

Heathcoat and Boden's Lace Factory

Site of the 'Luddite' attack of 1816

The Luddites were a group of workers who destroyed machinery that they felt was threatening their jobs. At midnight in 1816, a group of Luddites attacked the hugely successful Heathcoat and Boden's lace factory in Loughborough. The factory operated 55 machines which were destroyed in the attack. Rumour had it that rival Nottingham lace manufacturers may have financed the raid. With the machines destroyed, production was transferred to Tiverton in Devon.

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