

 <p>Wool</p>	<p>The introduction of merino sheep in 1810 and tariffs on British wool following the war of 1812 led to a boom in sheep raising and woolen mills in New England. Whately was no exception. The primary producer of wool cloth was Capt. Seth Bardwell, who in 1829 established a mill on West Brook with four power looms. In 1833 he built a larger mill with 10 looms further down the brook. It was later expanded to 20 looms and operated until 1872, when it burned. (Crafts, pp250 & 251.)</p>
 <p>Rope</p>	<p>Miles Morton was the first known maker of clothesline and fishing line in Whately, but after he moved his business to Amherst, it was his apprentice Lyman Sanderson who went on to be Whately's pre-eminent rope maker. After finishing his apprenticeship, he returned to Whately in 1878 and at age 24 started twisting cotton yarn into clothesline in his barn on Poplar Hill. He drove around the countryside selling directly to housewives and to general stores and was successful enough to build a mill with 6 full-time employees and a Boston distributor. He also made dish mops with turned wood handles which were sold in many places including 5 & 10¢ stores. The mill was still operating in 1921. (Springfield Union 10/1/21 & Bicentennial Brochure, p. 61)</p>
 <p>Ink</p>	<p>Charles D. Stockbridge operated a croton blacking and ink business in a mill along Hopewell Brook in East Whately as early as 1846. The Historical Society has a box that originally contained his ink bottles saying "Jet Black Ink. Caution: Do not mix this with any other ink. This ink is made of the best materials, is jet black when applied, and is warranted to remain a fast color. Ink manufactured at East Whately, Massachusetts."</p>
 <p>Stockings</p>	<p>Following his ink business Charles Stockbridge used the mill to make stockings and employed as many as ten to fifteen women there, perhaps more. (Crafts, p. 254). <i>Merwin's Business Directory</i> for 1868 (p. 41) lists Stockbridge as a Hosiery Manufacturer and states that while agriculture constitutes the main business in town, "Considerable is done manufacturing Woolen Goods, Pocket Books, Hosiery, Brooms and Leather."</p>
 <p>Potato Chips</p>	<p>Louis Kandz was a major grower of potatoes and onions and formed the Chick-A-Dee potato chip factory on what is now Long Plain Road in 1965 in the building that now houses Heroes Dog Boarding & Training. His recipe was for a new kind of wafer-thin chip and he devised the machinery to roast the chips. He sold the business to Mark Niedbala in 1969 and in 1971 it was one of New England's two leading chip brands, employing 20 workers. (Cane, pp 67 & 72)</p>

Sources: James M. Crafts, *History of the Town of Whately Mass.*, 1899
 Ena M. Cane, *Whately Massachusetts 1771-1971*, 1972.