



100th Anniversary Fact Sheet **The Ruhlin Company** 1915-2015

Founded in 1915, The Ruhlin Company has grown into a full-service construction firm while building a diverse legacy of successful projects. Ruhlin provides a range of General Contracting, Construction Management and Design/Build services to serve the healthcare, education, government, commercial, energy, environmental, transportation, industrial and structural steel markets. Ruhlin works closely with clients across various industries to create customized, personalized construction solutions.

With only six presidents leading the company over 100 years, Ruhlin has built a foundation of strong leadership through the generations. People-focused and employee-owned, Ruhlin is committed to developing and retaining top talent to prepare future construction leaders. With a culture of teamwork and service, The Ruhlin Company holds fast to its founding family values as it celebrates a century of building excellence.

Founded on: August 4, 1915
Headquarters: 6931 Ridge Road
Sharon Center, Ohio 44274

Ruhlin Through the Generations

The first generation: 1915-1960

John G. Ruhlin founds Ruhlin Brothers Construction Company (later renamed The John G. Ruhlin Construction Company), and serves as president and chairman. The company begins building a reputation of excellence in construction, branching out beyond buildings with its first highway contract in 1958.

The second generation: 1960-1996

After John's passing, his son William R. Ruhlin becomes president in 1960 and serves as chairman until 1989. His other son, Jack, served as vice president during this time. During the 70s, Ruhlin expands with new divisions for hydro, wastewater and industrial work, while forming a half-dozen subsidiaries. In 1981, the company is renamed The Ruhlin Company to reflect its expanding scope of operations as a general contractor and construction manager.

John B. Ruhlin Jr., Jack's son, served as president from 1988 to 1994, becoming CEO in 1990. He was preceded and succeeded by the only two presidents in Ruhlin's history without the Ruhlin name – Joe Girard from 1982 to 1988, and Vic Cestar from 1994 to 1996.

The third generation: 1996-present

Jim Ruhlin, Sr., also Jack son, serves as president and CEO and continues to grow The Ruhlin Company by exceeding clients' expectations on every project, training and retaining skilled employees to become industry leaders, and holding fast to the foundational values that have set Ruhlin apart for 100 years. Under his leadership, Ruhlin has revitalized its industrial division while acquiring large projects for the building, transportation and energy segments.

Ruhlin Firsts

First headquarters: 1024 Home Avenue, Akron (1948)

First Project: Creston School, 1915 – Ruhlin demolished the original building in December 2012, launching a new phase of construction for Norwayne Local Schools. Ruhlin reused some of the construction materials in its recent office expansion.

First highway contract: In 1958, a subcontract to build bridges on SR 5 near Easton, OH

First health care contract: 1974, Ruhlin performed work for Akron General Medical Center and Akron Children's Hospital

First government contract: 1915, a 33,000 SF school building

First LEED project: Akron Public Schools – NIHF-STEM (2010)

First computer: IBM 360 Model 20 (1968)

First appearance on the silver screen: A Ruhlin coffee cup is a prop in the 1991 movie, "The Silence of the Lambs"

Ruhlin 100 By the Numbers

Employees: 94 professionals and 275 trade workers, on average

Most recent annual construction volume: \$200 million

Total number of projects completed to date: 4,000

Total volume of work completed to date: \$7.5 billion

Average projects per year: approximately 22

Client satisfaction rating: 98%

Client retention rate: 90%

Ruhlin's projects span 10 states – Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida, West Virginia, New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana – and two countries outside of the U.S.: West Africa and Sri Lanka

Fortune 500 clients: 15

11 LEED-accredited professionals at Ruhlin: 6 LEED AP and 7 LEED GA

Total volume of LEED certified work completed by Ruhlin: \$330.1 million

Ruhlin Building/Business Awards:

1983 Merit Award from the American Institute of Architects Akron Chapter Design Awards
1995 National Award of Excellence from American Concrete Pavement Association
2000 Outstanding Business of the Year by the Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce
2002 Association of General Contractors (AGC) of America Build America Award
2007 Medina County Economic Development Corporation Corporate Citizen of the Year Award
2009 AGC of Ohio Build Ohio Award
2014 Certificate of Excellence from Lorain County Beautiful

Ruhlin Safety Awards:

1983 and 1984 Achievement Awards for outstanding safety effort from the Industrial Commission of Ohio, Division of Safety and Hygiene
1995 Proud to Be Safe Award from Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc.
1997 Certificate of Commendation for Safety Excellence from AGC of America
1999 Certificate of Merit for Safety Excellence from AGC of Ohio
2004 Contractors Safety Award in General Building Construction from Cuyahoga County Commissioners
2007 AGC of Ohio Construction Safety Excellence Award
2009 AGC of America National Safety Award
2013 Outstanding Safety Award from the Cleveland Clinic

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