

APPENDICES

Information Sources

Source materials used in the writing of this history include mainly:

1. A book summarizing the report on a study made in 1948 and 1949 by a panel of four men from the University of Illinois Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.
2. A special booklet of the Mueller Co. published in 1907 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the company's founding.
3. A special booklet published in 1957 on the 100th anniversary of the company. These documents are being preserved in the vaults of the company at its home office building at Eldorado and Monroe Streets in Decatur. In addition the company has complete files of the Mueller Record, which also were used.
4. Clippings of news and historical articles about the Mueller Co. and its executives that have been published in the Decatur Herald and Review.

Valuable assistance in preparation of the history also was given by Charlotte Mueller Schluter, daughter of Adolph and for 10 years a member of the board of directors; Michael R. Mueller, son of Frank H. Mueller and a former member of the board; several present veteran employees and long-time former employees — some of whom held managerial positions with the company.

The former employees who gave this help, their years of service and top titles with the company are:

- Hugh L. Baker, 42 years, general sales vice president
- Leo O. Wiant, 36 years, administrative vice president
- Albert G. Webber III, former company counsel and now a circuit judge
- Carl H. Hill, 45 years, tool room foreman
- Ray C. Kileen, 42 years, purchasing agent
- W. Marshall Foster, 41 years, power plant engineer

Present employees who gave valuable aid on the history are:

- George F. Binkley, 34 years, personnel director
- James S. Cussins, 30 years, advertising and sales promotion manager
- Mary Lou Wetherell, 30 years, 24 of these as secretary in Engineering Division and personal secretary to Frank H. Mueller
- Robert W. Mallow, 24 years, secretary-treasurer

Mueller Co. Board of Directors

(*Deceased **Resigned New Members in Italics)

1899 thru 1900

Hieronymus Mueller
Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Oscar B. Mueller
Henry Mueller
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller

1902 thru 1910

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Leda Cruikshank
Oscar Mueller
Henry Mueller *Aug. 1910
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller

1913 thru 1915

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Frank W. Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller
Ora Mueller
Oscar Mueller

1918 thru June 1922

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Frank W. Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller

1900 thru 1901

Hieronymus Mueller *Mar. 1900
Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Oscar B. Mueller
Henry Mueller
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller

1911 thru 1912

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Leda Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller
Ora Mueller
Oscar Mueller

1916 and 1917

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Frank W. Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller
Oscar Mueller **Dec. 1917
*Leda Cruikshank **Dec. 1917*

July 1922 thru 1926

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Frank W. Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
Oscar Mueller
William E. Mueller

1927

Adolph Mueller
Fred Mueller
Frank W. Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
Oscar Mueller
William E. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller

1929

Adolph Mueller
Ora M. Blair
Philip Cruikshank**
Robert Mueller
Oscar Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
William E. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller
Ebert Mueller**
J. W. Simpson

1931 thru 1940

Adolph Mueller
Lucien Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
William E. Mueller
Ora M. Blair
J. W. Simpson
Robert Mueller *Mar. 1940

1945 thru 1947

Addie E. Mueller
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Lenore Staley
William E. Mueller *Sept. 1947
Robert H. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller
J. W. Simpson

1928

Adolph Mueller
Ora M. Blair
Philip Cruikshank
Robert Mueller
Philip Mueller *Jan. 1928
Robert H. Mueller
Oscar Mueller
William E. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller
Ebert Mueller
J. W. Simpson

1930

Adolph Mueller
Ora M. Blair
Robert Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
Oscar Mueller
William E. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller
J. W. Simpson

1941 thru 1944

Addie E. Mueller
Adolph Mueller *May 1944
Lenore Staley
Robert H. Mueller
William E. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller
J. W. Simpson

1948

Addie E. Mueller
Lenore Staley
Pauline Mueller
Robert H. Mueller
Lucien W. Mueller
J. W. Simpson
Albert G. Webber, Jr.

1949

Addie E. Mueller
 Lenore Staley
 Pauline Mueller
Frank H. Mueller
 Lucien W. Mueller
 J. W. Simpson
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.

1952

Addie E. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 Charlotte Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Lucien W. Mueller
W. H. Hipsher
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.

1955 and 1956

Addie E. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 Charlotte Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
Richard E. Pritchard
 W. H. Hipsher
 Albert Webber, Jr.
 Pauline Mueller
 Leo Wiant

1959

Addie E. Mueller *Mar. 1959
 Lenore Schmick
 Charlotte Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
 W. H. Hipsher
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.
 Pauline Mueller
 Leo Wiant
 Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner

1950 and 1951

Addie E. Mueller
 Lenore Staley
 Frank H. Mueller
Charlotte Schluter
 Lucien W. Mueller
 J. W. Simpson *Jan. 1951
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.

1953 and 1954

Addie E. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 Charlotte Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Lucien W. Mueller *Oct. 1953
 W. H. Hipsher
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Pauline Mueller
Leo Wiant

1957 and 1958

Addie E. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 Charlotte Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Richard E. Pritchard
 W. H. Hipsher
 Albert Webber, Jr.
 Pauline Mueller
 Leo Wiant
Franklin B. Schmick

1960

Ebert Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 Charlotte Schluter**
 Frank H. Mueller
 Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
 W. H. Hipsher**
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.
 Pauline Mueller
 Leo Wiant
 Franklin B. Schmick
 Joe H. Gardner

1961

Ebert B. Mueller
Lenore Schmick
John A. Schluter
Frank H. Mueller
Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
Jackson Kemper
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Pauline Mueller
Leo Wiant **end of year
Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner

1963

Ebert B. Mueller
Lenore Schmick
John A. Schluter
Frank H. Mueller
Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Pauline Mueller**
George McAvity
Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner

1967

Ebert B. Mueller
Lenore Schmick
John A. Schluter
Frank H. Mueller
John F. Thurston
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Adolph Mueller II
George McAvity
Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner

1962

Ebert B. Mueller
Lenore Schmick
John A. Schluter
Frank H. Mueller
Harold M. Sherman, Jr.
Jackson Kemper
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Pauline Mueller
George McAvity
Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner

1964 thru 1966

Ebert B. Mueller
Lenore Schmick
John A. Schluter
Frank H. Mueller
Harold M. Sherman, Jr.*
John F. Thurston
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Adolph Mueller II
George McAvity
Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner

1968

Ebert B. Mueller *Dec. 1968
Lenore Schmick
John A. Schluter
Frank H. Mueller
Robert V. Krikorian
John F. Thurston
Albert G. Webber, Jr.
Adolph Mueller II
George McAvity
Franklin B. Schmick
Joe H. Gardner
Edwin K. Scheiter

1969 and 1970

Lenore Schmick
 John A. Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Robert V. Krikorian
 John F. Thurston
 Albert G. Webber, Jr.
 Adolph Mueller II
 George McAvity
 Franklin B. Schmick
 Joe H. Gardner
 Edwin K. Scheiter

1973

Bessie I. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 John A. Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Robert V. Krikorian
 Harlan A. White
 Adolph Mueller II
 William E. Murphy
 Franklin B. Schmick *Nov. 1973
 Philip M. Mueller

1975 and 1976

Bessie I. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 John A. Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Robert V. Krikorian
 Dudley Godfrey, Jr.
 Harlan A. White
 Adolph Mueller II
 William E. Murphy
 A. E. Staley III
 Philip M. Mueller
John S. Mueller

1971 and 1972

Lenore Schmick
 John A. Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Robert V. Krikorian
 John F. Thurston (Retired 1971)
Harlan A. White
 Adolph Mueller II
William E. Murphy
 Franklin B. Schmick
Philip Mueller
 Edwin K. Scheiter (Retired)

1974

Bessie I. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 John A. Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller
 Robert V. Krikorian
Dudley Godfrey, Jr.
 Harlan A. White
 Adolph Mueller II
 William E. Murphy
A. E. Staley III
 Philip M. Mueller

1977

Bessie I. Mueller
 Lenore Schmick
 John A. Schluter
 Frank H. Mueller**
 Robert V. Krikorian
 Dudley Godfrey, Jr.
 Harlan A. White
 Adolph Mueller II
Michael Mueller
 A. E. Staley III
 Philip M. Mueller
 John S. Mueller



THE MUELLER CO. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1975-1976

(Seated from Left to Right) Harlan A. White, Bessie I. Mueller, Lenore Mueller Schmick, Frank H. Mueller, Robert V. Krikorian, Adolph Mueller II, A.E. Staley III. (Standing from Left to Right) Dudley J. Godfrey, Jr., John A. Schluter, William E. Murphy, John S. Mueller, Philip M. Mueller. Adolph Mueller II, A.E. Staley III, John A. Schluter, John S. Mueller, and Philip M. Mueller are the Great-Grandsons of the Founder of MUELLER CO.

1978 (Restructured)
Robert V. Krikorian
Dudley Godfrey, Jr.
Harlan A. White**
Adolph Mueller II
A. E. Staley III
Philip M. Mueller
John S. Mueller

1979 and 1980
Robert V. Krikorian
Dudley Godfrey, Jr.
Edward Powers
Adolph Mueller II
A. E. Staley III
Philip M. Mueller
John S. Mueller

Genealogy, Mueller Family



HIERONYMUS MUELLER, b. 1832, d. 1900
 m. 1856 Anna Fredericka Bernhardt, b. 1839, d. 1911
 Henry, b. 1858, d. 1920
 Philip, b. 1859, d. 1928
 Fred B., b. 1862, d. 1927
 Robert, b. 1864, d. 1940
 Adolph, b. 1866, d. 1944
 Leda, b. 1869, d. 1951
 Oscar B., b. 1871, d. 1941



HENRY MUELLER, b. 1858, d. 1920
 m. 1901 Ora Bell McClanahan, b. 1883, d. 1950
 Henrietta, d. at 2 yrs.
 Charlotte Lenore, b. 1902
 m. 1916 J. Bryon Blair, b. , d. 1920

CHARLOTTE LENORE MUELLER, b. 1902
 m. 1926 A. E. Staley, Jr., b. 1903, d. 1975
 Augustus Eugene, III, b. 1928
 Henry Mueller, b. 1932
 William Douglas, b. 1943
 m. 1951 Franklin B. Schmick, b. 1904, d. 1973

AUGUSTUS EUGENE STALEY, III, b. 1928
 m. 1950 Katherine V. L. Patterson, b. 1926
 m. Karen Sue Weatherpond, b. 1943

HENRY MUELLER STALEY, b. 1932
 m. 1955 Violet Harriet Lucas, b. 1930
 Mark Eugene, b. 1965
 Grant Spencer, b. 1969

WILLIAM DOUGLAS STALEY, b. 1943
 m. 1979 Arlene Dorothy Sibling Stoller, b. 1941



PHILIP MUELLER, b. 1859, d. 1928
m. 1883 Mary Elizabeth Shorb, b. 1867, d. 1937
Harry, } twins b. 1884, d. 1888
Clara, } b. 1884, d. 1965
Robert Heisey, b. 1885, d. 1963
Leda Gertrude, b. 1886, d. 1969
Phyllis, b. 1888, d. 1927
Lucien Wilbur, b. 1895, d. 1953
Clarence Shorb, b. 1898, d. 1967
Frank Hieronymus, b. 1903

CLARA MUELLER, b. 1884, d. 1965
m. 1907 Frederich Wilhelm Kaiser, b. 1875, d. 1948
Frederich Wilhelm, Jr., b. 1908, d. 1975
Phyllis, b. 1909, d. 1974
Mary Elizabeth, b. 1917

FREDERICH WILHELM KAISER, JR., b. 1908, d. 1975
m. 1938 Eunice Scott, b. 1908
Judith Diane, b. 1940

JUDITH DIANE KAISER, b. 1940
m. 1966 John Alexander Norrie, b. 1941
Christopher Aaron, b. 1966
Christine April, b. 1970
m. 1973 Paul Keller, b. 1930

PHYLLIS KAISER, b. 1909, d. 1974
m. 1939 Aristotle George Jannopoulos, b. 1900, d. 1962
Jerome Aristotle, b. 1945

JEROME ARISTOTLE JANNOPOULO, b. 1945
m. 1967 Jean Olson, b. 1949
Jennifer Lee, b. 1969
Joseph Jerome, b. 1973

MARY ELIZABETH KAISER, b. 1917
m. 1936 Robert M. Lyons, b. 1914
m. 1951 Earl Franklin Robison, b. 1906
David Earl Robison, b. 1954

ROBERT HEISEY MUELLER, b. 1885, d. 1963
 m. 1916 Roxie Milligan, b.
 m. 1922 Arletta L. Talbott, b.
 m. 1932 Anna Louise Adams, b. 1904

LEDA GERTRUDE MUELLER, b. 1886, d. 1969
 m. 1912 Alcium Vandever Brownback, b. , d. 1961
 Mary Jane, b. 1913, d. 1973
 Joe, } twins b. 1914, d. 1941
 Eloise, } b. 1914

MARY JANE BROWNBACK, b. 1913, d. 1973
 m. 1941 Harold Driscoll Cain, b. 1912, d. 1966
 Gillian Louise, b. 1943

GILLIAN LOUISE CAIN, b. 1943
 m. 1975 Billy H. White, b. 1934
 Joseph Burton, b. 1975

ELOISE BROWNBACK, b. 1914
 m. 1936 Paul Derringer, b. 1907
 Leda Eloise, b. 1940
 Lucien Paul, b. 1941, d. 1942
 m. 1945 B. F. Mauldin, b. , d. 1946
 m. 1947 William Y. Warren, b.
 Jo Ann, b. 1948
 Barbara Jane, b. 1950
 William Y., IV, b. 1953
 m. 1970 Harry G. Bauer, b. 1911

LEDA ELOISE DERRINGER, 1940
 m. 1960 Donald Edward Taussig, b. 1939
 Donald Christopher } twins b.1962
 Greggory Paul, } b. 1962

JO ANN WARREN, b. 1948
 m. 1965 Lynn Leslie Jarvis, b. 1943
 Robert Sean, b. 1967
 Gwenn Gay, b. 1970
 Kimberly Jo, b. 1973
 Daniel Mark, b. 1975

BARBARA JANE WARREN, b. 1950
m. 1971 Robert E. Shantry, b. 1940
Cheri Ray, b. 1971
Carin Amy, 1973
Cory Robert, b. 1975

PHYLLIS MUELLER, b. 1888, d. 1927
m. 1908 Delos Van Dusen Cozad, b. 1881, d. 1955
Philip Mueller, b. 1909
Janet, b. 1913
Delos Robert, b. 1914
Clarence Lee, b. 1919
m. Mabel Irwin Graham, b. , d. 1951

PHILIP MUELLER COZAD, b. 1909
m. 1935 Rudy Ellenora Trimmer, b. 1912
Mary Bernice, b. 1948

MARY BERNICE COZAD, b. 1948
m. Peter Thacker, b. 1946
Christopher Robert, b. 1968
Michael Edward, b. 1977
m. 1979 Edward Gilbert Drake, b. 1945

JANET COZAD, b. 1913
m. 1938 Lawrence Leopold Eckerle, b. , d. 1943
Phyllis Ann, b. 1940
Lawrence Mueller, b. 1942
m. 1945 Ellis L. Gates, Jr., b. 1912

PHYLLIS ANN ECKERLE, b. 1940
m. 1963 Timorthy Hart Tantau, b. 1940
Jennifer Lynne, b. 1963
Sarah Michelle, b. 1965
Amy, b. 1968
m. 1973 Donald L. Hicks, b. 1940

LAWRENCE MUELLER GATES, b. 1942
(Name legally changed from Lawrence Mueller Eckerle)
m. 1973 Lolita Johnson, b. 1940
Katherin Ruth Gates, b. 1975

DELOS ROBERT COZAD, b. 1914
m. 1940 Elois N. Wood, b. 1917
Delos Mueller, b. 1941
Danielle Louise, b. 1943

DELOS MUELLER COZAD, b. 1941
m. 1968 Sandra Jeanne Novey, b. 1947
Amy Elizabeth, b. 1971
Julie Anne, b. 1975

DANIELLE LOUISE COZAD, b. 1943
m. 1962 Bruce R. Kinney, b. 1943
Robert Frances, b. 1967

CLARENCE LEE COZAD, b. 1919
m. 1940 Virginia Lee Peery, b.
Robert Peery, b. 1942
Carol Sue, b. 1945
Penny Lee, b. 1949
Laura Jo, b. 1951
m. Helga Freitas, b.
Joseph Paul, b. 1965

CAROL SUE COZAD, b. 1945
m. Buddy Blake, b.
Christina, b.

LUCIEN WILBUR MUELLER, b. 1895, d. 1953
m. 1919 Claribel Roarick McGrath, b. 1895, d. 1962
William, B. 1916, d. 1931

FRANK HIERONYMUS MUELLER, b. 1903
m. 1930 Isabell Pluck, b.
Philip Meriweather, b. 1931
m. 1945 Della Maude Nola Walstrom, b. 1917
Michael Robert, b. 1946
Frederick Lucien, b. 1951

MICHAEL ROBERT MUELLER, b. 1946
m. 1969 Catherine Colleen Flannery, b. 1946
Emily Louise, b. 1972
Frank Hieronymus, II, b. 1974



ROBERT MUELLER, b. 1864, d. 1940
m. 1896 Addie Ebert, b. d. 1959
Ebert Bernhardt, b. 1901, d. 1968

EBERT BERNHARDT MUELLER, b. 1901, d. 1968
m. 1924 Ruth Staley, b. 1902, d. 1970
Robert Eugene, b. 1925
m. 1936 Bessie Irene MacDonald, b. 1916
John Scot, b. 1941
James Frederick, b. 1944

JOHN SCOT MUELLER, b. 1941
m. 1961 Heather May Selfridge, b. 1942
Anne Elizabeth, b. 1963
Wendy Michelle, b. 1964, d. 1964
Heidi Michelle, b. 1968

JAMES FREDERICK MUELLER, b. 1944
m. 1969 Robin Christie Russell, b. 1949
Justin Robert, b. 1975



ADOLPH MUELLER, b. 1866, d. 1944
m. 1893 Minnie T. Bachman, b. 1866, d. 1946
William Everett, b. 1894, d. 1947
Charles Philip, b. 1897, d. 1900
Charlotte Adelene, b. 1900

WILLIAM EVERETT MUELLER, b. 1894, d. 1947
m. 1931 Pauline Verner, b. 1901
William Everett, Jr., b. 1932
Adolph II, b. 1935
Kathryn Jane, b. 1941

WILLIAM EVERETT MUELLER, JR., b. 1932
m. 1955 Sally Haertel, b. 1932
William Jon, b. 1957
Nancy Kim, b. 1959
Richard Lee, b. 1961

ADOLPH MUELLER II, b. 1935
(originally Adolph Henry)
m. 1958 Joan Lynn Azevedo, b. 1936
 Frederick Everett, b. 1959
 Peter Arthur, b. 1961
m. 1976 Michele Marie Bertrand, b. 1944

CHARLOTTE ADELENE MUELLER, b. 1900
m. 1924 Fredric Edward Schluter, b. 1900
 Fredric Edward, Jr., b. 1926
 William Everett, b. 1927
 John Adolph, b. 1929
 Peter Mueller, b. 1933

FREDRIC EDWARD SCHLUTER, JR., b. 1926
m. 1950 Dorothy Osborn, b. 1926
 Fredric Edward, III, b. 1951
 Jean Osborn, b. 1953
 Elizabeth, b. 1960
m. 1967 Rose Marie Cipriani, b. 1931
 Richard, b. 1968
 Christine, b. 1970

JEAN OSBORN SCHLUTER, b. 1953
m. 1975 Thomas Yoder, b. 1949
 Amanda B. Yoder, b. 1980

WILLIAM EVERETT SCHLUTER, b. 1927
m. 1950 Nancy Albright Hurd, b. 1929
 William Everett, Jr., b. 1952
 Nancy Charlotte, b. 1954
 Sally Ruth, b. 1957
 Peter Laurence, b. 1959
 Stephen Albright, b. 1964
 Philip Henry, b. 1967

WILLIAM EVERETT SCHLUTER, JR., b. 1952
m. 1976 Margaret Delahanty, b. 1953

NANCY CHARLOTTE SCHLUTER, b. 1954
m. 1976 Stephen Thurston, b. 1953

JOHN ADOLPH SCHLUTER, b. 1929
m. 1959 Judith Stuyvesant Hawthorne, b. 1932
John Bayard, b. 1960
Julia Miller, b. 1963
Douglas Clinton, b. 1965

PETER MUELLER SCHLUTER, b. 1933
m. 1970 Jaquelin Lamond, b. 1942
Jane Randolph, b. 1972
Charlotte Mueller, b. 1973
Anne Ambler, b. 1976



LEDA MUELLER, b. 1869, d. 1951
m. 1898 Frank William Cruikshank, b. 1872, d. 1934
Philip, b. 1901, d. 1962
Frances Josephine, b. 1903, d. 1980
William, b. 1906, d. 1918

PHILIP CRUIKSHANK, b. 1901, d. 1962
m. 1924 Gertrude Parke, b. 1902, d. 1944
William M., b.
Gertrude, b. 1925
m. 1947 Frances Kay Johnson, b.

WILLIAM M. CRUIKSHANK, b.
m. 1951 Audrey Gale Wheeler, b.
Nancy Ellen, b. 1954
Amy Jean, b. 1959

GERTRUDE CRUIKSHANK, b. 1925
m. 1947 Harry Gilmer Cook, b.
Gertrude Cruikshank, b. 1949
Peter Gilmer, b. 1951
Martha Ann, b. 1954

FRANCES JOSEPHINE CRUIKSHANK, b. 1903, d. 1980
m. 1927 Allen Francis Moore, Jr., b.
Allen Francis, III, b. 1929
Patricia, b. 1932

ALLEN FRANCIS MOORE, III, b. 1929
 m. 1950 Marjorie Sue Ann Nelson, b.
 Scott Montgomery, b. 1952
 Allen Arthur, b. 1954
 Kathleen Frances, b. 1956
 Suzanne, b. 1961

PATRICIA MOORE, b. 1932
 m. 1951 Robert Wright Brooks, b. 1929
 Richard Allen, b. 1954
 David Pennell, b. 1956
 Katherine, b. 1959



OSCAR B. MUELLER, b. 1871, d. 1941
 m. 1895 Beatrice A. Wetzel, b. , d. 1952
 Bernhardt Frederic, b. 1901, d. 1935
 Beatrice Florence, b. , d. 1927

BERNHARDT FREDERIC MUELLER, b. 1901, d. 1935
 m. Mayme McQueen, b.
 m. Alberta, b.
 Frederic, b. 1935

BEATRICE FLORENCE MUELLER, b. , d. 1927
 m. 1927 John Hamilton Irving, Jr., b.

Chronological Record

- 1832 — Hieronymus Mueller born July 16 at Wertheim, Germany.
- 1849-1852 — Came to America, landing in New York City.
- 1853 — Resided at Chicago and Freeport, Illinois.
- 1856 — Married Fredericka Bernhardt.
- 1857 — Came to Decatur, beginning business as a gunsmith.
- 1858 — Sold shop and went on "Pike's Peak or Bust" gold rush.
Came back and operated a repair business.
- 1869 — Decatur City Council passed first waterworks ordinance July 11.
- 1870-1871 — City failed with first small pumping plant near corner of Wood and Illinois Central right of way. Source of supply was a well.
- 1871 — Hieronymus Mueller appointed by the City Council as "city plumber" in charge of making water connections at mains and of plumbing. Council votes waterworks plant on Sangamon river — the present site — adopting the Holly System.
On March 8 water was turned into the mains for testing at three fire plugs — St. Nicholas hotel corner, Wood and South Main, and Water and East Main. Satisfactory.
- 1872 — Hieronymus Mueller invented water main tapping machine.
Erected three story building at 222 East Main street.
- 1882 — Invented and patented water pressure regulator.
- 1884 — Fred B. Mueller granted patent on Crown Roller Skate.
- 1885 — Partnership entered into between Hieronymus Mueller and his son, Philip, on May 1, under the name of H. Mueller & Son.
Began manufacture of brass goods on enlarged scale.
Established gun and sporting goods store, 138 Merchant street.
Henry Mueller granted patent on improved roller skate.
Partnership formed by H. Mueller and L. L. Burrows to manufacture Crown Roller Skates.

- 1886 — Henry, Fred, and Robert Mueller admitted to partnership of H. Mueller & Sons.
Roller skate craze collapsed. Manufacture of skates discontinued.
- 1887 — Plumbing department separated from factory and made separate business at 249 East Main Street.
- 1890 — Adolph Mueller admitted to partnership of H. Mueller & Sons.
- 1891 — The H. Mueller Plumbing & Heating Co. incorporated.
Erected three-story business house at 257 North Main Street.
- 1892 — H. Mueller Gun and Sporting Goods incorporated May 25.
Gun and sporting goods store moved to 134 East Prairie street.
- 1893 — H. Mueller Mfg. Co. incorporated with capital of \$68,000.
- 1895 — Imported gasoline motor driven wagon (automobile) from Mannheim, Germany — redesigned and rebuilt same.
Cerro Gordo street plant started by erection of first unit, corner College and Cerro Gordo streets, occupied September 7, 1895.
Benz motor wagon imported from Germany and rebuilt by Hieronymus Mueller wins the first automobile road race run in America, winning prize of \$500. This was on November 2. The race was from Jackson Park to Waukegan and return, 92 miles. The Mueller car was the only one to finish the course. The first race was called a consolation race owing to many postponements of the big event, which finally took place in snow, Jackson Park to Evanston and return, on November 28. Mueller's car was second, winning prize of \$1,500.
- 1896 — William Jennings Bryan, Democratic free silver candidate for president, had his first automobile ride in Mueller car, when he visited Decatur on October 23.
Oscar B. Mueller becomes a stockholder in H. Mueller Mfg. Co.
Interest in the H. Mueller Plumbing & Heating Co. sold to the Decatur Plumbing & Heating Co.
- 1897 — H. Mueller Gun and Sporting Goods store sold to enable Fred B. Mueller to become active member of H. Mueller Mfg. Co.
Mutual Benefit Association organized.

- 1900 — Death of Hieronymus Mueller, March 1.
Henry Mueller elected president.
- 1902 — Adolph Mueller elected president.
- 1902-1903 — Power plant and warehouse of three stories and basement added to the company's buildings.
- 1903 — General offices of the company removed from the North Main street building to new quarters in the warehouse building.
- 1904 — Exhibit of the H. Mueller Mfg. Co. at the St. Louis World's Fair awarded two grand prizes and one gold medal.
- 1905 — Eastern Division established in New York City with Oscar B. Mueller as manager.
- 1906 — Decatur Fountain Co. acquired November 19.
- 1907 — Golden anniversary at Mechanicsburg, Illinois.
- 1910 — Death of Henry Mueller, August 13.
Mueller Record magazine started.
- 1911 — Death of Mrs. Fredericka Mueller, January 26.
- 1912 — H. Mueller Mfg. Co. Ltd., later renamed Mueller Ltd., incorporated February 15. Plant built at Sarnia, Ontario.
Company bought 72 acres in Allen's Bend area, Decatur.
- 1915 — Panama Exposition at San Francisco awards three official ribbons and three medals to H. Mueller Mfg. Co.
- 1917 — Mueller Metals Co., Port Huron, Michigan incorporated December 17, for the purpose of manufacturing munitions for U. S. Government. In operation about July 1918.
- 1918 — Additions made to the Decatur plant for manufacturing ammunition for the Allies.
- 1919 — Name of Decatur Fountain Co. changed to Mueller Fountain and Fixture Co., April 16.

- 1920 — Building of Mueller Lodge and improvement of Mueller Heights authorized by board of directors, August 11.
- 1922 — Mueller Heights Floral Co. incorporated March 2.
Mueller Club building and gymnasium authorized by board of directors, October 27, and completed in 1923.
- 1923 — San Francisco branch house building authorized by board of directors, February 19, and completed that year.
Building of Los Angeles branch house authorized by board of directors, February 19, and completed that year.
- 1924 — Name changed from H. Mueller Mfg. Co. to Mueller Co., January 1.
Mueller Iron Foundry Co. incorporated, March 6. Corporation dissolved June 13, 1925. Plant taken over by Mueller Co. and became Plant 2.
- 1925 — Mueller Land Improvement Trust formed, June 25.
Building of vitreous ware plant authorized by board of directors, April 15, and practically completed during that year.
Name of Mueller Metals Co., Port Huron, Michigan changed to corporate name of Mueller Brass Co.
- 1926 — Mueller Heights Floral Co. dissolved.
Name of Mueller Fountain & Fixture Co. changed to Mueller Fixture Co., May 28.
- 1927 — Death of Fred B. Mueller, January 5.
Dallas branch warehouse building authorized by board of directors, March 1, and completed that year.
Oscar B. Mueller sold to Mueller Co. all of his holdings in Mueller Co., Mueller Ltd., Mueller Fixture Co. and Mueller Land Improvement Trust Co. and took over all stock owned by Mueller Co. in Mueller Brass Co. The contract was effective as of January 18, 1927.
- 1928 — Mueller Co. authorized purchase from Mueller Land Improvement Trust of land for location of vitreous ware plant; recreation field occupied by and surrounding Mueller Lodge and Athletic Club.
Death of Philip Mueller, January 23.

- 1929 — Atlanta branch building authorized by board of directors May 18.
Cruikshanks offered stock for public sale; completed by 1931.
- 1932 — Picnic commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Hieronymus Mueller and Mueller Co.'s 75th year in business held at Mueller Heights, July 16.
Replaced vitreous ware plant kiln with modern, more efficient kiln.
- 1933 — Los Angeles factory begun on August 19.
Bought Groble Regulator Company of Anderson, Indiana.
Purchased the Columbian Iron Works, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in November — was in full scale operation by mid 1934.
- 1935 — Oscar B. Mueller sold his controlling interest in Mueller Brass Co. to the Atlas Corporation.
- 1939 — Adolph Mueller made chairman of the board, December 16.
William E. Mueller elected president on December 16.
- 1940 — Death of Mrs. Ora Mueller Blair, February 6.
Death of Robert Mueller on March 27.
Began munitions production in Sarnia plant.
Chattanooga factory begins making munitions.
- 1941 — Death of Oscar B. Mueller, April 24.
Began making munitions in Decatur factory.
- 1942 — Los Angeles plant begins war production of aircraft forgings.
Army Ordnance Banner awarded to Decatur plant on July 15.
- 1943 — Army-Navy "E" Production Award presented to Decatur plant on May 27.
Plant unionized, September 24. Certified by National Labor Relations Board, December 24.
- 1944 — Death of Adolph Mueller, May 14.
- 1945 — First star to "E" Flag awarded to Decatur plant on May 5.
Special 50th Anniversary of the first automobile race run in America.
- 1947 — Death of William E. Mueller, September 22.
Albert G. Webber, Jr., elected president October 21.

- 1948 — Borg Warner Corporation leased and later bought about 600 acres, which included the site and buildings of the vitreous ware plant.
- 1950 — Columbian Iron Works Corporation officially dissolved July 31. Now a branch of Mueller Co.
- 1951 — Death of Mrs. Leda Mueller Cruikshank, last child of Hieronymus Mueller, March 2.
Death of J. W. Simpson, January 16.
Bought Crown Cork Specialty Corporation building on corner of Garfield and Jasper streets. Moved iron and brass foundries into this building 1953.
- 1952 — NO-BLO® Traveling Exhibit and School tours United States.
- 1953 — Death of L. W. Mueller, October 6.
- 1956 — Merit Award and Gift Certificate Plan introduced January 1.
- 1957 — 100th Anniversary of Mueller Co.
- 1958 — First complete redesign of original Mueller Water Tapping Machine.
- 1959 — New engineering building built in Decatur.
- 1961 — New office building and factory built in Decatur.
- 1963 — John F. Thurston elected president, May 1.
Moved into new Brea, California plant.
Death of Robert H. Mueller October 21.
- 1964 — Sold Los Angeles factory and sales distribution facilities.
- 1965 — Bought Adams Clamp Co. in Los Angeles.
- 1966 — Moved Chattanooga plant into large new structure for manufacturing waterworks gate valves and fire hydrants.
Bought plant at St. Jerome, Quebec near Montreal.
- 1968 — Frank H. Mueller retired. Last Mueller in company management.
Death of Ebert Mueller December 12.

1972 — Harlan A. White made President February 1.

1975 — Built plant in Albertville, Alabama for manufacturing fire hydrants.

1977 — Brea plant closed.

Warehouse in Sparks, Nevada established.

1978 — Edward D. Powers chosen president in September.

1979 — Sparks warehouse closed.

Sales office started in Irvine, California.

1980 — Building Butterfly Valve Plant in Clinton, South Carolina.

Family Patents

Through the third generation, the family of Hieronymus Mueller has been endowed generously with mechanical and inventive talent. Following is the list of patents granted to 10 members of the family.

Hieronymus Mueller	15
Henry Mueller	48
Philip Mueller	206
Fred Mueller	5
Robert Mueller	0
Adolph Mueller	1
Oscar B. Mueller	5
Robert H. Mueller	43
Lucien W. Mueller	16
Frank H. Mueller	162

U.S. Patent No. 582,539 Granted to Hieronymus Mueller May 11, 1897

This patent covered the earliest design of several features of the modern automobile, viz:

1. The variable speed transmission.
2. Steering gear and body suspension.
3. Water cooling radiator.

Although belts were used in the transmission, direct pull on steering rods, and a tubular frame for the radiator, the principles used in this early vehicle were the same as in present day autos.

U.S. Patent No. 582,540 Granted to Oscar Mueller May 11, 1897

This patent covered the earliest form of spark plug which is identical in principle with the spark plugs used in modern cars.

U.S. Patent No. 583,500 Granted to Hieronymus Mueller June 1, 1897

This patent covered an improvement on the variable speed transmission in which a friction disc was used. In modern cars a friction clutch is used in combination with shifting gears.

U.S. Patent No. 587,747 Granted to Philip Mueller August 10, 1897

This patent is the original patent on the "make and brake" circuit used in the distributors of modern cars.