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Auxiliaries Department

What might be said to be the beginning of the Auxiliaries Department occurred in 1868 when the partnership which subsequently became The Sherwin-Williams Co., bought a small Linseed Oil plant on the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland. This was, however, sold in 1870 when the partnership was dissolved and two of the partners took over this Mill. Our present Linseed Oil Mill was built in 1902. Expellers were installed in 1905. The new solvent plant was completed in 1947.

The next step was the beginning of our tin can business when the Company started to make cans by hand in 1874. In 1875 a can plant was built in Cleveland and continued to function until 1921 when it was moved to Chicago where it stands today. That plant greatly enlarged along with the new plant at Hubbard now produce all the tin cans for the Company.

The production of leaded zinc commenced at Joplin, Missouri in 1904 and in 1906 was transferred to Coffeyville. Also in 1904 we started the operation of the ore mines at Magdalena.

The manufacture of lead carbonate commenced in Chicago in 1910 and the new plant for the production of quick process lead came along in 1921 along with the facilities for producing red lead and litharge. Lithopone was first produced in Chicago in 1917 and was transferred to Coffeyville in 1931.

The production of acetate acid commenced in Chicago in 1921.

The production of Dehydrol began at Newark in a small way in 1937 and was transferred to Cleveland in 1938.

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The Coffeyville Leaded Zinc Plant had its inception at Western Plains, Missouri where two local men, James Forester and Chris Byers, discovered a deposit of ore on their land.

They tried to develop the property, but lacking both knowledge and finances, they made little headway. They sold out to a Mr. Gordon, who took in for his partner his brother-in-law, Frank Greey and became known as the "G and G Mining Company."

In August 1900 ground was broken for this new plant at Western Plains, Missouri. In 1901 this was replaced by a new plant at Joplin, Missouri and the title of the new plant was "Ozark Zinc Oxide Company." In 1904 this was sold to the S-W Company and in 1905 was replaced by a new plant at Coffeyville.

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