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Standing in back row: Raymond Roblee, and Louis Mandrell

In front row left to right: Mary Pastrella, Santa Miserentino Ogeen, ?, ?, Rose Shinta, ?, ?, Mary Leone, Josephene Mancuso Baglio (who was 10 when she started working at the mill), Mary Cacamise, ?



Postcard - LeRoy Cotton Mill

by Lynne Belluscio

In 1906, renovations converted the former limestone buildings on Church Street into the LeRoy Cotton Mill. The buildings had been built originally as a factory for carriages and railroad cars. They were

Outside the mill, about 1906: 2nd from left, Santa Miserentino (O'Geen); 2nd from right, Mary Cacamise; 5th from left, Rose Shinta

then converted into a plant for the Matthews Malting Company. The brother of the lawyer of the malt company, M.C. Taylor of New York City, had visited LeRoy on many occasions and noticed that the factory was in an excellent location, immediately next to the railroad tracks. He wrote to Mayor Huyck of LeRoy and said that he thought he could obtain capital to establish a cotton mill in the old buildings. The LeRoy Cotton Mills manufactured yarn for cloth. M.C. Taylor also operated a cotton mill in Lyons, where he manufactured mail bags. Another promoter was P.T. Jackson Jr, who managed a mill in Lowell, Massachusetts. In the beginning, the LeRoy mill employed 100 women and girls, and about 50 men. Many of the



Inside the mill: left to right : Mrs. Chimino; Josephine Mancuso and Mary Ange Battaglia

mill workers were Italian immigrants. Even the noted LeRoy artist, Antonio Barone, worked in the mill when he was young, and was made foreman because he could speak Italian and English.

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