

## **From 1833 to 2008, Cooper Celebrates its 175th Anniversary**

The world was a different place in 1833. It was 57 years after the formation of the United States and Andrew Jackson had just been sworn in for his second term as President. Many countries in Europe were ruled by monarchy, China was largely closed off to the West, and the global population had just reached 1 billion. More people lived on farms than in cities and the industrial revolution was just beginning to change daily life dramatically with new technology and time-saving inventions in Western Europe and the United States.

Charles Cooper and his brother Elias were making a modest living in 1833 by digging and hauling coal near Mt. Vernon, Ohio. However, they noticed the changing world around them and decided to risk going into business for themselves to make their fortune. They sold a horse for \$50, purchased the components for a blast furnace, and opened an iron foundry. To promote their new business, they ran an advertisement in the local newspaper pronouncing, "C. & E. Cooper inform the citizens of Knox County, and the public generally, that they have lately established and have now in successful blast, an iron foundry."

Their first products were plows, hog troughs, kettles, and stoves as well as a variety of other iron products. This marked the beginning of the 175 year history of a company that has spanned 37 U.S. Presidents, numerous global events such as the Great Depression and two World Wars, and technological innovations such as the automobile and computer. Throughout this period, Cooper has succeeded by continually innovating its products, improving its business processes, and always focusing on the needs of the customer. As a result, Cooper has emerged as a dynamic company with a history that very few can match, as well as solid growth prospects that position it for sustained success in the future.

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