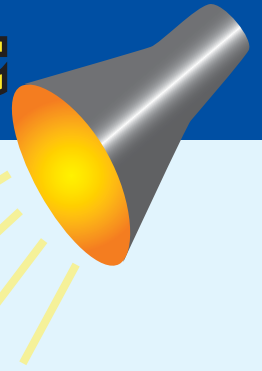


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Clearstream Wastewater Systems, Inc.

The McKinney family business started during the “Great Depression” in 1932. 1932 was the year Albert McKinney Sr. lost his job at the Kirby Lumber Company because he was late to work and there were over 200 men waiting to take his job.

The reason he was late to work, was he had cut off the “big” toe with a post hole punch while digging an 60’ deep hand dug water well the night before. Mr. McKinney had a large family, and it was impossible to feed and clothe them with the “depression era” pay he received from his carpenter job with the lumber mill, so after his mill job each day he would dig pit privies and water wells by hand for extra money.

After losing his job at the mill, he started full time digging wells and building privies. He poured concrete slabs for the privy floors and concrete pipe to line the walls of the water



Albert McKinney Sr and wife.

wells. Soon the whole family was involved in the business.

When septic tanks and drain field became a part of the on-site world in East Texas, the family, business made the concrete septic tanks and installed the tanks and drain field. Mr. McKinney’s son, Martin McKinney, was one of the first Plumbers to receive a State Plumbers License in Texas. Martin took the business into General Contracting and Mechanical Contracting and grew the business now called A. McKinney & Son into a prime contractor for a number of industrial plants including his father’s former employer Kirby Lumber Company. Not forgetting the company’s roots, no matter how busy the business became, Martin never gave up the on-site business started by his father and always had a crew to install septic systems.

In 1973, Martin McKinney was approached by the local State Health Department representative and the President of the local Bank



Martin McKinney and son Jerry McKinney 2000

to ask for help. They told Martin that many of the septic systems in the area were failing over time, and they wanted Martin’s advice to solve the problem. Martin informed them that many systems were being installed in dense clay soils, and others were in areas with seasonal high water tables. Martin experimented with a sand filter he designed and an aerobic wastewater treatment system which he installed at a remote rest room inside a paper mill owned by Time Inc. From 1973 to 1986, A. McKinney & Son manufactured and installed fiberglass aerobic wastewater systems in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

In 1983, A. McKinney & Son developed and tested a new design of aerobic wastewater



Albert McKinney, Sr. and son Martin McKinney 1949

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treatment system that was easy to install and maintain but produced a very high quality of effluent. In January of 1986 the company was renamed Clearstream Wastewater Systems, Inc. Clearstream manufactured both fiberglass and concrete wastewater treatment systems both from 500 gpd up to 50,000 gpd.

The grandson of the founder, Jerry McKinney, as President of Clearstream Wastewater Systems, Inc. until 2000, pioneered aerobic wastewater systems utilizing spray irrigation in 1976, drip irrigation in 1990, gravel less drain-pipe in mounds in 1975 and remote electronic monitoring of on-site treatment systems in 1997. Over the years, U.S and Foreign Patents and Patents Pending have been developed by Jerry McKinney. Today, Albert McKinney's

great grandson, Brady Grubbs, runs the company that has distributors and dealers in 33 States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

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