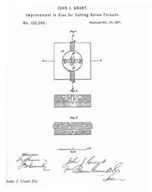
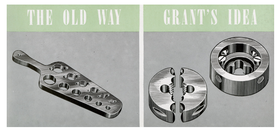
Evolution of the Greenfield Tap & Die Industry



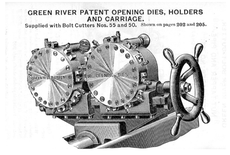
John Grant's Die Patent
1871



John Grant

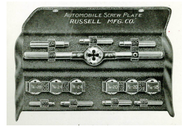
C. P. Russell
S. Wiley

Wiley & Russell Co.
1872



Wiley & Russell Mfg. Co.
1874

C. P. Russell → Russell Mfg. Co.
1913
1937



1912 → Greenfield Tap & Die Corporation
1912

A. J. Smart → A. J. Smart Mfg. Co. 1906 → 1912

United Greenfield
1958

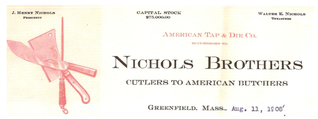
TRW
1967

Harbour Group
1986

Greenfield Industries
1993

Kennametal, Inc.
1998

W. Nichols
J. H. Nichols
(Nichols Brothers Cutlery)



American Tap & Die Co.
1902

Wells Corporation (F.O. Wells)
1919

Threadwell Tool Co.
1926

J. H. Nichols
G. Gideon

Mohawk Tap & Die Co.

Mechanics Tool & Wrench Co.
1930

Threadwell Tap & Die Co.
1934

Sheffield Corp.
1946

Bendix Cutting Tool Div.
1956

Besly Products Corp.
1984
Relocated to Beloit, WI

1874

1876

F. E. Wells
F. O. Wells

E. F. Reece
V. J. Reece

Reece Brothers
1874
E. F. Reece Co.

Conant & Donelson Co.
1904 (Greenfield)
1909 (Conway)

F. W. Conant
1904

Mayhew
Steel Products, Inc.

Wells Brothers
1876
Wells Brothers & Co.
1879
Wells Brothers Co.

F. E. Wells

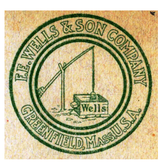
1912

1917

1910

F. W. Wells (son)

F. E. Wells & Son Co.
1900



F. W. Wells & Son

Wells Tap & Die Co.
1923

Wells Corporation

Wells Tool Co.
1928