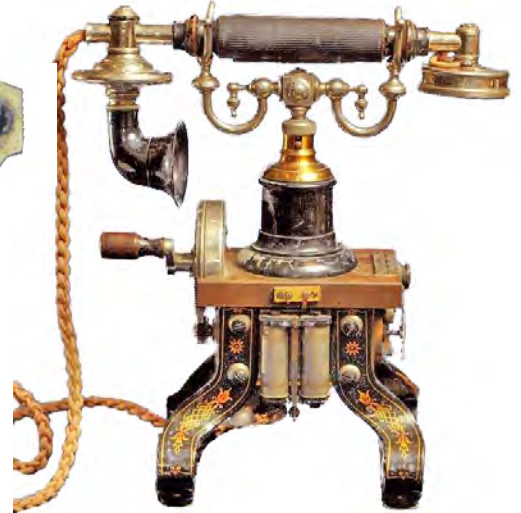


# HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY L. M. Ericsson Telephone Mfg. Co.

DATE ORGANIZED April

WHERE ORGANIZED Stockholm, Sweden

FOUNDER(S) Lars Magnus Ericsson

NATURE OF BUSINESS Manufacturer

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

	DATE
<u>Opened a US factory in Buffalo, NY</u>	<u>1907</u>
<u>Changed name to Ericsson Mfg. Co.</u>	<u>1910</u>
<u>IT&amp;T acquired interest in 1931 and owned 35% by 1933</u>	<u></u>
<u>Acquired North Electric Co (NEC)</u>	<u>Nov 1951</u>
<u>Changed name to Anaconda Ericsson</u>	<u>July 1982</u>
<u>Changed name to Ericsson Communications</u>	<u>July 1983</u>

REMARKS Ericsson was originally organized for the manufacture and repair of telephones and other electrical instruments in Sweden. In 1878 they began to manufacture telephones and installed their first manual exchange in 1881 . They developed the first bi-polar receiver in 1879 which had a leather handle and wooden cap. They were also the first to develop a self-contained handpiece around 1897 which they referred to as a "hand micro" unit.

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In 1897, Ericsson established a factory in St. Petersburg, Russia and in 1901 another in Beeston, England, near Manchester.

Ericsson first began selling telephones in the United States in the 1890's through agents. At one point in time, Couch & Seeley served as the United States agent for Ericsson. A corporation was formed in 1896 to act as the sole agents in the United States for the Stockholm factory products. A sales office was opened in New York in 1902. In 1905 it was decided to open a factory in Buffalo, New York, which then began production in 1907. Also in 1907, due to a fear of a diminishing supply of wood, Ericsson decided to manufacture an all-steel wall fiddle-back set which was manufactured at its Buffalo plant and introduced in 1907. Federal Telephone & Telegraph also distributed these wall sets under their own name and logo. These fiddlebacks are frequently found in poor physical condition due to rusting of the steel. These sets originally had an attractive decal dated 1907 and located beneath the bell clacker.

For the most part, Ericsson telephones are not as highly sought after by American collectors as are those that originate in North America, however, several of their early candlesticks are quite desirable. A cradle desk set introduced in 1907 which utilized the micro handpiece manufactured in Stockholm commonly called the "Eiffel Tower" is another one of the telephones that is sought after by collectors. Most Ericsson sets sought by U.S. collectors were manufactured in Buffalo, N.Y. between 1907 and about 1915. During the later 1890's, the Stockholm factory produced some extremely attractive wood wall sets which are very popular with collectors outside of the United States.







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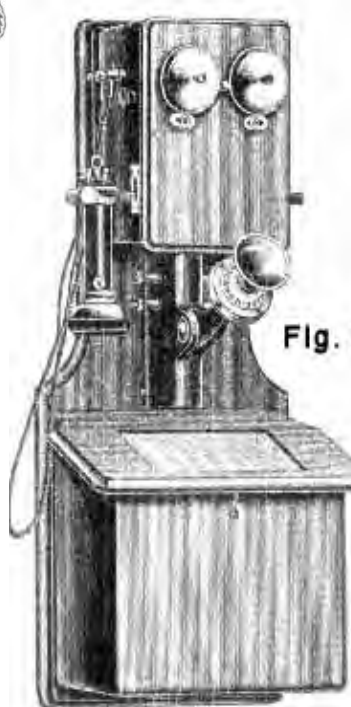
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