



SCHANTZ ORGAN COMPANY
Orrville, Ohio

METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY
St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral

A Short History of Schantz Organ Company



It was in 1873 that a young Ohioan took the first steps in founding a pipe-organ factory. He was Abraham Tschantz, the grandson of a family who had migrated to Kidron, Ohio, from Switzerland in 1824.

Although he had no earlier experience in organ-building he did have a compelling interest, a lively curiosity and a talent for inventiveness.

His early success was modest. But he was able to develop his business to the point of establishing a small factory employing a few craftsmen. He prospered and became known as a skilled and reputable pipe-organ builder, moving his operation to Orrville.

Upon maturity, his three sons assumed management of the company, further expanding it.

Today, more than one hundred years after young Tschantz built his first organ, the Schantz Organ Company is recognized as one of the foremost builders of pipe organs in the United States.

Three of Abraham Schantz's grandsons and a great-grandson are actively operating the company, maintaining a well-seasoned staff of around 100 people and a plant utilizing the best and most up-to-date equipment available. The Schantz Organ Company continues to grow and to extend its established reputation for craftsmanship throughout the country.

Shown above, left to right, are the executive staff members of the company. Bruce Schantz, Jack Sievert, Paul, Victor and John Schantz.