

# Some History of The Upjohn Company



**Jeremy Winkworth**

# My Time at Upjohn

- Started in May 1980 in the Quality Group
- Had 9 different assignments/experiences
- Retired in October 2017 after 37 years
- I was never bored



STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND REDUCTIONS

**Upjohn**

UNIT	NAME		SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	PERIOD ENDING			
7832	JEREMY M WINKWORTH			800515	Year to Date Gross Earnings	65455	
					Year to Date F.I.C.A.	4012	
					Year to Date Fed. With. Tax	9183	
					Year to Date City/State Tax	2723	
					Federal Dependents	1	
					City - State Dep	1	
					Savings Bonds Purchased		
					Accumulation		
					Credit Mrs. Avail.		
					Vacation Mrs. Avail.		
					Vac. Adv. Bal.		
<b>GROSS EARNINGS</b>					65455	<b>NET</b>	49537
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>					800.00		
<b>NEW 5-5 DED 2 DAS PE 5-15</b>							
COMMENT TYPES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. YOUR RATE HAS CHANGED TO ABOVE AMOUNT</li> <li>2. ADV. VAC. BALANCE IS DUE UPJOHN</li> <li>3. ADV. VAC. BALANCE IS DUE EMPLOYEE</li> <li>4. NO ADV. VAC. BALANCE REMAINING</li> <li>5. E.I.C. ADDED TO NET PAY</li> <li>* ADDED TO NET PAY</li> </ul>							

# Company Names

**Upjohn**

1886 to 1995



**Pharmacia  
&Upjohn**

1995 to 1999

**Pfizer**

2003 to date

**PHARMACIA**

1999 to 2003



# W.E.Upjohn (1853 to 1932) Founder of The Upjohn Company in 1886

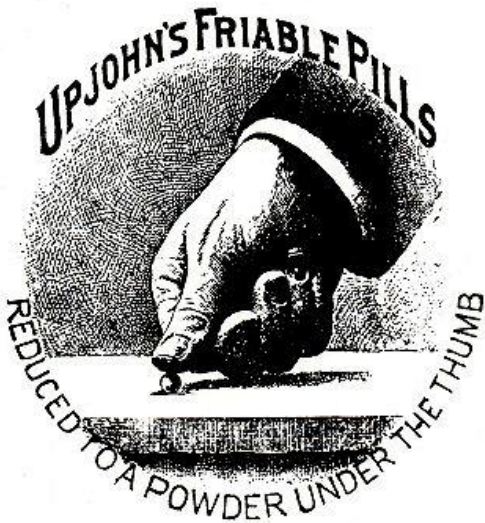


**Dr. Wm. E. Upjohn, at the time he founded The Upjohn Company, then known as The Upjohn Pill and Granule Company**



# His Big Invention was the Friable Pill

Definition of Friable  
Easily crumbled



# W.E.Upjohn – Not Just a Businessman

- Wrote the charter for Kalamazoo city government
- Was the first mayor of the city
- Funded the building of the Civic Auditorium
- Funded the Upjohn Park, other parks and exercise fields
- Was a nationally-known peony grower
- Bought a 2,000 acre farm in Richland to keep people employed during the Great Depression

# Downtown Kalamazoo Manufacturing Complex



# Production in the late 1930s





# The New Upjohn Portage Site

- During late 1945, 1500 acres of farmland were quietly purchased in Portage. Building construction started in 1946.
- Dynamite was used to blow up the trees and old building foundations that needed to be removed.
- The first power house boilers used at the site were from decommissioned World War II navy ships.
- Production of antibiotics started in 1948. For the workers, an old farmhouse on the west side of Portage Road was converted to a cafeteria.
- In September 1949 a bus service from Kalamazoo started, using company-owned buses and driven by regular company employees.
- The site was fully opened by 1951.
- The \$31M cost of the new Portage Plant was entirely covered by company earnings. No loans were needed.

# Building of the Portage Site



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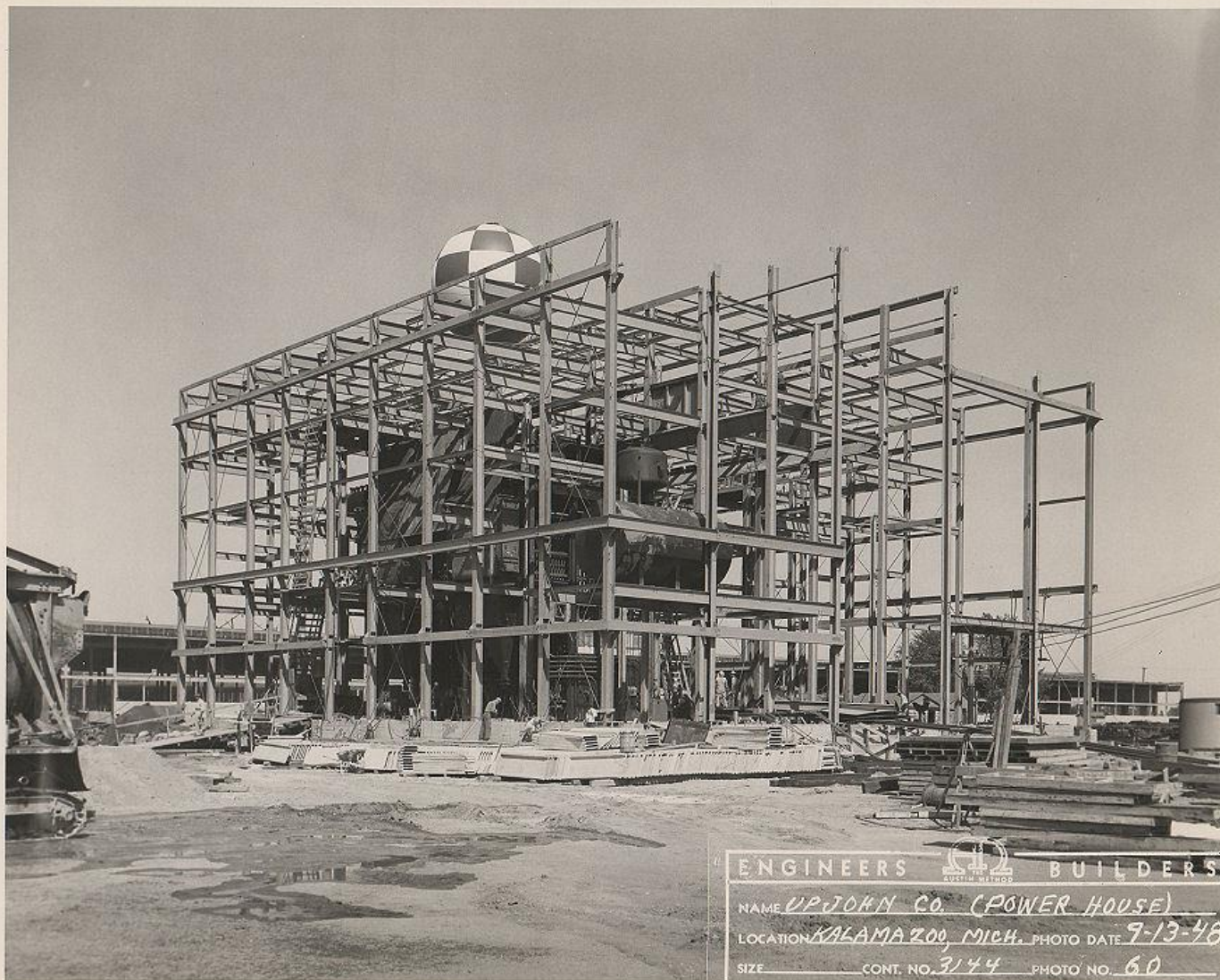
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ENGINEERS  BUILDERS  
NAME UPJOHN CO. (POWER HOUSE)  
LOCATION KALAMAZOO, MICH. PHOTO DATE 9-13-48  
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# Company Buses to the Portage Plant



# The Barbers Shop in Building 41





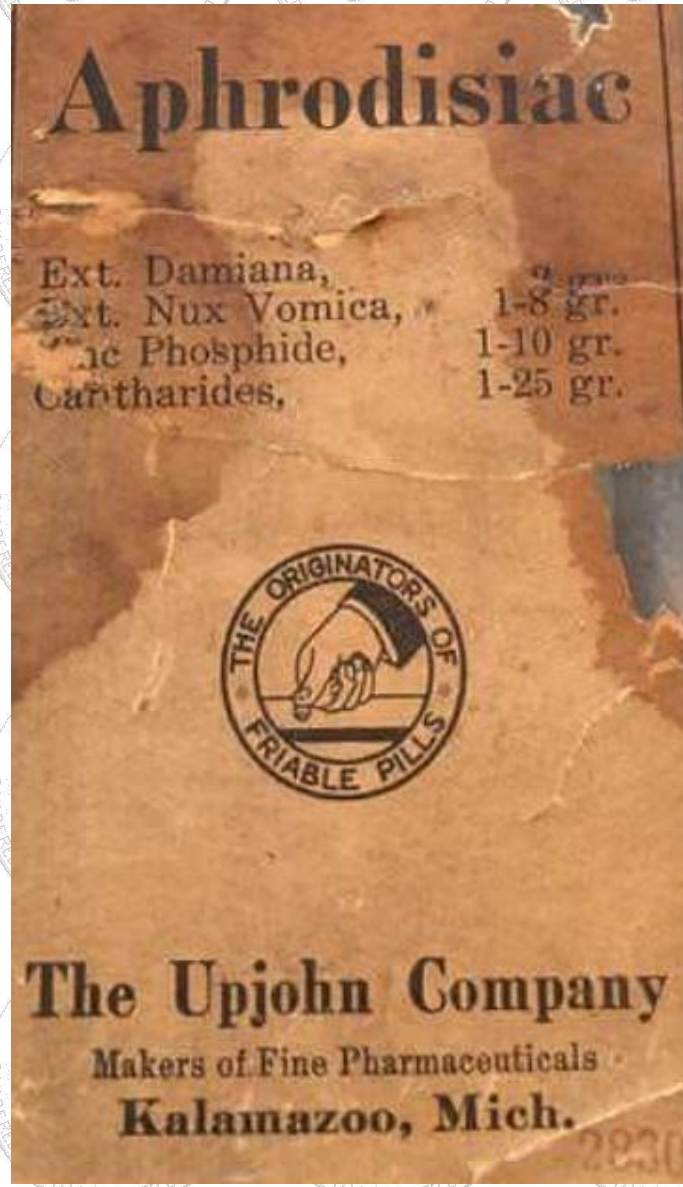
# Cannabis Tablets



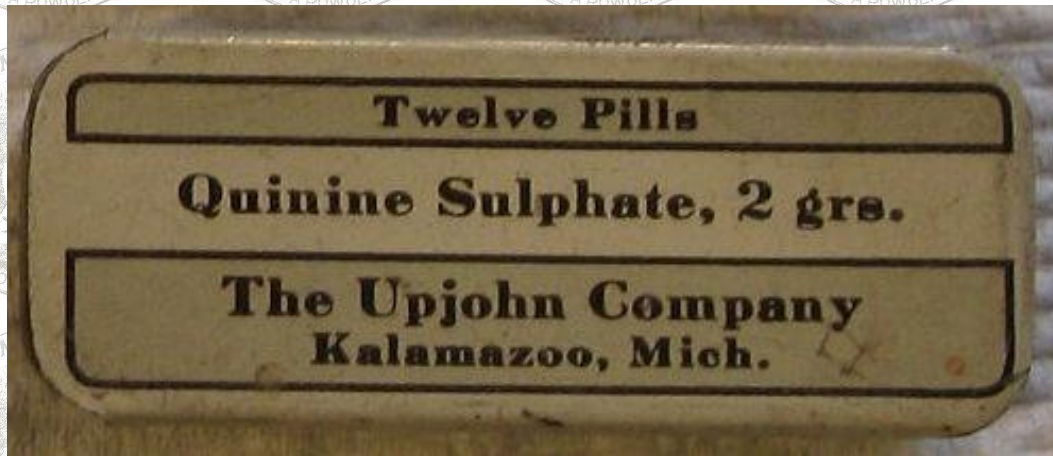
# Cocaine, Heroin, Morphine and Opium



# Aphrodisiac Tablets



# Quinine Pills



# Eczema Lotion



FLUID RECORD

1924

50 gal. 10

Jan. 2, 1925

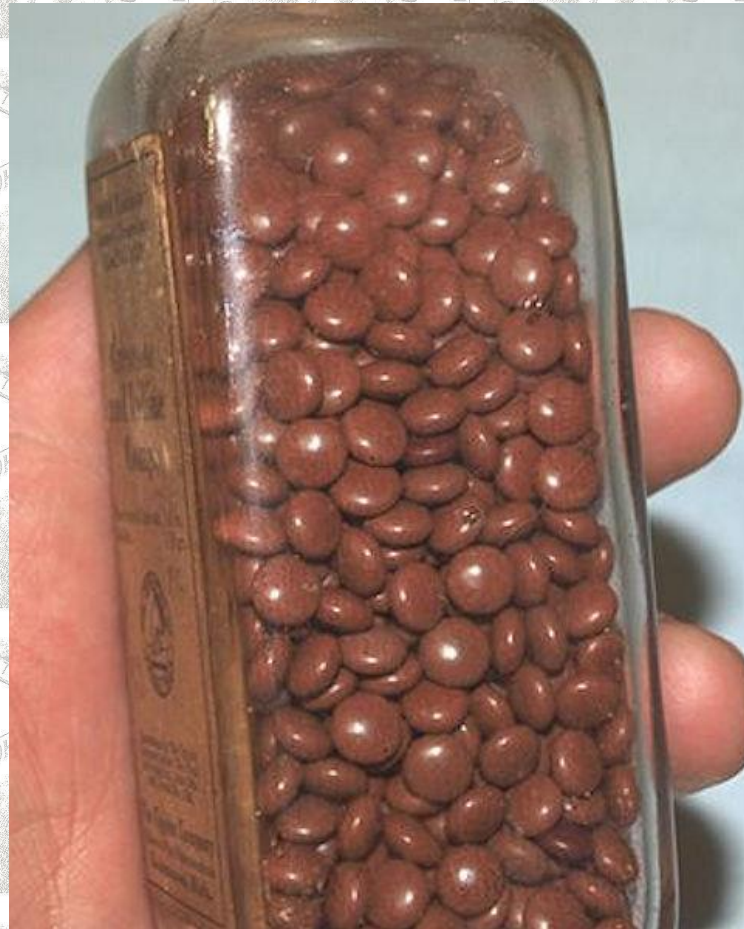
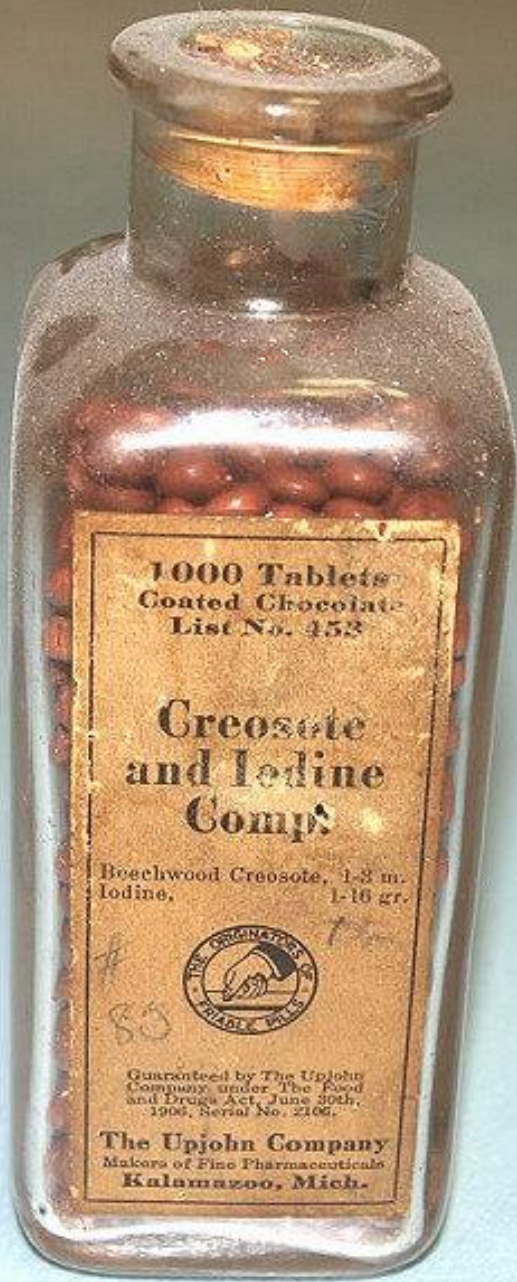
60373 Rose Water  
60374 " "  
3 gal.  
60375 Aqueous F.C. Ergt (U.S.) for Anhydrous  
200#  
60376 Aint. Sulphur Comp.  
100 gal.  
60377 Wild Cherry & Ammonium Comp.  
50 gal.  
60378 F.C. Ergt. U.S.P. IX.  
100 gal.  
60379 Eczema Lotion  
800 gal.  
60380 Hexatone  
14 gal 7 qt  
60381 F.C. Digitalis Fat Free  
60382 Left 4 qt. Belladonna Leaves  
200#

60379

# Hematic Tonic Pills



# Chocolate Coated Tablets

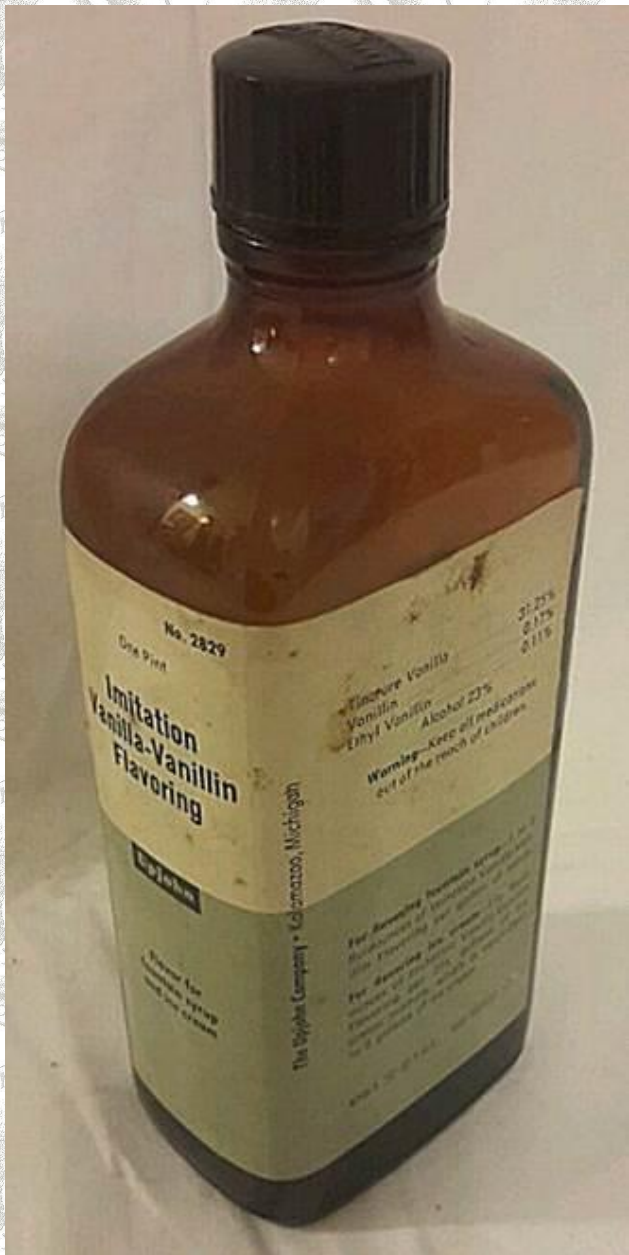


# Pantomime Candies





# Vanilla



**For flavoring fountain syrup**—1 to 2 fluidounces of Imitation Vanilla-Vanillin Flavoring per gallon of syrup.

**For flavoring ice cream**—1½ fluidounces of Imitation Vanilla-Vanillin Flavoring per 2½ gallons of ice cream mixture, which is equivalent to 5 gallons of ice cream.

**Warning**—Keep all medications out of the reach of children.

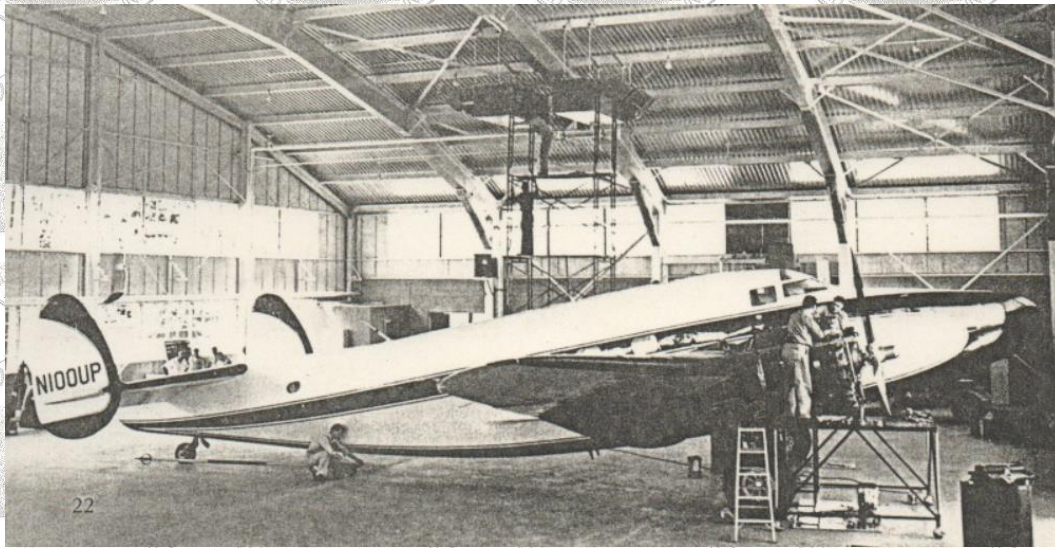
**Store at room temperature**

Tincture Vanilla	.....	31.25%
Vanillin	.....	0.17%
Ethyl Vanillin	.....	0.11%
Alcohol		23%

812 073 002      LOT 182 CX  
EXP 8/93

Manufactured for  
**The Upjohn Company**  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001, USA

# The Upjohn Airforce



# Public Tours of Building 41

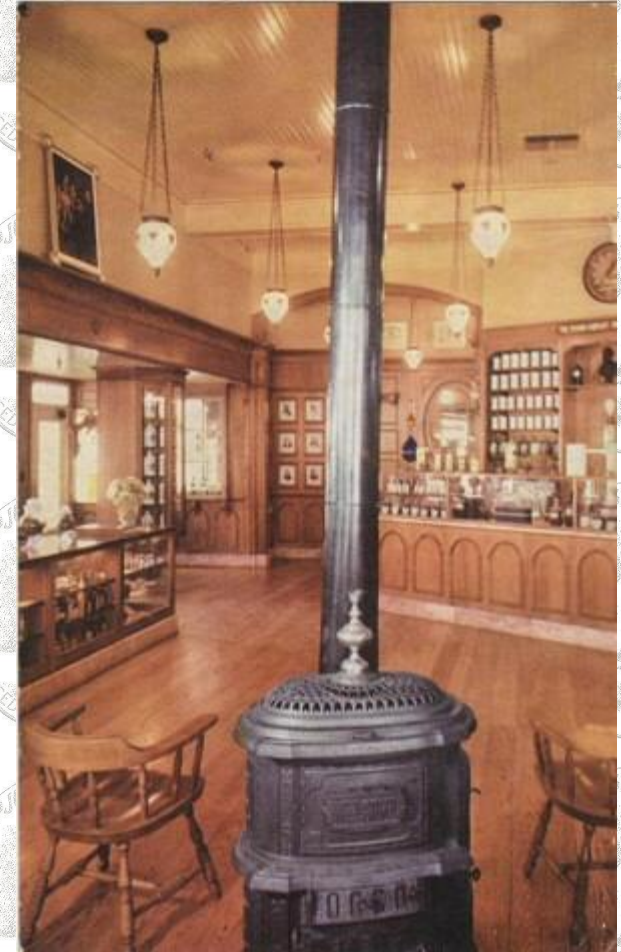
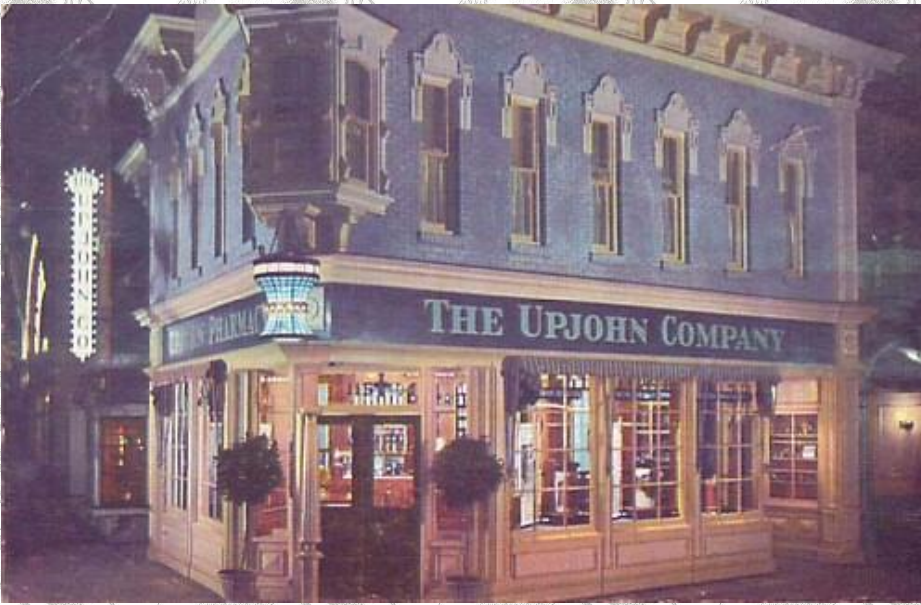


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*These Upjohn escorts are carefully selected and trained to make the visitors' plant tour both pleasant and worthwhile.*



# Upjohn in Disneyland



www.upjohn.net

## *Memories of The Upjohn Company*

Welcome to upjohn.net, a place to browse photos and information about The Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan (1886-1995) **\*\* What's New on Upjohn.net \*\***

Upjohn Fun Fact

### ----- News -----

**May 2019** - The American Chemical Society has granted National Historic Chemical Landmark Status to Kalamazoo for steroid chemistry achievements of scientists who worked at The Upjohn Company during the years 1950-1990. [Click here for details.](#)

**January 2019** - Upjohn Company "Keep The Quality Up" T-shirts can be ordered online at Kalamazoo Sportswear. Sizes are from small to XX large. [Click here](#) to go to the website.

**December 2018** - Pfizer has created an Upjohn Division - [click here for details.](#)

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