

Stein Construction Company

SERVICE BEYOND THE CONTRACT

In the Spring of 1869, Jean (John) Stein arrived in the United States with a certificate of birth from Speicheren, France, a letter of recommendation from that town's Mayor as a "tailor of stones," and eight pictures of the family he left behind in the Alsace region of Europe, soon to be torn by the Franco-Prussian

War. The family's oral history says that Jean was "a German who spoke French," and "the meanest man that ever lived." It was also said that the Stein's had been building structures from stone "since they handed out last names." Stein, indeed, means "stone" in German.

A PROUD PAST

Jean settled in a Germanic community in southern Indiana where his skills as a quarryman and builder were put to good use in the abundant limestone deposits found there. Within a couple of years after arriving in the United States, Jean the Immigrant welcomed a son: John Adam Stein, named for his European grandfather. John A. would start the John A. Stein Construction Company in 1912, having come to Chattanooga to manage a quarry and construction company owned by a company from Indiana.

In its more than nine decades of service to the region, Stein Construction Company has put its distinctive signature of quality on a wide range of projects that touch the lives of almost every resident and visitor to Chattanooga. From general building construction and infrastructure projects to demolition and environmental improvement products and services, Stein Construction Company has built a reputation of quality and integrity that has been the cornerstone of the firm's success.

Stein's successful construction projects are an important part of the city's history. The firm was selected to build the foundation and marble base of the old Patten Hotel. In the 1930's, the firm was selected to build the 8th Street Bridge across Chattanooga Creek and the Cummings Highway Bridge across the face of Lookout Mountain. Stein also cut and placed the limestone curbs on Market Street. Ironically, those same curbs were reset 65 years later by the great-grandson of the man who laid the originals.

A DYNAMIC PRESENT

Stein continues to play a major role in the shaping of Chattanooga's foundation today. The company is led by a management team of seasoned professionals with a broad range of expertise and years of experience. Each is imbued with a firm commitment to safety, quality, and a desire to exceed the expectations of each and every client who looks to

Stein for solutions to even the most challenging construction projects.

Landmark projects include the complete reconstruction of 4th Street in the downtown district; complete construction of environmental-themed Renaissance Park; rebuilding Riverfront Parkway as part of Chattanooga's 21st Century Waterfront project;



complete construction of Black Creek Golf Club, Tennessee's only course ranked in the "Top 100 Residential Golf Courses in America;" complete excavation, paving, and drainage for the new Alstom Power plant; clearing, erosion control and concrete paving for the new Volkswagen plant; all earthmoving and construction of the world-ranked Honors Golf Course; excavation for the Tennessee Aquarium; and a host of other construction projects too numerous to mention.

Stein has such a long history that on many projects they find themselves rebuilding or renovating work installed by the company during Chattanooga's industrial years in the 30's, 40's, and 50's for the new industries moving into Chattanooga today. The company installed many of the concrete foundations for Combustion Engineering

it removed later for Alstom; Stein worked extensively at the Volunteer Ordinance Works during the 50's, and found itself on the site again as Volkswagen came to Chattanooga.

"We like to say that we have helped build Chattanooga from the ground down," quips Douglass Stein, the company's Chairman of the Board. "We do everything from ground level down, as well as some building, full demolition, environmental remediation, stormwater and water quality services, and green



roofs almost entirely with our own staff of about 100 employees. I call our staff of trained professionals 'the Varsity' in our industry. We are the oldest contractor in Chattanooga with almost a century of experience. We specialize in work requiring a high level of expertise and professionalism."

Stein's contributions to the region have been recognized with one of the most coveted honors in the construction industry. The company was



awarded the SIR (Skill, Integrity, Responsibility) designation from the Associated General Contractor of East Tennessee.

Stein recognizes the fact that part of that responsibility today involves incorporating environmental quality and sustainability into each project the company accepts. Through its Earthscapes division, an independently owned environmental and water quality contractor under the Stein corporate umbrella, much care is given to construction site water quality, living walls, pervious pavements, green roofs, Filtrexx erosion control, and other recycled and water quality services using state-of-the-art techniques.

AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

Stein Construction Company has made an indelible and unmistakable mark on Chattanooga's skyline, but the firm and its employees have contributed more than just construction work. Each generation of the family has accepted its responsibility to good corporate citizenship, and the company is proud of its long tradition of service to the Chattanooga region. J. Gilbert Stein's service as President of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, the City Farmer's Club and the Industrial Committee of 100

helped build Chattanooga during its ascendance as a national industrial center. Gilbert T. Stein was President of the Civitan Club, founding member of the Scenic Cities Beautiful Commission, and a member of the Hamilton County School Board. J. Douglass Stein worked tirelessly for the Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, and F. Douglass Stein today continues that tradition through service to organizations such as the United Way, Allied Arts, the American Cancer Society, Baylor School, and the Urban League.

Far left - the patriarch, Jean Stein and family.
Bottom left - McCallie Bridge under construction.
Left, third column - Black Creek Golf Club.
Column Four - Douglass Stein.
Below - Stein Construction projects under supervision.

