

Preface

In 1880, a young Two Rivers entrepreneur named James Edward Hamilton fulfilled his dream of founding his own company. His product, wood type, became the printers' product of choice across the United States.

Even after phototypesetting was created, wood type remained the standard for headlines and posters into the 1980's. In the late 1890's, Hamilton diversified into wood cabinets to store the type, and in 1904, entered into the laboratory casework business. Today Fisher Hamilton is the world's largest manufacturer of laboratory furniture and airflow products. It continues to have an economic and social impact on the local community as the largest employer in Manitowoc County.

Fisher Hamilton is pleased to support the Museum on the location where the legacy began and help in its efforts to preserve a significant chapter in the story of American printing.

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The original Hamilton Manufacturing Company smokestack stands on the Fisher Hamilton site as a reminder of the company's rich history.

