

HISTORICAL FACT SHEET Telephone Industry Related Companies



COMPANY James H. Cowherd Company

DATE ORGANIZED 1878

WHERE ORGANIZED Brantford, Canada

FOUNDER(S) James H. Cowherd

NATURE OF BUSINESS Manufacturer

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

DATE

REMARKS Mr. Cowherd was a 26 year old metal worker who was sent to work for Charles Williams in Boston to learn how to make telephones. He opened his own shop in Canada to produce the first phones made in Canada for Bell using parts shipped from Boston. A total of 2398 telephones were produced by Mr. Cowherd until his untimely death in 1881. Following his death, James Foster was commissioned by Bell to continue making telephones for Bell.

Source: The Invisible Empire: A History of Communications Industry In Canada, 1993; Ron Knappen, Old Telephones Scrapbook, Vol 1; 2018