

Four fellow workers decided in 1888 to establish an upholstery furniture business of their own.

Little did the quartet know, when they left their work bench at Shearman Brothers Company, which was established as an upholstery furniture factory a few years before, that they had formed the nucleus of one of the larger upholstery furniture factories in the United States—The Jamestown Lounge Company.

It is observing its 75th anniversary in connection with the 92nd semi-annual Jamestown Furniture show, which will be held Sept. 22-26 in the Jamestown Furniture Mart.

Today, the company's upholstery product and its casegoods furniture, is known the world over, and the company is operated probably by one of the few father-sons teams in the nation.

The four men who organized the company were H. L. Phillips, Theodore Hanchett, Lawrence Cornell and Arthur Greenlund.

These men had all had experience in the field of furniture, particularly at Shearman Brothers, which at the time was a very going upholstery plant. The Jamestown Lounge location was at its present site on Winsor Street which was next door to an old original chair plant.

Samuel Carlson had a plant nearby. He later became mayor of Jamestown, served more than 20 years in that office, and originated the non-partisan system of government, which the people removed via a public referendum last spring, returning to the two major party system. The plant was a half block down the street from the original Wilson Mills.

Greenlund who later became quite well known in the furniture industry was the father of Leona Greenlund who is the wife of Albert Wellman of the Wellman House, a widely known retail furniture and decorating firm. Mr. Cornell became president of the company after it became a corporation.

The father-sons team operating