

Brown Brothers Lumber Company

Founded: 1896

Location: Main & Medcalf, Dale

A. F. Brown began operating a carpentry shop in 1896. A sawmill and planing mill were added shortly, continuing in operation for more than sixty-five years. In 1929 Albert J. Brown, son of the founder, incorporated the company, handing the venture to his sons, Robert and Roy, in 1946.

Roy Brown retired in 1965, leaving Robert the sole proprietor. Robert discontinued the planing mill and sawmill operations. He handed control of the company to his sons, William and John, in 1979. By 1990 John had become the sole owner of Brown Brothers Lumber Company. In 1998 Brown Brothers was affiliated with Ace Hardware.