

## Tour Guide Activity: Tom Plant's Office



Tom Plant ran several factories around the greater Boston, Massachusetts area, producing shoes under two brands: Dorothy Dodd and Queen's Quality. His factory in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts was the largest factory in U.S.A. in 1910, and considered to be the largest shoe factory in the world. He sold the company and brands in 1910 for six million dollars.

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*Did you know?*

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Tom Plant's shoe factory had bowling alleys, a library, concert hall, gymnasium, restaurant, roof garden, and even a baseball field!

Tom Plant believed that happier employees worked harder, so he included spaces for their comfort and enjoyment at his factory.

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*If you ran a company, how would you keep your employees happy?*

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To learn more about factory life in the late 1800s and early 1900s visit:

<https://www.jphs.org/latest-items/2020/2/7/shoes-and-brewn-an-irish-family-in-jamaica-plain-1880-1940-na7kg>

<https://www.wgbh.org/news/post/how-lynn-became-shoe-capitol-world>

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/riseind/work/>