

Teacher Information Card 1

The Half-Timers

In 1892 an Education Act was passed making it compulsory for all children to attend school. Half-timers were children who worked in the mills but who also spent part of their week in school. They were allowed to work up to 6.5 hours and then had to attend school usually (but not always) in the afternoon. A law was passed in 1844 which limited the working hours of children under 13 years old to 6.5 hours per day. Before that, children could work the same hours as adults and didn't have to attend school.



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Additional information:

Factory Act of 1833

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/1833-factory-act>

Factory Act of 1844

1844https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Factory_Acts#Graham.27s_Factory_Education_Bill_.281843.29