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The TOMLINSON Story

The manufacture of nationally famous Furniture by Tomlinson was begun in January, 1900, by Sidney Halstead Tomlinson, Sr. The location, then and now, was in High Point, North Carolina, and the firm was known as the Tomlinson Chair Manufacturing Company. The paid-in capital was \$8,000.00, and operations began in a one-story sheet-iron building with floor space of about 18,000 square feet. Eight persons were employed and the total volume of business the first year was \$48,000.00.

THE FOUNDER



S. H. TOMLINSON, SR.

May 4, 1876 — March 15, 1949

In 1904, "Mr. S. H.," as he was affectionately known, persuaded the best man he could find, his brother Charles F. ("Mr. C. F.") Tomlinson, to join him as secretary-treasurer of the company. This began a partnership which

"Tomlinson of High Point is more than a trade name," said The State magazine (Raleigh, N. C.) in February, 1947. "It stands for a Quaker family that for five generations has lent its strength and its integrity to industrial and civic development. In the old Quaker phrase, the Tomlinsons have always been concerned with 'all things civil and useful in the creation.'

"There's been a Tomlinson in the Carolinas ever since 1782, when William Tomlinson came from Pennsylvania. The family has been known for sturdy products manufactured, for continued and lively interest in education, and for that sort of Quakerism which moves and directs the whole man in his worship, in his family life and his relationship with mankind."

was to last 39 years, terminated only by the death of C. F. Tomlinson in January, 1943, while he was presiding at a directors' meeting of the High Point, Thomasville and Denton Railroad, of which he was the President.

Sidney Halstead Tomlinson continued in office as president of the company until his death in March, 1949. His passing was the result of a stroke suffered in June, 1944, while on a business trip to Philadelphia.

At the start, the main product of the company was the assembling and finishing of chairs. Progress and success followed through the years. In 1911 the company bought the Globe-Home
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EVERY DRAWER IS FITTED BY HAND

All cabinet parts in Furniture by Tomlinson are machined to a tolerance of 1/32nd of an inch.

Drawers are hand-fitted to individual cases. Center drawer

guides are glued and screwed for "ball-bearing" fingertip operation.

All cabinet furniture is carefully handwaxed and rubbed. Some finishes take as many as 16 op-

erations.

To maintain this high quality, constant inspection is given all along the line—as often as six times before final approval.