

# Samuel Oldknow and the Peak Forest Canal.

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## Samuel Oldknow, Businessman of Marple, Cheshire

The engine was rated at 8 hp. The railways first steam locomotive arrived in 1841 in the shape of Peak, built by Robert Stephenson and Co. He thought it patriotism to convert one blade of grass into two; and so well were his labours approved that he was appointed the President of the Derbyshire Agricultural Society for the present year.

### So who is Samuel Oldknow?

He specialised in the manufacture of muslin, a fine, delicately woven cotton fabric, which sold well in major northern towns and in London. Samuel Oldknow Jnr, the eldest son of Samuel Oldknow Sr and Margery Foster, was born 5 October 1756 in , near , , and died 18 September 1828 at Lodge, Derbyshire.

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Peter Drinkwater, a Manchester textile manufacturer, to whom he was engaged to be married. Visit Â to find out more.

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Traffic — by now almost exclusively from local quarries — was slowly decreasing during the Beeching era, the first section of the line being closed in 1963. Last date edited: 17 December 2014 About this blog Join us on an exciting journey around Samuel Oldknow's stomping ground, Mellor Mill and the Peak Forest Canal in Marple.

## Peak Forest Canal

Following Oldknow's death on 18 September 1828 the factory passed to the Arkwrights. Samuel Oldknow's warehouse on the Peak Forest Canal In 1787 Oldknow began the purchase large areas of land at Mellor where the first mill, completed in 1790, created work for 2000 people. Oldknow also served as in 1824.

### Revealing Oldknow's Legacy: What will we do?

Look out for more about our forthcoming events and activities on this blog page.

### **The Story of Samuel Oldknow**

Attracting suitable labour was also a problem. Oldknow took the major responsibility in finding the money to fund the new Georgian Chapel and oversaw the building work, which commenced in 1808. High Peak Junction railway Some Key Dates.

### **The Samuel Oldknow**

By the time he was 30, he had made a fortune producing muslin. The line was isolated until 1853 when, in an effort to improve traffic, a connection was made with the Manchester, Buxton, Matlock and Midlands Junction Railway at High Peak Junction just north of Whatstandwell. We are also planning events and activities, a range of volunteer opportunities, and work with schools and colleges to open up access to these magical places where the story of Oldknow and the role of Marple and Mellor in the Industrial Revolution will be brought to life.

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