

Brand History:**TOM WHEATLEY® and WHEATLEY®****Check Valves**

Frank, Tom and Charles Wheatley were enterprising young men when their aspiration to open a business together became reality in 1916 with the opening of Wheatley Brothers Foundry. After two years, their company had expanded to the point that they were forced to change the name to Wheatley Brothers Foundry & Machine Co. and moved the location to Tulsa, Okla. The name can still be seen on the front of the original building located on the west side of downtown Tulsa.

Before entering into his valve-designing career, Charles played baseball for the Detroit Tigers in the early 1900s. His name is recorded in the official baseball record books for throwing more wild pitches (five) in a single game than any other pitcher since 1893. From their humble beginnings, the brothers eventually came to compete with each other as they branched out and started their own businesses – Frank Wheatley Co. (from the original company founded in 1916), Tom Wheatley Co. (founded in 1936 in Houston, Texas), and Charles Wheatley Co. (founded in 1953 in Tulsa) – which each produced check valves of various configurations. The story goes that Frank and Tom decided the fate of the company with a card game, and when Tom ended up winning, he moved a portion of the company to Houston.

By the late 1960s, all three companies had achieved a high level of success and were well-respected in the industry. With the three brothers entering their golden years, they were approached by other companies and individuals wanting to purchase their businesses. One by one, they each eventually sold their companies. In 1974, under the ownership of Tesoro, Frank Wheatley Co. and Charles Wheatley Co. were merged together to become The Wheatley Co. After numerous ownership changes over the next 18 years, Tom Wheatley Co. was purchased and merged with Wheatley – TXT Corp. This merger brought the legacy of all three brothers back together again.

With the three companies united, Wheatley – TXT Corp. began its journey. With the ascendancy of the company, it continued to be purchased by other companies until December 2005 when Cameron purchased the Dresser Flow Solutions group, which finally brought Wheatley Pump & Valve into Cameron's family of brands.

With proven design since 1936, and subsea expertise today, Cameron's TOM WHEATLEY® and WHEATLEY® check valves continue to serve largely North American clients in upstream and downstream markets, but the overall legacy of innovative solutions to customer requests carries on.