

The Silk Industry

Willimantic also produced silk thread, cloth and machinery. The silk industry had its beginnings in nearby Mansfield because of its many mulberry trees. Silkworms eat the leaves of the tree. When unwound, the silkworm's cocoon can be made into thread.

The silk industry came to Willimantic because of the many workers. Mills were located on North, Valley and Bridge Streets. The silk trade lasted until the 1930's.

Can you color and paste each stage of the life cycle of a silkworm?

