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Battery Source has evolved over the years from Ray Glass Batteries, Inc. Ray started in the battery business in 1958 and we just celebrated our 50 years in business! Ray started with a single wholesale route truck based here in Thomasville, Georgia. Ray’s 3 sons (Bobby, Robby, & Kevin Glass) all got invited full time in the battery business in the late seventies. More Wholesale Routes were added over the years to cover South Georgia and North Florida and Alabama. These routes sold mostly to independent auto parts stores garages, and service stations. With the slow decline of independent garages and parts stores, which was our customer base and the initial increase in national chain type stores, we still run successful wholesale routes in some areas, but it was not a growth business, so the Glass family looked for other niches. After all, no company survives without change. The Glass family saw that the small specialty type batteries like camcorder and cell phone batteries was not being met. The electronic and cell phone stores were selling the camcorders and cell phones, but keeping a very limited stock of batteries for the type they are currently selling and very few if any of last years models. So in 1989 a new retail division was added and the name “Battery Source” was registered as a trade name owned by Ray Glass Batteries, Inc. Then specialty batteries were added to the automotive, marine, and commercial batteries. The first 10 years in this new division were spent tweeking the new retail type Battery Source concept, adding Golf Cars along the way and more growth has come the last 10 years and plans to increase that growth are in motion. Battery Source has evolved as your “Discount Battery Super Store!” Camcorder batteries are stocked for any model ever made and a lare stock of cellular phone batteries such as Motorola, Nokia, and LG from new phones to the older phones. We offer a free 12 minutes free installation on most models of automotive batteries.

We now have 15 locations. We are now averaging 1 to 3 new stores a year and hope to increase the pace as our infrastructure increases. Along with the home office of Thomasville, other Georgia locations are Albany, Moultrie, Valdosta, and Columbus. Our Florida locations are 2 in Tallahassee, Ocala, Gainesville, and Pensacola stores. Our Alabama locations include Dothan, 2 locations in Montgomery, Mobile and Auburn, With our buying power, we are able to buy our Power Source Automotive, Marine and commercial batteries in tractor trailer load quantities and our motorcycle and AGM batteries in containers delivered to our home offices and we deliver to each of our retail stores in our company owned truck. With this volume buying, we are able to be price competitive with anyone in town! When you stop and think about it, you have alot of batteries around the house, and Battery Source has them all at great prices!

After all these years, Battery Source is till owned by the Glass family, with Ray Glass serving as President and his wife, Vivien Glass, as Secretary and sons, Bobby, Robby, and Kevin Glass serve as Vice Presidents. Thomasville Mini-Warehouse is another business the Glass family owns. We offer all sizes of mini-storage both regular and climate control with 4 locations in Thomasville. Alma Williams is the storage manager and rents storage from the Battery Source location. Tim Fresbie is the local Battery Source Store Manager. Tim invites everyone to stop by and see his stock of Batteries and Golf Cars! We are located at 1506 East Jackson Street. BATTERY SOURCE

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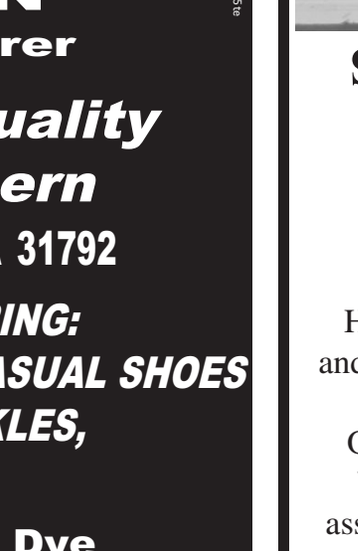

The Beginning
Genesis T. (GT) Tillman Shoe Repair Shop

He learned the trade from his father, Amos Tillman, which was a Shoe Cobbler, during the slavery era. In the late 1800s, G.T. Tillman worked in a Shoe Repair Shop on Rat Row in Boston, Georgia owned by Willie Zanders. He later moved to Thomasville, Georgia. In 1920, he established his own Shoe Repair Shop on Jackson Street, known as The Bottom. He had five sons that he taught the trade to: Elijah Tillman, Joseph Tillman, Julius (JT) Tillman, Sr., Dennis Tillman, and Amos Tillman. K. Evans helped him financially to get his Shoe Repair Shop established. J.T. Tillman, Sr. told his father - "I'm Going To Sweep Your Shop Out To Give You Good Luck, Daddy."

Most of his sons moved away to get other jobs. J.T. Tillman, Sr. and Dennis Tillman helped him in the Shop even though they had other jobs. G.T. Tillman's health began failing and the Shop was moved to his house on 405 West Clay Street, Thomasville, Georgia in 1949. The back porch of the house was enclosed, and that's where the machinery was placed. G.T. Tillman passed away in 1951. J.T. Tillman moved into the house at 405 West Clay Street and continued the business there. In 1968, they moved the machinery from 405 West Clay Street to 537 West Calhoun Street. He carried on the business there until passing in 1999. His son, Julius (J.T.) Tillman, Jr. even though his training came from his "Dad" since 12 years of age, he is carrying on the Shoe Cobbling business in the garage "Today" at 537 West Calhoun Street, Thomasville, Georgia.

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30 years at its current location and 32 years in Thomasville, *Mom and Dad's Italian Restaurant* continues to thrive from its long time customer base. We serve the citizens of Thomasville & surrounding areas Tuesday through Saturday. We are feeling the crunch of the economic crisis just as most area restaurants and businesses and we wanted to help by becoming involved with the Thomasville City Thanks Card for the last 2 years. We hoped this would help some that might not be able to enjoy an evening out to be able to continue to come out occasionally. We came to Thomasville by way of Tallahassee. Our family came to the United States from Ancona, Italy in 1972 and we worked with our Family in Tallahassee at the Mom and Dad's Restaurant there until coming here in 1977. It has been a successful business because the people of Thomasville so graciously accepted us as one of them and because we had a hard working, lifelong staff that made it what we are today. Osvaldo and Tita Pistelli and their sons, Massimo and Danilo, dedicated their days to making it the best it could be and in the beginning that meant long hours. They were open lunch and dinner and that meant getting to the restaurant at 5am in the morning to get things started. They have had many wonderful employees and it has also been very much a family oriented place from our kitchen workers to our servers to our customers. Two of our current employees have been with us for 30 years, Barbara Byrd and Jan Fletcher. Not only have they been here for the duration, many of their family members have also worked here and continue to work at Mom and Dad's on a regular basis. Most of Barbara's family have worked in the kitchen alongside her and Tita and continue to do things like Tita would have wanted them done. Jan remembers that this was a close nit relationship and that she felt she was part of the family and wanted to do her very best for Osvaldo and Tita and continues to do her very best for the restaurant, as does Barbara. Mom and Dad's continues its family style of serving with Danilo and Anna Pistelli running things as smoothly as they can and now their children, Anthony and Daniella help and can be seen continuing on in the family tradition. We are lucky to have employees that have been here for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 years and their families are also passing down this tradition to their kids. We have a mother, daughter, and son working here currently that have worked here, 18, 13 and 11 years consecutively. We all pitch in and help each other during these hard times and we will continue to do so for our customers for years to come.

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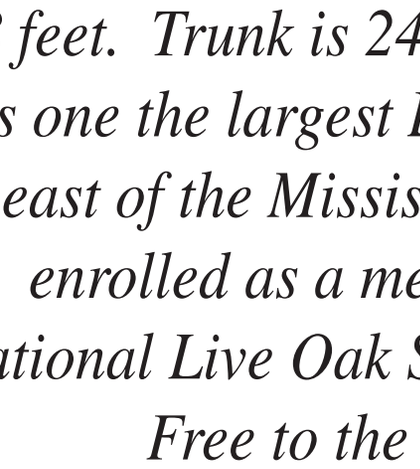

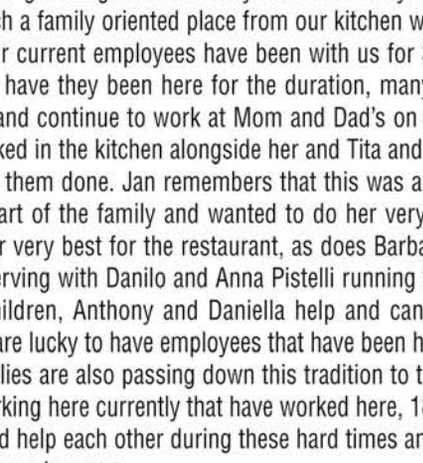

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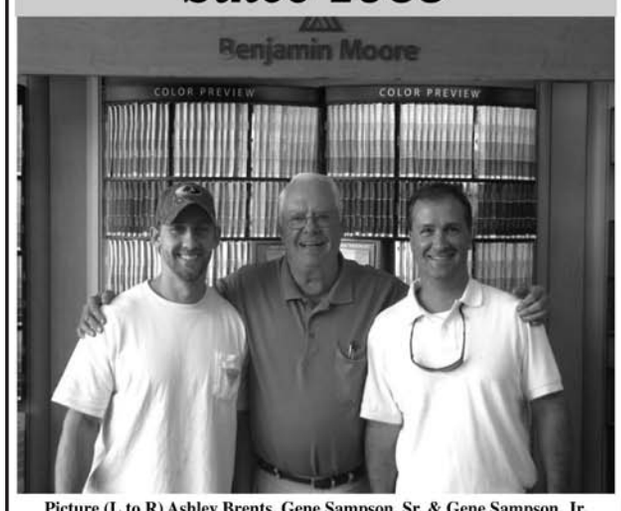

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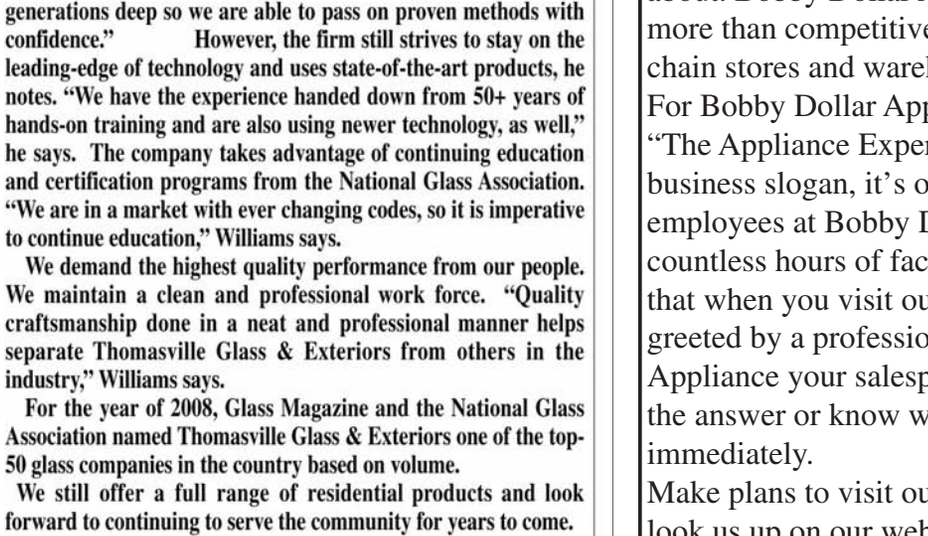

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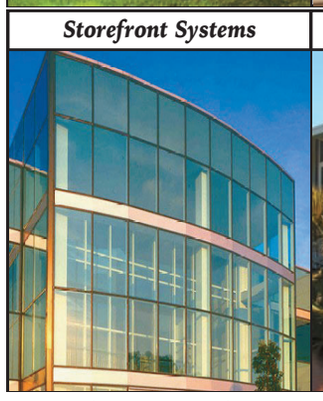		

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