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## KC STARS: The area's oldest firms still in existence

	Company name	Address	Internet	Year founded	Original name Original address	Original business	Original owners (s)	Current business Current owner(s) or parent company
1.	<b>Harvey A. Jones Engineering Co.</b>	908 N. Osage St.	Independence, MO 64050 <a href="http://www.haj.com">www.haj.com</a>	1852	Martin O. Jones Independence, MO	Surveying	Martin O. Jones	Land and construction surveying, civil engineering Christina Jones
2.	<b>Kansas City Board of Trade</b>	4800 Main St., Suite 303	Kansas City, MO 64112 <a href="http://www.kcbt.com">www.kcbt.com</a>	1856	Kansas City Board of Trade Eighth and Wyandotte streets	Grain trading	Local merchants	Commodity futures exchange 192 full-class A members
3.	<b>McCormick Distilling Co.</b>	Weston, MO <a href="http://www.mccormickdistilling.com">www.mccormickdistilling.com</a>		1856	Holladay Distillery Weston	Whisky distilling	Ben Holladay David Holladay	Distilling and spirits Ed Pechar Mike Griessar
4.	<b>McCaffree-Short Title Co.</b>	330 Delaware St.	Leavenworth, KS 66048 <a href="http://www.mccaffree-short.com">www.mccaffree-short.com</a>	1857	H.L. Short Abstract Co. Leavenworth	Abstracts of title	H.L. Short	Abstracts and title insurance Sam McCaffree
5.	<b>D.W. Newcomer's Sons Stine &amp; McClure Chapel</b>	3235 Gillham Plaza	Kansas City, MO 64109 <a href="http://www.dwnewcomers.com">www.dwnewcomers.com</a>	1861	E. Stine Undertaker 503 Main St.	Undertaking	Edward Stine William McClure	Funeral and cremation services Stewart Enterprises
6.	<b>Commerce Bank</b>	1000 Walnut St.	Kansas City, MO 64106 <a href="http://www.commercebank.com">www.commercebank.com</a>	1865	Kansas City Savings Association Commerce Trust Fourth and Delaware	Banking	Francis R. Long William S. Woods	Banking and financial services Commerce Bancshares Inc.
7.	<b>Bank of Lee's Summit</b>	210 S.W. Main St.	Lee's Summit, MO 64063 <a href="http://www.bankofleessummit.com">www.bankofleessummit.com</a>	1868	Colbern & Hargus Bank Third and Main Lee's Summit	Banking	W.H. Colbern J.N. Hargus	Banking Valley View Financial Group Trust
8.	<b>Rau Construction Co.</b>	9101 W. 110th St., Suite 150	Overland Park, KS 66210 <a href="http://www.rauconstruction.com">www.rauconstruction.com</a>	1870	Rau Construction Co. 24th and Harrison streets	Furnace maker	Gustave Rau	General contractor Gus Rau Meyer Dan Rau Meyer
9.	<b>Grant Renne &amp; Sons Inc.</b>	1200 E. Eighth St.	Kansas City, MO	1873	Renne Bros. House Raisers and Movers 17th	House moving	George Renne	Foundation repair Grant Renne III

	64106	<a href="http://www.grantrenne.com">www.grantrenne.com</a>		and Vine streets				
10.	<b>Lathrop &amp; Gage LC</b>	2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 2800 Kansas City, MO 64108	1873	Lathrop & Smith 14 W. Fifth St.	Law firm	Gardiner Lathrop William Smith	Law firm Firm members	
11.	<b>Allen Markings</b>	1130 Elmwood Ave. Kansas City, MO 64127	1874	Allen Stamp & Seal Co. 709 Delaware St.	Stamps and seals	Edward Allen	Stamps, signs, seals, engraving St. Paul Stamp Works	
12.	<b>Gallup Map Co.</b>	1733 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64108	1875	Gallup Map and Stationery Downtown	Making maps	George Gallup	Making maps, sales of maps and globes Patricia Carroll	
13.	<b>D.W. Newcomer's Sons Chapel</b>	509 S. Noland Road Independence, MO 64050	1878	H.J. Ott & Co. 115 N. Main St. Independence, MO	Undertaking	Henry Ott	Funeral and cremation services Stewart Enterprises	
14.	<b>Oppenheimer &amp; Co. Inc.</b>	4717 Grand Ave. Kansas City, MO 64112	1878	B.C. Christopher 10th and Central streets	Brokerage firm	Benjamin Campbell Christopher	Brokerage firm Oppenheimer & Co.	
15.	<b>Sellers &amp; Marquis Roofing Co.</b>	4200 Gardner Ave. Kansas City, MO 64120	1878	Sellers & Marquis Roofing Co. Kansas City	Roofing contractor	Sellers and Marquis	Roofing contractor Jerry Schaefer	
16.	<b>Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP</b>	1201 Walnut St., Suite 2900 Kansas City, MO 64106	1878	Frank Rozelle Law Firm 20 W. Ninth St.	Law firm	Frank Rozelle	Law firm Partnership	
17.	<b>Walker Towel &amp; Uniform Service</b>	2601 E. Truman Road Kansas City, MO 64127	1878	Walker's Laundry 1120 Oak St.	Family laundry and dry cleaning	Walker family	Rental laundry services Shapiro family	
18.	<b>Kessinger/Hunter &amp; Co. LC</b>	2600 Grand Blvd., Suite 700 Kansas City, MO 64108	1879	Reiger-Moore Realty Co. Walnut St.	Real estate, mortgage loans, insurance	Lawrence Reiger J.C. Whitehead		

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