

The Judson Dynamite and Powder Company

1890 - 1905

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In 1890, the Judson Dynamite and Powder Company was incorporated in California with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, of which 13,445 shares of a par value of \$100 were issued.

The Judson Dynamite consisted of 40 parts nitroglycerine, 15 parts barley, corn, or wheat flour, 40 to 50 parts of sodium nitrate, and sometimes containing 5 parts of sulphur.

In early September of 1898, to supplement their line of regular dynamite, the company started the manufacture of geletine dynamite.

In August of 1903, practically the entire capital stock of the Judson Dynamite Company was acquired by the California Investment Company, which was organized by the DuPont Company to buy out other powder companies. The entire assets were then transferred to the DuPont Company in April of 1904.

Dynamite continued to be made and sold under the Judson Dynamite and Powder Company name until August 16, 1905, when the dynamite mixing house at the plant exploded. The plant was then dismantled and the property sold. The Judson Dynamite and Powder Company was finally dissolved in 1912.

