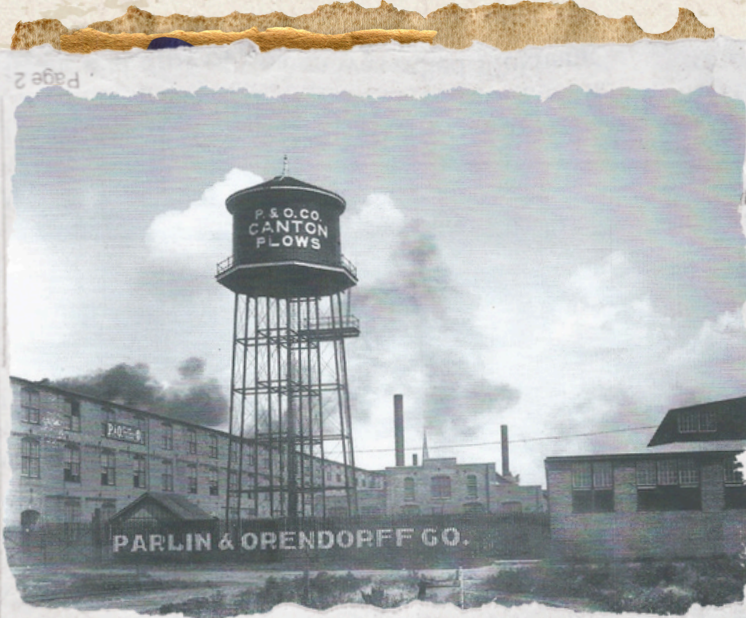


WALKING HISTORY TOUR

Parlin & Orendorff

William Parlin started various blacksmith businesses and eventually began to manufacture plows in 1847. He later joined forces with his brother-in-law, William J. Orendorff, in the 1850s. Mr. Parlin was the inventor and designer of the operation while Mr. Orendorff was the business manager. By 1880 they had incorporated the P & O Plow company in Illinois. Their sons, William H. Parlin and Ulysses G. Orendorff, successfully continued the business, which was eventually purchased by International Harvester in 1919.



Parlin & Orendorff was purchased by International Harvester in 1919 and became Canton Works International Harvester. With this new development the farm machinery boom continued in Canton for 64 more years. Sadly, on October 31, 1983, International Harvester closed its Canton Works facility in an effort to turn its agricultural machinery division around. The plant lay dormant until August of 1997 when the facility that occupied four of Canton's city blocks went up in flames and burned for days.

To understand the pioneering spirit of men in Canton like Culton and Parlin is to know the drive with which William A. Cook approached his own success. Raised in Canton, Mr. Cook went on to Northwestern University and then created COOK Medical in the spare room of his apartment in Bloomington, Indiana. COOK Medical is a global leader in the medical device industry. Having celebrated great success over the years, Mr. Cook began giving back to the communities that had supported him and his businesses through the years. In 2008, Cook Medical announced it was building a new medical devices manufacturing plant at the location of the former International Harvester facility in Canton, Illinois. Construction of the 45,000-square-foot project is nearly complete and is targeted to begin operating in April 2010. The old International Harvester location is now a COOK Medical plant known as COOK Canton.

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