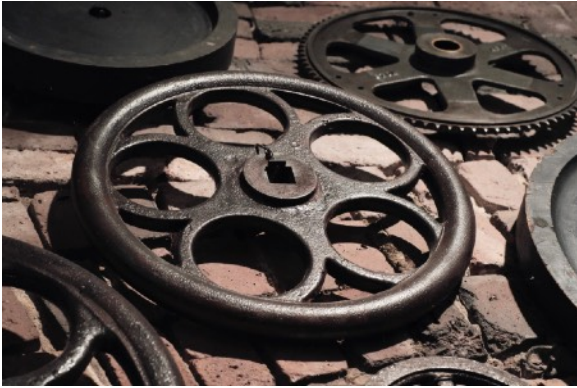




Discovering History Through Technology



The Spark method of learning includes an approach to studying all subjects that you may not have seen before — through technology. Technology has shaped our lives in many ways and can be an exciting path to learn history, literature, writing, art, and the other subjects that make up what we call “the humanities.”

The two pictures on this page are shots that I’ve taken at the Millyard Museum here in Manchester. At first glance, they don’t seem like much in the way of technology, at least not when compared to the world around us today. But these pictures represent a phase of technology that shaped Manchester’s

history and also shaped the lives of my own family members years ago.

My grandparents were part of the migration of people from Canada who came to Manchester for a better life, a life made possible by the Amoskeag Mills, at that time the largest manufacturer of cotton textiles in the world! My grandparents and great aunts and uncles all worked in those mills. Around those mills grew a city of neighborhoods and businesses that thrived due to those cutting-edge technologies. For them, the mills were the future.

The picture below reminds me of my grandmother who had to leave school to help support her family and worked for years tending to the bobbins that fed huge weaving machines. As tough as that time was for her, she was grateful for the opportunities those mills gave her family for survival. Those opportunities came at a cost, though, as many Manchester folks of that era were missing fingers or hands because the machinery of the day was not designed with safety in mind! We aren’t worried about losing our fingers to the technological wonders around us, but we need to make sure technology works best for us and helps our kids live good and happy lives. This is one of the lessons we can learn from history, and it’s an important one!

- **We have an open house coming up on Wednesday, July 17th, at 6pm, here at Manchester Community College. Please help us reach our future students by passing on the word!**
- **Also, we are scheduling meetings to get to know our new students. Please contact us at admissions@sparkacademynh.org to schedule time with us.**
- **First Day of School: Tuesday, September 3rd!**

Wishing you summer’s best,

Denis Mailloux
Director

