

# ASHRAE

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - 1995

### PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

#### JOSEPH A. LANGDON, CHARTER MEMBER, ASHVE, 1894

For many years the name of Langdon has been familiar to those in the building trades in the Pittsburgh area. Father and sons have commonly been actively engaged in the business of heating, piping and contracting.

Joseph A. Langdon was born in Monongahela, PA, August 16, 1853. He was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh where his family moved while he was still an infant. Early in life it became necessary for him to become self-supporting and he learned the heating business. He became highly skilled in the heating business and took on the responsibilities of a heating engineer. At the time of the founding of ASHVE, 1894, we are not sure of the title of the Langdon business. It was not incorporated until 1914 as Joseph A. Langdon and Sons. Two years later in 1916 Mr. Langdon retired after being active in the heating business for 46 years. He died on June 22, 1918 leaving the management and operation of his business to his family. At that time the business was valued for tax purposes at \$80,000 and employed 75 people. Mr. Langdon was a man of high ideals and public spirit and was for many years a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Joseph A. Langdon was married to Rebecca A. Orr of Pittsburgh. Their four children are, Joseph Daniel; Pearl, now Mrs. Williamson of Pittsburgh; T. Wallace and Margaret. Both sons, Joseph and T. Wallace both attended Carnegie Institute of Technology and entered the business with their father. At the death of Mr. Joseph A. Langdon, Mrs. Rebecca A. Langdon became president; T. Wallace Langdon, vice-president; Joseph D. Langdon, secretary-treasurer; and Margaret, office assistant in the firm which continued as Joseph A. Langdon and Sons Company.

In 1959 the Company was purchased by Mr. Harold Kashub and renamed Langdon and Kashub. The firm operated under this name until 1971 when the company was purchased by Mr. Daniel Whalen and is in business today as the Q-Dot Division of Langdon and Kashub.

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