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## The History of M.G. Newell Corporation

*Providing sanitary processing equipment and customized services*

*Since 1885*

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M.G. Newell is a full-service solutions provider of sanitary equipment and systems for the food, beverage, dairy, pharmaceutical, and personal care industries. Our customers include some of the world's largest manufacturers, and we partner with them to support their sanitary processing goals from start to finish.

Since 1885, we have remained a family-owned company with a strong commitment to service. Our associates care deeply about our company's health, our customers' needs, our community's interests, and each other. This values-driven culture—rooted in 140 years of history—shapes how we do business every day.

We are a vibrant, growing company that combines innovative ideas and advanced technologies with old-fashioned principles of trust and partnership. From pumps, valves, and fittings to custom-engineered skids, automation, and UL-certified control panels, we provide solutions that help our customers operate efficiently, reliably, and safely.

Headquartered in Greensboro, NC, with additional locations in Louisville, KY, and Nashville, TN, we deliver local expertise with national reach. Our recently expanded Greensboro facility features state-of-the-art skid fabrication and automation capabilities, ensuring we can continue to help our customers grow into the future—while maintaining the philosophy of treating our associates and customers like it is still 1885.

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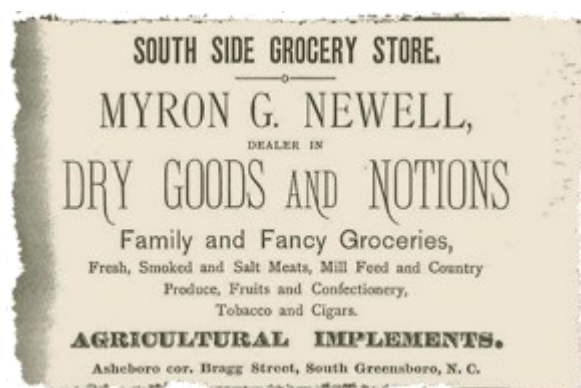


In 1885, on the corner of Asheboro Street and Bragg Street, Myron Gilbert Newell opened his first business. He named it South Side Grocery Store. The store sold everything from “fresh, smoked and salt meats,” and “dry goods and notions” to “agricultural implements” and “tobacco and cigars.”

After working for Houston Brothers Grocery, Newell ventured out to start a business on his own stating, “Greensboro was a growing city and that business here and the surrounding community would soon be on a large scale.” For his efforts, he paid himself \$50.00 a month.



In 1892, Newell moved his business to Depot Street and changed the focus of the store...and the name. M.G. Newell & Company opened with a stock of machinery and supplies catering to the farming industry and more focused on the “agricultural implements” than the “dry goods and notions.” Items such as vehicles, bikes, harnesses, hand churns, pails and a line of “cow remedies” were for sale. This is the first big decision that Newell made in the ever-evolving business of M.G. Newell Corporation.



*A South Side Grocery ad in the 1897 Greensboro directory.*

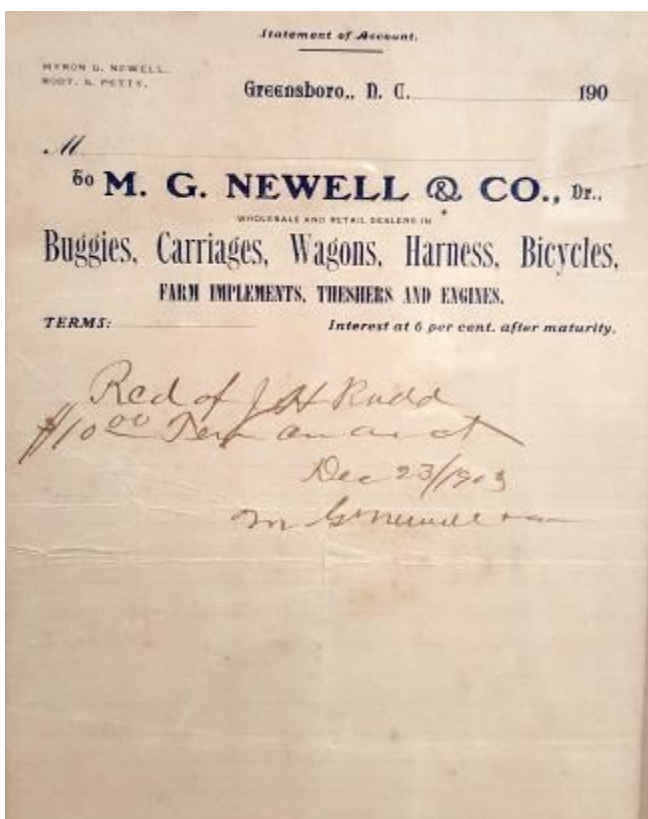


The turn of the century...our first, that is! By the late 1800's M.G. Newell & Company had moved to Elm Street which was right in the middle of the hustle of downtown Greensboro.

In the 300 block of South Elm Street, Newell positioned the business across the street and down one block from his former employer Houston's grocery. There he continued to narrow the focus and sell more farm implements, vehicles and all things to support the growing farming and dairy population in surrounding Greensboro. There were even rumors about something called a motorcycle...



*A parade on the 300 block of South Elm Street circa 1900.*



*M.G. Newell invoice confirmation circa 1903*

Myron Newell married the former Miss Minnie B. Rankin on Christmas Day in 1897. After almost 20 years in business, M.G. Newell appeared to be getting claustrophobia! Apparently his "health broke down on the account of close confinement." He needed to get away from the business and get out into the "open air."

So in 1904, he sold the business to Petty-Reid Company, and went on his way. The name remained the same, however, and it was still the desired destination for all those traveling to town to secure their implements, bikes, harnesses and supplies.



*View of Elm Street in Greensboro in early 1900's*

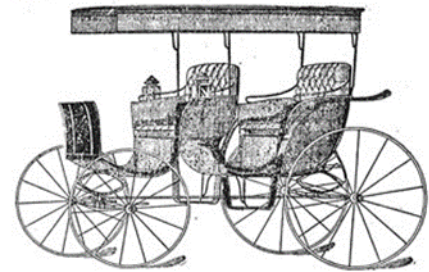




It only took four years almost to the day, May 5, 1908, for Myron G. Newell to purchase the business back from Petty-Reid and incorporate the company. Oddly enough, he came in with his mentor, Mr. R.G. Campbell, whom he named president while he was secretary and general manager.

Campbell honed his skills at the big cotton mills in Greensboro named White Oak, Proximity and Revolution (Cone Mills...mills under the Cone family that produced denim, corduroy, and other fabrics sold to Levi Strauss and Blue Bell (Wrangler) brands among others).

Later that year the Greensboro Daily News was calling M.G. Newell Company, Incorporated “one of the reliable houses who have increased their business by handling high class goods.” They commented “those who are wise do their trading with the house of M.G. Newell.” We sure are glad that Newell bought the business back! If you wanted to place an order of high-class goods by phone, just call us at phone number 158.



*A sampling of some of the “high class goods” we offered.*



*M.G. Newell order form circa 1910*



*Cone Mills plant circa 1910*

As we continued to evolve, another big decision by Newell came in 1912. Adding to our line of buggies and bicycles, Newell signed on to be a dealer for a new “bike” out on the market. The name of this “bike” was Harley-Davidson! Can you hear that thunder rolling down S. Elm Street? If you wanted a single cylinder engine motorcycle from us then, the list price was \$200.00.

So let’s recap. Over this decade we have associated ourselves with two of America’s historic companies: Harley-Davidson and Cone Mills. Where would we go from here?



A black and white portrait of a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing round-rimmed glasses and a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a serious expression. His right hand is partially visible, resting near his chin.

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We thank you very kindly for handing us the name of Dr C. B. McNairy of Winston, N. C., and we will immediately get in touch with this party.

Thanking you for this business, we remain,

Yours very truly.,  
M. G. Newell Company.

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One of the oldest and best cream separators on the market for dairy use. We can furnish these in hand, turbine and electric motor operated.

	Capacity Per Hour	Price
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No. 14	550	102.50
No. 18	800	115.00
Motor Attachments for Above		\$35.00

*A listing from our catalog circa 1934.*

In 1925, M.G. Newell Company came to the crossroads of business again. It was another big decision by Newell. However, this time it was Myron's son, Burton M. Newell, who made the decision to take the company into the dairy industry and away from "dry goods and notions."

There was a lot of resistance to Burton's idea so he hit the road selling! This turned out to be a pretty good idea. By the early 30's dairy plants were buying pasteurizers, cooling equipment and automated washers from us. If you called us (our phone number was now up to four digits!) for a separator, the 800 pound per hour De Laval hand operated separator sold for \$115.00...if you could last that long cranking it!

By 1934, we were servicing dairies all across the mid-Atlantic. From Coburg Dairy in Charleston, SC, and Maola Milk in New Bern, NC (who today we still proudly call customers) to Biltmore Dairy in Asheville and Pine State Dairy in Raleigh (which have since closed) were all purchasing their dairy equipment from "the southeast's oldest dairy supplier" M.G. Newell Company.



Business kept up with change and M.G. Newell survived the Great Depression. By 1934, we were poised for more growth, the next world war, and the next generation.





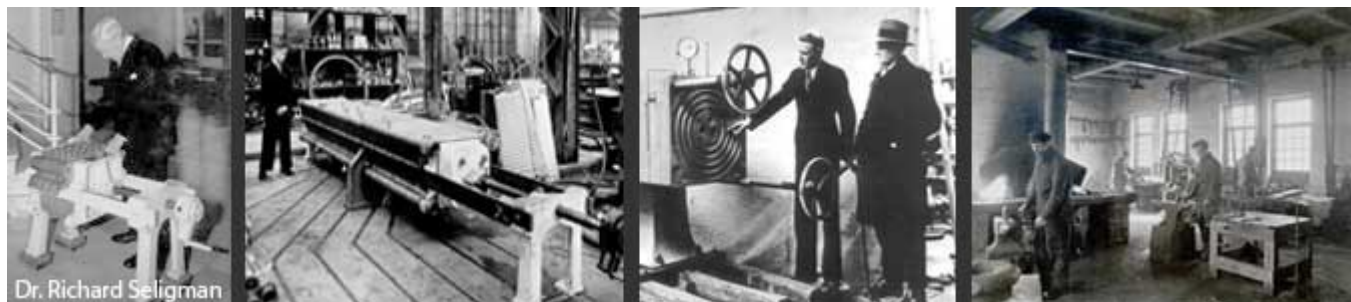
On September 21, 1936, Myron Gilbert Newell passed away. Upon his death, the leadership passed on to his son, Burton M. Newell.

Our sales that year were \$329,302 with a gross profit of \$80,746. These sales included our “implements” business and our new growth into the dairy industry. Within four years we had grown another 30%!

We were aligning ourselves with some of the most recognized names in the industry: Cherry-Burrell, de Laval, Girton Manufacturing and Damrow. Our phone number had finally reached five digits (2-0155)!



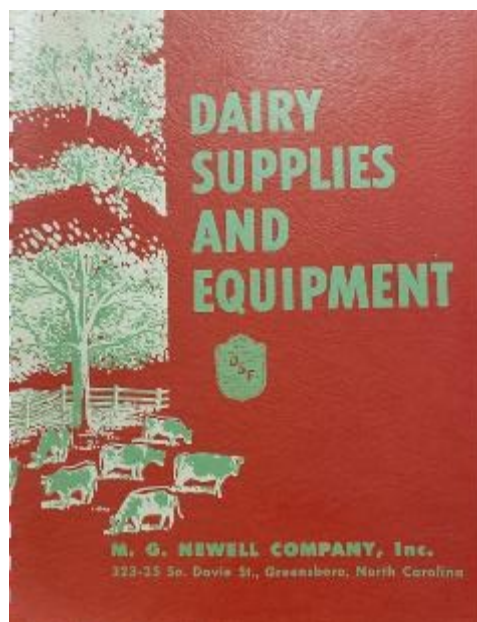
*Burton M. Newell, Sr.*



Dr. Richard Seligman

Back in 1935 a young man named Hase Smith was hired to join the company as a shipping clerk. Remember how they always say be nice to the shipping clerk...little did anyone know that he would later become the president of the company and be the second employee to provide at least 50 years of service.

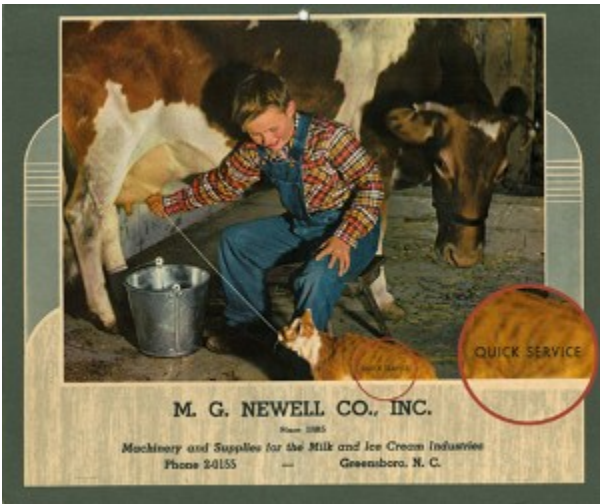
The third generation of Newell's also joined during this decade. Burton M. Newell, Jr. was hired in 1936. By the end of this decade we came to a fork in the road once again. This time, however, major change took place.



*M.G. Newell Supply Catalog circa 1945*







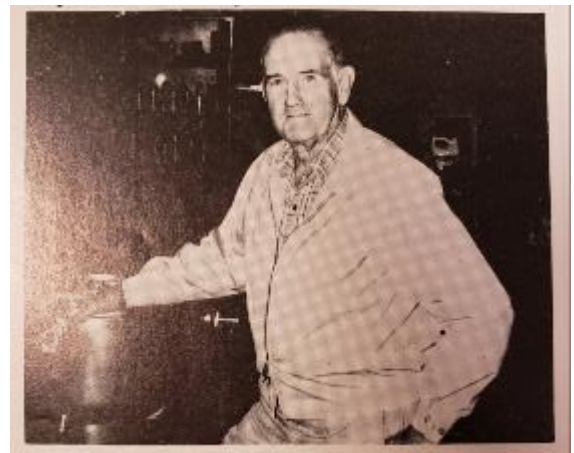
*Our famous calendar circa 1953.*

In 1946, a new company founded by former officers of M.G. Newell, split off the implements business and named it Baldwin-Garrett Company. This business was now separate from M.G. Newell Company and afforded us the opportunity to focus solely on the dairy industry. Our slogan then was, "Machinery and Supplies for the Milk and Ice Cream Industries."

We are the south's oldest dairy supply company. Bulkan (3 gallon bulk ice cream containers) sales were a major part of our distribution efforts selling about 80% of the market to the Carolinas. Stainless steel sanitary process components were now filling our shelves.

During this time, we also hired a gentleman named Jack Fleming, Sr. He would later become our third employee whose tenure endured 50 years of service! He also participated in the first HTST installation in the southeast at North Carolina State University's dairy. We are honored to still have them as a customer today.

We also started a tradition that has lasted to this day...M.G. Newell 3-month calendars...you would be amazed how many customers (even retired) call and ask for these calendars.



*Jack Fleming, Sr*



*Catalog listing for the "new" Waukesha PD Pump circa 1945*



As we moved into the next decade of our history, our sanitary equipment sales grew alongside the list of manufacturers we represented. In addition to the aforementioned Cherry-Burrell and Girton Manufacturing, names like Waukesha, Gaulin (now APV), Chester-Jensen, Sani-Matic, Sparta Brush and Haynes Spray were now on our line card. We are proud to still represent all of these manufacturers today!

In addition to the sanitary process equipment (and bulkans as mentioned last decade), we were offering a line of ingredients like chocolate cocoa and fruit purees, as well as stabilizers, milk crates, screw caps, chemicals, extracts and dairy cultures. We were truly a full line supplier of “machinery and supplies for the milk and ice cream industry.”



On June 15, 1955, one LaReeta Stanley Hanner joined M.G. Newell Company, Incorporated and worked for us until December 2010 – 55 years of service! LaReeta started with us while in our Davie Street location.

However, after almost 40 years on Davie Street, M.G. Newell built a brand-new building and moved to the east side of Greensboro. Our new address was 200 Raleigh Street and we were now up to a seven-digit phone number! We even received our first zip code. (The zip code, which stood for “Zoning Improvement Plan,” was introduced by the US Post Office on July 1, 1963.) The move to our state-of-the-art facility was the same year we celebrated our 75th anniversary.

After only a couple of years, in order to handle the ice cream and novelty ingredients growth, we made a warehouse addition. Overseeing this period of growth was Hase Smith. He became president of the company in 1960 and would lead the company into the next big change for M.G. Newell Company, Incorporated.



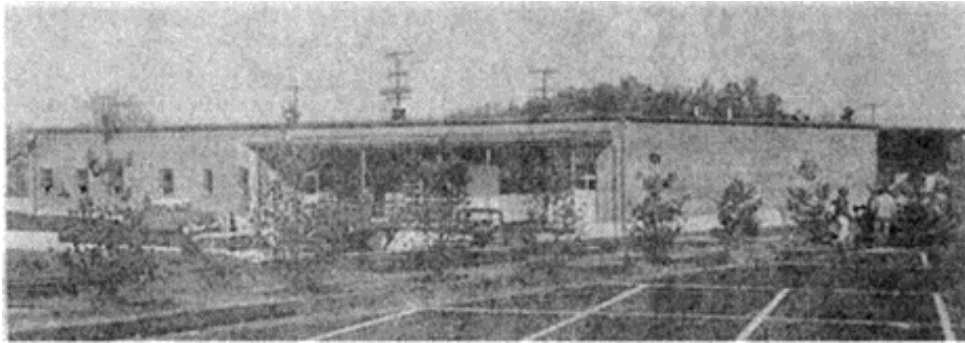
Hase Smith



Cash register from M.G. Newell store used until the late 1980's








*M.G. Newell's location on North Raleigh Street.*

During Hase Smith's leadership, M.G. Newell Company, Incorporated began another growth phase. This growth came by diversification. Dairy was not the only industry we served any longer. Beverage, food and personal care plants began to fill our customer list. We now were stocking equipment and supplies for all types of sanitary processing.

Additional to our distribution services, we were now becoming a resource for installation and integration services. Our welders were capable of hooking up pumps, tanks and other capital equipment. We did small installations throughout the mid-Atlantic and southeast. We were on to something and were preparing ourselves for growth and expansion.

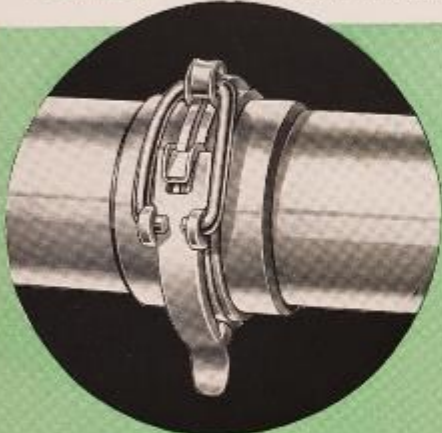
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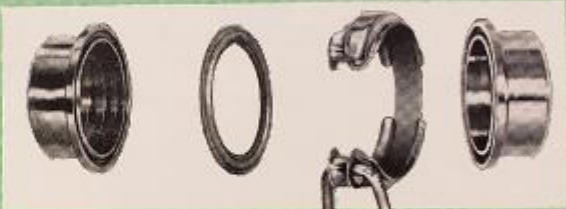
Tri-Clamp Fittings are a new concept of sanitary fitting design and fabrication. They offer much greater speed and ease of installation together with appreciable savings in original investment cost, and longer, trouble-free fitting life. At a flick of the wrist you can assemble or disassemble a positive, sanitary, leak-tight joint.

The new Tri-Clamp series is available in the full line of Standard Sanitary Type fittings and valves, for both "permanent" and "take-down" sanitary lines, in 1½", 2", 2½", 3" and 4" sizes. All are fabricated from type 304 stainless steel. For additional information send for Catalog 1-152A.



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*Catalog listing for Tri-Clover tri-clamp fittings*

During this time, our movement into systems integration occurred. With the hiring of Tom Johnson, we began to provide other services. Our capabilities included design, fabrication and installation of sanitary process systems. We covered the entire southeastern United States which included the greater Miami metro area where we designed and installed an HTST that tripled the plants volume overnight!



*Tom Johnson circa May 1985*

Our first big project outside the dairy industry took place at a beverage plant. We were now at the true beginning of who we are today.

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036780	PUMP VALV. SEAT	10.0	3	211.50	634.50				
032703	DISCH. VALVE SLEEVE	10.0	3	156.00	468.00				
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Our sales had eclipsed 10 million and we had 26 full-time employees by the end of this decade. However, the last Newell had retired!

In 1982, Buddy Newell called it a career. With this transformation and with no more Newell's that desired to be in the business, M.G. Newell Company was sold.

*Customer quote for homogenizer parts—June 1980*



Tom Johnson and Jack Fleming joined John and Sally Sherrill in purchasing the business from the Newell's on December 1, 1984. With new leadership, there would be new direction.

*Hase Smith (left) and John Sherrill - December 1984*







*Newell logo circa 1985.*

This would be a decade of growth through acquisitions and territory expansion. In 1987, M.G. Newell Company purchased Food Equipment and Supply Company in Tampa, FL.

This purchase opened up deeper relationships into the state of Florida and afforded us opportunities in the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. The Tampa Division of M.G. Newell, which it would later be named, focused primarily in the citrus, food and beverage industries. Our Tampa division was originally managed by Joe Hayes, who had joined Newell shortly before the acquisition.

On March 1, 1994, M.G. Newell opened an office in Louisville, KY. David Brink was hired to lead this new office that would cover Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana. He began with a Director of Engineering and an administrative assistant to assist him in this new endeavor.

Within 10 years of the new leadership at M.G. Newell, we had transformed into a business with three divisions: Greensboro, NC, Tampa, FL and Louisville, KY. Now formally M.G. Newell Corporation, our distribution and systems integration services were continuing to grow and our sales were at an all-time high. One last move was to follow.



*David Brink, VP and GM—  
Louisville Division*



*Louisville Division Office circa 1994*



After five moves during our first century business, M.G. Newell moved to our current location on Citation Court in 1996. This office houses our corporate office, our Greensboro division, our main distribution warehouse and our fabrication shop. It was at this location where we survived Y2K, or our second turn of a century!



Our Louisville division still resides at the Bishop Lane location where we started in 1994.



*M.G. Newell's Corporate headquarters and Greensboro division.*

In May 2010, M.G. Newell hit another milestone—125 years in Greensboro, North Carolina as a family-owned business. Or in other words, 125 years of building relationships and making it work better.



*Engraved PD Pump - May 2010*

In recognition of this outstanding achievement, SPX Corporation presented us with an engraved PD pump to recognize our partnership that had spanned for nearly a century.



*SPX pump presentation—from left to right, Susan Spraker, Karen McDaniel, Mark Nigh (SPX), Tony Saenz, Julie Hart, David Thompson (SPX), David Brink, Michael Sherrill, John Sherrill, Gray Sherrill, Dave Murray (SPX), Jim Brink (SPX)*







*M.G. Newell's Nashville Division*

In the summer of 2012, M.G. Newell took another step forward in its growth. Under the direction of Vic Davis, a new office was opened in Hendersonville, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville. This office, initially supported with inside sales and technical service, enabled us to better service our customers in western Tennessee, northern Alabama and northern Mississippi.

It quickly grew to include additional inside and outside sales support, engineering services and warehousing capability. This newest M.G. Newell team continues the tradition of providing expert solutions for sanitary processing.

January 2013 represented another milestone in our history. John Sherrill, President of M.G. Newell since 1984, transitioned the management of the company to his son Michael Sherrill. John remained Chairman of the Board of Directors, while Michael assumed the role of President of M.G. Newell.



*Michael Sherrill, January 2014*

In May 2015, M.G. Newell Corporation was named the 2015 North Carolina Family Business of the Year in the Century category for companies over 100 years old. Presented by the Wake Forest University Family Business Center and media sponsor Business North Carolina, the award recognizes the achievements of family-owned businesses and their contributions to their communities.

The award coincided with the celebration of our 130-year anniversary. As a follow-up from the NC Family Business Award, M.G. Newell was featured in the May 2016 issue of the Triad Business Journal with the headline “Steel Going Strong”.



M. G. Newell Corporation  
Greensboro



*Featured headline from Triad Business Journal article—May 2016*



In 2008, M.G. Newell took another step forward in its growth. A new segment – **Newell Automation** – was formed. Newell Automation, now under the leadership of Carlton Davenport, consists of a team of controls engineers, electricians and calibration technicians.

Their focus is to develop software and hardware controls systems for customers in the sanitary processing market. Specialties include control panel design and fabrication, automation hardware, HMI design and programming, PLC design and programming and software audits and retrofits.



*Newell Automation building, corner of Citation Ct and International Drive—April 2018*

In January 2018, our Automation group moved into its own building in Greensboro, NC – just across the street from our Greensboro and Corporate office. The move to a larger facility was necessary to now fit our growing automation team and our UL-Certified panel building shop.

Where will our next decade take us? What changes lie ahead for M.G. Newell?

Who knows, but a few things that won't change—our commitment to our family culture, our commitment to our community and our commitment to building customer relationships and helping them **"Make It Work Better."**







As a new decade began in 2020, M.G. Newell once again celebrated another milestone. In May 2020, the company achieved 135 years in business and puts us in the Top 15 of oldest family businesses in North Carolina

In November 2020, the strength of our family continued to show as our number of associates went past 100!

Gray Sherrill, son of John Sherrill and brother to Michael Sherrill, was promoted to President of M.G. Newell. With this change, Michael was promoted from President to Chief Operating Officer. Gray's strength and extensive experience in sales, marketing, customer service and customer solutions would solidify M.G. Newell as a systems integrator and distributor for the hygienic and industrial markets.



*Gray Sherrill, November 2020*

2022 would be a busy year for M.G. Newell!

The company purchased a 2nd location in Greensboro at the corner of Gallimore Dairy Road and Cessna Drive. A complete re-design and build-out of the space began!



*Cessna Drive Location—March 2023*





In January 2023, the Greensboro and Newell Automation Divisions of M.G. Newell moved into their new location at 7004 Cessna Drive. The new location featured 40,400 sq ft of additional space including 17,700 sq ft of skid fabrication and testing space as well as 5300 sq ft for their UL508A Certified panel shop.

The Corporate headquarters including Accounting, Marketing, Corporate Engineering, Purchasing, Human Resources, and Shipping/Receiving remained at the 301 Citation Court location.



*Lobby at Cessna Drive—March 2023*

In 2025, M.G. Newell proudly marked 140 years in business — a rare milestone in business. What started as a small supply company has grown into a trusted leader in hygienic processing, stainless steel fabrication, and automation solutions.

Our success over the last 140 years has been rooted in our people, our partnerships, and our passion for solving problems the right way. We've evolved with the times, embraced innovation, and stayed true to the values that have defined us from the beginning: integrity, quality, and customer focus. As we celebrate this milestone, we're not just reflecting on the past — we're looking ahead with excitement. The best is yet to come.







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