



John Harvey Victor

1882-1957

Founder of the Victor Manufacturing & Gasket Company in 1909, John Harvey Victor was active in management of the company up to the day of his unexpected death, December 8, 1957, in Wilmette, Illinois. He was chairman of the board. Born in Chicago in 1882, he became a master tool and die maker at an early age, and was but 27 when he launched his gasket business.

Dedication

But could the hand of fate be stayed for a fleeting year, John Harvey Victor would have led the business he founded in Chicago in 1909 to the very dawn of its golden anniversary year.

His anticipation of this event was great—not with a self-centered pride of achievement, for he was a truly modest man. His expectation was the simple, rightful heritage of a courageous business pioneer—seeing the enterprise he launched with little capital become a well-established, vigorous industry leader at its half-century mark.

It was sheer vision, courage and determination in the young man of 27 that gave birth to the Victor Manufacturing and Gasket Company of today. John Victor had an idea for building a better gasket—but he had no machinery, no facilities, no affluent financial backers.

Still, together with his brother, Joseph B., he ventured forth. And when the first machine was acquired and installed in his little basement shop, the future looked bright to John Victor—he was in business to stay.

At this major milestone in the company's history, we proudly salute the spirit and traditions of our founder . . . and therefore, in commemoration of John H. Victor, we dedicate this 50th Anniversary Issue of the Gasket Guide. We are confident this would be the wish of all who knew him.

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