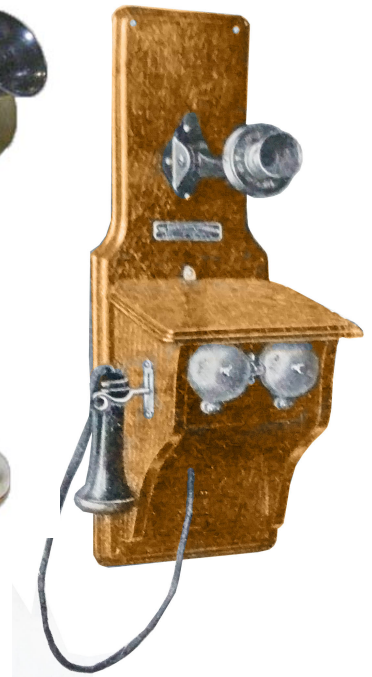


HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY Commercial Electrical Supply Company

DATE ORGANIZED Circa 1891

WHERE ORGANIZED St. Louis, MO

FOUNDER(S) Joseph Franklin Jr, Joseph Franklin, Sr.

NATURE OF BUSINESS Distributor

Subsequent names or significant changes resulting from acquisitions, consolidation, sales or bankruptcies:

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REMARKS Began as Electrical Merchandise Company in 1886 by L.M. Fishback but failed.

The company was purchased by J. Franklin who changed the name.

The company's 1480 page catalog from 1918 had many pages of telephones and related equipment from various manufactures including Stromberg Carlson and Connecticut.

Source: Western Electrician 1896; Commercial Electrical Supply Company catalogue 1918