

Archer Mills was located at Talbotton Road and Midland Avenue. Archer Mills started on Front Avenue as one of three small hosiery-knitting operations which began in Columbus during the 1920s. (The other two failed within a few years.) In 1929, Archer moved to this modern two-story facility designed by Lockwood, Greene, and Company. It was built to manufacture pure silk hosiery and was one of the most modern hosiery mills in the nation. The mill's product was nationally marketed and sold. This locally-owned company stopped operating in 1971.

According to the 1928 Industrial Index, the silk that Archer Mills used was grown in Japan, shipped by steamer to Seattle, and dispatched east on silk trains. A trainload of silk was of such enormous value that silk trains lowered the schedule of cross country deluxe passenger trains. The Archer Hosiery Mill had about 100 people, both male and female, on the payroll in 1928.



Unknown lady with
left leg on chair.

Agnes Byers Askew
standing facing the
unknown lady.

Models for Archer
Mills Hosiery. Circa
1930's.