

Factory: **Kearney Planing Mill**

Location: 1822 Central in Kenwood, south of the canning factory

Years of operation: July 1889 – Apr 1891

June 28, 1889 – Planing mill being built, expected to begin building next week

Oct. 3, 1889 – A. J. Gustin purchased from T. A. King. King would probably manage the mill.

Oct 21, 1889 – advertising sash, doors, blinds, storm windows, turning and ornamental work

Nov. 13, 1889 – Buy storm doors and windows – ads all through Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr

Jan 27, 1890 – Started working on orders for buildings which will be going up in the Spring

Feb 17, 1890 – burned

Feb. 19, 1890 – Machinery was all a total loss except the boiler

Feb 26, 1890 – Agents were in town to settle insurance claims for the fire. Gustin was insured for \$7,500

Oct. 19, 1890 – In report of losses by fire – planning mill, \$10,000

Jan 7, 1891 - C. H Bogue & Co. (an Illinois company with a lumber & coal business on the southside) are going to rebuild the old planning mill which has been an eyesore for many long months. They will then either run it or sell it to someone who will

Jan. 14, 1891 – Exterior has been restored to original form and beauty

May 14, 1891 – Machinery being started and tested under the command of C. A. Harding Bogue & Co do not want to operate the plant

Jan 19, 1892 – Planing mill should start operating now. Don't wait for spring.

March 19, 1892 – Kearney planning mill should be expanded

Feb 6, 1894 – Nearly ready to begin operating again. Mr. Tout is having all the machines have been cleaned & oiled; building has been repaired. Builders before the fire had found it convenient to get brackets and odd sized doors and other specialties here instead of sending to Omaha or Lincoln.

January 1897 – Bogue & Co. in court for financial settlement. Martin Lumber Co. of Omaha ended up with all their assets except for the planning mill. That was put up for a Sheriff's sale. James Tout is manager of Bogue & Co. He told a reporter the problem is in the main office in Chicago, not here.

Oct 4, 1897 – the old planning mill has been brought in by a lumber yard from the east and may be moved away from here soon.

Comments: Also manufactured stairs

Factory: **Harding's Planing Mill**

Location: 15th St & F; Ave A & 14th; 15th between Central & A; Apr 4, 1890 – H. .

Harding started building a new planning mill at 15th & F

Apr. 25, 1890 – All the lumber is there, on the ground

May 19, 1890 – Ready to start next week, will make scroll work, make odd size sash, Door, windows.

Aug. 7. 1890 - Burned - someone seen running from the bldg just before fire

Oct. 19, 1890 – In report of losses by fire – planning mill, \$1,500