

A STORIED HISTORY OF THE HIGGINS BUILDING

CURRENT HOME OF MFM BUILDING PRODUCTS

MFM Building Products, founded in 1961, has enjoyed a rich history expanding more than six decades. However, the facility that MFM calls their Corporate Headquarters has a much longer history.

The Higgins Building

The Eldridge and Higgins Company purchased land in 1904 to construct a wholesale grocery warehouse. The location at 525 Orange Street, Coshocton, Ohio, was situated on two rail lines, which was advantageous at that time to readily move commerce.



The Architects of the project were Richards, McCarty & Bulford, based in Columbus, Ohio. That firm was named by the General Service Administration as one of the “preeminent” architectural firms and a number of the firm’s works are listed on the National Register of Historical places. The Higgins Building is a three-story, all brick structure, with an additional basement level.

After seventeen years serving as a grocery warehouse, the building was turned into a manufacturing facility, and also served as a warehouse for a variety of local companies.

MFM purchased the building in 1966 due to its turn-of-the-century construction. The walls are solid brick; 24 inches thick at the basement level. MFM made several renovations to the facility to meet the needs of the growing company. All the renovations were done to preserve the integrity of the original structure. The first floor of the building contains MFM corporate offices and the balance has been used as warehouse space. In 2021, as part of the MFM Expansion Project, the second floor was converted to include additional offices, a state-of-the-art Research & Development laboratory, employee training area, and records room.

National Register of Historical Places

The Eldridge & Higgins Building, called the Higgins Building by MFM, was listed on the National Register of Historical Places on August 6, 1998. A bronze plaque near the front entrance of the building is in recognition of the craftsmen who constructed the original building in 1904.



Quite an interesting history for the place we call home.