

## 9. Mark Gionet's Salmon Falls Manufacturing Company



Salmon Falls Manufacturing was developed on the Rollingsford, New Hampshire side of the Salmon Falls River between 1840 and the mid 1860s. The textile mill was located downstream of a large dam and the Boston & Maine Railroad bridge across the river. Railroad access was actually off a branch line that connected the B&M Western Route main elsewhere. My version places the mill adjacent to the dam and north of the bridge, with a siding right off the railroad track.

Similar to my model of the bridge, my take on the mill is prototype inspired, and based on building massing and details that I liked and which seemed archetypically New England. A key was the mills's "industrial Italianate" style, and specifically, the tall stair towers separated from the long narrow mill building and wood-lined wood framed top floor ([photo next page](#)).

As usual, this would be a kitbash, and I recognized that I had a good starting point with some partially built South River Modelworks kits. I had previously harvested the small accessory buildings from the Blackstone Paper Mills and the Whitinsville Spinning Co. Blackstone already had a great version of the stair tower I needed, though its doorways on each tower floor made me add a fire escape as well. I combined both



buildings, making Whitinsville appear to be an earlier structure. Otherwise, I tried to keep the details simple, and created a location that the buildings appeared to organically arise from the banks of the Salmon Falls River. I photoshopped a background, using photos of the prototype mill and others and had it printed by Backdrop Junction. I've still got to add the sluice gate and control structure above the dam, using parts from both kits. **Mark Gionet**

*Mark Gionet's workbench as seen in the February-March 2024 Flyer*

