

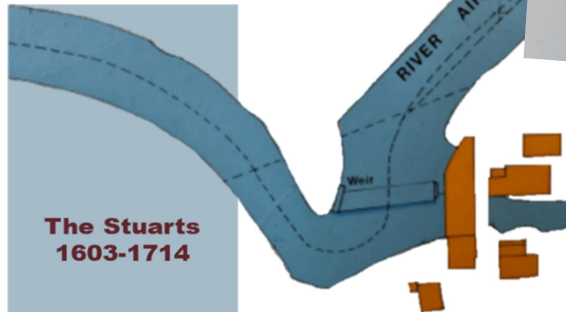
# THWAITE WATERMILL : TIMELINE

A **weir** was constructed on the natural bend in the river, creating a pond and thus allowing the **first watermill** to be built. It was used for '**fulling**', a textiles process in which cloth is pounded in a mixture of urine and Fuller's earth to matt the fibres together.



← 1641

**The Stuarts  
1603-1714**



Maker of the  
**SUPER BRAND**  
GENUINE PURE LINSEED OIL PUTTY



The Horns began **putty production** using linseed oil and surplus whiting. By the 1960s putty was the mill's only product.

← 1923

The **Raymond Mill** was installed to grind a lot more chalk at pre-set grades, replacing the water levigation process.

← 1931



Dandy Row – workers' cottages (Skelton Grange Power Station in the background was built in the 1950s)

Due to their dilapidated state, the old **mill buildings were demolished and rebuilt** at a cost of £15,678. As well as a new mill, outbuildings, workers' cottages and the mill tenants' house were constructed by 1825.

← 1823

**The Georgians  
1714-1837**

The **Joy family** were the first tenants of the new mill. They began the "**Filtrate Oils**" company which produced lubricating oils by crushing seeds. The Joys specialised in rapeseed.

← 1825



A **flood** caused the weir to collapse, preventing water from entering the mill and turning the wheels.

← 1975

After fulfilling outstanding putty orders with the **Petter diesel engine**, the mill finally closed.

← 1976

The **Thwaite Mills Society** was formed. This comprised a group of volunteers who did not want to see the site go to waste and worked to restore it.

← 1978

The **Joy family left Thwaite Mill.**

← 1845

The **Horn family** arrived and installed stone-crushing equipment. The mill was used to **grind flint and china stone for the pottery industry** and **chalk for whiting**.

← 1872

**The Victorians  
1837-1901**



As part of major restoration work, the **weir was rebuilt** in concrete and steel and the **machinery and buildings were restored**.

← 1986

**Thwaite Watermill Museum** opened to the public.

← 1990

20<sup>th</sup> Century

WW1: 1914-1918

WW2: 1939-1945

Petter Engine



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