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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? THOSE TITANS OF THE HVAC INDUSTRY...MERGED, FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE OR STILL GOING STRONG...

Here's the story on a few of them....

AAON: Evolved from John Zink/Sunbeam, makes packaged rooftop equipment.

ADDISON PRODUCTS: Now a division of Heat Controller.

AIRQUEST: Name used by International Comfort Products.

AIRTEMP: Became a subsidiary of Fedders Corp. in 1976. See Fedders.

AMANA: Formerly a division of Raytheon, now part of Goodman Manufacturing.

AMERICAN FURNACE [AFCO]: In 1968 became part of the climate control division of the Singer Co. In 1970 became Singer American Furnace. See Singer.

AMERICAN-STANDARD: Became Tappan Air Conditioning division in 1972. American-Standard purchased the Trane Company in 1984. American-Standard name revived in 1988.

ARCO: Acquired by SnyderGeneral in 1984 from Atlantic Richfield. Added to Climate Control unit as Arcoaire. In 1991 became part of Inter-City Products (now International Comfort Products) with brandmate Comfortmaker. In 1999, ICP was purchased by United Technologies, parent of Carrier.

ARKLA: Division sold to Preway, Inc. Preway sold Servel gas air conditioning to the Dometic Corp. High efficiency furnace technology sold to Trane. Servel name now sold by Robur.

ARMSTRONG: Became division of the Johnson Corp. in 1976. See Magic Chef. Name revived to Armstrong Air after Lennox purchased the climate control line from Magic Chef.

BARD: Bard Manufacturing.

BOHN: A subsidiary of Lennox International.

BRYANT: A division of Carrier Corp-United Technologies.

CARRIER: A twentieth-century leader in engineering air conditioning systems throughout the world. Willis Carrier credited with inventing it and with others started the company bearing his name. Carrier became a wholly owned subsidiary of United Technologies in 1984.

CENTURY: Century Engineering Corp, Cedar Rapids, purchased by Heat Controller in 1975. Century name still used by Heat Controller on products made by OEMs.

COLEMAN: Sold the HVAC products subsidiary to Beacon Intl. (Canadian) which changed its name to Evcon Industries. Evcon since purchased by York International. Products now sold as Coleman Evcon brand or just Coleman.

COMFORTAIRE: A tradename of Heat Controller. See Century.

COMFORTMAKER: Old AFCO name revived at founding of SnyderGeneral by former Singer HVAC boss. See Singer. Comfortmaker owned by Inter-City Products which in turn became International Comfort Products (ICP). In 1999, ICP was purchased by United Technologies.

COMMAND-AIRE: Water source heat pump maker now owned by American-Standard.

COOLERATOR, McGRAW-EDISON: Last listed as making HVAC products in 1978.

CRANE: Stopped making HVAC products in 1968. Furnace technology sold to Amana.

CUMBERLAND: A brand name used by American-Standard/Trane.

DAIKIN US: Japanese company making mini splits withdrew from the US market in 1988.

DAY & NIGHT: Part of the BDP Co. division of Carrier Corp-United Technologies. Use of name being dropped as of late 1997.

DELCO: Old General Motors appliance division last listed in 1964.

DUCANE: Purchased by Lennox in 1999.

DUNHAM-BUSH: Most divisions sold to Topgroup Holdings Berhad of Malaysia.

DUOMATIC-OLSEN: Canadian maker changed name to DMO Industries with Olsen & Airco as brand names.

ECR INTERNATIONAL: A merger of Dunkirk and Utica formed ECR Limited and later expanded with Utica acquiring Oneida and EnviroMaster while Dunkirk took over Pennco and Ultimate

Engineering. ECR acquired the assets of Olsen in December of 2000.

ELECTRIC-FURNACE-MAN: Last listed in 1979.

EUBANK: Texas manufacturer of cooling equipment, also OEM for Heat Controller.

FANDAIRE: Last A/C units manufactured in 1962.

FASCO: Stopped making HVAC products in 1983.

FRASER-JOHNSTON: Became part of Westinghouse. Name dropped in 1978 with end of Westinghouse HVAC products. Name now used by York International.

FEDDERS: Left the unitary market around 1980. Sells window units under Fedders, Climatrol, Airtemp, Hunter, Emerson brands. Has recently re-entered the Unitary market with units made in China.

FRIEDRICH: Residential HVAC acquired by ARCO in early 80s. In 1985 became Friedrich Climate Master Inc. selling water source heat pumps. Friedrich name dropped from tradename in 1987. Friedrich HVAC products evolved into Arcoaire. Friedrich name still used on window units & mini splits after purchase of Zoneaire from ICP.

FRIGIDAIRE: Name revived under license to Nordyne

GAFFERS & SATTLER: In 1969 became a subsidiary of Magic Chef. Name no longer used.

GENERAL ELECTRIC: HVAC division purchased by the Trane Company in 1982.

GIBSON: Name revived under license to Nordyne

GREEN COLONIAL: Des Moines company stopped making HVAC products in 1975.

HALL-NEAL FURNACE: Indianapolis company last listed in 1966.

HASTINGS: Last listed in 1964, now manufacturers unit & duct heaters.

HEIL-QUAKER: Purchased by Inter City Gas, Toronto, from Whirlpool Corp. Tempstar name added to replace Whirlpool name. HVAC division now part of International Comfort Products. In 1999, ICP was purchased by United Technologies.

HENRY FURNACE [MONCRIEF]: Purchased by Luxaire, Inc. Now part of York International.

HOME FURNACE: Became Home Furnace division, Lear-Siegler Inc. Became Miller Heating & Air Conditioning in 1986 after being acquired by Nortek Inc. Now listed as Nordyne. See Intertherm.

ICECO: appears to be a wholesale operation set up to distribute Weatherking (see below).

INTERNATIONAL HEATER: In 1965 controlling interest acquired by Weil-McLain. Became International Heating & Air Conditioning division in 1973. Last listed in 1974. Weil-McLain now owned by the Marley Company.

INTERNATIONAL OIL BURNER: Founded in St. Louis in 1919. Became Intertherm in 1969.

INTERTHERM: Became Nordyne company in 1987. Brandmate Miller. In 1998, Nordyne started marketing under White-Westinghouse brands Frigidaire, Philco, Tappan, Kelvinator & Gibson. Nordyne is OEM for Thermal Zone.

IRON FIREMAN: Now a tradename of Dunham-Bush.

ITT: Stopped making HVAC products in 1983.

JANITROL: Division of Surface Combustion Co. became division of Midland-Ross in 1960, division of Tappan in 1977. Janitrol name sold to Goodman Mfg. in 1982. Also sold as Goodman, Hamilton, Johnstone, Sears Kenmore.

JOHNSON, AIR-EASE: Became part of Magic Chef in 1972. Now owned by Lennox. Air Ease brand now part of Armstrong Air division of Lennox.

KELVINATOR: Name revived under license to Nordyne

LENNOX: Lennox Industries.

LUXAIRE: Formerly a part of Westinghouse, now part of York with sister brands Coleman, Evcon, Moncrief, Fraser-Johnston and Home Air to name some of them.

MAGIC CHEF: In 1986, Magic Chef was acquired by the Maytag Co. Air conditioning division was sold to Lennox in 1988 and renamed Armstrong Air. See Johnson.

MAYFLOWER: St. Paul furnace company last listed in 1962.

MAYTAG: a name owned by Amana but unitary equipment is manufactured and marketed under license by Nordyne.

McQUAY: Formerly a division of Snyder General, now owned by Hong Leong Group Malaysia. Sister division is AAF International.

MILLER: Was Miller the Home Furnace Company started in 1916. Now part of Nordyne with brandmate Intertherm.

MITCHELL: Last listed in 1958.

MONCRIEF: Division of York International. See Luxaire.

MUELLER CLIMATROL: In 1964 became

Climatrol Div. Worthington Air Conditioning. Eventually bought out by Fedders. See Worthington and Fedders.

NATIONAL U.S. RADIATOR: (Capitolaire): Acquired by Crane in 1960.

NESBITT: Acquired by ITT in 1963. Divested by ITT in 1979 and filed for bankruptcy in 1980. Now a tradename of Mechanical Specialties, Inc.

NIAGRA: Acquired by Rybolt in 1961.

OLSEN: got its start in 1910 as an outgrowth of the Canadian Top and Body Corporation which had been producing horse-drawn carriages. Today, Olsen (for a time it was Olsen Technology) is the only producer of high efficiency gas furnaces in Canada. Located in Wallaceburg, Ontario Olsen was taken over by ECR International. It's stable mates include Dunkirk and Utica.

ONEIDA-ROYAL: Purchased by Utica Boilers Inc. in 1990.

PAYNE: A division of Carrier Corp-United Technologies. The name is used on the very low end line of Carrier equipment.

PEERLESS: In 1964 became Peerless Division, Space Conditioning Systems. Eventually acquired by Dunham-Bush with names dropped in mid 1970s.

PEERLESS HEATER: Boiler manufacturer since 1908.

PERFECTION: Became Perfection Division, Hupp Industries in 1964. In 1965, Perfection name dropped. Later known as Typhoon Div, Hupp Industries. Hupp in bankruptcy in 1991.

PHILCO: Name revived under license to Nordyne

RHEEM: Rheem Manufacturing is owned by Japanese water heater manufacturer Paloma.

ROUND OAK: Last listed in 1963. See Peerless.

RUUD: Part of Rheem Manufacturing. See Rheem.

RYBOLT: Last listed in 1973.

SILENT AUTOMATIC: Last listed in 1961. See Iron Fireman.

SINGER: In 1982 became climate control unit of SnyderGeneral Corp. with name dropped. In 1984 SnyderGeneral operations included Arcoaire, Comfortmaker, McQuay. In 1988 SnyderGeneral bought American Air Filter. In 1991, sold Arcoaire & Comfortmaker to Inter-City Products.

SOUTHWEST MFG: Became Heatwave International in 1984, later going bankrupt.

SPACE CONDITIONER: Became Dunham-Bush division in 1968.

SQUARE D: Production resumed as Sun Dial Manufacturing then stopped in the 1980s.

STEWART-WARNER: Last listed in 1976.

TAPPAN: Became SJC Corp. in 1979 with name Frigiking Tappan. In 1982, SJC sold Janitrol line to Goodman Mfg. Tappan name revived by Nordyne in 1998 under license from White-Westinghouse.

TRANE: The Trane Company purchased GE's climate control division in 1982. Trane was purchased by American-Standard in 1984.

TORRIDHEET: Last listed in 1972.

UNITARY PRODUCTS GROUP: a generic division name used by many manufacturers however, York seems determined to use it for product identification in both heating and cooling equipment. Look under the Preston's Guide York's listings to find those units.

WATERBURY: Last listed in 1962.

WEATHERKING: Former trade name of Addison Products, sold to Rheem in 1989. Promoted as a high volume brand and is often advertised in comparison to Goodman and Philco (Nordyne).

WESTINGHOUSE: In 1981, sold to Borg-Warner [York]. Sale rights included names\ Moncrief, Luxaire, Fraser-Johnston all now used by York International.

WHIRLPOOL: In 1972 became Whirlpool Div. of Heil-Quaker, a subsidiary of Whirlpool Corp. Tempstar name replaced Whirlpool after Inter-City Gas Co. bought Heil-Quaker in 1986. See Heil-Quaker.

WILLIAMS OIL-O-MATIC: Last listed in 1972.

WILLIAMSON: Purchased by Hupp Industries which went bankrupt in 1991. Williamson name was purchased by Metzger Machine (Milwaukee Thermoflo) and used on furnace line. Late 1999, purchased by United Dominion (Weil-McLain's parent). Now often referred to as Williamson-Thermoflo

WORTHINGTON: Became Mueller Climatrol in 1970 after being acquired by Fedders.

YORK INTERNATIONAL: Formerly a division of Borg-Warner, York International is now spun off. York International Unitary Products Group also makes Fraser-Johnson, Luxaire, Moncrief, Winchester, Coleman-Evcon, AirPro. York was acquired by Johnson Controls in 2005 for \$3.2 billion dollars.