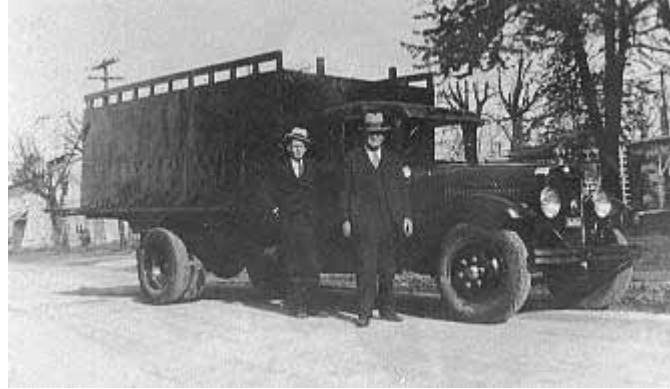


Photo of the Month

Rogers Transfer & Storage Company



Caption: W.B. Kennan Junior (left) and Senior, circa 1930.
Courtesy of W.B. Kennan, Jr. (Neg. #N002232)

Rogers Transfer & Storage Company was founded in 1902 by William B. Kennan, Sr., at the corner of First and Maple Streets in Rogers. Kennan hauled all types of cargo in wooden wagons pulled by draft horses. In the 1920s the company purchased its first truck and ran a freight line to both Springfield and Joplin. At that time it also began the profitable hauling of fruit from area orchards to the local vinegar plants. During the Depression the company transported dry goods as well as coal, oil, and pipe.

RTS moved to its current facility on North Arkansas Street, formerly a feed store, in 1948, where the loading dock still retains the wooden floors and beams from the railroad trestles at Monte Ne. With a warehouse expanded to 30,000 square feet, the company helped move the first executives from Daisy Manufacturing's Michigan plant to its new plant in Rogers in the 1950s. In 1978 grandson David Kennan took over the reins of the company from his father William B. Kennan, Jr. At more than 100 years old, Rogers Transfer & Storage now offers both commercial and individual storage options and is the oldest North American Van Lines agent in the state.