

Ware Brandon Monuments

Founded: 1880

Location:

Founded [????], Warren (1880); 112 North Wayne Street (1980s)
Huntington: (for a period between 1941 and 1954 and between 1984 and 1988,
Ware Brandon Monuments had an office in Huntington) 617 Cherry Street (late 1940s);
207 West State Street (1962)

In 1880 Monte Ware and his Uncle Jatt [?] established the Ware Monument Company in Warren. They designed, engraved, and set monuments. The company was later run by Morgan E. Ware. [Morgan ? or Monte ?] Ware's grandson George Brandon later joined the firm. In the 1940s George Smethurst became a partner and continued as such at least through 1956 before selling his interest to Brandon. Sometime in the late 1940s and early 1950s Ware Monument Company seems to have moved to 617 Cherry Street in Huntington. By 1962 the company had become the Ware-Brandon Monument Company and moved to 207 West State Street in Huntington. By the 1980s the company had locations in Huntington and at 112 North Wayne Street in Warren. After George Brandon's death, his widow, Mary, sold the company to Peter and Joyce Sorg. By 1988 the Ware-Brandon Monument Company, owned by the Sorgs, operated only in Warren.