I am submitting a brief history and a few samples of the photos and letters I have in my possession documenting the beginning of Buick sales and four generations of a family founded in GM.

Weaver Garage Company was founded in 1898 by C.H. Weaver, an early pioneer in the automotive industry. For several years prior to establishing the company, “Curt” Weaver had succeeded in building the first car to travel the streets of Oil City, PA. It was his ambition to erect a plant in Oil City and build cars. When he was unable to promote the necessary capital, Weaver turned his attention to servicing cars produced by other manufacturers. At that time there were no service stations or repair shops, and a breakdown meant waiting for a factory mechanic to come and make the necessary repairs. The Weaver Garage Company was established and repair work was carried on in a small storeroom. With the repair shop came sales and on April 15, 1903 he signed a contract with Buick.

In 1917 C.H. Weaver formed a partnership with his son, Earl Weaver and his son-in-law, John D. McCarthy. In 1936 John D. McCarthy expanded the original garage and installed modern ramps to meet the increasing demands of a growing industry. In 1953 the dealership was owned and operated by John D. McCarthy’s son, C.H. Weaver’s grandson, Thomas E. McCarthy. He graduated with a degree in engineering and spent six years working for the Allison Division of General Motors where he worked in the experimental test department and design section.

In 1976 Thomas E. McCarthy received the Pennsylvania “Dealer of the Year” award and was recognized nationally by winning the Time Quality Dealer Award. That same year, John D. McCarthy II took ownership as the fourth generation to operate Weaver Buick Company on Main Street. “Mickey” McCarthy served the local community until his death in 1992, bringing to a close an era as the "The World's Oldest Buick Dealership."

Attatchments:

01 Garage early 1900’s

02 Service bay early 1900’s

03 Garage 1910

04 Garage 1930

05 Parts counter 1948

06 Showroom 1948 (left to right: Thomas E. McCarthy, Sam Coon, John D. McCarthy)

07 Letter from Motor magazine 1948

08 Thomas E. McCarthy visits Flint plant 1961

09 Letter from Buick 1963

10 Thomas E. McCarthy receives plaque from Buick acknowledgment of “World’s Oldest Buick Dealership”

11 Garage 1980’s

12 Head shots: A-C.H. Weaver, B-John D. McCarthy (Jack), C-Thomas E. McCarthy, D-John D. McCarthy (Mickey)

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