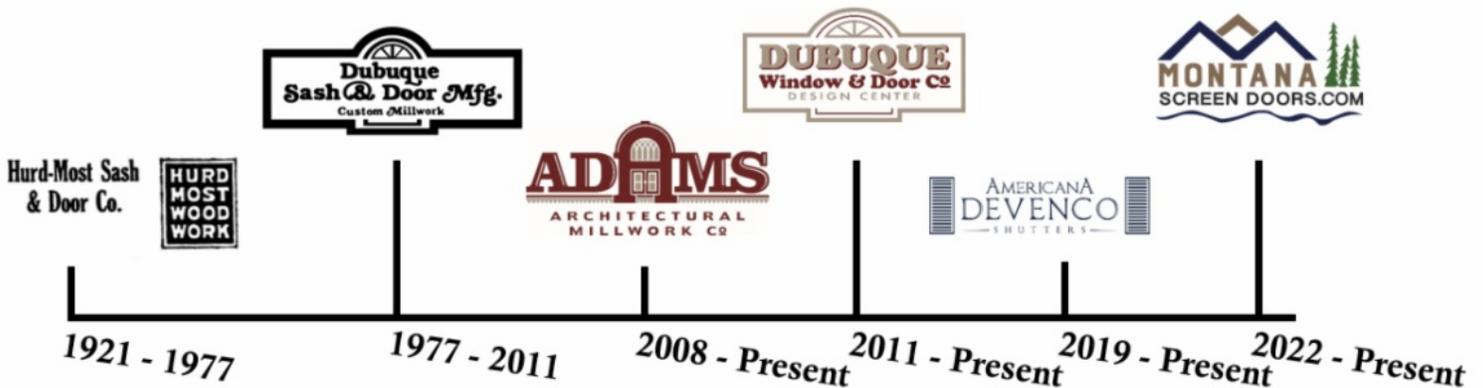




A Century of  
Quality Wood Products

# 100 Year Anniversary 1921 to 2021



We are celebrating where we started over 100 years ago. Founded in Dubuque, Iowa in 1921 by Earl A. Hurd (president), Joseph W. Most (vice president) and George Most (secretary & treasurer), Hurd-Most Sash & Door Company fabricated sash, doors, frames, and mouldings. Our current address is on Kerper Boulevard, the business has always remained near the Mississippi River.



In celebration of 100 years in business, we updated our company video to reflect our continued mission to provide quality custom products for our customers. Adding product lines with Adams Architectural Millwork, Americana DeVenco Shutters, and Montana Screen Door has expanded our services while remaining true to our wood product roots.

## Company History



**George W. Most demonstrating a push out window in 1954.**

### Filling a Niche

Hurd-Most created a shop design that aided in speeding up production to more easily handle rush orders. They modernized the existing millwork industry in Dubuque.

Their territory included northeastern Iowa, northern Illinois, and Wisconsin. We now send our products all over the United States, from Hawaii to Maine and Minnesota to Florida! We have also sent product into Canada

### History of Millwork in Dubuque, Iowa

Dubuque was the first city in the state of Iowa and lead mining brought many people to the area. The lumber industry replaced lead mining in the 1850s and it enjoyed 150 years of being the millwork center of the United States. Due to its location on the Mississippi River, lumber supplies could be easily moved using either the river or the established railroad. It was a short leap from companies that processed timber into lumber into developing companies that fabricated wood products such as windows and doors.



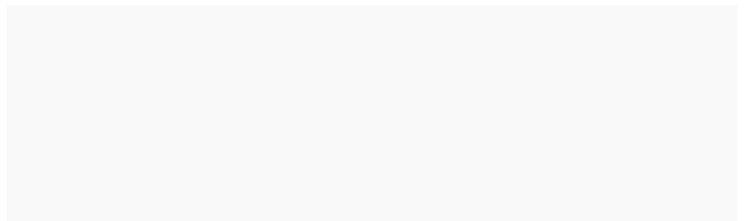
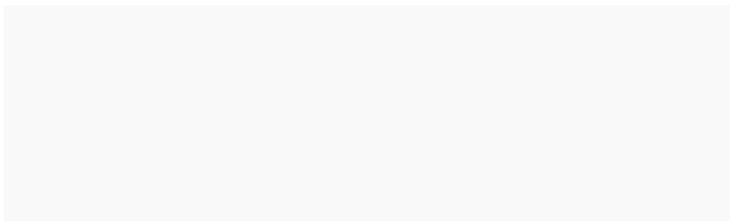
There were two established millwork businesses when Hurd-Most started up. They were: Carr, Ryder, and Adams Company (also known as Caradco) and Farley & Loetscher. These businesses both processed and milled lumber and fabricated windows and doors. The building infrastructure that they created in the Millwork District of Dubuque was impressive! And due to their forward-thinking, these brick buildings have withstood the test of time.

## **Maintaining a Legacy**

Dubuque Sash & Door Co. occupied space in the Caradco Building for several years. The picture to the right shows our office sign on the corner of the original Carr, Adams, and Ryder structure. You can see the rail lines (in the foreground of the photo) that were important to their supply chain and gave them the ability to receive raw materials directly. This building was featured in the movie "Fist" starring Sylvester Stallone.



We are proud of the fact that we have become the last living business out of all the big players that established the reputation of Dubuque as the millwork capital.





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For more history on the Millwork District, check out a video recently released by Iowa PBS in regard to the importance of the millwork industry that helped Dubuque grow into the town it is today:

[Millwork District | Historic Buildings of Iowa](#)

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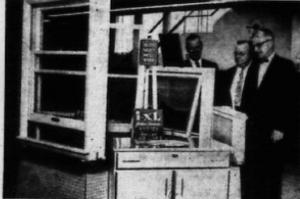
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1970

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**HURD-MOST Sash & Door Co.**  
"Woodwork Specialists Since 1921"



Pictured above left to right—Mr. James Mast, Vice President and Assistant Manager, Mr. George Mast, Secretary-Treasurer, and General Manager of the Hurd-Most Co. and Mr. Wells Adams, President of First National Bank.

First National Bank in its 75th series of tributes to Dubuque Industries exhibits the Hurd-Most Co. Founded in 1921 by Earl A. Hurd, J. W. Mast and G. H. Mast, Hurd-Most Company has realized a constant growth pattern and has increased (twice) its physical facilities and employees.

Custom designing and manufacturing sash and door units, Hurd-Most Co. employs 25 independent people and has a sales volume of \$2 million.

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