



Barber & Hoffman, Inc. Commemorates 75 Years of Service



BARBER & HOFFMAN, INC.
Consulting Engineers

The year was 1934, in the midst of the Great Depression.

Through the vision, determination and persistence of C. Merrill Barber, a new structural engineering consulting firm was created.

Mr. Barber was not only a visionary structural engineer, but a wise businessman as well. Early in his career, the company's founder taught review classes in structural design to architectural graduates preparing for their licensing exams. As these young architects passed the exam and went into practice, they remembered C. Merrill Barber. Over the years, many became his loyal clients.

Nathan Hoffman joined Mr. Barber a few years later to help administer the work of the growing firm. In the early 1940's, Bronson McGee joined the firm. Nate Hoffman and Merrill Barber were both called to military duty overseas in World War II, and Mr. McGee led the firm through those turbulent years. With the end of World War II, the firm grew and prospered, and so continues to this day.

Some early projects to the firm's credit:

- Severance Hall
- Old Main Post Office
- Cleveland Convention Center

Into the 1960's and 1970's, more notable projects included:

- Cleveland Federal Office Building
- Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus
- Cleveland State University Library Tower (Rhodes Tower)

As the work of the firm continued, successfully completing 300 or more projects per year, B&H expanded into Pennsylvania in 1998, opening an office near Pittsburgh.

◆ **Cleveland, OH**
Cranberry Twp., PA

Currently B&H has 24 employees in Cleveland, OH and 10 in our Cranberry, PA office.

In the firm's proud 75-year history, it has accomplished:

- Employment of over 200 individuals, collectively
- A succession of 14 principals, with 5 currently serving
- Serving over 3,000 clients since its founding
- Successfully completing an estimated 15,000 projects or more.

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Barber & Hoffman looks forward to being of service on your next project.