



Since 1898—Five generations

Kennedy Tank & Manufacturing Co. Inc. was established in 1898 by Patrick Washington Kennedy. Kennedy was a journeyman boilermaker and opened as a boiler repair service company. Soon after origination, Kennedy began fabricating steel smoke stacks and a variety of products in his 50 x 100 foot shop. A steam boiler powered a steam engine to run the machinery. Riveting the steel was the method of sealing prior to the development of electric welding.

The first telephone was installed in the office in 1908. Orders were written on the back of envelopes and produced from that sparse information. Electricity became available in 1910 to operate the machinery.

Around 1915, William E. Kennedy Sr. joined his father's company. Early on, Bill Sr. forayed into the manufacturing of storage tanks for fueling automobiles. This would remain a company mainstay for the next 75 years. Kennedy Sr. would become president of Kennedy Tank in 1927.



Kennedy Tank survived the Great Depression and was able to keep the staff of eleven employed. Boilermakers were making 75 cents per hour, while helpers were making 40 cents.

Kennedy Tank received its ASME Certification and Stamp #131 in the early 1930's. The manufacturing of pressure vessels joined the tank fabrication and boiler repair services provided by Kennedy Tank.

Kennedy Tank sponsored race cars in the Indianapolis 500 from 1936 through 1952. Many of the major oil companies were involved in racing, and the race car sponsorship was supportive of their efforts as well as the passion the Kennedy family felt toward the Indianapolis 500.



William E. Kennedy Jr. became president of Kennedy Tank in 1950, and would lead the growth of the company until 1993.

The 1960's brought the additional service of field erection of large diameter tanks at our customers' jobsites.

In the late 1960's, Kennedy Tank spearheaded the development of the STI-P3 Protected Steel Tank and eventually gave it to the Steel Tank Institute to help make it a national program.

The STI-P3 Protected Steel Tank became the #1 tank produced in the United States. The development of this underground tank technology may be Kennedy Tank's finest accomplishment to date.



The 1970's brought additional alloy fabrication services and a refocus on boiler repair of industrial and utility boilers and power house equipment.

The 1980's resulted in the addition of shell and tube heat exchanger design and manufacturing from a variety of carbon and alloy steels.

The 1990's brought the fiberglass coated steel tank to the Kennedy Tank product line. The "best of both worlds for underground tanks"—the strength of steel with the non-corrosiveness of fiberglass.

Patrick W. Kennedy became president of all the Kennedy Companies in 1993. He is the fourth generation Kennedy to lead the companies.

The 2000's have seen great growth in both the size and weight of the fabricated products manufactured and also increased engineering intensiveness in the design of many products. The Field Operation has grown tremendously in the past decade and represents approximately 40% of total revenue for Kennedy Tank.

The fifth generation of Kennedy family members has joined the company with expectations that they will lead the companies to greater heights.