



John Watson, a logger and glove maker in Oregon moved to Vancouver, Canada in 1918. Once in Vancouver he saw an opportunity to sell higher quality gloves and partnered up with his childhood friend Wayne B. Stanley to start a new business together, called Watson Gloves. Together they sold gloves to saw mills, miners, logging camps and farms. Watson was also busy fulfilling gloves for industries supporting the World War efforts.

1918



W.T. "Dinty" Moore joined Watson Gloves in 1922. He started as an office Messenger Boy. Over the next seven years he worked his way up to Sales Manager and Secretary Treasurer. In 1929 he owned 10% of Watson Gloves. (John Watson had set aside shares that employees could purchase).

1922



The original Watson Gloves building, 127E 2nd Ave. in Vancouver, Canada. It was a bootleg business in the early 1900's.

1925



Early Company Photo.

1926

After taking Sales, Business and Advertising classes at a local YMCA, Dinty started writing ad copy for advertisements in 1926 local publications.



1946

Dinty became President "Fit for a king, fit for your dukes" - Dinty Moore's famous saying



John Watson (founder) passed away leaving Wayne B. Stanley, W.T. "Dinty" Moore and Fred Arundel as Directors of Watson Gloves.

1957

Barrie Moore, Dinty's son, started working at Watson Gloves in 1957 as a Delivery Driver to dock workers. He delivered to Granville Island and sawmills in False Creek.



1965



First version of Watson Gloves current logo launched June 7th, 1965.

1968

Watson Gloves 50th Anniversary released a 50th Anv. special all purpose glove called Golden Grip.

1970

Barrie became President in the 1970's, expanded the business and got exclusive distribution rights for Western Canada for Boss, Ansell, North Star and Bemac. He also started distributing gloves to Eastern Canada.

Barrie started giving all gloves names and brand identity. 1007 Duster being one of the first.



1974

Barrie's children, Marty Michele and Brenda, started in the family business as kids working in the evenings tagging gloves in the family living room.



Calgary branch opened.

1975



Added "quality since 1918" to the Watson logo.



Brenda Moore joined Watsons and looked after headwear and exports of our Canadian made goods to Europe and Japan.

1980

Edmonton branch opened.

1982

Edmonton branch closed. (due to recession)

1986

Barrie's son, Martin followed in the family footsteps and began working for Watson Gloves as a Delivery Driver. In 1997 Martin was appointed President.



Barrie's daughter Michele, joined the team in 1994 working as a North Shore Sales Rep.



1994



Hand Job appeared on the Jay Leno Show.

1995



Relocated the head office from 127 East 2nd Av. Vancouver, BC to 7955 North Fraser Way in Burnaby. Marty changed the business model from direct selling to Retail and Distributors. He expanded the sales-force Nationwide.

2005

Fort McMurray branch opened.

2007



Ontario branch opened.

2012

Fort McMurray branch closed.

2018



Company photo at our head office in Burnaby, BC



Now 100 years later, Watson Gloves has become Canada's largest retail distributor of quality work gloves for at work, at home and at play. Thank you to all of our loyal customers and employees for making Watson Gloves the Canadian icon it has become.