



The original location of Bean Fiber Glass on Peterborough Street near the entrance to the present-day Rivermill Condominiums. (Formerly Jaffrey Mills. It was probably the last of the White Bros. structures to be built on the site that was for many years Jaffrey's major employer.) The company later moved to 26 Union Street, which had been built in the 1920s for the New Hampshire Match Company and later used by W. W. Cross. The building stood where the new ballfield is today.

### BEAN FIBER GLASS, INC.

BEAN FIBER GLASS, INC., manufactures a woven fiber glass mat for use as the principal raw material in fiber glass molded products. It is used by molders throughout the country in the manufacture of a wide variety of products such as boats, tanks, shelters, cargo containers, missile housing, concrete forms, bath tubs, silos, and car bodies. None of its products is used locally.

The company was founded in 1957 by William Coleman and Joseph Manning with financial backing by D. D. Bean & Sons Co., Inc. Starting as a division of D. D. Bean & Sons, Bean Fiber Glass became a separate corporation in 1959. The parent company remained as majority stockholder until 1961 when their interest was sold to an outside group of investors. Coleman and Manning, both graduate engineers, have been chief operating and executive officers of the company since its founding. The company's production equipment was designed by them.

The company is located on Peterborough Street in one of the former White Brothers' storehouses.

*Source:* Volume III of the Town History.

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## Jaffrey Historical Society

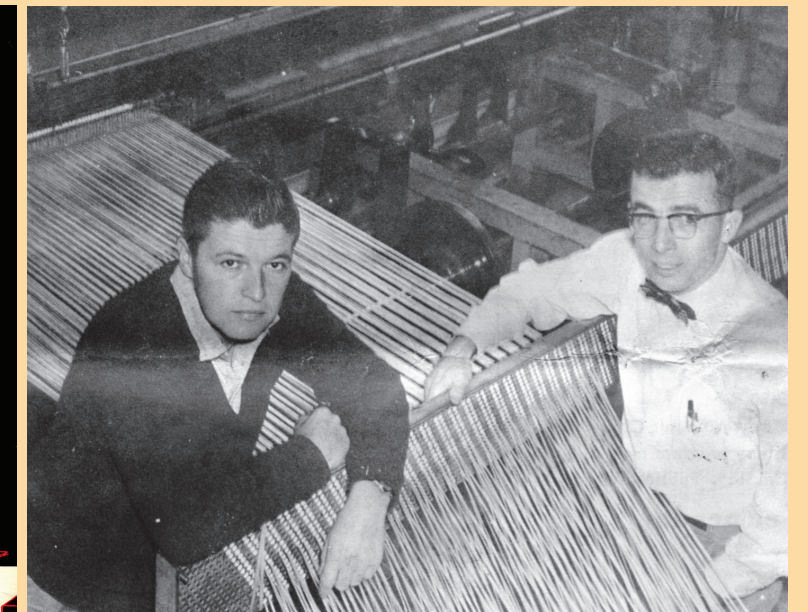
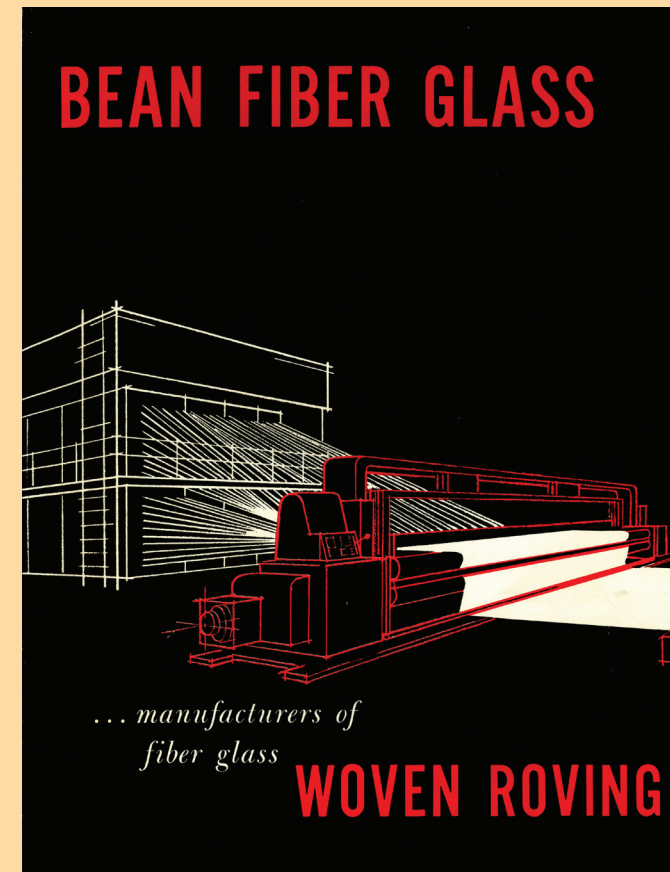
Civic Center, 40 Main Street, Jaffrey, NH 03452

2015

**Bill and Joe**

**Thursday, April 9, 2015, 7 pm. Jaffrey Civic Center.**

**Bean Fiber Glass**



We know it's hard to believe but here are two young entrepreneurs—**Bill Coleman** and **Joe Manning**—at the start up of Bean Fiber Glass. This photo appeared on the front page of the very first issue of the new *Monadnock Ledger*, November 21, 1956.

They'll tell us about the early days of the company and how it developed over the years.

**WHAT** were they thinking when they wanted to start a new textile mill in New England? All other textile mills were either moving south or had 'gone south.'

**WHAT** was the reason they chose Jaffrey?

**WHAT** did they do to convince D. D. Bean & Sons to back them?

**WHAT** were the ups & downs of the enterprise over the years? And what the heck is 'woven roving'?

Bill and Joe will cover almost a half century of Bean Fiber Glass history in 30 minutes or less. Don't miss it!

### Looking ahead —Upcoming Programs

**THURSDAY APRIL 23:** FRIENDS OF THE JAFFREY LIBRARY program on John Winant, 6:30 at the Library • **SATURDAY JULY 25:** Riverfest & JHS Pop-up Museum • **THURSDAY AUGUST 13:** Annual Meeting, Mark Cournoyer on *Cournoyer Funeral Home Centenary* • **SUNDAY OCTOBER 18:** Annual Autumn Outing, *Francestown* (tentative) • **THURSDAY DECEMBER 10:** JHS-Civic Center Christmas party • **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2016:** Pot Luck • **THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2016:** Scott Edwards of Scott's Clock • **THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 2016:** Annual Meeting John Peard, Sr. on Red's of Jaffrey (tentative) 🍷