

## John E Quarles Co.

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# Quarles

John E. Quarles Co. was started in Fort Worth, Texas in 1901. It was chartered by the state of Texas in 1906. It was originally located on Commerce Street in downtown Fort Worth. Along with this location Mr. Quarles had several line yards from Alvarado, just south of Fort Worth, to northwest Texas ending in Childress. These yards were known as line yards and were located in towns along Hwy 287. Mr. Quarles lost all of these yards to the "Great Depression" of 1929, except the Fort Worth location. In 1933 John E. Quarles Co. moved to its current location at 1801 Park Place Ave. A fire destroyed the lumber yard in 1971 and then President Mr. H B Stuck and Vice President Frank Keen decided to rebuild and become a contractor yard only.

**John E. Quarles  
Company in downtown  
Fort Worth ~ 1910**



John Quarles had a philosophy of perpetuating his company by sound management from within. Since the inception of the company in 1901 there have only been six Presidents. John Quarles was president from 1901 until his death in 1956. In September of 1956 W B Corbin assumed the reins but passed away in November of the same year. At that time Mr. Quarles' son-in-law took over as President. After the death of Mr. Stuck in 1979 then Vice President J. Frank Keen became President and continued the leadership of Quarles Lumber. In these years Quarles grew in sales and profitability until his retirement in 1987. Upon Mr. Keen's retirement Quarles was turned over to the vision and leadership of Lonnie L. Goolsby, Jr. During this time Quarles has grown by overseeing the opening of a window center and starting a trucking division. Quarles Windows sells windows and doors to contractors as well as doing installed sales and replacement windows to home owners.

Today John E. Quarles Co. is led by the management team of Lonnie Goolsby President, Bart Graves Vice President/General Manager, Harlan Myers Vice President of Sales, Paul Reuland Vice President/Controller and Nancy Quarles Stuck Lorimer Chairman of the Board. Though not involved in the day to day operations of Quarles, Mrs. Lorimer continues the family ownership as a very astute business woman in tune with our industry.

John E. Quarles Co. is proud to be the oldest independent lumber yard in Fort Worth and Tarrant County and continues to be an important member of such a great city.