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JAY TINHOLT

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Jay Tinholt is the son of George Tinholt, longtime officer for HFC. He didn’t know enough to answer any questions about his father’s involvement, but he did have a scrapbook his father had kept. It had several clippings relating to the resignation/firings of himself and several colleagues.

GEORGE TINHOLT -- resigned 12 June 1953

(From the Holland Sentinel) Tinholt began in 1917 "handling delinquent accounts receivable." Two years later he was promoted to credit manager. In 1934 he became treasurer and assistant secretary and served in that capacity until his resignation. Ben Staal replaces him. Ben started as file clerk close to 30 years before. In 1936 he advanced to Branch Controller which he held until becoming controller.

WILLIAM BOER -- 1 July 1953

(From the Holland Sentinel) Resigned as secretary and assistant treasurer after nearly 30 years of employment.

FERN AULT -- resigned 31 December 1953

(From the Fire Pot) Began working at HFC in 1925 as a salesman in the South Chicago Branch. In 1933 was brought to the Home Office in sales promotion. In 1935 he became Sales Manager and served in that capacity until retirement. He is succeeded by Dom Massaro.

NOTE: ANOTHER SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT THESE MEN WERE LET GO BY THE COMPANY. IN OTHER WORDS: THEY WERE FIRED. THEY DIDN'T AGREE WITH THE WAY HFC WAS BEING RUN UNDER ITS PRESENT MANAGEMENT AND WERE LET GO.