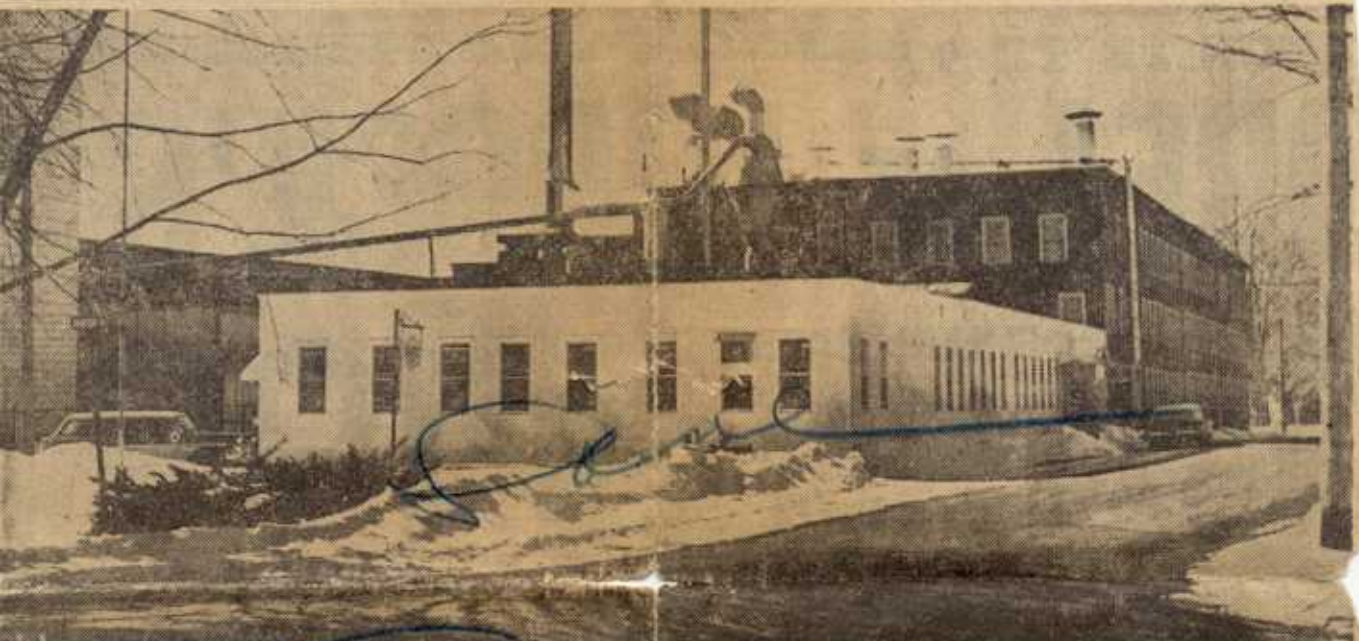


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Kling Factories Plant in Mayville, One of Three Acquired by Baumritter Corp.

Founded In 1911 By John A. Kling

Kling Operations Had Fifty-Year History

Kling Factories of Mayville, Frewsburg and Falconer, whose sale to Baumritter Corp. was announced today, completed a half century of operations last year.

The Kling furniture operation was founded in 1911 by John A. Kling, who came to Jamestown from Sweden in 1885 at the age of 17. He worked in two Jamestown furniture plants, including a position as foreman, and was foreman of a Randolph plant for 10 years before organizing Chautauqua Cabinet Company, the first of the Kling factories.

Mr. Kling purchased the bankrupt Chautauqua Spring Bed and Lounge Co. in 1911, when he organized the Chautauqua Cabinet

Co. That company was incorporated in April 1911 with Mr. Kling as president and treasurer. At the time of its organization, the plant occupied a three-story building and employed 56 persons.

During World War I, Chautauqua Cabinet Co. manufactured airplane parts, magazine cartons and hospital trays.

Mr. Kling took over management of the Brocton Furniture Co. in 1917, and served as secretary of that firm. The two plants employed 150 persons and had a combined output of \$750,000 annually.

Mr. Kling's elder son, Arvid John Kling, was associated with him in operation of the enterprises

from the beginning. His younger son, Denold David Kling, joined the group in 1921.

By 1930, John A. Kling was president and treasurer of the following furniture plants: Chautauqua Cabinet Co., Mayville, which was acquired in 1911; Brocton Furniture Co., 1915; Frewsburg Furniture Co., 1925; Herrick Furniture Co., Falconer, 1927; Crandall Panel Co., Brocton, 1928.

The Crandall plant subsequently became K-F Plywood Corp., and was sold recently by Kling Factories. By 1930, the firm's sales totaled more than \$3 million annually.

The elder Mr. Kling died March

26, 1934, at which time Arvid J. Kling, who had been vice president of several units of the organization, became president. He retired in 1955.

He was succeeded as president by Denold D. Kling, who died last year.

The place of Kling Factories in the nation's furniture industry was described by William J. Doty in "Historic Annals of Southwestern New York," Vol. 3, as follows:

"For years, the Kling Factories have been recognized among the soundest and most successful business enterprises in this part of the country and have earned a high position in the furniture trade."