

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED

Carolina Lumber

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Carolina Lumber & Supply Company, at 504 Plasters Avenue, N. E., has served Piedmont Heights and builders throughout Atlanta for almost 120 years. Its 21,000 square-foot complex on four acres in the Armour/Ottley industrial area is one of its two local outlets for all manner of building supplies and materials, including custom mill work.

The company was founded in 1900 by P. G. Hanahan as Carolina Portland Cement Company in Charleston, South Carolina. Hanahan opened a second location in Atlanta that same year off DeKalb Avenue across from Grady Hospital, added building materials to the firm's inventory and changed its name to Carolina Lumber & Supply Company. In 1965, Hanahan's son, Ross, succeeded him as President and ably led the company until he passed away in 2004.

In 1957 fire destroyed the Atlanta business and the company relocated to Plasters Avenue in the Armour/Ottley industrial area. The new facility included a huge warehouse of classic heavy timber construction which sheltered tall stacks of new lumber. In 2000 the vintage warehouse succumbed to fire as well, and MARTA subsequently acquired the site for its new service yards. The company moved a short distance up the street to its present location and constructed a modern metal building with sprinklers to protect its offices and valuable inventory.

The company continues to be entirely family owned and managed. P. G. Hanahan's great-grandson, Merritt Huber is President, his grandson Allen Hanahan is Vice President and his great-great grandson Merritt Huber, Jr. recently joined the firm.