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Symons Celebrates 125 Years of Innovation

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For 125 years, Symons has helped shape how concrete is formed by continually rethinking how the work gets done.

The Symons' story begins in 1901, when founder Arthur Henley Symons designed a simple but game changing column clamp at a time when concrete itself was still new. That inventive spirit took root early, fueling solutions that allowed contractors to build safer, taller, and more efficiently as construction evolved through the early 20th century.

A major leap came in 1946 with the introduction of Wood Ply®, one of the industry's first pre engineered, reusable forming systems. It proved that prefabricated forms could outperform job built methods, saving time, labor, and material. Less than a decade later, Symons raised the bar again.

In 1955, Steel Ply® was born. Strong, modular, and endlessly adaptable, it fundamentally changed concrete forming. It remains one of the most widely used forming systems in the industry, still trusted on jobsites of every size.



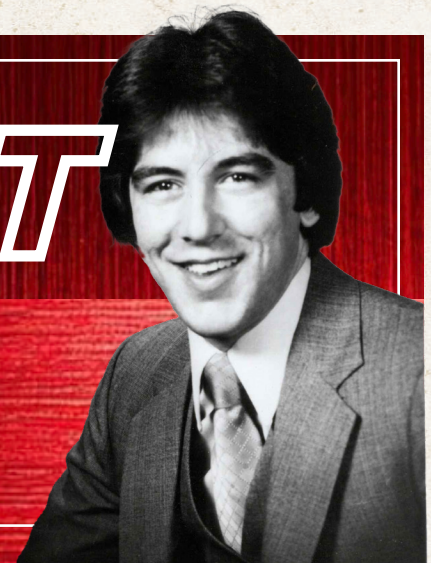
Innovation didn't stop with products. In the 1960s, Symons took education on the road with the Form A Rama mobile demonstration trailer, bringing hands on demonstrations directly to jobsites, meeting customers where they worked. The trailer came equipped with catered meals, comfortable seating, and conference tables.

Today, Symons continues that legacy with a full portfolio of forming solutions designed for modern demands. One hundred twenty five years in, Symons isn't just celebrating history; it's continuing to build the future of concrete construction.



SPOTLIGHT

JOHN HAMBELTON



When **John Hambelton** looks back on his start with Symons in 1979, the tools were simple: pen, pencil, paper, calculator, demo kit, and brochures in the trunk of the car. What he stepped into, however, was a company already defined by innovation.

At just 22, John became the youngest account manager in Symons history. “I was the youngest person ever hired for the position, so I felt lucky to have it,” he said. Surrounded by experienced mentors, he quickly learned that innovation at Symons extended beyond products to the people behind them.

“The entire Dallas sales staff was 15 to 20 years older than I was,” John recalled. “They were legends in the company, working at a fast pace. They invested their time training me for success.”

In those days, the work was hands-on in every sense; quotes were written by hand, and drawings were done with drafting pencils. But even then, Symons was evolving. “Without a doubt, the biggest changes have been technology and computers,” John said. “I was most likely the first person to use a computer in a branch in the early 80s.”

Yet, across every era, one thing has remained constant: solving problems. John recalls a pivotal

moment on a jobsite where a major form issue was resolved in just 24 hours.

“One morning Granite Construction had a custom form that did not retain the shape intended,” he said. “I was on the jobsite by mid-morning. By lunchtime, we had engineers and the Steel Form Division general manager on a call. The team identified the problem and agreed on a solution. Engineering designed and detailed replacement parts in a matter of hours. The SFD Plant worked all night to ship out replacement parts the next morning. Problem solved.”

The result wasn’t just a repaired form; it was a relationship. Symons handled all of Granite Construction’s heavy forming for decades after that.

His advice reflects the spirit that has carried Symons for 125 years: “Dig in to become the most knowledgeable expert your customers see.”

Because at Symons, innovation has always been about delivering solutions that stand the test of time.