

# New Hampshire Textile Industry

New Hampshire was once a leader in woolen and cotton textiles, beginning in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. N.H. mills created world famous fabrics and designs for the fashion industry, work clothes, military uniforms, and even automaking.

L. W. Packard Mills of Ashland, NH creatively used water, steam, and reclaimed energy to make woolens for 100 years. Wool once went by camel caravans to Egyptian ports, then by ship to Boston, then to Ashland to make quality woolen goods.

Considered one of the most modern woolen mills in the world in 2000, it closed in 2002.

