

Healey Hall Mill

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- 1834 – see Spotland Survey, for Healey Bottoms, pg. 55.
- 1847 – Jacob Tweedale and Sons.
- 1899 – Charles Heap of Caldershaw bought it for £3,750 but keeping the name of the original company, Samuel Heap & Son Ltd., to add to 5 other mills. Production began in 1901 as Bleachers, Dyers, Finishers and Sizers after alterations to the original mill. Until WW1 the mill was unprofitable, then with the demand for army blankets, they were working day and night. In 1915 a new system for dyeing artificial silk (Rayon) was installed. It remained profitable throughout the 1920’s finishing wool, cotton and the new artificial fibres. There was a decline in demand due to the Depression and in 1930 a firm of industrial consultants were called in for advice. They recommended a 25% reduction in labour costs. Economies were made, but in 1935 the mill closed and production of the profitable lines were transferred to the Caldershaw mill. (See “A History of Samuel Heap & Son Ltd. 1823 – 1964.” M3 HEA (over – size))
- 1942 – the empty mill was sold to the Ministry of Supply and used until 1949 as a filling factory.
- 1960 – Arnold Greaves (Rustproofing) Ltd. let the mill to 12 small businesses.
- 1975 – there was a fire at the unit occupied by Ellidge and Fairley, Catering Engineers (see Rochdale Observer article 1.2.1975).
- 1975 – part of the building had become unsafe and was demolished (see Rochdale Observer article 22.10.1975).

2005 – permission was granted to build houses on part of the site. The Friends of Healey Dell Group objected (see Rochdale Observer 10.8.05 & 19.11.05).

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