

CHRONOLOGY

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| 1790 | Samuel Slater's first mill opens in Rhode Island | 1820s | Large-scale outwork networks develop in New England |
| 1793 | Cotton gin invented | 1823 | Lowell mills open |
| 1798 | Eli Whitney contracts with the federal government for 10,000 rifles, which he undertakes to produce with interchangeable parts | 1824 | John Hall successfully achieves interchangeable parts at Harpers Ferry armory
Women lead strike at Pawtucket textile mill |
| 1807 | Embargo Act excludes British manufactures | 1825 | Erie Canal opens |
| 1810 | Francis Cabot Lowell tours British textile factories
First steamboat on the Ohio River | 1830 | Charles G. Finney's Rochester revivals |
| 1812 | Micajah Pratt begins his own shoe business in Lynn, Massachusetts | 1834 | First strike at Lowell mills |
| 1813 | Francis Cabot Lowell raises \$300,000 to build his first cotton textile factory at Waltham, Massachusetts | 1836 | Ralph Waldo Emerson lecture "Nature" published |
| 1815 | War of 1812 ends; British competition in manufactures resumes | 1841 | Catharine Beecher's <i>Treatise on Domestic Economy</i> published |
| 1816 | First protective tariff | 1845 | New England Female Labor Reform Association formed |
| | | 1847 | New Hampshire passes first ten-hour-day laws |