

Wichita Flour Mill

The original company members were W.H. Kinney and Miss Nettie Kinney, Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Moore, and Mr. & Mrs. G.M. Lowery. The three male members had previously owned Pond Creek Milling Company in Pond City Oklahoma at 450 barrel/day mill the burnt to the ground. After the fire they leased a mill in Wichita Kansas (the Howard Mill) while construction of the new mill was underway (my present mill). This mill was unique for the time, as it is a "Daylight Mill" constructed entirely of concrete, glass, and steel (reportable only one of three in the US). It was also completely operated by electricity. The original mill was reported to have cost \$250,000 and produced around 1,000 barrels of flour per day. A second unit was built along side the first unit in 1918 with a capitol investment of around \$100,000 increasing its daily production to around 2,500 barrels. One article I read indicated an interesting fact that Miss Kinney (vice-president), and the wives of Moore and Lowery participated in the management of the company in a time when that was not the norm. Some of the brands I have been able to track down are Sunny Kansas Flour, Volume Flour, Kansas Expansion Flour (the three main ones from what I can tell), Imperial Patent Flour, and Loudspeaker Flour (there are at least two more export brands). There was also the Willis Norton Company that brokered flour out of the second floor office space in the late 1930s. The Willis Norton "Big Three" were Buffalo Flour, Super Flour, and Pyramid.

Wichita Flour Mill was sold to Fred Merrill in the early 1970's (the second mill the Mr. Merrill purchased). Fred and his father (Elmo) had both worked at the Wichita mill for Moore and Lowery in there early days. Fred was a graduate from Kansas State University in Milling Science and later became the CEO of ADM before leaving them to from Cereal Food Processors Inc.

Cereal Food Processors' 15 flour mills were sold in 2014 to G&L Holdings (at company owned by the Grizzard Family from Rome Georgia and the Labbe Family from Pendleton Oregon). G&L Holdings combined three flour mill companies Cereal Food Processors, Milner Milling and Pendleton Flour Mills into Grain Craft.



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WICHITA, KANSAS

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Wichita Flour Mill 1940 calendar



Wichita Flour Mill 1954 calendar