

Glossary for Mill Worker Family Powerpoint

Altar boy – a boy who assists the priest or reverend in a church service or mass

Company Store – a store run by a company for the workers to purchase food and necessary supplies.

Company script – a special type of “money” printed by a company for employees to use in the company store.

Dedicated - devoted to a cause, ideal, or purpose

Delivering messages – because there were no phones or other electronic means of communication, messages had to be written and carried to the other person or memorized by the messenger and brought to the other person

Errands - a short trip taken to attend to some business often for another

Essential – absolutely necessary, vital

Famine - an extreme scarcity of food; starvation

Immigrants - a person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence

Journey – trip

Spools – a spindle on which thread is wound and wrapped

Stone cutter - Cuts, shapes, and finishes rough blocks of building or monumental stone according to diagrams or patterns

Sweeping - cleaning the lint, trimmings, dust and other leavings from the floor of the mill

U. S. Census - a periodic counting of the Population of the United States by the government

Voucher - a form or check given instead of money to be spent

Some definitions from the Merriam Webster Dictionary On-Line at <http://www.m-w.com/>

Some definitions from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles at http://www.occupationalinfo.org/dot_search.html