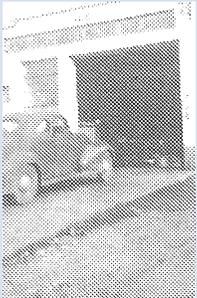


*A Brief History of*  
**Knickerbocker Machine Shop Inc.**  
*and*  
**Alloy Stainless Products Company**

Knickerbocker Machine Shop Inc., founded in 1943 by Michael A. and J. Joseph Simonelli, began as a job shop with one \$100.00 metal lathe, purchased with the help of their father, Flaviano, and the assistance of their uncle, Gaetano, in the family garage at 184 Knickerbocker Avenue in Paterson.



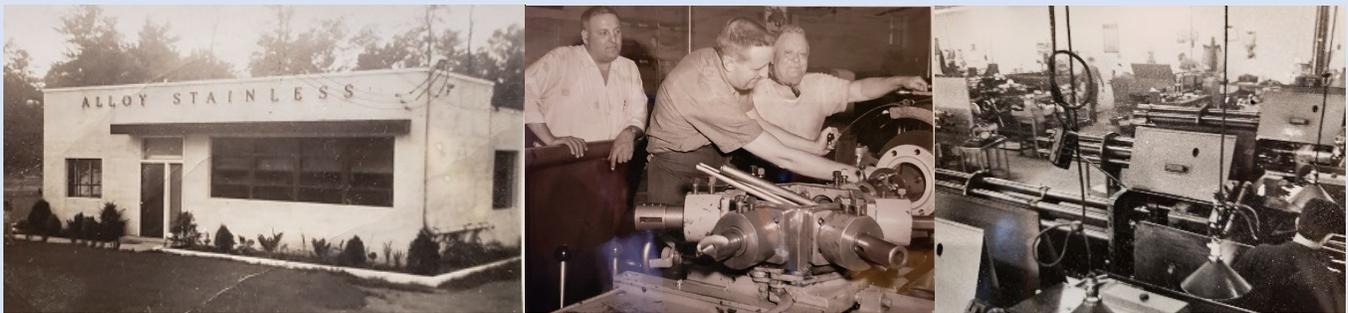
In hopes of building their business, they soon moved to an empty commercial garage on Oliver Street.

The young company sought a product with which to associate itself. By 1944, they were joined by their friend, J. Albert DiMauro, in the formation of Alloy Stainless Products Company, which marketed stainless steel pipe fittings manufactured by Knickerbocker Machine Shop.



The fledgling company also experimented with the manufacture of folder/glueers for the Marcal Paper Company in Paterson and a subsidiary that built spoolers for plastic film. However, it was the pipe fitting business that prospered, and the manufacture of ASP Stainless Steel Pipe Fittings and Flanges became the company's core business.

In 1949, a new era began when the company built a 40' x 100' machine shop on a one acre lot of land at 611 Union Boulevard in Totowa, NJ.



From its humble beginnings, Knickerbocker Machine Shop Inc. has grown to include an extensive number of production machines in a large manufacturing space.

A substantial second location for an inspection, marking, warehousing and shipping facility was added at 87 Fairfield Road, Fairfield, NJ.



Alloy Stainless Products has become known as a major producer of Stainless Steel and Specialty Alloy fittings, flanges, and specialty piping components for the pharmaceutical industries, chemical process industries, paper and pulp industries, shipbuilding, fossil and nuclear power generation, and original equipment manufacturing. ASP participates in the development of and has become known as an authoritative source of information on various Codes and Standards that govern the technical specifications for and safety of the products used in these industries.



Led by the second- and third-generation descendants of Michael A. Simonelli, and an outstanding team of employees, Knickerbocker Machine Shop Inc. / Alloy Stainless Products Company strives daily to meet the challenges of global competition, and ensure that it supplies its customers with quality and service par excellence.