

## Timeline

1910

At the age of 15, Charles Maffey Sr. arrived in NYC via Montreal, Canada having been denied entry through Ellis Island. He started a grinding business serving the Bleeker Street area from a pushcart earning \$1.00 per day.



1911



Seeking fresh and untapped markets, Charles moved his business, now NJ Grinding Company, to Newark, NJ and upgraded to a horse and wagon housed at 130 Bank Street.

1914

Soon after, he graduated from horse to horseless with the purchase of a 1914 Republic solid tire truck. His territory began to expand and Elizabeth was now on the horizon.



1918



Charles marries Marina.

1922

As business flourished in Elizabeth and the surrounding area, Charles relocated to a storefront at 845 East Jersey St. in Elizabeth and captured the local market with his signature high quality and affordable service. Charles Sr., Charlie Jr., Agnes and Connie.



1927



In 1927, his entrepreneurial spirit, desire to learn, and good luck finding a rack of keys at his new location at 1160 E. Grand St. Elizabeth proved to be a defining moment in company history for Charles Sr.

1928

Charles Maffey Sr. is a Charter member in the National Locksmith Association Chapter #9. Present day ALOA, Associated Locksmiths of America.



**N.J. Chapter No. 9 is Organized**

FRONT ROW – (left to right): Middy Garvin, Max Kotler, Arthur V. Cowan, Izzy Hellring, C. Klein, T.T. Pierce, Charles Maffey, Sr. ( ), ( ).  
SECOND ROW – (left to right): ( ) ( ) ( ) Cleavins, ( ), George Sthieler, Robert Bell, Sr., Singer, Zantz, Kaolas Partner, ( ), Sam Greenfield.  
BACK ROW – (left to right): Augustus Cookerman, ( ), George Troy, Sr.

1929



Recognizing the potential of his new trade in 1929 Charles Sr. and son Charlie take lessons from Hellring Brothers Locksmiths in Newark, NJ and the dynasty begins.

1937

In 1937, Charles Sr. adds another truck to his growing fleet, a 1937 International "Made in America" or not at all.



1940s



Pre 1940's panel truck prominently displays a safe which describes the direction of the growing business. This truck was utilized to cover 3 counties in NJ working for the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

1947

With grown sons returning from WWII, Charles establishes his new base of operation at 1172 East Grand Street in a building he helped to design and build. His expanded services include; locksmith, safe opening and sales, small engine repair, automotive lock work, grinding and sharpening.



1947



Charles Sr. and Charlie Jr. hard at work in their sharpening shop, a line of work which sustained the business.

# 1948

Respected by his peers, in 1948 Charles becomes a Charter member of the Master Locksmith's Association of NJ.



# 1949



The fleet expands with the addition of a 1949 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery to cover territory beyond Union County.

# 1950s

Safe service, sales and master key systems drive the business as well as the need to provide for their growing families. Charles Jr., Connie and Charles Sr. provide the latest in automotive, residential, commercial and industrial security hardware to their vibrant clientele.



1960s



With 110VAC power onboard, this 1960's GMC step van takes the shop on the road with an industry leading full service lock shop on wheels, and the territory builds.

1970s

Constantly on the go and driven home at night, this 1970's Ford Econoline truck allows for 24 hour service in a compact package.



1980s



A 1980's picture of our crew demonstrates over 30 years of experience and dedication. Pictured from left to right front row: Ed Seabon, Jim Guiro\*, Charles Maffey Jr.\*, Gerry Gonzalez. Back row: Ed Maffey\*, Victor Paf, Andrew Maffey\*, Charles Maffey III, Mark Brown\*, Don Depczynski\*, Dave Depczynski\*. (\*current employee)

2010

Advances in technology drive the business as physical security needs grow. Now d/b/a Maffey's Security Group which describes the wide breadth of services as it journeys into its next century.



2010



G3 and G4 family and long term employees mentor new team members and prepare the next century of service. Pictured back row: Ed Maffey, Andy Maffey, Dave Depczynski, Erik Entersz, Jay Godin. Middle row: Laney Allen, Julio Cintron, Walter Neubert, Don Depczynski, Lou Matos, Odains Echenique. Front row: Rick Manzo, Jim Guiro, Felipe Paredes, Mark Brown, Peter Sheridan, Samantha Perez.