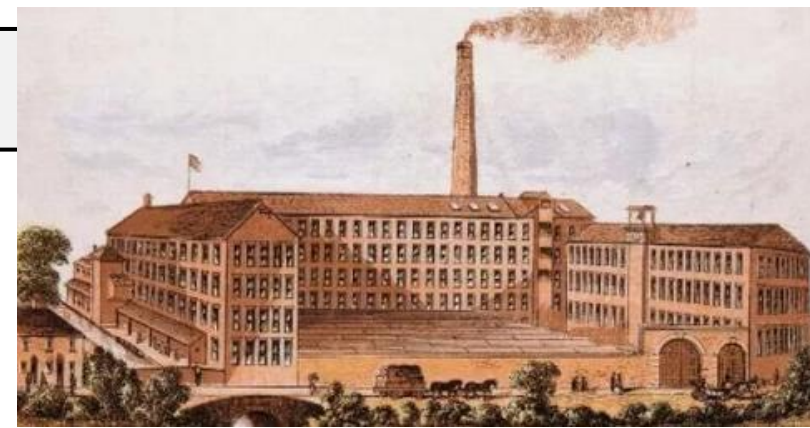


Local history

Gorton Mill

- Gorton Mill went into cotton production in 1825
- Famous Mancunian, John Rylands, took over the mill in 1843
- The Stockport Branch canal connected the mill to Ashton and Manchester
- Between 1851 and 1861, the population of Abbey Hey more than doubled to almost 10,000
- In 1864, 63,000 spindles and 1,500 looms were used to produce cotton
- 6 residential apartment blocks were built on the site in 1960
- Gorton Mill was turned into a residential home in 2021



[Use wonky shape for subheadings]

canal (noun): artificial waterway for boats and ships

mill (noun): a factory with machinery to make something specific

residential (noun): designed for people to live in

looms (noun): a machine that weaves thread to make fabric

Spindles (noun): a straight spike to twist thread

employing (verb): to give someone work and pay them for it

