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# On The Trail Of The Luddites

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# Introduction

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Introduction – Colne Valley Museum



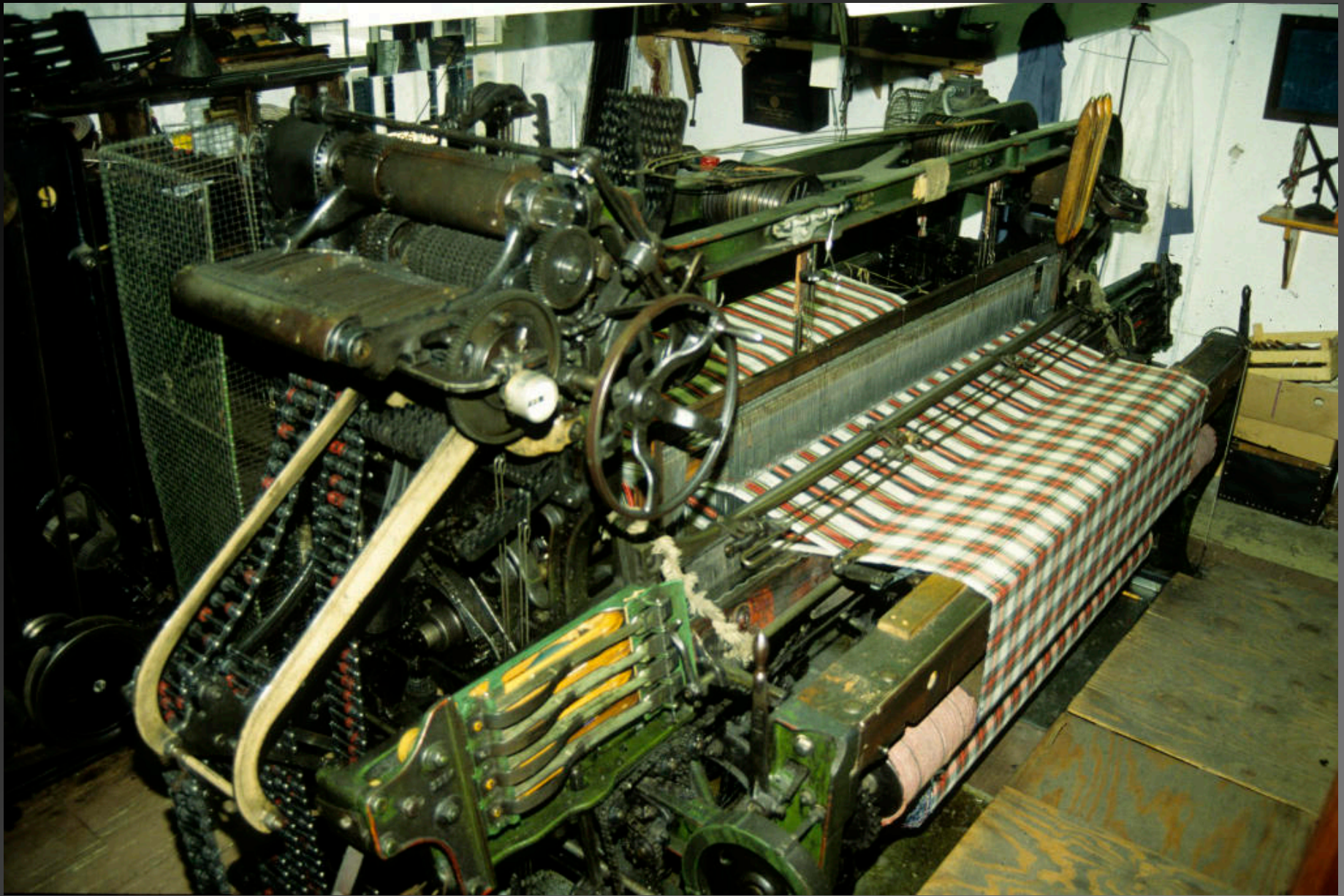


Introduction – Colne Valley Museum

# Background To The Risings

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Background To The Risings – Bradford Industrial Museum



Background To The Risings – Lord Byron

# The Luddite Movement

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The Luddite Movement – Ned 'General' Lud





The Luddite Movement – "Enoch's Hammer"

# The Attack At Rawfolds Mill, Cleckheaton

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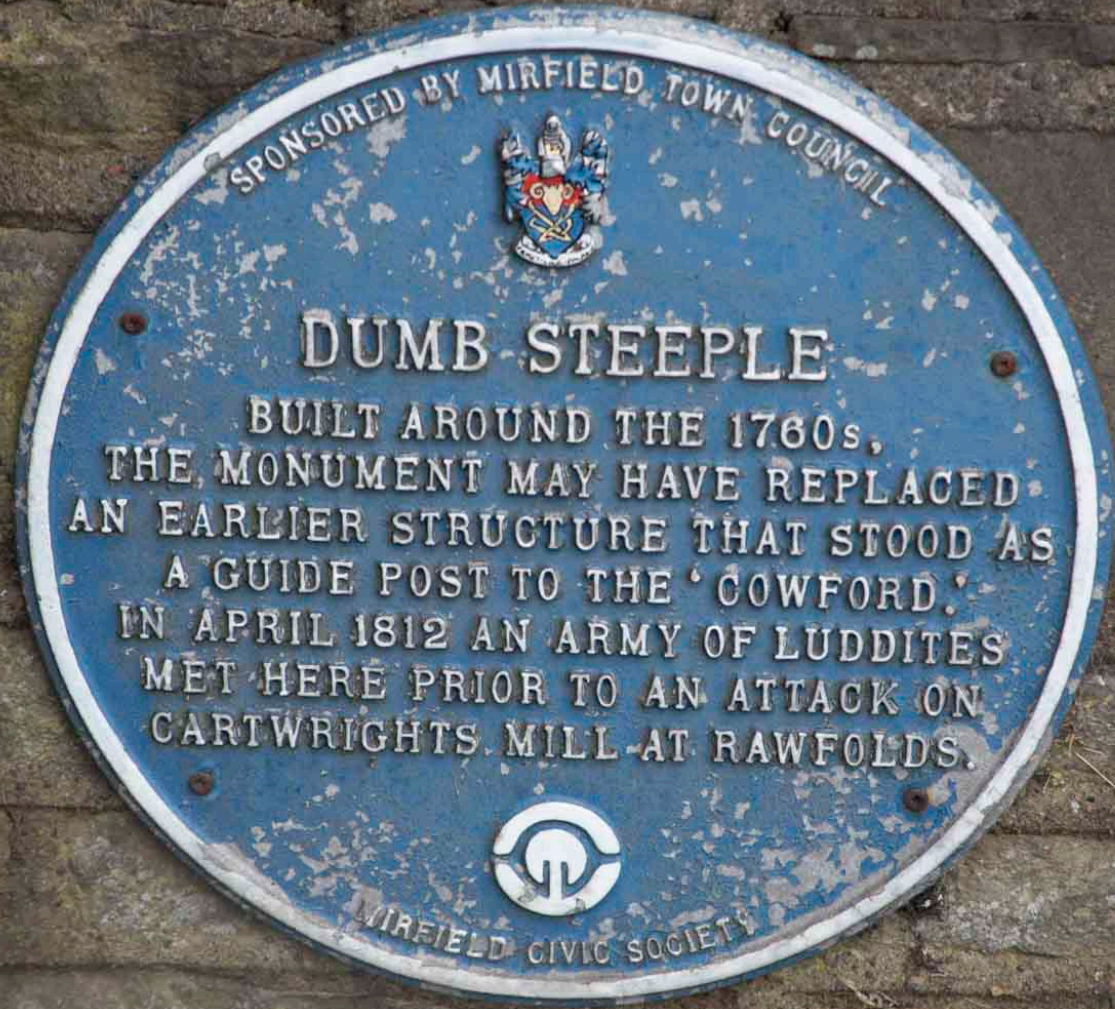
# The Gathering

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Attack At Rawfolds – Cooper Bridge, 'Dumb Steeple'





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## DUMB STEEPLE

BUILT AROUND THE 1760s.  
THE MONUMENT MAY HAVE REPLACED  
AN EARLIER STRUCTURE THAT STOOD AS  
A GUIDE POST TO THE 'COWFORD'.  
IN APRIL 1812 AN ARMY OF LUDDITES  
MET HERE PRIOR TO AN ATTACK ON  
CARTWRIGHTS MILL AT RAWFOLDS.



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Attack At Rawfolds – Cooper Bridge, 'Dumb Steeple'

# Brontes

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Thorn Bush Farm – Home Of Reverend Bronte





Reverend & Mrs Brontë's House, Hightown

# The Shears

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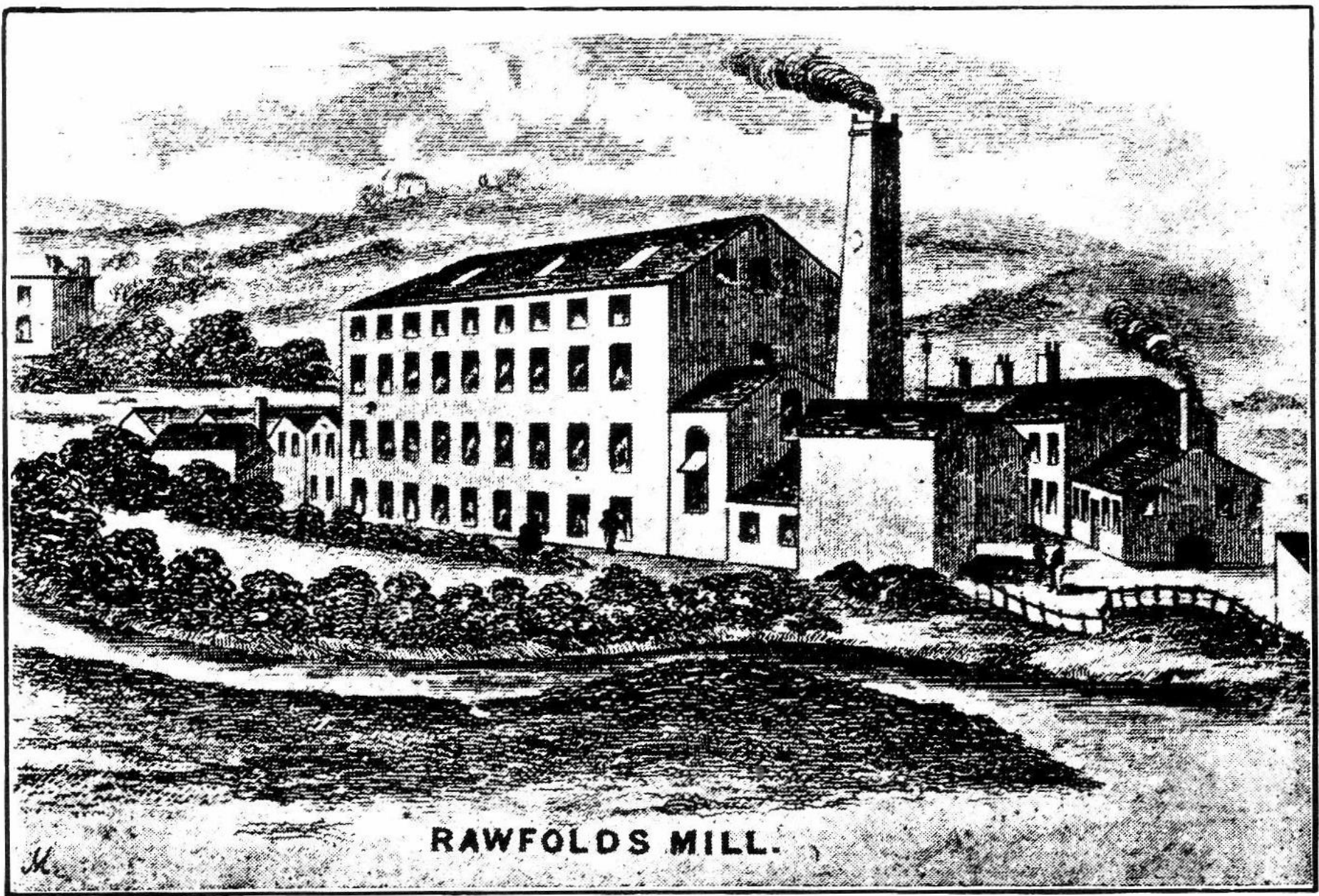


The Shears, Hightown

# Rawfolds

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Attack At Rawfolds



Attack At Rawfolds

# Capture

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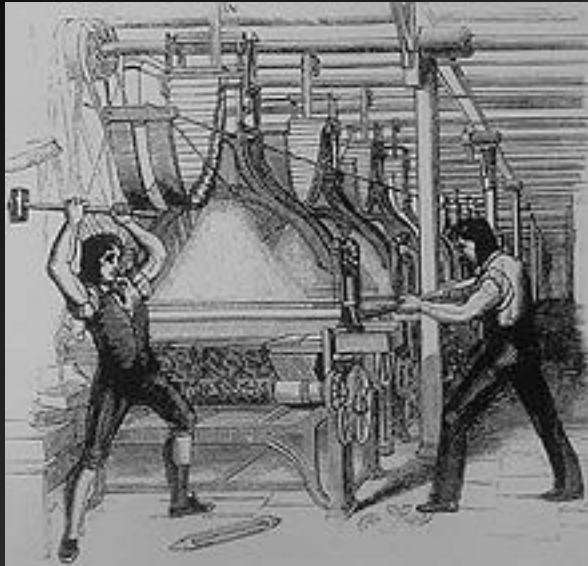




Capture

# Enoch's Hammer

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Enoch's Hammer





Enoch & James Taylor's Memorial, Marsden

# William Horsfall

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Ottiwells, Site Of William Horsfall's Original Mill



Horsfall's Journey 1



**Horsfall's  
Journey 1:  
Huddersfield  
To  
Warren House**

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Horsfall's Journey 1 – Cloth Hall



Original George Hotel

# John Wood's Cropping Shop

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John Wood's Cropping Shop



Site Of Fisher's Cropping Shop

**Horsfall's Journey**

**2:**

**Warren House**

**To**

**Dryclough Road**

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Original Warren House, Blackmoorfoot Road





William Horsfall Street

# Warren House

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Original Warren House, Blackmoorfoot Road -> Crosland Moor



Original Warren House, Blackmoorfoot Road

# Escape

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Dryclough Lane, now Road -> Beaumont Park & Dungeon Wood





Dungeon Wood, now Beaumont Park, towards Armitage Bridge



# Joseph Radcliffe

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Milnsbridge House



Milnsbridge House - front

# The Trial For Horsfall's Murder, York

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The Shambles



York Castle Assizes

# The Trial For The Attack On Rawfolds, York

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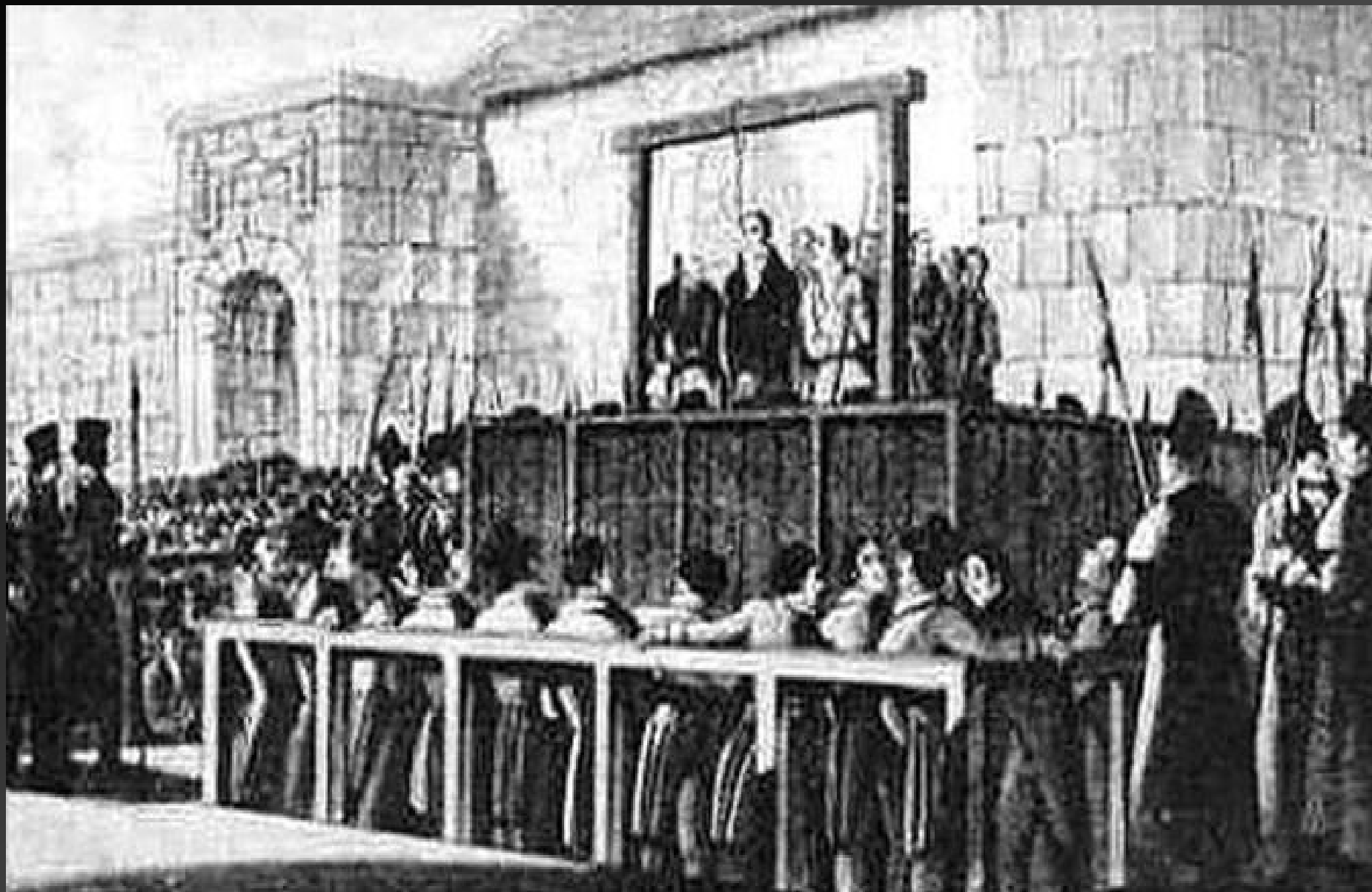




Clifford's Tower, York

# The Executions

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Executions



# The Aftermath

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The executions and transportations certainly had an effect.

Luddism was over, though for a while afterwards there was sufficient unrest and disturbance to keep such men as Radcliffe on their toes.

As far as the government was concerned, it had had its show trial, and hanged enough men to prevent others from trying again. Now public opinion was against the government and any further trials might make matters worse.

Radcliffe had good reason to be worried.

**Gangs of house-breakers were still roaming the area, and on January 28th Milnsbridge House was fired into.**

**Armitage wrote "I fear danger from this vile set of villains is far from over. They are at present rather checked by the sufferings of their brothers in iniquity. I fear the loss of the military will give them fresh courage."**

**But the spirit of the Luddites was broken and any real danger was passed.**



Even so, the authorities were prepared, and when on 22nd January Major Cartwright (a Radical reformer, no relation to Cartwright of Rawfolds) arrived at the George Hotel with his petition for Parliamentary Reform, his meeting was broken up and the petition seized.

It was probably this same petition which Mellor had written of from prison, when he asked for his own name and those of thirty-nine other prisoners to be added to it.

**Now that they were satisfied that sufficient examples had been made, and that further prosecutions would do more harm than good, a general amnesty was declared by the Government.**

**On January 18th 1813, a Proclamation by the Prince Regent gave a free pardon to all who would go before a Justice of the Peace, take the Oath of Allegiance, and confess his crimes. This became known as being 'untwisted', and large numbers of men took advantage of it.**

**Bodies of 40 and 50 men were to be seen on their way to Woodsome Hall, and, to the surprise of many, there were among them some very respectable men indeed, including several Master Croppers.**

**By March, things had quietened down and nearly all of the troops had been withdrawn.**



**Darvall wrote a fitting epitaph:**

**"The Luddites failed hopelessly in their immediate objects.**

**"They succeeded, however, just a little, in what was, though they did not know it, their ultimate function, to prove the necessity of taking consciously in hand, and not leaving to follow their own distressing, undirected course, the readjustments that were an inevitable part of the political and industrial revolutions of the nineteenth century."**

**We trust you enjoyed the show.**

**Thank you for your  
time.**

**And remember...**

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