

# HAMILTON TANKS, LLC



Hamilton Tanks, LLC was originally founded in 1916 as Hamilton Welding & Manufacturing Company in Hamilton, Ohio by Robert H. Kemp and initially produced smoke stacks and repaired boilers. When Robert went to fight in WWI, his son C. Eugene Kemp took over the company. During that period, Hamilton Welding was awarded a contract to produce skid tanks for the war effort. And from that original contract, the future of the business had been established.

In the late 1940s, Hamilton Welding received its UL permit and began manufacturing 275-gallon home heating oil tanks, which are still manufactured today. A second tank manufacturing facility for the company was formed in Columbus, Ohio in 1955. The business operated both facilities until 1983 when the operation was consolidated to conduct business exclusively from 2200 Refugee Road in the city of Columbus.

Thomas A. Kemp, son of Eugene Kemp, joined Hamilton Welding after graduating from The Ohio State University in 1958 and eventually became president and a fifty percent shareholder in the business. Thomas sadly passed

away in 2004 and as the last family member active in the operation, the shareholders explored selling the business.

In March of 2006, Hamilton Welding was sold to brothers R. Jeffrey and Stephen G. Meeker, and Hamilton Tanks, LLC was formed. The transition of ownership was smooth, as Meeker Equipment Company, Jeffrey and Stephen's other business, was already a large customer to Hamilton Welding. Today, Stephen is president of Hamilton Tanks, LLC while Jeffrey remains president of Meeker Equipment Company. In 2008, Donald W. Garrett and James R. Hurlburt, Jr., P.E. gained a minority ownership in both businesses.

The primary business of Hamilton Tanks, LLC is manufacturing carbon and stainless steel storage tanks for commercial and industrial users serving the petroleum, chemical, asphalt, oil-field and other industries. As a licensed member of the Steel Tank Institute, it is one of the largest and most respected manufacturers of aboveground and underground steel storage tanks in the Midwest. Hamilton Tanks' manufacturing technologies include UL, API, ASME, and custom tank designs ranging in size from 150 to 50,000 gallons. Hamilton Tanks' breadth of products, reputation and service to industry has sustained its history and will continue to support its success moving forward.

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