

Humble beginnings. Launched in the basement of a founder's home, Mussett Nicholas + Associates reflects back on the first 50 years.

With the support of loyal clients, MNA has enjoyed continued growth, in size and in capabilities, since those early days in 1959.



1959. Founders Arthur Mussett, Virgil Nicholas and John Stevenson begin serving clients from the basement of Stevenson's home. It wasn't long before more work requiring more people forced a move to new offices on East 38th Street.



1963. Work begins for the Otis Elevators plant in Bloomington.



1961. MNS begins two projects for Clowes Hall.



1961. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Motel and Holiday Inn East join the roster of MNS clients.

1963. MNS completes the first of hundreds of projects for Eli Lilly and Company



1967. Our work for Otis Elevators earns national recognition. In top photo, Art Mussett can be seen smiling proudly (fourth from left).

1969. Following John Stevenson's departure, company is officially renamed Mussett Nicholas & Associates, Inc.



1969. The neighborhoods on 82nd Street look different from today as MNA works on the engineering for Mary Evelyn Castle Elementary School.



1969. Future partner Mark Pitts joins MNS as a co-op student from Purdue.



1971. Future partner Bill Snodgrass joins MNA.



Construction management has been a cornerstone of MNA services.



1970s. Future partner and son of founder Virgil Nicholas, young Tony Nicholas begins working for MNA part-time.



1977. As engineers, MNA often works behind the scenes, as we did for this Methodist Hospital project.



1979. MNA completes an assignment for Volkswagen.



1980. Future partner Steve Scheller joins MNA.



1973. A highlight of the year is a project completed for The Indianapolis Children's Museum.



1978. Harrison Steel seeks our services for their air handling systems.



1981. When engineering a facility to build large vehicles like Carpenter school buses, solutions take on grand proportions.



1981. MNA begins projects for Plainfield Schools.



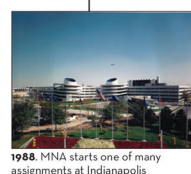
1983. The re-wiring of Fort Harrison's 2 million-square-foot facility include more than 16 miles of cable.



1983. MNA completes projects in Saudi Arabia.



1986. MNA starts Phase I of the Asin Manufacturing plant in Seymour.



1988. MNA starts one of many assignments at Indianapolis International Airport.



1986. Another high-profile project, the restoration of the historic Madame Walker Theatre.

1987. Mark Pitts, Bruce Conner, Tony Nicholas take over the helm as MNA nears its 30th anniversary. Total staff count approaches 30 people.



Late 1980s. MNA enters the digital age, where computers soon eliminate the tedium of producing hand-drawn plans.



1990. International experience expands with a project for Panda Motors in China.



1990. MNA completes a mechanical and electrical remodel of Methodist Hospital's 200-bed facility.



MNA enjoys working with colleges and universities throughout the Midwest.



1997. Future partner Tim Schwalm becomes one of three staff architects at MNA.



1999. MNA helps Guide Corporation with their Technology Center.



2002. MNA performs full architecture, engineering and master plan services for the Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center.



2005. Solving difficult problems can often require extraordinary effort - like installing this 21,000-pound chiller on the roof of One Indiana Square.



2004. MNA introduces a new logo to more accurately reflect the modern, forward-thinking firm it has become.



2005. MNA designs and documents a system enabling Nippon Oil to blend 10 million gallons of product annually.



2007. Cook Pharmacia earns ASPE's "Facility of the Year Award" with MNA acting in the design role.



2006. Company moves into the new MNA-designed and engineered facility at 502 South West Street.

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1959. Page one of our original, handwritten log book shows the diversity of early clients - offices, churches and Indiana University.



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1973. The Hamilton Southeastern High School site is markedly rural as we complete their engineering.



1975. Future partner Bruce Conner joins MNA.



1977. MNA marketing materials sport a new logo and color scheme.



1981. Pencil and paper drawings are replaced with more efficient ink on mylar.



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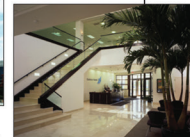
1988. Future partner Greg Stephens starts working part time for MNA while pursuing his Engineering degree.



1989. North Madison Elementary, one of hundreds of projects completed for primary, secondary schools.



1991. MNA designs a fire protection system for the City County Building, an Indianapolis landmark.



1996. The entrance of Endress and Hauser's North American Headquarters impresses visitors.



1997. National Starch retains us for a state-of-the-art laboratory.



2000. MNA works on the Ruth Lilly Auxiliary Library at Indiana University which houses rare and priceless collections.



2006. MNA air conditions this 1.6 million square foot facility where large earth-moving machinery is manufactured.



2009. Partners Greg Stephens, Tony Nicholas, Bruce Conner, Steve Scheller and Tim Schwalm, along with all the staff at Mussett Nicholas + Associates, celebrate a half-century of providing clients with engineering and architectural services.



HALF A CENTURY
of MAKING A DIFFERENCE



A LOOK BACK
AT OUR FIRST 50 YEARS