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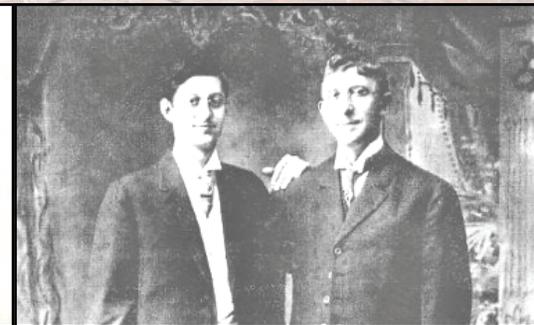
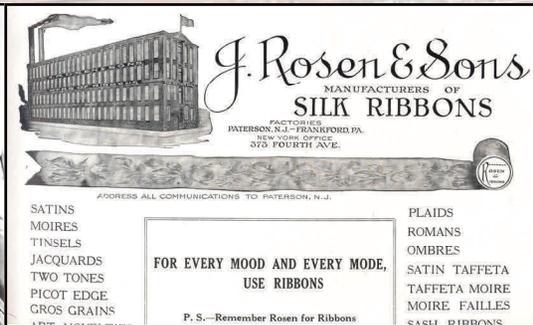
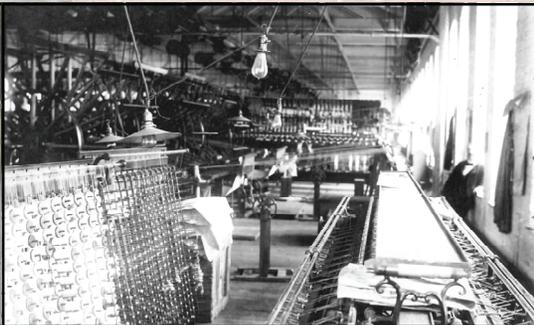
# MARKER CEREMONY OF THE ROSEN MILL

The Rosen Mill represents over a hundred years of significant technological innovation and production within the silk and synthetic textile industries in Paterson. The Historic Preservation Commission and the descendants of the Jacob Rosen family invite the public to celebrate with us, as we honor his accomplishments and Paterson's silk industry at a Historic Marker Unveiling Ceremony.

Please join us on:

**Sunday, June 12, 2016**

**12:00 PM at the Rosen Mill, 1 Market Street  
adjacent to the Paterson Museum**



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## **The ROSEN MILL, located at 1 Market Street, Paterson, NJ receives official City of Paterson Historic Marker**

Paterson, NJ—This Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at noon, the City of Paterson Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) will recognize the Rosen Mill, prominently located in the Great Falls Historic District at 1 Market Street, with the installation of a City of Paterson Historical Marker. The bronze marker honors the historic significance of the building and those who worked there, serving as an important educational tool for promoting Paterson's rich industrial and social history.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the event will be held on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 Market Street, beginning at 12:00 PM. Speakers for the afternoon will include Commission Vice-Chairwoman Nakima Redmon, Executive Director Gianfranco Archimede, and descendant of the Rosen Family, Nancy Lieblich Garson. The Commission and the Rosen family welcome the public to share in and witness this exciting event.

The Rosen Mill was erected circa 1891 as a textile (silk) mill on the plot of the former Union Works, operated by a partnership of individuals important to the development of the silk and machinery industries in Paterson. The Union Works was likely the first manufactory of machinery to the evolving silk trade in Paterson and across the world in the early nineteenth century. Paterson went on to become a major technological center for silk textile machinery as much as it did in the production and finishing of silk textiles. The developmental history of the Rosen Mill site certainly contributes to its significance as a key resource within the Great Falls Historic Landmark District, and likewise to both Paterson and the nation.

Between 1891 and 1916, the mill was leased and operated by several entities in the silk trade, especially in producing silk ribbons and products. Max and Jacob Rosen occupied the mill beginning in 1916 and manufactured silk ribbons until they closed their doors in the late 1930s. At the peak of the Rosen's production of silk ribbons in the 1920s, it is reported that they employed over 1,000 persons and produced more silk ribbons than any others in the United States at the time. The Rosen Company also operated silk mills in Frankfort and Pittston, Pennsylvania. Rosen was also a pioneer in the use of Rayon, Dupont's first major synthetic fiber. Among the first manufacturers to convert from silk to rayon, Jacob Rosen continued his innovative efforts with nylon-woven yarn and attempts at fabrication of nylon cords for use in automobile tires. Such innovations support the mill's significance in the district as a place where transitional textile technologies were experimented with. Together with its well-established site history, the Rosen mill stands to represent the silk, cotton and later synthetic fabrics industries, marking over one hundred years of significant technological innovation and production. In addition, Jacob, his son Max and other members of the Rosen family were integral members of the civic community, particularly with their support of Barnert Temple and Barnert Hospital.

The Commission's Historic Marker program began in 2014 to bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation. Since 2014, the Commission has worked diligently toward the installation of four distinct markers. First A.M.E Zion Church was the location of the first marker erected, in May of 2014. The Rosen Mill Marker will mark the second installment within the City. The marker was made possible by the generous donation of members of the Rosen family. Their donation and generosity supports the Commission's efforts in recognizing the legacy of Jacob and Max Rosen.



The Paterson Historic Marker program commemorates persons, events, municipal historic landmarks and districts prominently identified with the history of the Nation, State, or the City of Paterson. A subject qualifies for a marker if two basic criteria are met: historical significance and age. Historical significance is established by reviewing its role and importance in local, state, or national history and the age requirement for a place and/or event is at least fifty years ago. The Commission's official marker guidelines are outlined in the *Paterson Historical Marker Program Guidelines*. For more information on the City of Paterson Historic Preservation Commission and its programs, please contact the Division of Historic Preservation at 973-321-1220 or visit us on the web at [www.patersonnj.gov/hpc](http://www.patersonnj.gov/hpc).