Charles W. Upton started the company in 1908 locating it on West Fifth Street (University). The company was originally named the “C.W. Upton Wood & Coal Company”. The telephone number was 25.

In 1919, following the First World War, Roy Upton, C.W. nephew and Arthur Dillman bought out C.W. for one dollar and “other considerations”.

The company relocated to 543 Main Street in 1919 after Roy returned from the war. The company continued to be run by members of the Dillman and Upton families. During World War II most building stopped due to the war effort and material shortages. The company survived by selling coal.

In 1987 Dillman & Upton moved to its current location at 607 Woodward. It has grown from a small company of four or five employees and sales of a few thousand dollars to a corporation that employs 35 people with sales of several million dollars each year.

Today, its full-scale home center serves both the homeowner and builders. Product lines include lumber, hardware, cabinets, windows, wood flooring, paint and many specialty items.

Dillman & Upton has the privilege of supplying products for many of the Rochester area construction and remodeling projects over the last 90 years!

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