

Mystery at Cromford Mill

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Here is a mystery from Cromford in Derbyshire. This mill, (3175) at the head of Cromford Pond, is where the locally mined barytes were ground to make powder used in the manufacture of paint.

The waterwheel dates from the middle of the 19th century and was supplied by water from the corn mill dam before being discharged into Cromford Pond, which in turn is part of the water supply for Arkwright's Cromford Mills. The waterwheel has been described as overshot, but I think it is backshot (2589); however, in that case why are there splash marks (2588) on the wall above the tailrace? The mill buildings are now occupied by Home Products Basketware.



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