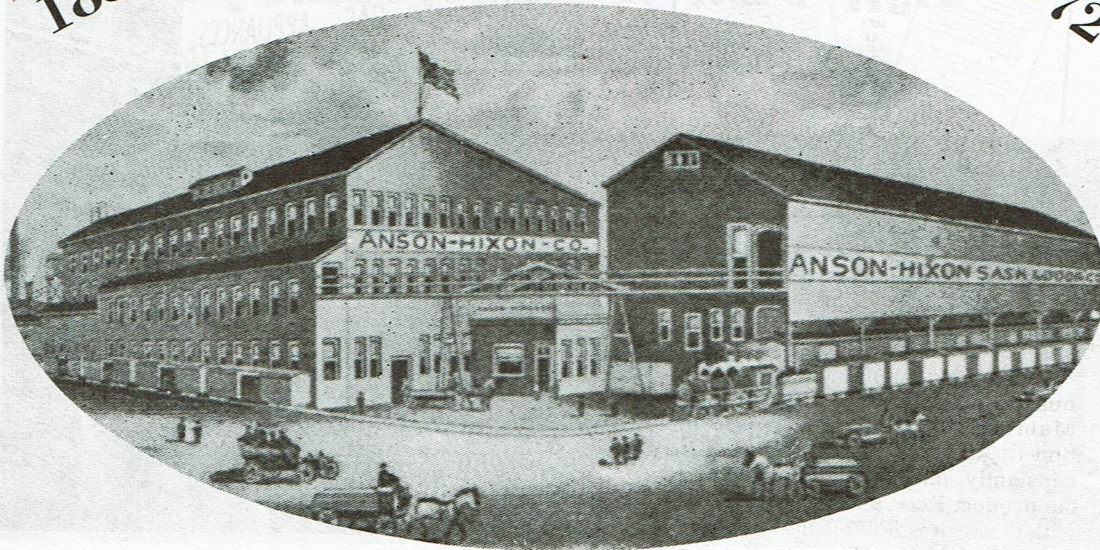


1883

In Business for 89 Years

1972



(This excerpt was taken from a book entitled "Along the Wisconsin River" published by A. Decker in 1907.)

The Anson-Hixon Sash and Door Company's plant is located in the lower end of the city, and is one of the largest of its kind in the state, and is a model of neatness and economical, practical, systematic operation.

This company employs two hundred men the year round, and their product is largely manufactured to order, supplying many cities in Wisconsin and adjoining states, also supplying branch houses which they own at Indianapolis and Evansville, Indiana. They use thirty thousand feet of lumber per day, and turn out three hundred thousand doors per year, three hundred fifty thousand pairs of windows and thirty thousand pairs of blinds.

The immense manufacturing plant is one of the best managed institutions in the valley. Mr. E. C. Leaming is general manager and has had over twenty years experience in this industry. He is positive in action, direct in method, conservative in temperament and discriminating in judgment. He understands the lumber business in all its details, and is authority on all matters relating thereto.

Mr. L. Sprink, Superintendent, who has charge of the mechanical operations and actual workings of the factory, like his immediate superior, is a man in the prime of life, and has thorough practical understanding of all matters pertaining to a great woodworking establishment. For many years he had charge of the St. Paul Railroad Company's woodworking shop in Milwaukee.

The Anson Gilkey Company manufactures stock sash and doors and a semi-hollow cell-core door which is the invention of George L. Gilkey, vice president of the company.

This plant, with its 205 factory and ten other employees, converts about one million feet of lumber products into sash and doors each month.

The names of George F. Gilkey and L. N. Anson are associated with the early days of the lumber industry in the city and the Gilkey & Anson Company, formed in 1883, finished

its last cut in 1909.

The present plant started out in 1892 making furniture under the name of the Merrill Furniture Company. Later, Rudolph Weidauer converted it into a sash and door factory. In 1898 the Anson & Hixon Co. was organized and they enlarged and operated it until 1908.

In 1910, wooden boxes as well as sash and doors were made by the newly organized Anson, Gilkey & Hurd Co. This became the present Anson Gilkey Company — making sash and doors — in the early 30's.

ANSON & GILKEY CO.