

Meyer Custom Woodworking, Incorporated

Founded: 1874

Location: 2657 East State Road 56, Dubois (1930s–)

George Meyer, a Civil War veteran and cabinetmaker, started George Meyer & Company in September 1874. The company produced sorghum, ran a sawmill, made caskets, and did custom woodworking. Meyer began the company with a threshing machine and shingle-cutting machine that operated on horsepower. He later replaced the horses with a Huber Steam Engine. Before the turn of the century he was able to replace the steam engine with a large stationary boiler. With the addition of the boiler, Meyer finally had the means to operate a lumber manufacturing plant, a dream since his youth. Side production also proved successful. His molasses operation produced as many as one thousand gallons per year.

After the turn of the century, Meyer's three sons, August, John, and Wesley, formed a partnership to run their father's company. During the early 1920s the partnership was dissolved, leaving August the sole owner. Until the 1930s the company continued to engage in business in the same way George had directed. In 1933 Roy took over from his father, August, and renamed the organization Meyer Custom Woodworking, Incorporated. He discontinued the sawmill and relocated the main building to State Road 56, but tried to diversify the business by operating a branch of the Schmutzler Funeral Home. He used a horse-drawn hearse until a motorized one came available. Roy's son, Melvin, disassociated the company from undertaking and directed the business's focus almost solely on custom woodworking.

By 1970 one local author stated "almost every home in the area has cabinets, floors, or woodwork prepared or built by the Meyer Planing Mill." The company was renamed Meyer

Custom Woodworking, Incorporated, in 1993 to reflect its true nature. In 1998 Melvin Meyer remained president of his great-great-grandfather's company.