Barber Kenyon, then J. Wood J. Wood Washburn Silk Co EA Tracy H&W Washburn, then A. Washburn & Sons Coventry Silk, then Aetna Silk Co. L. Sonderegger & F. Maas Sonderegger & Maas	Wool hats Jeans Doeskin jeans, 1882 ladies dress flannels Idle, then woolens Woolens Silk Silk Silk Silk Silk and parachute cords for WWII Major fire, mill not rebuilt
11	Kenyon	1836-1850 1850-1854 1854-1856 1856-1858 1858-1864 1864-1895 1895-1901 1902-1928 1929-1934 1934-1972 1972-present	F. Strong, J. Dow, E. Mathewson J. Boynton (one floor only) I. Kinsman A. Partridge S. Moredock CH Kenyon, then Kenyon/Barber Kenyon heirs EA Tracy Co. (Valley Mill), then Tracy-Flaherty Town of Coventry National Silk R. Roman, then Do-Ray Inc.	Wool cards and forge/trip hammer Wool cards and forge/trip hammer Tannery Idle due to foreclosure Satinet (major fire in 1863, mill rebuilt) Kentucky jeans, then ladies dress flannels Partially Idle Shoddy Idle Tioga yarn and other yarns Retail Shops, storage
12	Armstrong Pond	1845-1856 1856-1881 1881-1918  1919-1929  1929-1963 1963-present	E. Robertson, D. Colman (lease) A. Washburn, then JN Dow H. Parker, then H. Armstrong (1886), then W. Armstrong American Auto Top Co, then E. Queenard, then Witt Town of Coventry M. Risley	Cotton batting, wool hats Wool cards Wool cards, then wagons  No record  Idle Mill burned in the 1960's
13	Below Armstrong	1846-1855  1855-1896 1896-c1900 c1902	N. Colman then 1/2 to A. Douglas, also S&E Robinson adjacent CA Kingsbury J. MacFarland	Cotton batting and a saw mill  Saw and shingle mill Shoddy Major fire, mill not rebuilt
14	Huntington	1857-1880 1880-1884 1884-1885 1885	D&W Huntington, then L. Robinson (lease) L. Robinson (lease), then A, Conant (lease) Sweet & Webber(or Webler)	Silk (machine twist) Silk Silk twist, floss and embroidery Major fire- mill not rebuilt
15	Robinson	1841-c1875 1877	J. Robinson & J. Cummings, then E. Robinson W. Simpson	Saw Mill Water privilege only, mill idle
16	Depot Road	pre-1809 1809-1812 1812-1818 1818-1831 1831-1855 1855-1872  1872-1879 1879 1907-1911 1911-c1955  c1955	A. Colman B. Colman S. Guild J. Boynton Coventry Satinet Co. H. Fargo, then G. Hastings, then O. Smith, then J. Campbell, then FB Loomis, then Morse & Elder  Rawitser Bros. (lease then purchase) Rawitser J. Nichols South Coventry Paper Co., then R. Brown (lease), then Leatherware Co., then Sterling Fibreboard Co. aka Sterlite Fibreboard. Sterlite Fibreboard	Saw Mill Saw Mill Saw, fulling and carding mill(s) Saw, fulling and carding mill(s) Satinet Satinet  Satinet Major fire- site idle for years, tenements standing Paper (fiberboard) Paper (fiberboard for shoe insoles)  Major fire, mill not rebuilt
17	Hollister	pre 1797 1797-1813  1813-1842 1842-c1865 1865-1870's	Ebenezer Bushnell C McLean, then E House, then J Rogers, then J Clark, then G Hollister Gideon Hollister Various financiers, then F Cowles, then E Buell E Buell, then C Buell, then G Webster	Paper- hand made Paper- hand made  Paper- by hand then by machine in later years 1842 bankruptcy, then paper c1855 Cotton twine & batting

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18	Watrous	1816-c1825 c1825-1837 1837-1854 1854-1892  1892-1901	E. Badger, then D. Burnap, T. Loomis and G. Hollister, then S. Hibbard Z. Long & S. Hibbard Orin Cook, then E. Hutchinson Mahlon Watrous  H. Dorrance, then F. Brown	Grist Mill  Carding Mill Woodworking, spools Spools, then toy furniture (wood), then shingles and possibly grist mill Not known
19	Grist Mill	1791-c1842	J Reddington, then E Badger, then S Hibbard, then G Hollister	Grist mill, also carding mill for part of the time
20	Wright's	1727-1784  1784-1886  1886-c1919 c1919-1929  1929-c1994	D. Badger, then T. Adams, then J. Sabins, then L. Terril, then J. Fowler, then J. Porter, then Elijah Wright  R. Wright & H. Kingsbury, then B. Potter, then F. Loomis & G. Franklin, then H. Potter, then JM Loomis  JA Loomis, then E. Case, then H. Osborn H. Osborn, then H. Lieberman, then I. Gotthelf, then E. Pettersen  EL Gardiner, then R&W McLeod, then J&R Bynes	Saw and grist mill  Saw, grist and fulling mill  Saw and grist mill Idle  Electricity (DC then AC) by water power
21	Pitkin	c1810-c1890	Wight, then Smith, then Avery, then Root, then Blanchard, then Douglas, then Mason & Corbit, then the Pitkins	Fulling, then cotton then wicking
22	Pitkin	1824-1865  1865-c1890	the Hubbards, then Sellow, Gelston, and Corbit & Gould  Corbit & Gould, then the Pitkins	Tanning  Cotton Batting
23	Loomis	Mid to late 1800's	Zenas Loomis then Charles Pixley	Possible early clover mill, saw mill later
24	Brown	Early 1800's	Zolvah Brown	Saw Mill
25	Turner	Early to Mid 1800's	Gad Hunt, Orin Turner	Clover seed mill
26	Clark	1730's-1832  1833-1870's	John Talcott, E. Heath, J. Delano, E. Jewett, S. Root, L. Terril, J. Hatch, T. Adams, S. Howard, J. Hawkins, M. Badger, J. Barnard  Roswell Wright, E. Gilbert, L. Clark, T. Powell, J. Dunn	Grist and saw mill  Two carpenter shops added, grist mill converted to a spool factory
27	Loomis	1840-c1880	Eleazer Loomis then Arthur Loomis	Saw mill on Ash Brook
28	Huntington	1836-c1890	Edward & Sam Huntington, then Hempstead then Parker	Wool hats early, later unknown
29	Manley	c1730 & c1812	Lazarus Manley then sons George and Lazarus	Early saw mill, then later grist mill
30	Sweet	c1860-1880	Stutely Sweet	Shingles and Excelsior
31	Safford	1823-1860 1860-1875 1875-1887	Elijah Safford then Truman Safford Willimantic Linen Company Willimantic Linen Company	Satinett mill and saw mill. Cotton mill and saw mill Saw mill
32	Levee	c1850-1870	Nathan Levee	Saw Mill
33	Goodenough	c 1850-1870	Lewis Dimock, then Edmond Goodenough, H. Starkweather, then Lewis Dimock	Brook Works Knitting Machines
34	Ross	1867-c1929	John Ross, then James Ross	Saw, planing and grist mill
A	Bishop	c1765-c1870	Samuel Bishop (several generations)	Saw and grist mill ,then shoddy mill. (Majority of the mill site is in Bolton, but included some land in Coventry for the mill dam.)
B	Root	c1860's	Nathaniel Root	Sash and blind shop (limited water power)
C	Gilbert-Turner	1815-1850	Thomas Stebbins; Gilbert, Chamberlain & Turner, also Johnson & Preston Hyde, French	Coventry Glass Works (not water powered)  Paint shop, blacksmith and wagon shop just to the east
D	Hop River Warp Company	1841-c1912	E.Smith, then R Moulton et al, then A. Dunham and A&W Jillson	Cotton thread and yarns to 1892, then shoe inserts, paper mache chair seats, then fiberboard. Saw and grist mill ,then shoddy mill. (Majority of the mill site is in Columbia, but included some land in Coventry for the mill dam and pond.)