## The Line Material Co.

**South Milwaukee WI** 

- Started in 1911 by William Kyle Sr. and Lem Hendee
- The business focused on street lighting, distribution system insulators, and hardware for first 10 years
- First Fuse Patent in 1922
- First Circuit Breaker Patent in 1926
- First Arrester Patent 1928







In 1911 WD Kyle Sr. Founded the Line Material Company in Milwaukee Wisconsin



## First Line Material Co. Arrester

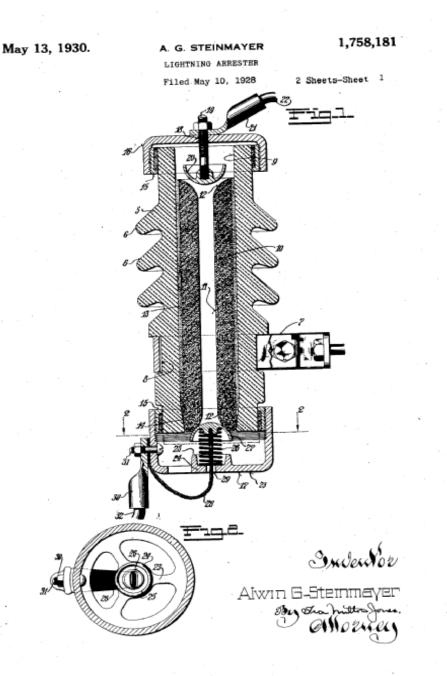
- Introduced in 1928
- Patented in 1930 to Alwin Steinmayer the Chief Engineer of Line Material



A G Steinmayer

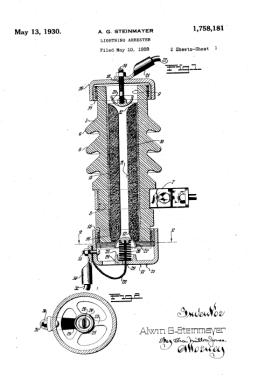
- Was an Expulsion Arrester
- Produced in Milwaukee at Central Plant
- 12 inches tall
- Ratings of 4.4kV, 6.6kV, 7.5kV, 11kV, and 13.2 kV





## **Features**

- A very important feature of this arrester was that it need not be inspected every day as was the case for many arresters in 1928
- Also the leakage current was very low being about <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> amp.





AG Steinmayer 1917 - 1955



Herman Stoelting

Arrester Designers over the years at Line Material, McGraw Edison and Cooper



Ralph Earle



Stanley Kershaw 1951- 1995

Charles Clinkenbeard 1954- 1990

