

Peoria Brick & Tile Company

Est. 1899

Family-owned for five generations, Peoria Brick & Tile Company is the largest brick and stone distributor in central Illinois. The business began in 1899 when Frederick R. Carter purchased the Spurck Paving Brick plant near East Peoria. Carter built a new plant on Cole Hollow Road in 1909 and expanded the business in 1925 with the purchase of Clay Products.

Following their father in the family business, sons Charles, Raymond, and Ben, along with a son-in-law, Harry Mau, continued to run the business for several decades. In 1965, Charles Carter's son-in-law, Thomas J. Carney, purchased the business. Today, his son, Tom Carney, Jr. runs the business along with Kim and Kevin Reece. The company has conducted business at their present location for the last eighty-five years.

Although the plant no longer manufactures brick, they do represent over two dozen manufacturers from several states and carry many additional products on display in their showroom and the brickyard.

Congratulations to Peoria Brick & Tile on becoming a Peoria Historical Society Centenarian organization.