

Factory: **Metcalf Cracker Factory**

Location: 2009 1st Ave.

Years of operation: Opened after Aug 1888

1888 – 2-story building with maple floors built by W. T Scott. Cost \$5000. He was paid \$500

Aug 10, 1889 – Baked several boxes of hard-tack for the reunion

Feb. 11, 1890 – Factory will move out of town if bond for K & BH railroad is not passed.. Thought town would double in size. Town of this population does not ordinarily support a cracker factory. Can't survive with current pop and poor railroads.

Oct 30, 1890 – Metcalf had fought cracker trusts, \$10,000 in debt. A group of 25 cracker companies had merged as Am. Biscuit & Manufacturing Co. Metcalf sold to them and will remain as manager here. All their businesses are bakeries so this one will be Metcalf Bakery

Apr 13, 1891 – Organization Metcalf sold to a group which became a second trust. Factory operated a few months here and then closed and dismantled. Building to be used for other purposes

Aug 3, 1891 – Metcalf say Could reopen in fall

Sept 15, 1891 – Metcalf was going to negotiate with a trust in Chicago

Mar 5, 1892 – Still hoping to reopen

Oct 3, 1892 – W. T. Scott, who built the Metcalf Cracker 5 years ago foreclosed on a mechanics lien. Case was settled and now he is the owner of the building.

Oct 2, 1899 – Occupied by Kearney Cycle and Machine Co. Burned.

Comments

Oct. 10, 1900 – Reason for failure – squeezed out by trusts