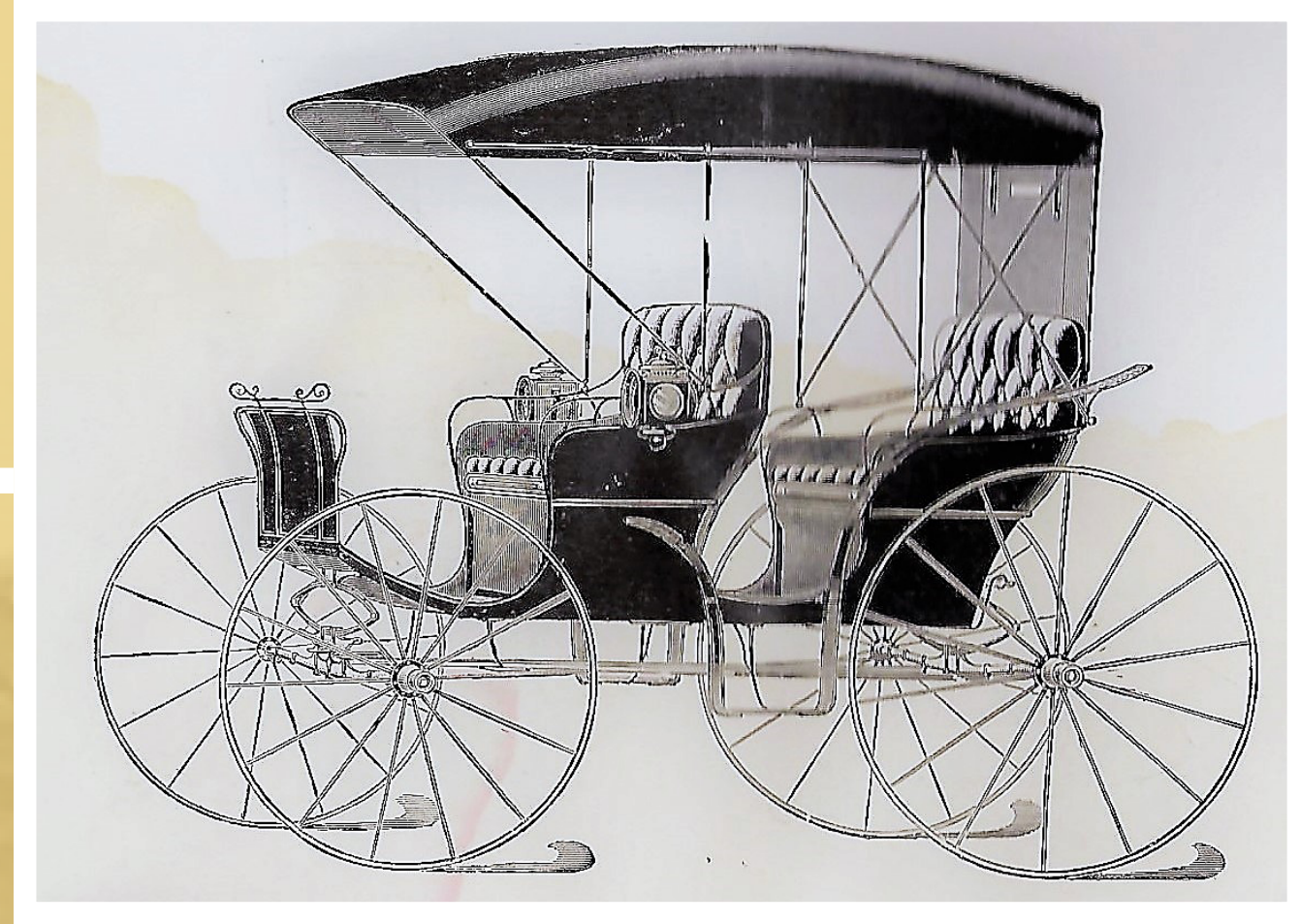


Prouty and Glass Carriages



The Prouty and Glass carriage company was organized in Detroit in 1881 by Fayette Prouty and John Glass. A group of Wayne businessmen approached the company and convinced them to move their factory to Wayne in 1888.



A new brick factory building was built along the railroad tracks at Sophia (Elizabeth) street.



At first the company only employed about 50 men and struggled to survive, but the factory soon grew and became the most important business in town.



P&G bought forests of timber and employed carpenters to cut and bend their own wood. They also had their own blacksmith shop, finishing, painting and upholstering shops.



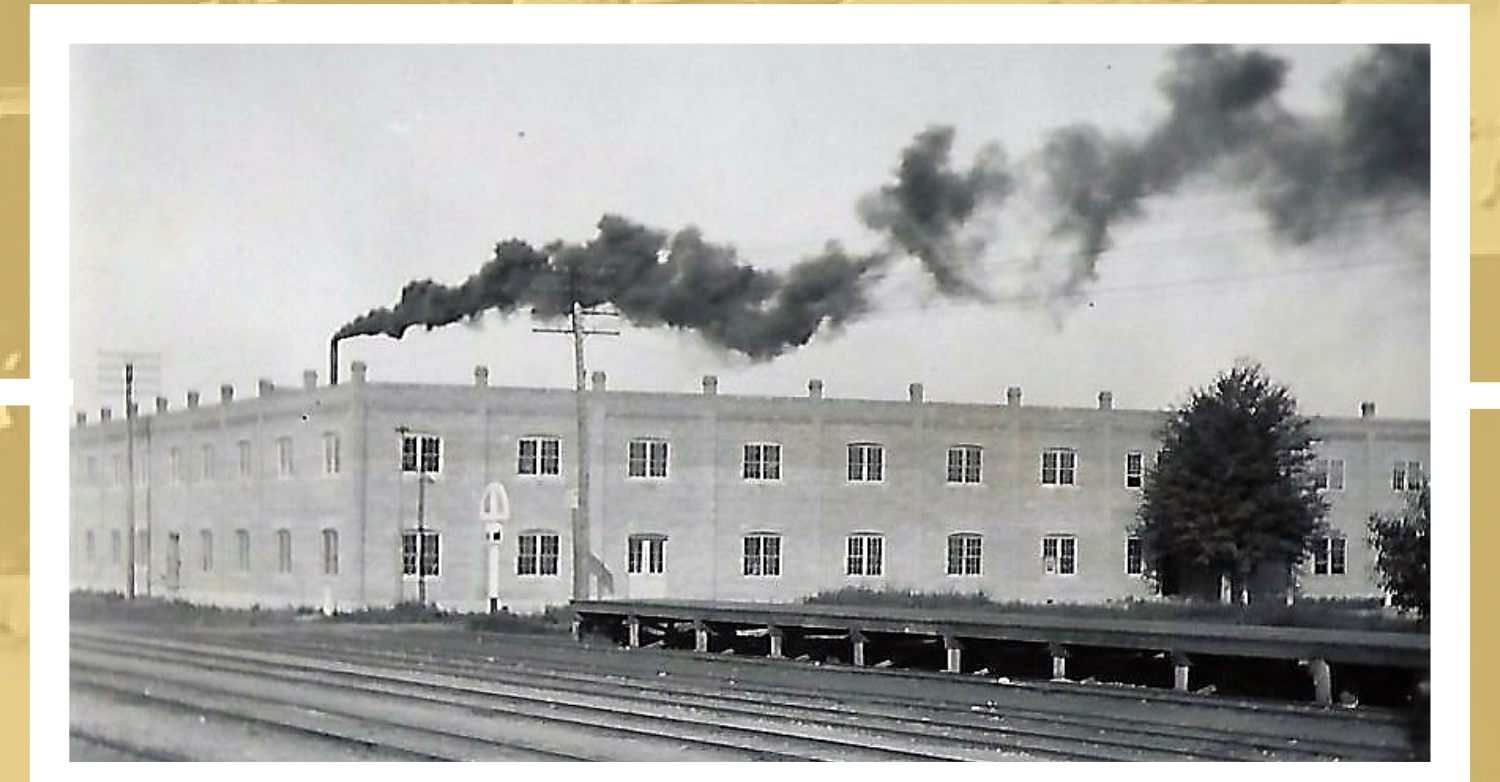
By 1900 P&G employed 150 people and made over 60 types of carriages.



Prouty and Glass became the largest carriage producer in the country, and the name was highly regarded nationwide.



Henry Ford supposedly asked P&G if he could buy their factory for automobile production – but they declined.



Production at the P&G factory ended in 1915 due to competition from automobiles. In 1916 the factory and all its assets were sold to Harroun Motors, a car company, for \$40,000.