

Chronology of the Ward family and Ward Baking Company
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- 1849 - James Ward and his son, Hugh Ward, opened a small bakery on Broome Street in New York.
- 1884 - Hugh Ward and his son, Robert B.(Boyd) Ward, moved to Pittsburgh and open a new bakery.
- 1884 - Robert B. Ward's son William B. Ward is born in Pittsburgh.
- The R.B. Ward Company later became the Ward Mackey Company of Pittsburgh. (Bakers Helper, March 1, 1996).
- *Note: In an article that appeared in the January 27, 1926 issue of The Northwestern Miller it is indicated that Robert B. Ward and his brother Thomas founded Robert Boyd Ward & Co. which later became the Ward Baking Co. and later was lead by George S. Ward
- 1889 - Ralph D. Ward is born to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Ward.
- 1900 - The Ward Bread Company was organized by Robert B. Ward in New York, Brooklyn and Newark.
- 1903 - First baking company to erect and operate a modern, sanitary bakery in Pittsburgh.
- 1908 - First baking company to install and successfully operate a travelling oven.
- 1909 - First baking company to establish a Baking Research Fellowship at Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, under the direction of Dr. Robert Kennedy Duncan. Arkady Yeast Food was developed through this fellowship. Dr. Duncan passed away shortly after its development but George Ward want to commerate that work that Dr. Duncan had done to develop the yeast food. By taking the initials of Dr. Duncan's name R.K.D. he created ARKADY.
- 1911 - The Ward Baking Company was organized merging the Ward Mackey Company, the Ward Corby Company, the Ward Bread Company, and the Ohio Baking Company of Cleveland.
- 1911 - First Baking Company to abandon the use of horse drawn delivery vehicles, thus doing away with the unsanitary stable hitherto part of or adjacent to bakery.

- 1911 - Erected a modern baking in New York
- 1912 - William B. Ward, 28, was a director and treasurer of the Ward Baking Corporation. That same year William B. Ward resigned to start his own business.
- 1915 - Robert Boyd Ward died in October.
- 1915 - Erected modern bakery in Newark.
- 1916 - The results of the work done at Mellon Institute by Dr. Duncan were published in the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Volume 8, Number 9, September 1916, p. 781.
- 1921 – Ward Baking Company dropped its affiliation with Local 2 in Chicago. As a result of this action Local 188 in Aurora boycotted products from both the Ward Baking Company and Schulze Baking Co.
- April 1922 - Ward Baking Company refused to renew its union agreement with Newark Local 84.
- 1922 - In November of this year Ward Baking Company was the first baking company to create its own research laboratory and through the work of its personnel to develop and market the first vitamin loaf.
- 1922 - William Ward launched United Bakeries in 1922. United Bakeries, acquired Campbell Baking Company of Kansas City, Shults of New York, and Ward Baking Company in New York. At the time of this consolidation William Ward's uncle ?? In 1924, Ward organized
- 1923 - Ward Baking Company broke its national union agreement causing a nationwide strike.
- 1923 – Ward & Ward Inc. opened a new plant at Genesee Street and Belt line in Buffalo, NY
- 1924 – Continental Baking Corporation of Maryland was organized which acquired several companies including United Bakeries Corporation, the American Bakery Company of St. Louis
- 1924-26 - William B. Ward announced on January 30 his plans to merge Ward Food Products Corp. with other companies.
- 1925 -

1926 - On April 3, Ward Food Products Corporation was dissolved by the Justice Department into three “independent corporations” Continental Baking, General Baking and Ward Foods. (p. 90, A Vision of Unity).

1926 - William B. Ward organized General Baking Corporation which combined General Baking Company,

1928-1930 - William B. Ward , president and Charles A. Ward, acting chairman of the board die during this time period.

1931 - Julian M. Livingston, is named Vice President and General Manager at the Ward Baking Corporation.

1952 - First major baking company to market on a large scale a white bread containing additional calcium which was approved under the Enrichment Program. The bread was sold under the Tip-Top label.

1953 - Ralph D. Ward died on January 17 as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident

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