American Woolen Company Mills (Published by American Woolen Company, 245 State Street, Boston, Mass, 1921)

Fifty Six Mills, besides other plants and storehouses, in thirty-nine places in eight different states

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| **Location** | **Mill** | **Specs** | **Notes** |
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| **Massachusetts** |  |  |  |
| Blackstone, Mass. | Saranac Mills | **Product**: Fancy Woolens & Worsted for Men | p. 10. Other information: “Ownership of the Waterford mills changed many times after Evans and Seagrave closed operations in 1893. The #2 mill burned in 1897 and the #1 mill was closed for 5 years before reopening in 1899 as the newly organized Saranac Worsted Mill.” [[1]](#footnote-1) Mass. Historical Commission Reconnaissance Survey Town Report for Blackstone, 1983. |
| **Equipment**: 10 card set; 180 broad loom, 8 narrow loom; 4312 woolen spindles; 4 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees**: 600 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Dracut, Mass. | Beaver Brook Mills | **Product**: Bed Blankets | p. 12. Other information – structure appears to be standing and now is residential, mixed use. It was renovated in 2005. “The Beaver Brook Mill was built in 1843, and was home to the first thread spooling machine in the country. The building operated as a woolen mill for nearly 100 years – mostly under the control of Michael Collins, who named it the Collinsville Mills. The mill ceased operations as a woolen operations in the mid 1900s. The building housed various manufacturing companies since 1968…” Eagle Tribune Newspaper, *Dracut Mill Project Beginning to Take Shape, Jan 2, 2005* |
| Equipment: 38 card set; 134 broad loom; 14,056 spindles; 6 boilers; 2 water wheels |
| **Employees**: 700 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Dracut, Mass. | Dracut Mills | **Product:**  Rag picking? | P .31 (included under Lowell town heading) |
| **Equipment:** 10 rag pickers, 8 cards and carbonizing equipment |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Fitchburg, Mass. | Arden Mills | **Product**: Worsted dress goods | p. 15 |
| **Equipment**: 168 broad looms, 3 boilers, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees**: Unk. |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Fitchburg, Mass. | Beoli Mills | **Product**: Fancy woolens and worsteds | p. 15 |
| **Equipment**: 18 card sets; 150 broad looms, 8 narrow looms; 6216 spindles; 6 boilers |
| **Employees**: 500 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Franklin, Mass. | Ray Mills | **Product:** Fancy Woolens | p. 18 |
| **Equipment:** 9 sets of cards; 52 broad looms; 3000 spindles; 4 boilers |
| **Employees:** 250 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Washington Mills | **Product:** Men’s Wear and 8 to 60 worsted yarns | p. 21. Note that page 20 says that Lawrence’s dam produces more than 12,000 h.p. and drives more than 1 million spindles |
| **Equipment:** 101 worsted cards, 114 worsted combs, 1432 broad looms, 1 narrow loom, 81648 worsted spindles, 22 boilers, 10 water wheels, *electric* |
| **Employees:** 6500 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Wood Worsted Mills | **Product:** Men’s worsted wear and worsted yarns | p. 21 Note that page 20 says that Wood Mill is largest worsted mill in the world, covering 29 acres) |
| **Equipment:** 18 sets woolen cards, 140 worsted cards, 1500 broad looms, 146 worsted combs, 14400 woolen spindles, 210128 worsted spindles |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Prospect Mills | **Product:** 8 to 60 worsted yarns | p. 21 |
| **Equipment:** 6400 worsted spindles, 2800 twister spindles, 2 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 200 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Ayer Mills | **Product:** Men’s wear worsteds | p. 21 |
| **Equipment:** 50 worsted cards, 400 broad looms, 1 narrow loom, 60 worsted combs, 44732 spindles, 9 boilers of 600 rated h.p. each |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Lawrence Storehouse | **Product:** Storehouse | p. 21 |
| **Equipment:** 6 stories |
| **Employees:** |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Merrimac Storehouse | **Product:** Storehouse | p. 21 |
| **Equipment:** 7 stories |
| **Employees:** |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** |
| Lawrence, Mass. | Washington No. 10 Storehouse | **Product:** Storehouse | p. 21 |
| **Equipment:** 10 stories |
| **Employees:** |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** |
| Lowell, Mass. | Bay State Mills | **Product:** Cloakings and Worsteds | p. 31 |
| **Equipment:** 25 card sets, 115 broad looms, 11160 spindles, 5 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 700 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** finish only |
| Lowell, Mass. | Ram’s Head Yarn Mills | **Product:** Woolen yarns | p. 31 |
| **Equipment:** 16 card sets, 7920 spindles, 3 boilers |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Maynard, Mass. | Assabet Mills | **Product:** Men’s wear | p. 36 |
| **Equipment:** 128 card sets, 760 broad looms, 55350 spindles, 5 boilers at 945 rated h.p. each, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Medford, Mass. | Riverina Mills | **Product:** Reclamation of wool | p. 38 |
| **Equipment:** 2 sets woolen cards, 2 worsted cards, 6 garnetts, 4 pickers electric |
| **Employees:** 300 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Plymouth, Mass. | Puritan Mills | **Product:** Men’s wear | p. 40 |
| **Equipment:** 226 broad looms, 14 narrow looms, 8 boilers |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Rochdale [in Leicester], Mass. | Rochdale Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 42 |
| **Equipment:**16 card sets, 84 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 6720 spindles, 3 boilers, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| South Royalston, Mass. | Royalston Mills | **Product:** Yarns and bed blankets | p. 44 |
| **Equipment:** 10 card sets, 82 broad looms, 2976 woolen spindles, 3 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Uxbridge, Mass. | Hecla Mills | **Product:** Satinets and all sizes woolen yarns | p. 46 |
| **Equipment:** 9 card sets, 140 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 5720 woolen spindles, 3 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Webster, Mass. | Chase Mills | **Product:** Fancy cassimeres and worsted | p. 48. The note on Webster, Mass. includes this sentence: “Lake Chaugoggagoggmanchaugagoggagungamaug[[2]](#footnote-2), with an area of over 200 acres, serves as a reservoir to supply the mills in the village, and this lake probably has the longest name of any lake in the country.” |
| **Equipment:** 17 card sets, 164 broad looms, 3 narrow looms 9980 spindles, 5 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| **Maine** |  |  |  |
| Bridgton, Me. | Forest Mills | **Product:** Cassimeres | p. 50 |
| **Equipment:** 8 card sets, 40 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 2700 woolen spindles |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Dover, Me. | Brown Mills | **Product:** Kerseys and broadcloths | p. 52 |
| **Equipment:** 11 card sets, 60 broad looms, 4520 spindles, 3 boilers, 4 waterwheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Fairfield, Me. | Kennebec Mills | **Product:** Overcoatings and fancy woolens | p. 54 |
| **Equipment:** 10 card sets, 59 broad looms, 5320 spindles, 2 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 230 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Foxcroft, Me. | Foxcroft Mills | **Product:** Men’s cassimeres | p. 56 |
| **Equipment:** 10 card sets, 50 broad looms, 1 narrow loom, 3780 woolen spindles, 3 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Hartland, Me. | Hartland Mills | **Product:** Woolens | p. 58 |
| **Equipment:** 15 card sets, 74 looms, 5850 spindles, 3 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Madison, Me. | Indian Spring Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 60 |
| **Equipment:** 12 card sets, 52 broad looms, 1 narrow loom, 4368 spindles, 2 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Newport, Me. | Newport Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 62 |
| **Equipment:** 9 card sets, 45 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 3540 woolen spindles, 2 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| North Vassalboro, Me. | Vassalboro Mills | **Product:** Overcoatings and fancy woolens | p. 64 |
| **Equipment:** 22 card sets, 106 broad looms, 4 narrow looms, 8640 spindles, 4 boilers, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Oakland, Me. | Oakland Mills | **Product:** Women’s and men’s woolens | p. 66 |
| **Equipment:** 9 sets of cards, 46 broad looms, 1 narrow loom, 2820 woolen spindles, 2 boilers. Electric |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Oldtown, Me. | Ouegan Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 68 |
| **Equipment:** 8 card sets, 52 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 3000 spindles, 2 boilers. Electric. |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Pittsfield, Me. | Pioneer Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 70 |
| **Equipment:** 17 card sets, 80 broad looms, 4 narrow looms, 7248 spindles, 4 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Pittsfield, Me. | Sebasticook Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 70 |
| **Equipment:** 10 card sets, 40 broad looms, 3900 woolen spindles, 1 boiler, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Pittsfield, Me. | Sebasticook Mills Yarn Plant | **Product:** Yarn | p. 70 (note – Yarn Plant not included here, only broken out in Index) |
| **Equipment:** |
| **Employees:** |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** |
| Pittsfield, Me. | Waverly Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens | p. 70 |
| **Equipment:** 9 card sets, 45 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 3304 woolen spindles, 3 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Skowhegan, Me. | Arms Mills | **Product:** Fancy cassimeres, etc. | p. 76. NB:“operated in conjunction with Anderson Mills” |
| **Equipment:** Unk |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Skowhegan, Me. | Anderson Mills | **Product:** Fancy cassimers, etc. | p. 76 |
| **Equipment:** of the combined Anderson mills, 24 card sets, 121 broad looms, 8 narrow looms, 9240 spindles, 3 boilers, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees:**200 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| **Rhode Island** |  |  |  |
| Harrisville [in town o Burrillville], R.I. | Anchor-Inman Mills at Harrisville | **Product:** Men’s wear worsteds | p. 80 |
| **Equipment:** Of the combined Anchor Mils, 158 broad looms, 8 narrow looms, 5 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Pascoag [in town o Burrillville], R.I. | Anchor-Sheffield Mills at Pascoag | **Product:** Men’s wear worsteds | p. 80 |
| **Equipment:** Unk |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| Manton, R.I. | Manton Mills | **Product:** Fancy worsteds | p. 82 |
| **Equipment:** 190 broad looms, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Providence, R.I. | National and Providence Worsted Mills | **Product:** Worsted yarns (all sizes) and cloths | p. 85 |
| **Equipment:** 26 worsted cards, 8 woolen cards, 26 worsted combs, 303 broad looms, 6 narrow looms, 22728 worsted spindles, 13 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 2200 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Providence, R.I. | Riverside Worsted Mills | **Product:** Suitings | p. 86 |
| **Equipment:** 23 worsted cards, 22 worsted combs, 382 broad looms, 9 narrow looms, 19828 worsted spindles, 20 boilers |
| **Employees:** 1800 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Providence, R.I. | Valley Mills | **Product:** Worsted yarns | p. 86 |
| **Equipment:** 28 woolen cards, 12870 woolen spindles, 10 boilers |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Providence, R.I. | Weybosset Mills | **Product:** Fancy cassimeres and worsteds | p. 86 |
| **Equipment:** 20 sets of cards, 271 broad looms, 7 narrow looms, 8 boilers |
| **Employees:** 800 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Warren, R.I. | Narragansett Worsted Mills | **Product:** Worsted yarns | p. 92 |
| **Equipment:** 4608 spindles. Electric. |
| **Employees:** 100 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** N |
| **New Hampshire** |  |  |  |
| Dover, N.H. | Sawyer Mills | **Product:** Fancy woolens and worsteds for men’s wear | p. 94 |
| **Equipment:** 32 sets of cards, 140 broad looms, 7 narrow looms, 13000 woolen spindles, 7 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 550 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Enfield, N.H. | Baltic Mills | **Product:** Overcoatings | p. 96 |
| **Equipment:** 16 card sets, 80- broad looms, 6336 spindles, 4 boilers, 3 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 300 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):**Y |
| Lebanon, N.H. | Lebanon Mills | **Product:** Woolen goods | p. 98 |
| **Equipment:** 10 card sets, 48 broad looms, 3600 woolen spindles, 3 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Lebanon, N.H. | Mascoma Mills | **Product:** Woolen goods | p. 98 |
| **Equipment:** 16 card sets, 82 broad looms, 6120 spindles, 3 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| **Connecticut** |  |  |  |
| Elmville, Conn. | Whitestone Mills | **Product:** Woolens and worsteds | p. 102 |
| **Equipment:** 40 broad looms, 1 narrow loom, 1 boiler, 1 water wheel |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Moosup, Conn. | Moosup (lower) Mills | **Product:** Woolens and worsteds | p. 104 |
| **Equipment:** Combined Moosup – 15 cards sets, 100 broad looms, 5 narrow looms, 4 boilers, 4 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 500 combined |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Moosup, Conn. | Glen Falls Mills | **Product:** Woolens and worsteds | p. 104 |
| **Equipment:** see above |
| **Employees:** see above |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** see above |
| **New York** |  |  |  |
| Fulton, N.Y. | Fulton Mills | **Product:** Piece-dyed men’s wear | p. 106 |
| **Equipment:** 744 broad looms, 2 narrow looms, 26 worsted cards, 26 worsted combs, 16800 twister spindles, 48000 worsted spindles, 21 boilers, 3 sets of water wheels of 1500 h.p. each. Electric. |
| **Employees:** 1500 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| Utica, N.Y. | Globe Mills | **Product:** Fancy worsteds and woolen men’s wear | p. 108 |
| **Equipment:** 18 card sets, 1 set worsted cards, 8 combs, 185 broad looms, 11 narrow looms, 7920 woolen spindles, 6390 worsted spindles, 8 boilers. Electric. |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Dye |
| **Vermont** |  |  |  |
| Winooski, Vermont | Burlington Mills | **Product:** Kerseys, Friezes, Meltons, Thibets, worsted dress goods, etc. | p. 110 |
| **Equipment:** 26 card sets, 312 broad looms, 6 narrow looms, 15160 spindles, 13 boilers, 4 water wheels |
| **Employees:** 1500 |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Y |
| Winooski, Vermont | Champlain Mills | **Product:** Piece died worsted and serges | p. 110 |
| **Equipment:** 4 worsted combs, 295 broad looms, 10000 worsted spindles, 2 boilers, 2 water wheels |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |
| **Kentucky** |  |  |  |
| Louisville, Ky. | Bradford Mills | **Product:** Worsted weaving and knitting yarns | p. 114 |
| **Equipment:** 5 cards, 5 worsted combs, 7760 worsted spindles, 3640 twister spindles, 3 boilers |
| **Employees:** Unk |
| **Dye and Finish (Y/N):** Unk |

1. http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcpdf/townreports/Cent-Mass/blk.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Wikipedia calls it Lake Chaubunagungamaug. Alternatively, cited in this article as Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg. Sept 29, 2011 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)