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**ELWOOD MERCHANDISING COMPANY
CERTIFICATE, 1923**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Elwood Manufacturing Company came out of what was formerly the Hiatt–Young Brown Company, a broom manufacturer, in Elwood, Indiana, sometime in 1923. However, the Elwood Manufacturing Company seems to have not lasted long before it came under legal troubles, first being sued for \$125,000 of damages by Myer & Danziger of New York in October 1924 and also by John W. Wittkamper in May 1925. It appears that the 1925 lawsuit brought by Wittkamper caused the dissolution of the Elwood Manufacturing Company. On September 1, 1925, a public auction was held at the premises to sell all the property of the company, which included the “manufacturing plant, machinery, trucks, office fixtures, and appliances necessary to make a complete broom manufacturing plant.”

Sources:

“New Corporations.” *The Star Press*. March 25, 1923

“Would Examine Books of Elwood Company.” *The Call–Leader*. April 17, 1925

“Court News.” *The Alexandria Times–Tribune*. May 15, 1925

“Receivers Sale of Broom Factory!” *The Call–Leader*. August 28, 1925

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is made of up one document issued by the Indiana Department of State certifying the Elwood Merchandising Company to increase the company's capital stock by \$60,000. The document is signed by Ed Jackson, then the Secretary of State in 1923 and soon-to-be Governor of the State of Indiana.

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