

WALNUT CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

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Our Inventors! Display Highlights

Carstensen Brothers Harrow

Inventors: Peter and Ingwer Carstensen (brothers). Patent granted November 30, 1886. Manufactured by the Carstensen brothers in the building that now houses Marne/Elk Horn Communications, and the Rolling Hills Bank.

Mary Gibbens – Farm Implements

Inventors: Mary Gibbens. Patents granted February 13, 1912 for a corn harvester and husk baler, and March 25, 1913 for a hay baler. These inventions were made mostly out of necessity after her husband Miles passed away, and she had to run the farm by herself. She later moved to Des Moines where she set up a manufacturing company for her inventions, and went on to earn more patents.

Henry Hagge – Corn Elevator, Buggy Top

Inventors: Henry Hagge and Warren Williams. Patent granted July 8, 1884 for a portable platform dump and elevator for cribbing corn.

Inventor: Henry Hagge and Joseph Sankey. Patent granted May 25, 1886 for a buggy top.

Not patented, but Hagge also manufactured the Diamond Spaced Harrow in 1881. He operated a livery stable and blacksmith shop in the lot where the Baptist Church now sits, and passed away in 1893. His son August Hagge took over the business after his death, and eventually moved to Canada.

August Hansen – Hay Loader, Road Grader

Inventor: August J. Hansen. Patent granted May 21, 1907 for a hay loader.

Inventor: August J. Hansen. Patent granted May 28, 1912 for a road grader.

A.J. was a man of many talents and was involved in mechanical things his whole life. He made his own lawnmowers: a push mower (which the museum owns) and a riding lawnmower. He operated the River-to-River garage with his brother Peter in 1911, and later ran the Cities Service Station until the mid-50's. He also owned and operated a tavern in Walnut at some point.

George Mickel – Auto Manufacturer

Not an invention, but George Mickel manufactured automobiles in Walnut in the early 20th century.

Other

Trace Carrier, Patented 1885, Milton Frisbie

Milk Pale attachment, Patented 1901, Carl Harmsen

Single Trigger for Dbl-Barrel Firearm, Patented 1899, Peter Koll