




The History of Central Falls, Rhode Island

1782	The Wheat Chocolate Mill opened.	
1806	The chocolate mill was sold. It stopped making chocolate.	
1822	Only 60 people lived in Central Falls.	
1860	Central Falls had more mills. It also had a school and homes for the people who worked at the mills.	
1882	The first library in Central Falls opened.	
1885	Four more schools had been built in Central Falls.	
1904	The Central Falls clock tower was built (picture at right).	
1920	More than 24,000 people lived in Central Falls.	
1927	A high school was built in Central Falls.	
1979	The Central Falls clock tower was named an important place in history.	
2011	Candy bars went on sale to help Central Falls. They were made by Andrew Shotts (photo*, right).	
2012	Chocolate Mill Park opened. It tells about the city.	
2013	Planning began for a new building. It will be in the park. It will tell about making chocolate.	

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