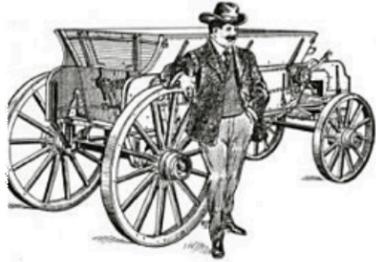
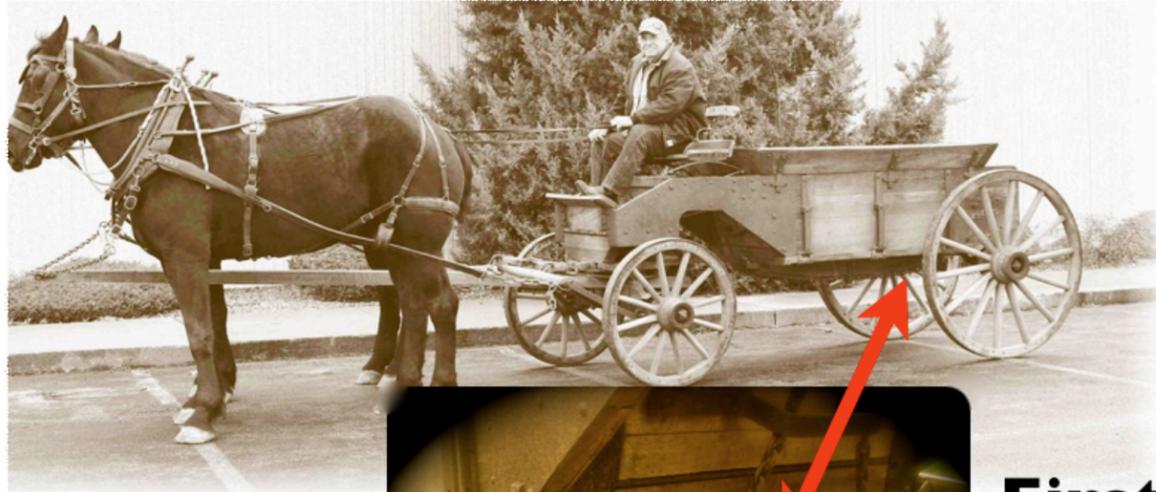


Watson's Dump Wagon

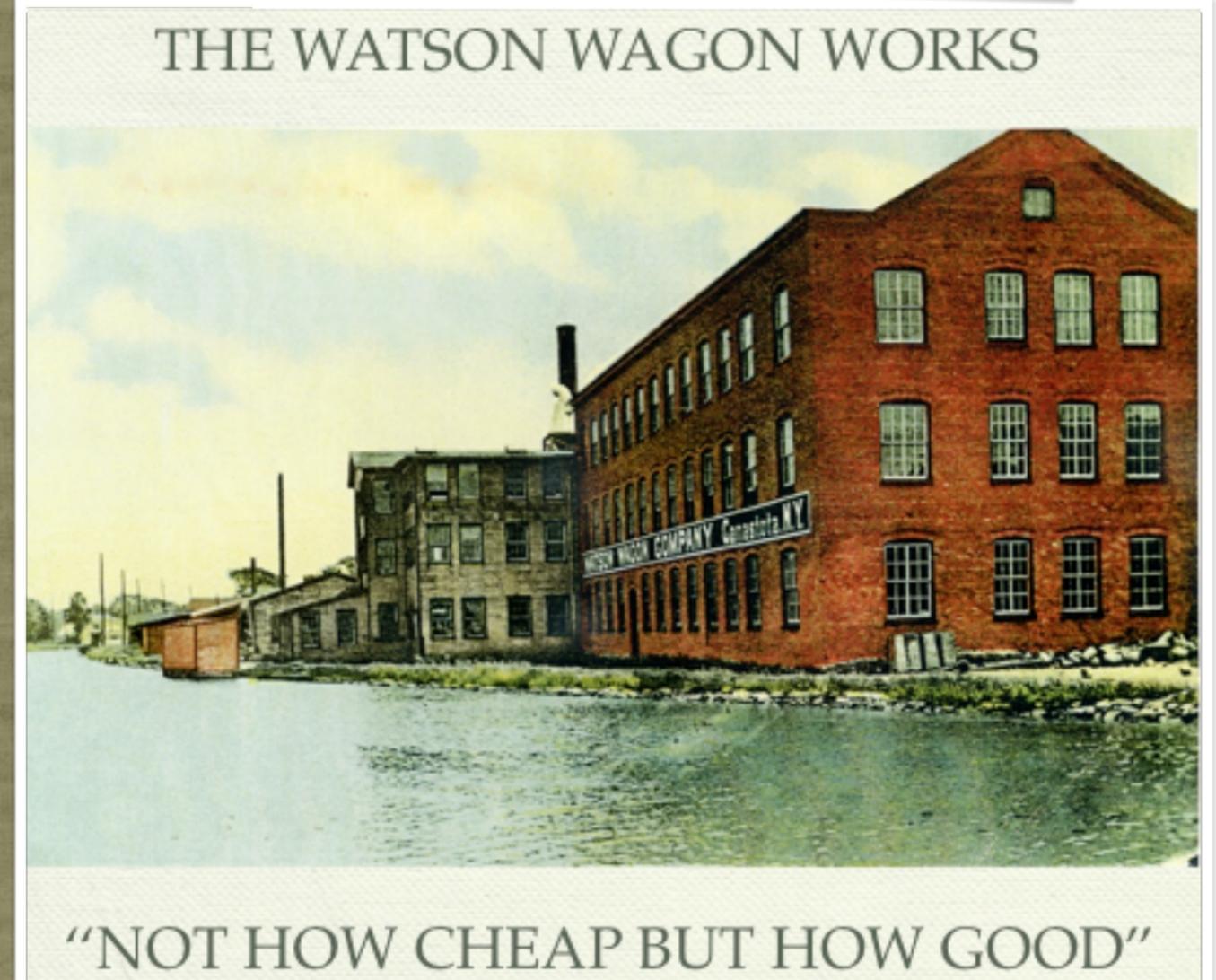


**First
of
its
Kind**

Watson Wagon Comes Home

The Watson Wagon, a bit of Canastota history, has made its way back to the village from Meadville, PA. David S. Watson began to manufacture this unique bottom-dumping wagon in Canastota in 1893.

The wagons were produced by the thousands up through the late 1920s and were in use throughout the world. Canastota Canal Town Museum members located an 1899 Watson Wagon with technical improvements that later were introduced on the market in the first decade of the 20th century. Used as a farm wagon, it apparently had been left in a field, then rescued and stored. Never having been restored, the wagon is nevertheless operable.

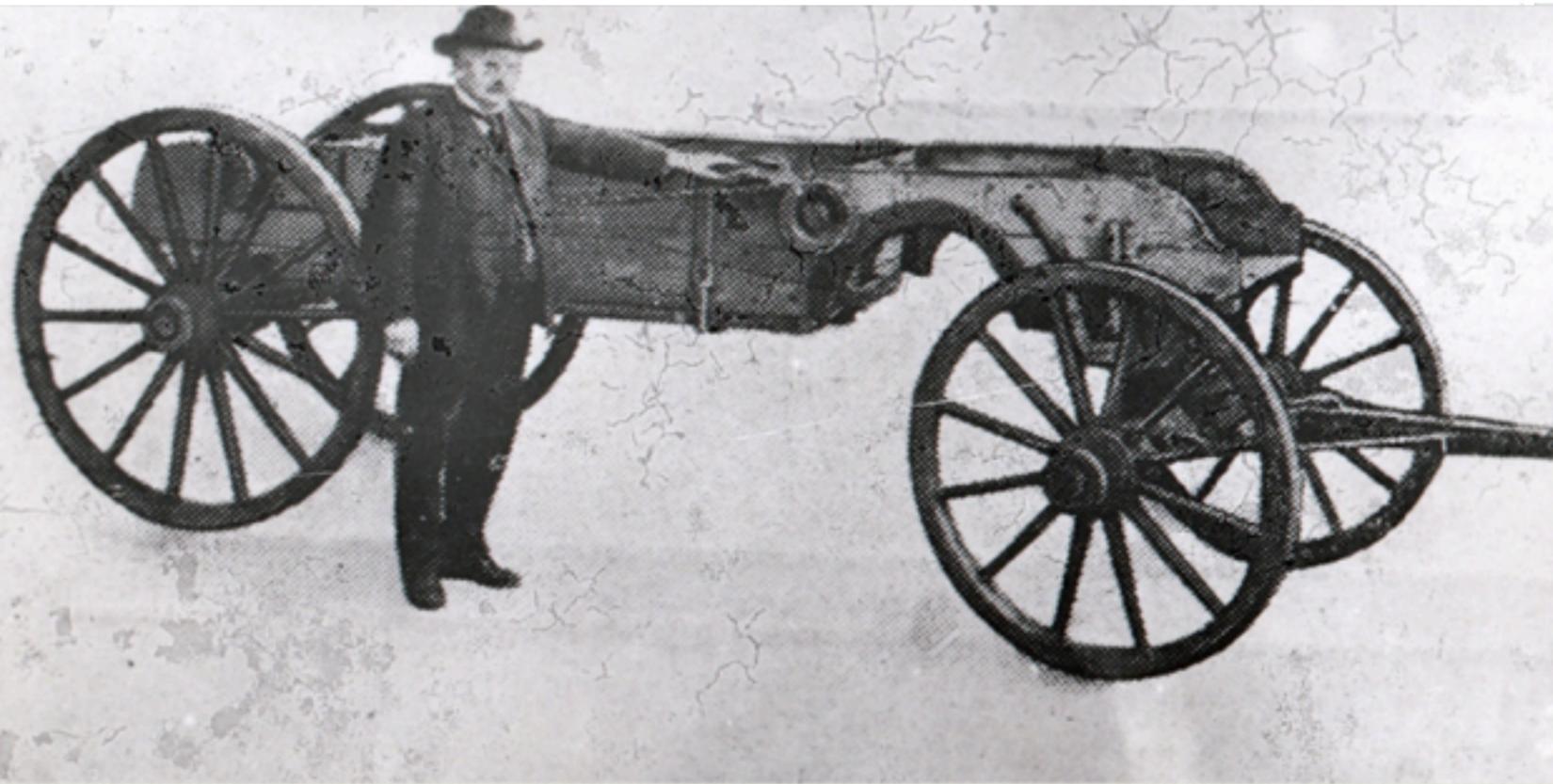




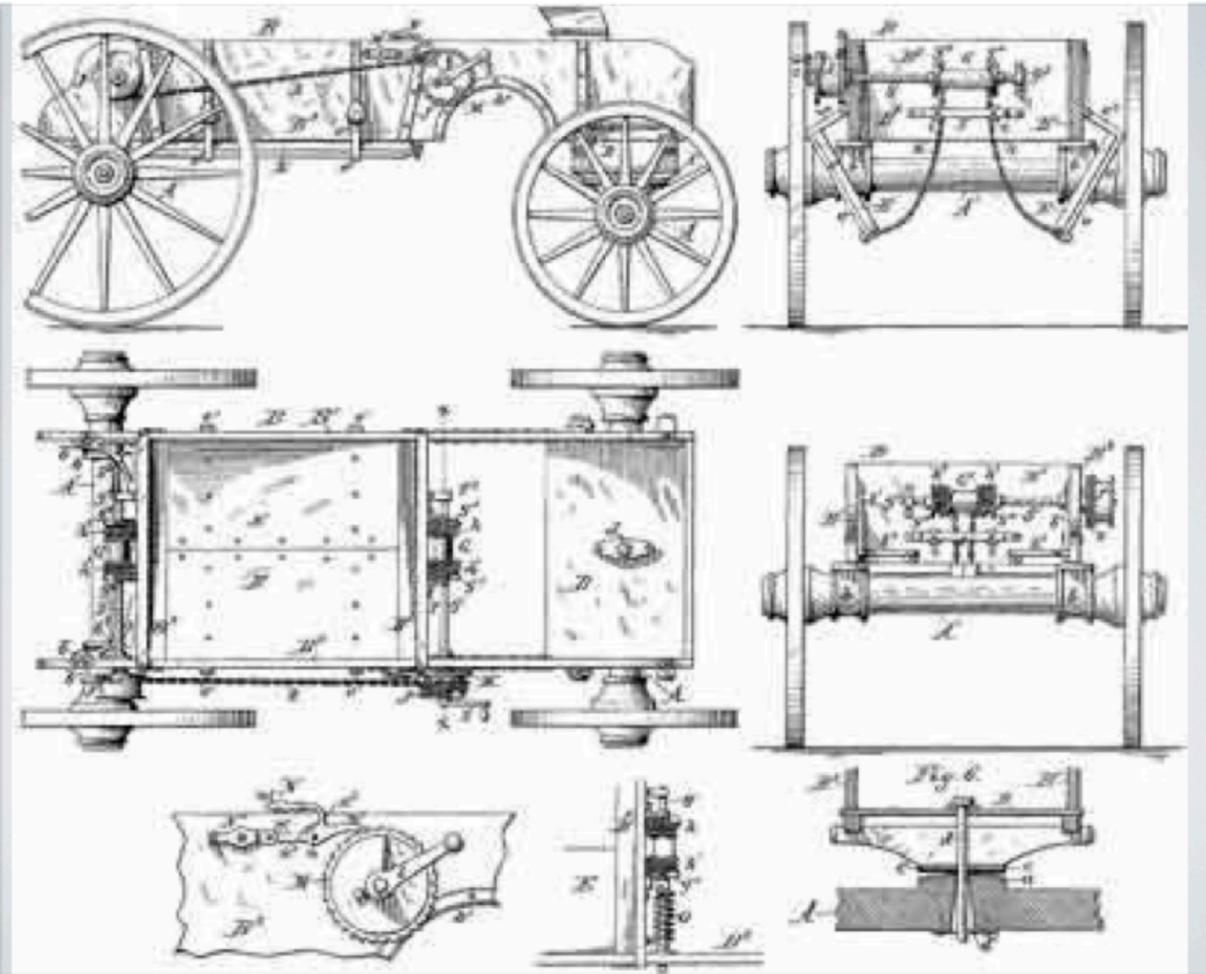
**David S. Watson Barn
Birth Place
World's First Bottom Dump Wagon**

Watson Wagon Co., 1886-1893, Stratford, New York

D.S. Watson & Wagon Patent 1882

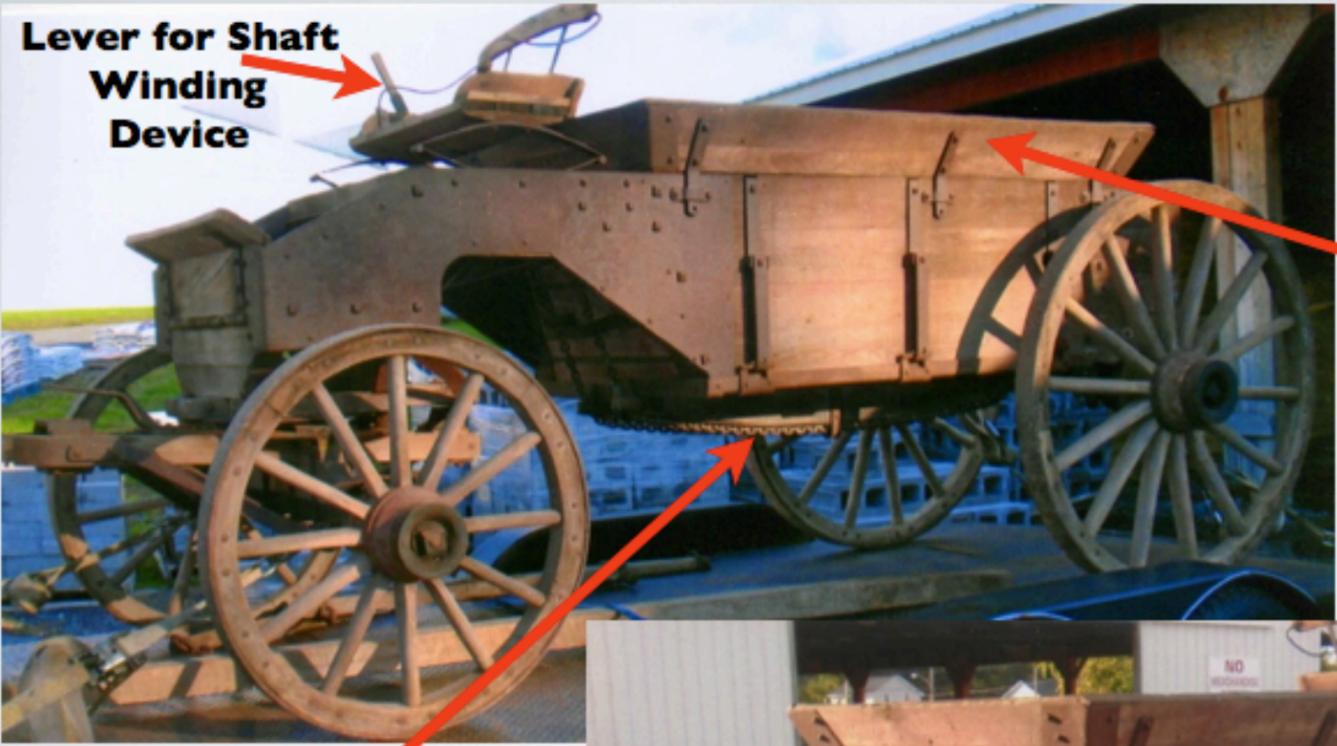


David S. Watson built the first bottom dump wagon.





1893-Watson purchased & enlarged 82ft.x35ft. factory along the canal & rail trunk line

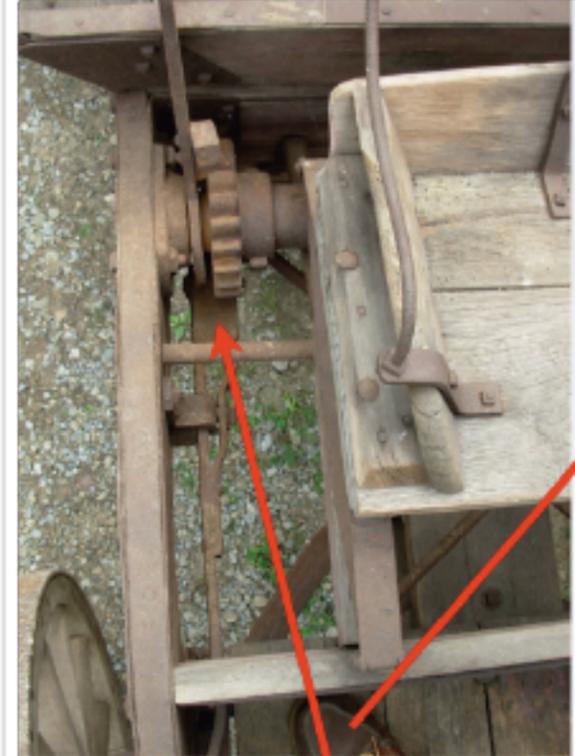
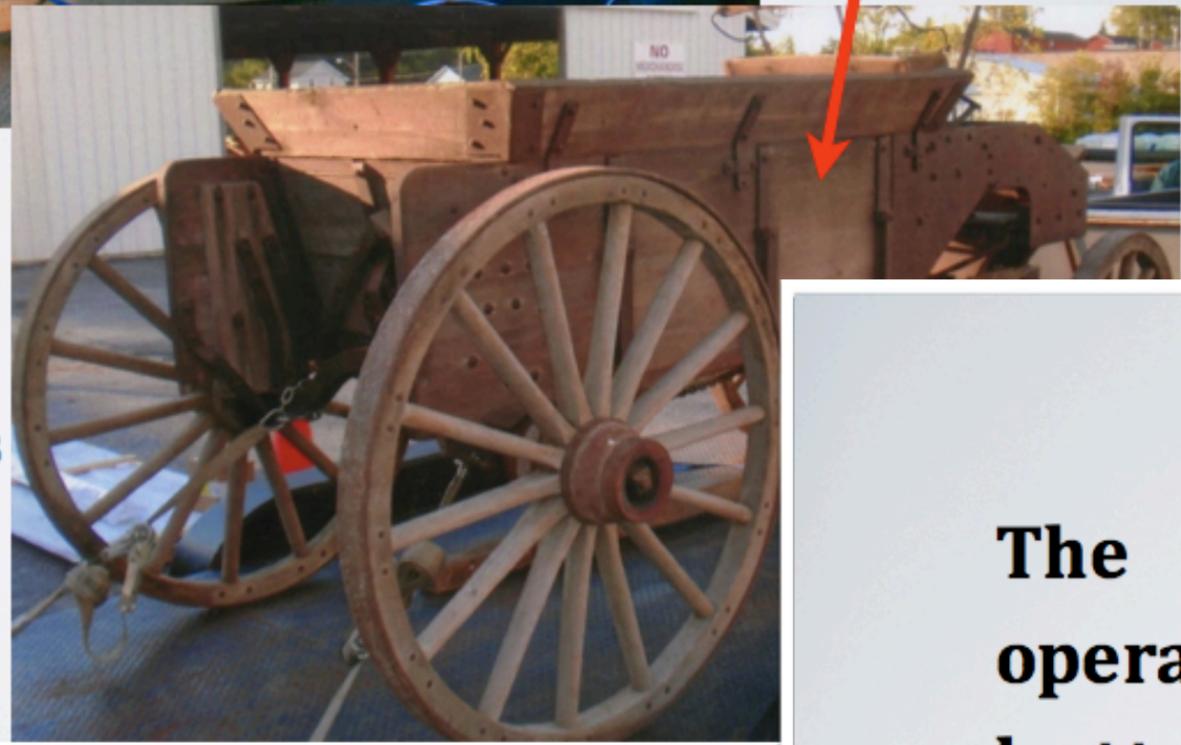


Lever for Shaft Winding Device

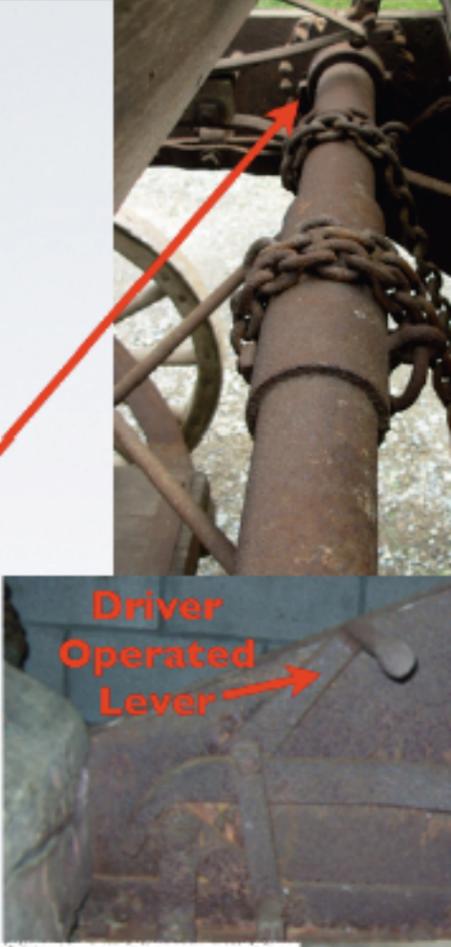
Coupler to extend amount of load

White Oak Body & Wheels

Chain to release overlapping bottom



Single Shaft Winding Device

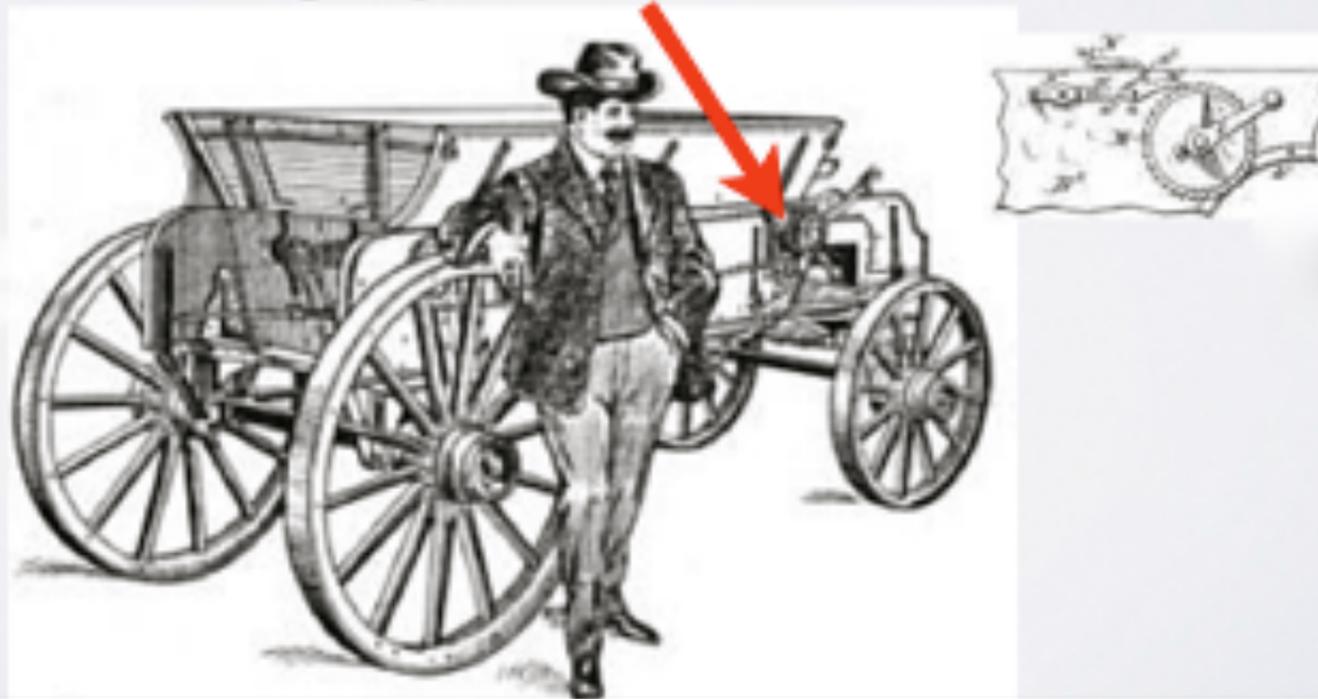


Driver Operated Lever

Canal Town Museum's 1899 Watson Wagon

The wagon dumps by a lever operated by the driver; the whole bottom swings out at once, dumping the load instantly. It was not even necessary to stop the team, either to dump the load or to bring the bottom of the box back into position.

Link Belting Part of Dumping and Winding Up Gear Prior 1907

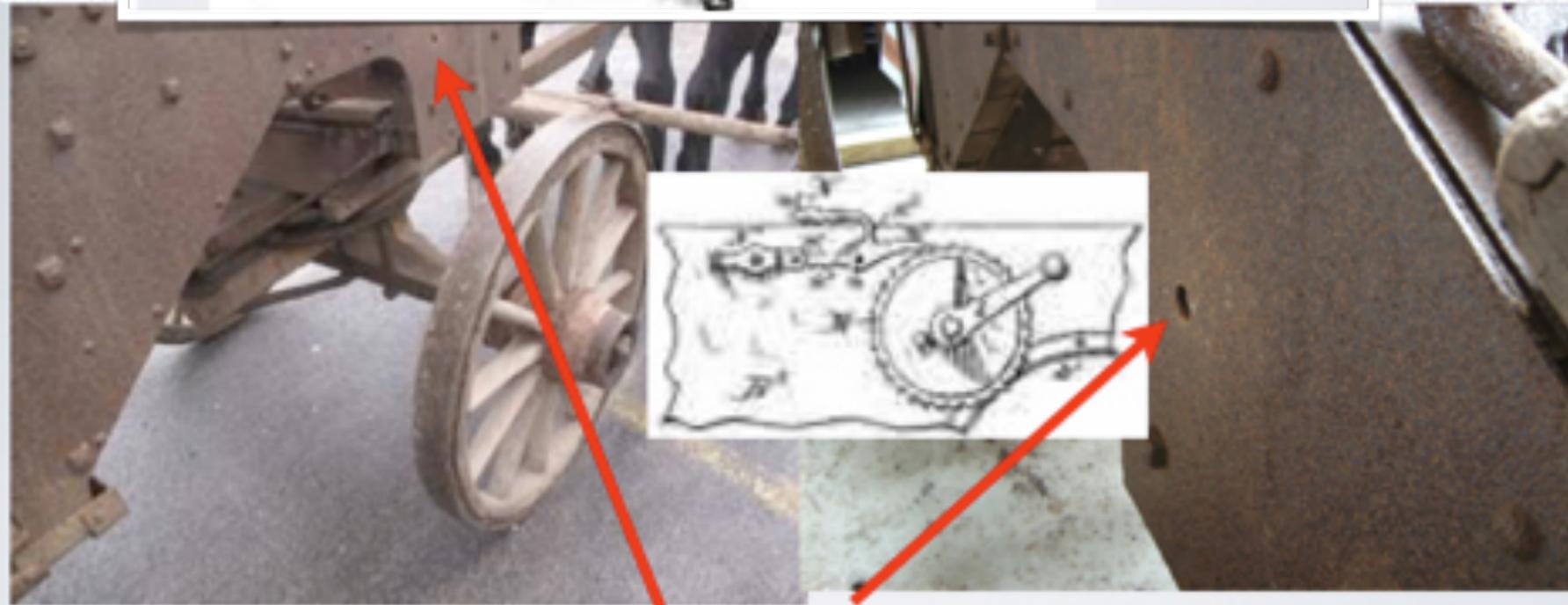
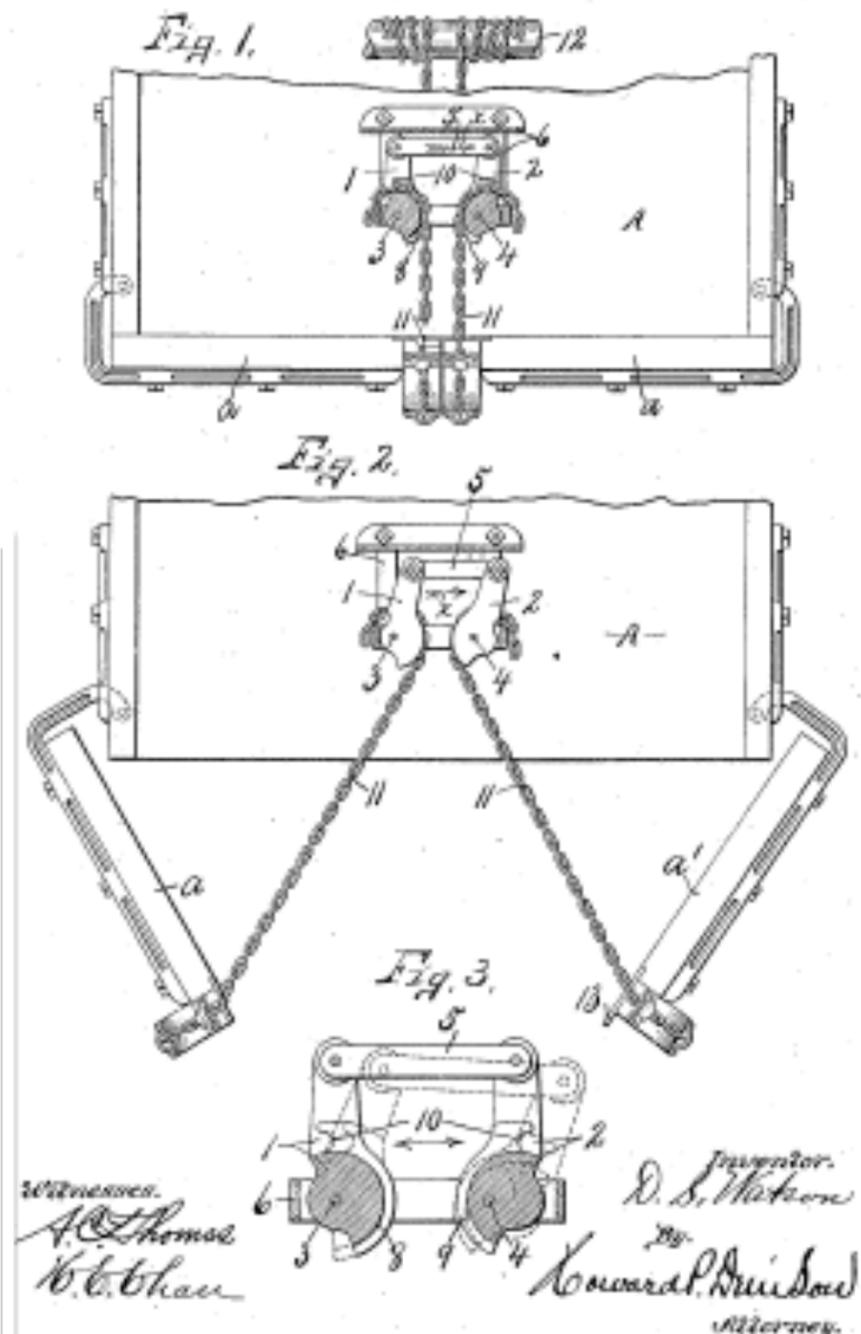


No. 852,962.

PATENTED APR. 30, 1907.

D. S. WATSON,
DUMP WAGON.

APPLICATION FILED JAN. 15, 1897.



Placement of the Wagon's Side Link Belting & Winding Up Gear

The 1899 wagon may have been one of the first for Watson to eliminate the side link belting and replace it with a single shaft winding device with a straight chain under the wagon to wind up the doors.

The museum's 1899 wagon was a model that employed techniques that were either used (single shaft winding device, arched rear axle) or discarded (medal dumping bottom, oak wood bodies) in the manufacturing of future Watson Wagons.



Jim Fellowes Says:—

You can buy cheaper dump wagons than a Watson; but you can't buy any so inexpensive over a period of time.

- **lightest strongest—selected air-dried birch timber**
- **front ends that last—solid steel braces inside & out**
- **dovetail joints that don't swell or sag apart**
- **four coats of paint—all put on by hand**

storehouse holds a thousand wagons—output equal to a wagon every thirty minutes—can ship at once

**P.S. Do you know about the NEW Watson?
The double-shaft winding Device.**

Watson Wagon Co., Canastota, N.Y.

“The World's Largest Dumping Wagon Builders”

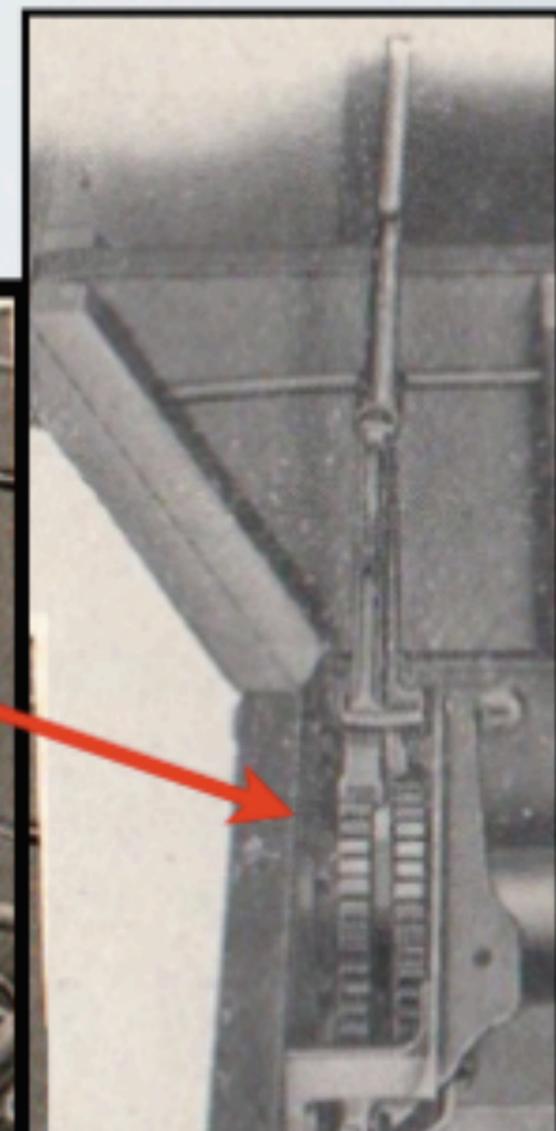
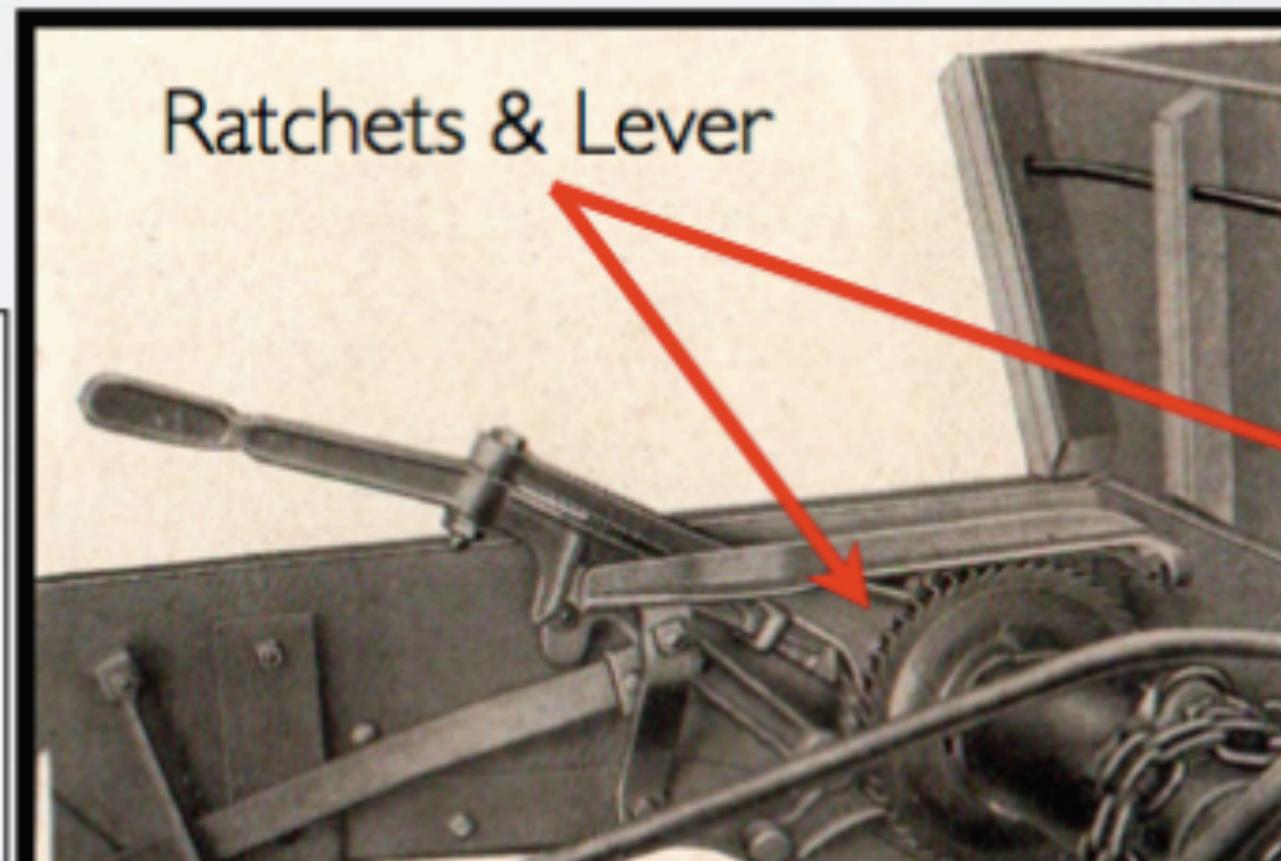


The Biggest Dump Wagon Improvement

in the past ten years is the Watson Double Shaft Winding Device has two ratchets and lever. Does not need twice as much winding—both bottoms travel together three-fourths distance. One bottom always in advance of other. Doors close tight—no sagging-no opening. No leakage, not even of dry sand or fresh concrete.

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WATSON DUMPING WAGONS



"First in the field-Last in the repair shop."

The Watson Co.
made 11 different
styles or types of
wagons ranging from
1-5 cu.yds.,
weight 1800-2800 lbs.



WATSON Two Yard Dump Wagon—Long Coupled

The only coupled wagon that holds its rated capacity water level.



WATSON ASH WAGON

1915

The Watson Wagon Co. of Canastota is endeavoring to land an order for \$400,000 worth of wagons to be used by the Commissary department of the French Army.

Wyoming, N.Y., Wed. Jan. 20, 1915

French Contracts included:

Military Wagons, Regular Dump Wagons and Trailers

1917-1918

The Watson Wagon Company of Canastota has received a second war order of \$500,000 for dump wagons for U.S. Army in France

Otsego Farmer, Oct. 5, 1917

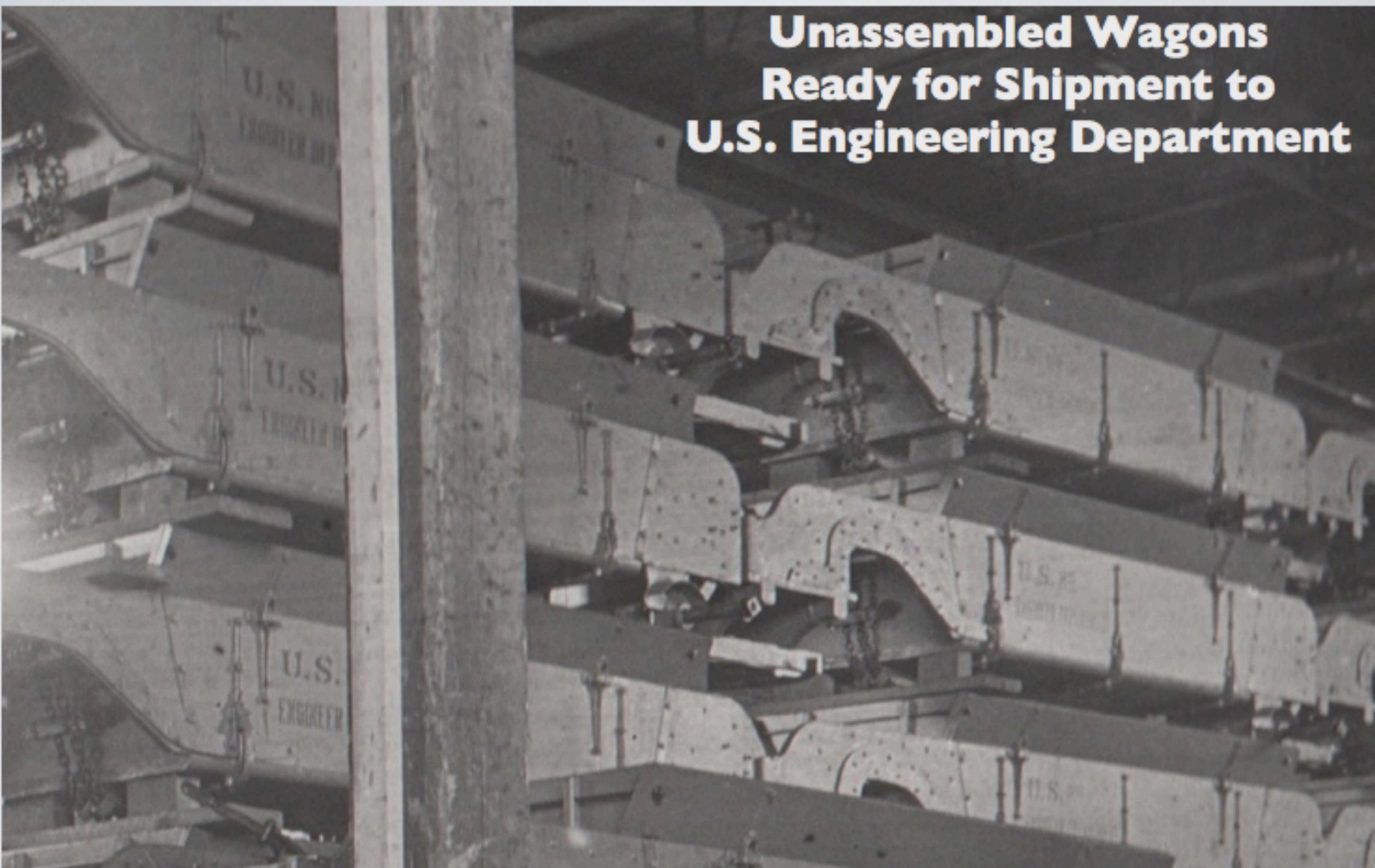
**Total of
5
Military
Contracts**

U.S. Contracts included:

Dump, Pontoon, Chest, Tool & Caisson Wagons plus Lumber

15,000 Watson Wagons Were Used in WWI

**Unassembled Wagons
Ready for Shipment to
U.S. Engineering Department**



Watson Wagon Co., 1886-1893,

Stratford, New York

Watson Wagon Co., 1893-1919,

Canastota

Inc. 1899

Improved the Wagon & produced the Trucktractor

Reorganizes as:

Watson Products Corp, 1919-1926,

produced Wagons, Trucktractors, Trucks, Trailers

Trucks spun off as:

Watson Truck Corp., 1923-1925,

produced conventional trucks

Combined with newly organized:

Rex-Watson Corp., 1926-1928,

started producing buses & truck bodies,

motor drawn wagons & semi-trailers

Watson Dumping Wagon market

disappearing-bankruptcy-

reorganized as:

Rex Body Corp., 1928-1943,

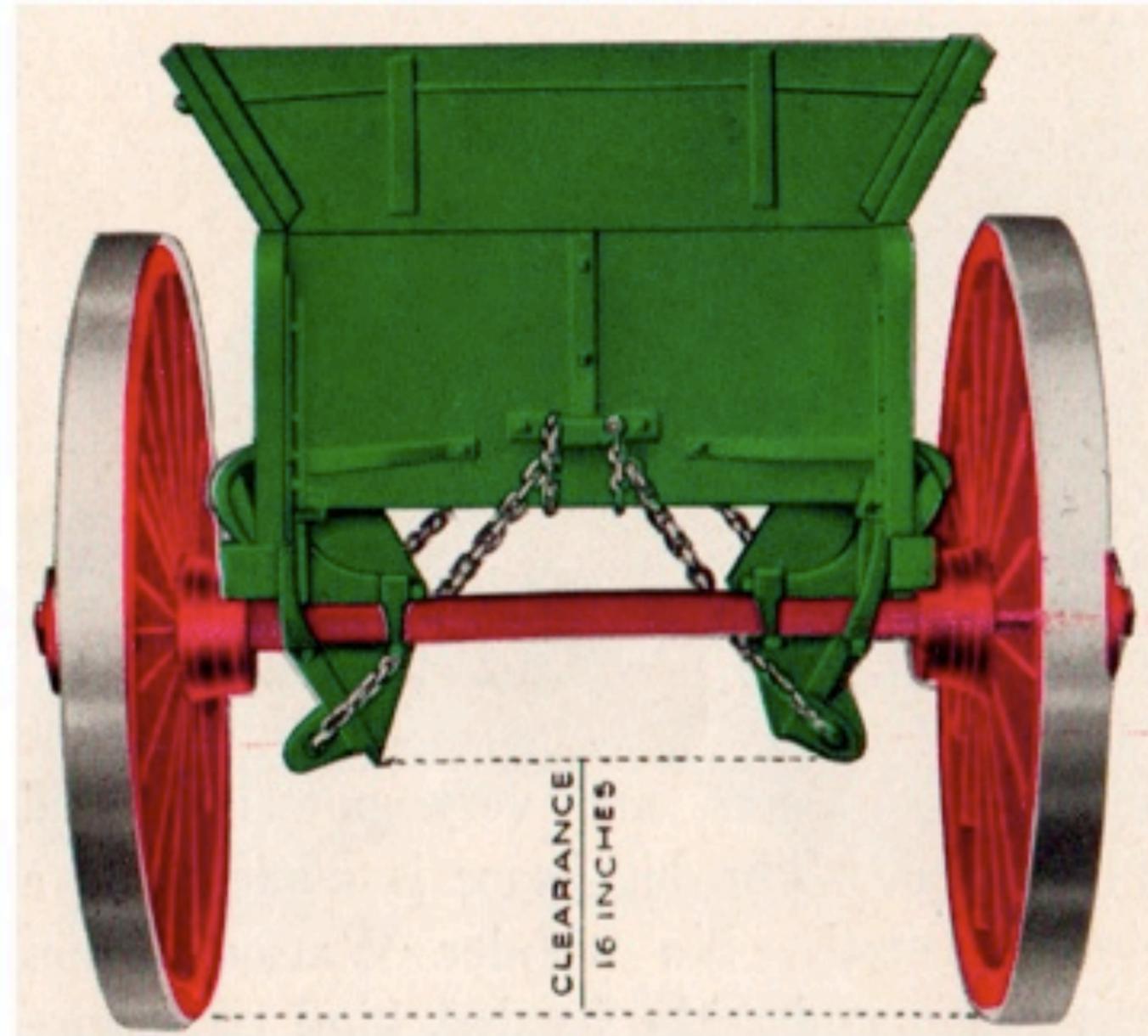
continue to market products under Rex-Watson

based on reputation of Watson Bottom Dump Wagons

1933 Watson Wagon production ceases

Watson Wagon Co.

**Manufacturers of
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**For Asphalt & Block Paving
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Hauling Ashes, Garbage, Mortar, etc.**

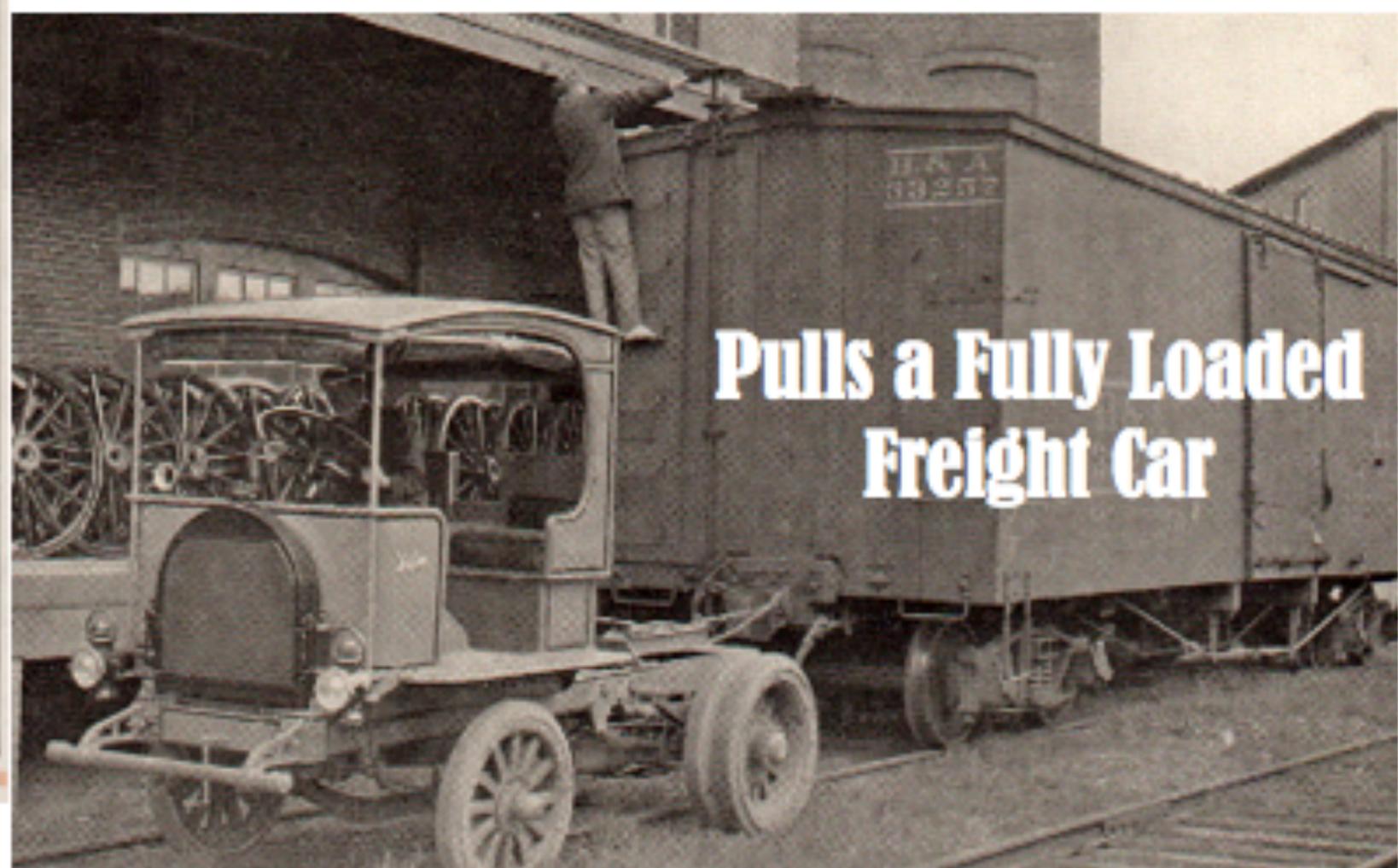
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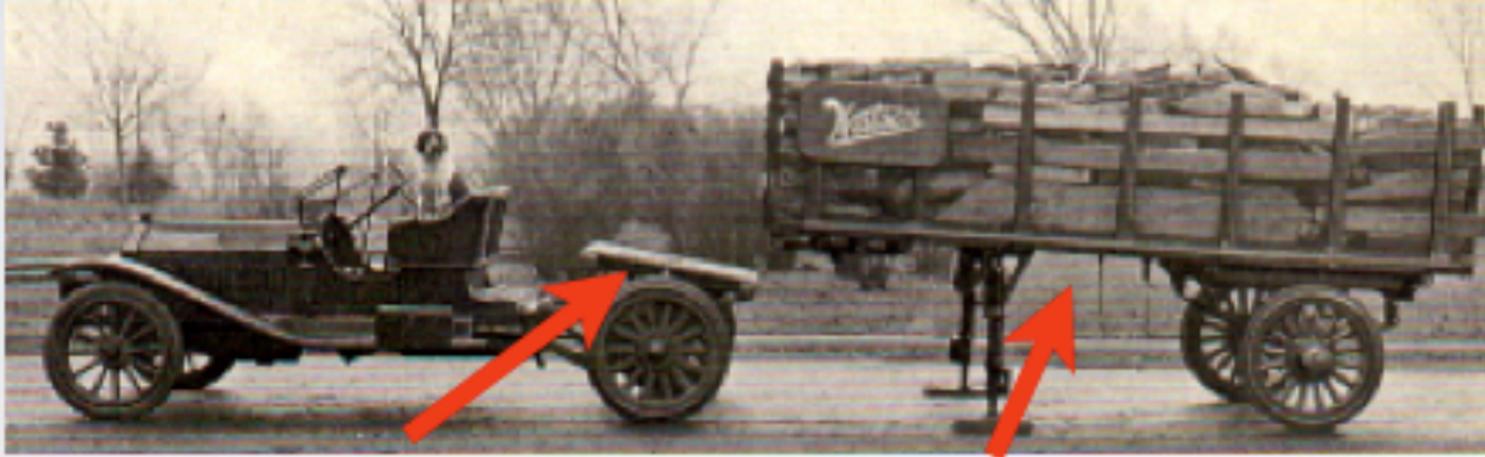
**WATSON
WAGON COMPANY
CANASTOTA
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**Pulls a Fully Loaded
Freight Car**

Watson Products Corporation

1919-1926



**Three-ton Platform
w/converted car into
tractor**

Semi-Trailer



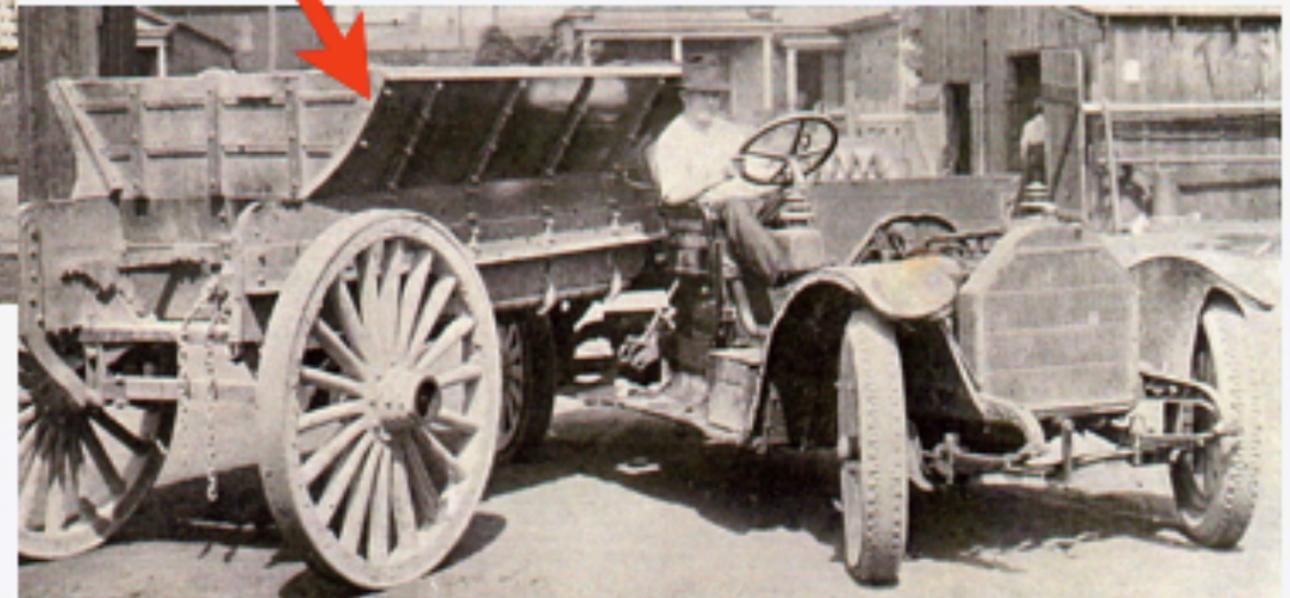
Bottom-Dump Trailer



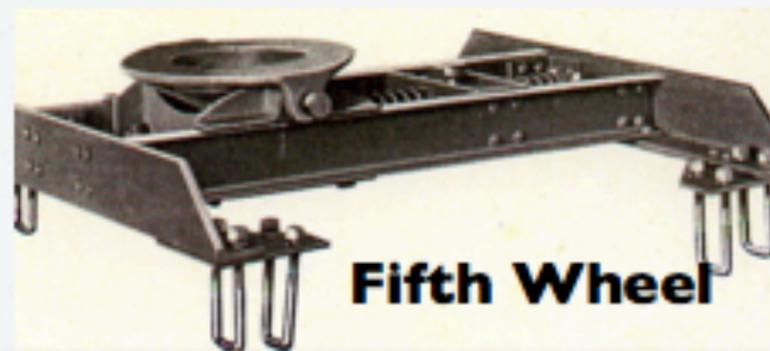
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Platform Trailer



Converted car into tractor

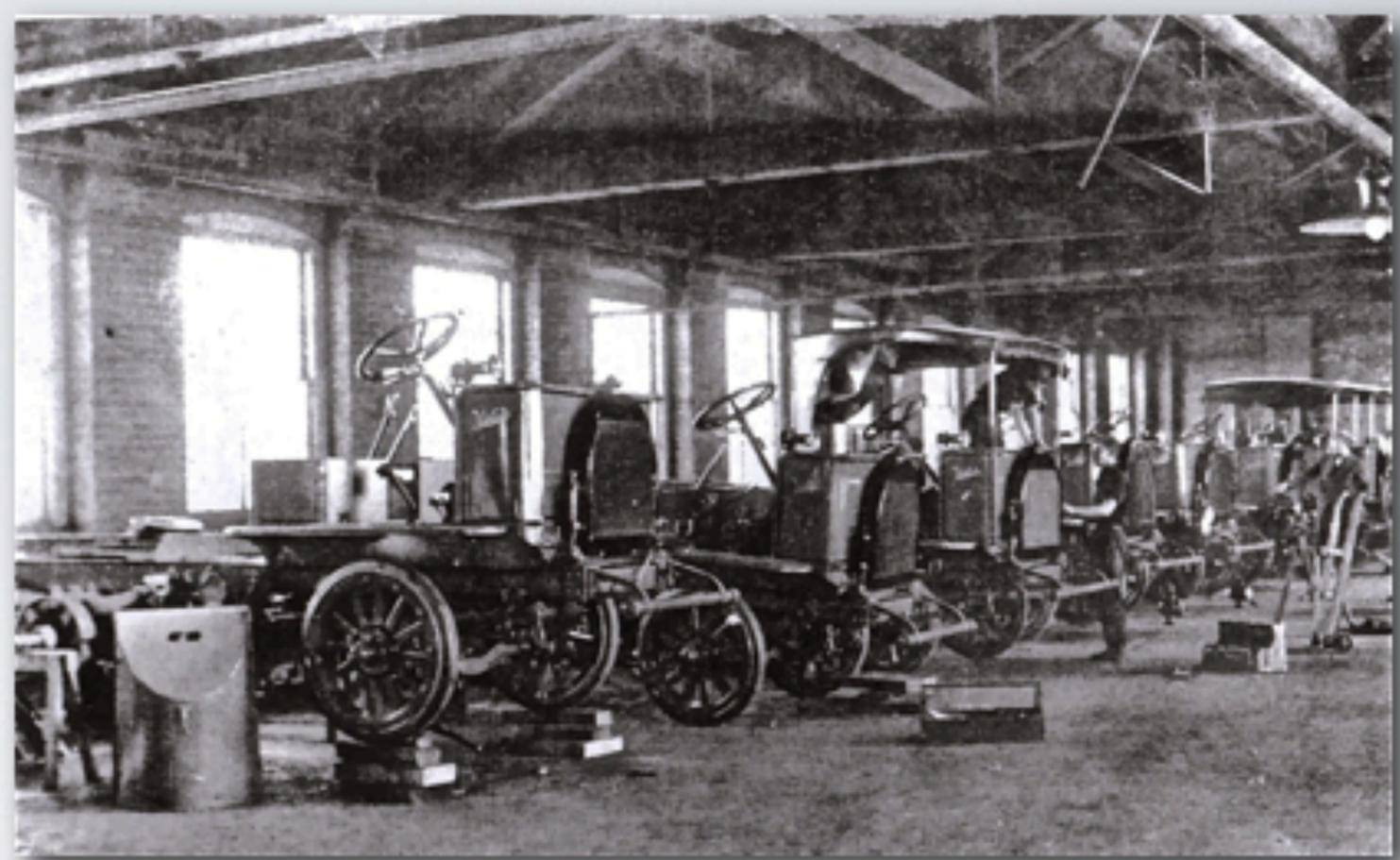


Fifth Wheel

WATSON

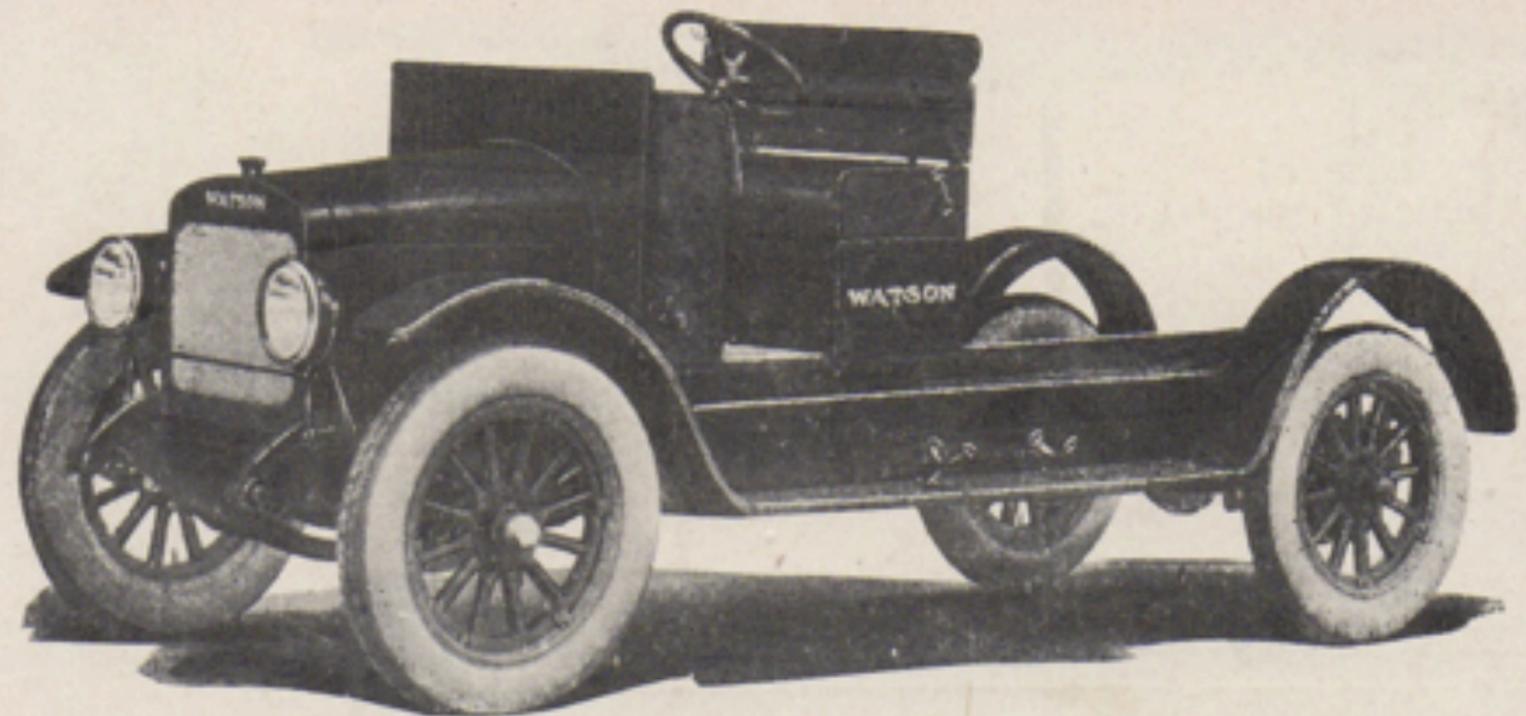
Motor Trucks

Model "B"



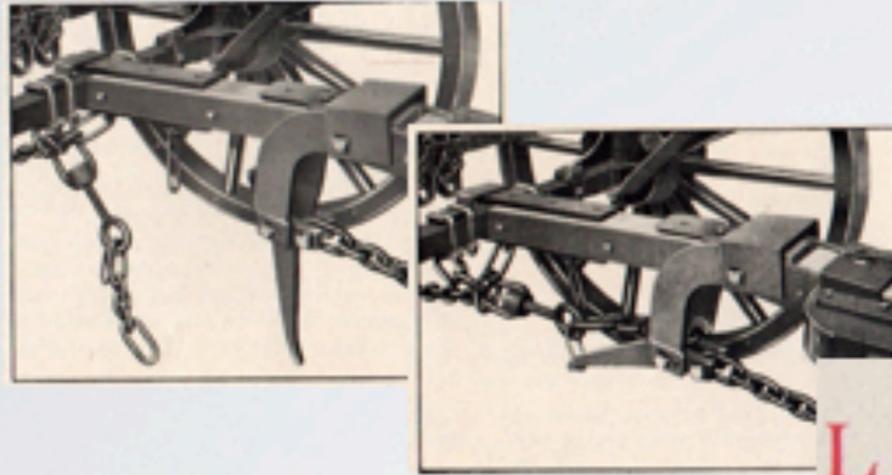
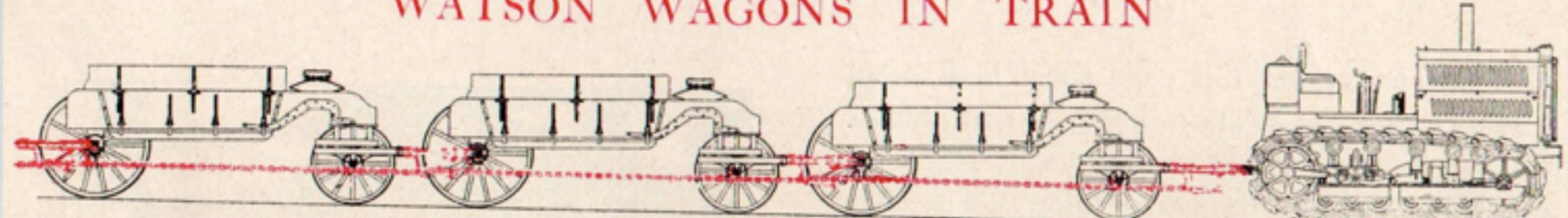
**Truck & Tractor assembly at the
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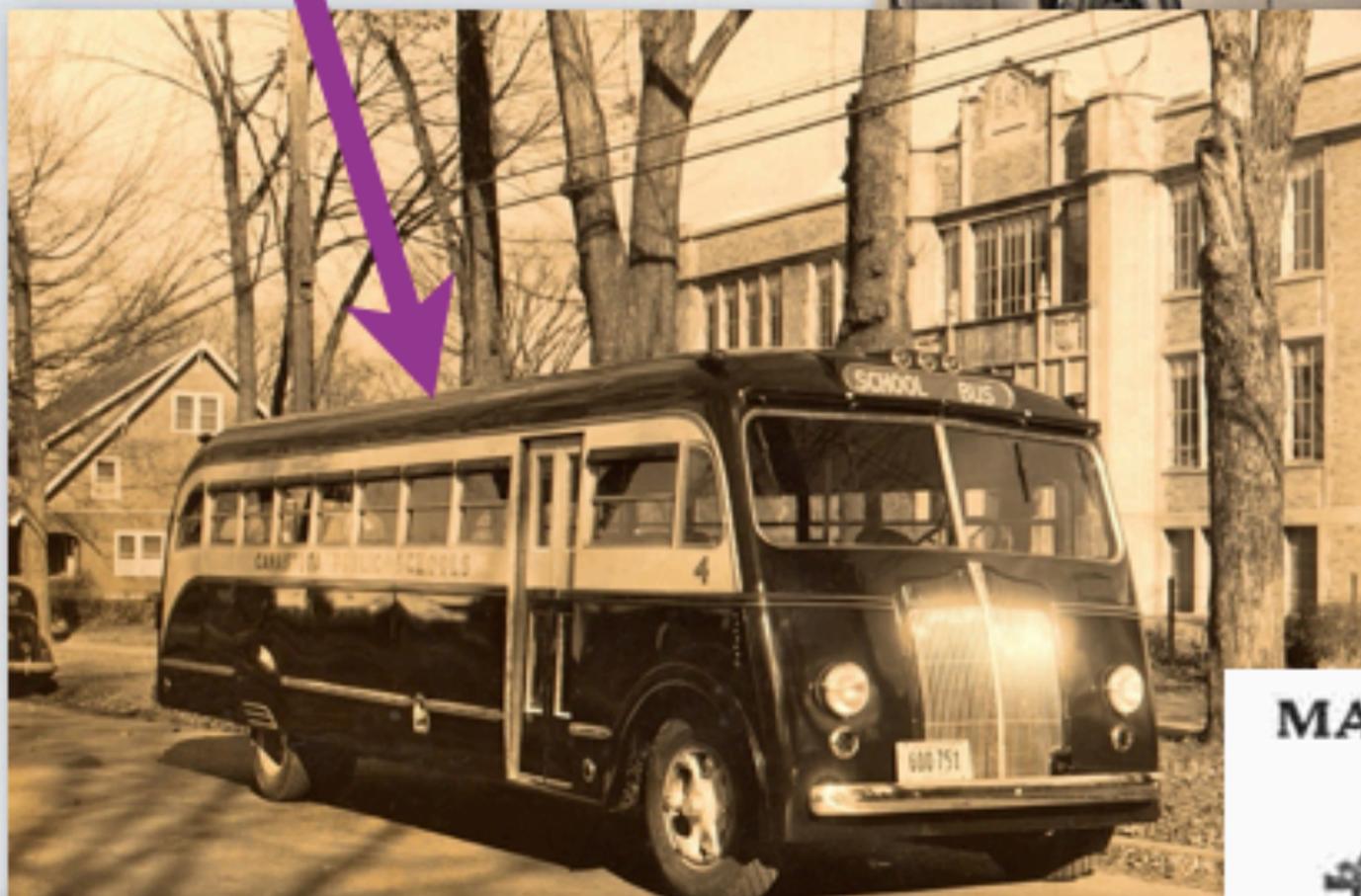
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WATSON TRUCK CORPORATION—CANASTOTA, N.Y

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