

Scrib's House Moving, Inc.

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F. A. "Scrib" Scribner of Schuyler, Nebraska had a passion for moving buildings. So much so he played an important role in the development and progress of the structural moving industry. After World War II he purchased two army trucks at a government surplus auction and in 1949 founded Scrib's House Moving, Inc.

Shortly thereafter he was asked if he could pull a one-room country schoolhouse from Bellwood, Nebraska to David City, Nebraska, a distance of approximately eight miles up the very steep Platte Valley Hill. He checked out the project and noticed steel-wheeled dollies had been placed underneath the structure. Believing the dollies would be a hard pull he built rubber-tired pneumatic dollies to use instead. The new dollies proved to be very successful.

In the early years Scrib implemented use of a hydraulic bolster, castoring, steerable dollies and built his own low-pressure unified hydraulic jack-



Dave (left) and his father at a conference.



First house moved by the company in 1949 using two 1942 World War II Army trucks.



Young Dave Scribner (right with hat) working for his father at age 17 and (insert) driver for the company, at age 18.



First meeting of International Association of Structural Movers in 1983 in Atlanta, GA.



Dave, standing second from left, was elected to the Board of Directors of the new industry organization in 1983.

ing machine that was used to move a 450-ton brick library building in Lincoln, NE. His enthusiasm to build new machines and gadgets for moving structures began when he originally opened his part-time “moving shop” in 1949. At that time his full-time profession was managing his Auto Body Shop in David City, Nebraska. In 1950, when asked to move another school-house, F.A. bought steel “I” beams and

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This stone house was moved in the Winter of 2004 in Lincoln, NE



Moving a Carnegie Library in Lincoln, NE in 1993.



Moving a Carnegie Library in Mexico, MO in 1991.