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## Mele and Company

Mele (pronounced “Mee-lee”) was founded in 1912 in New York City by Mr. Emidio Mele, an Italian immigrant who designed and built elaborate window displays for jewelry stores in New York City. Mr. Mele saw an opportunity to break out on his own and seek the “American Dream”. He formed a company that created gift boxes for watches, pendants and other jewelry items and subsequently began designing and manufacturing decorative jewelry boxes as well. Once the business began to take off, Mrs. Mele joined the company and the Mele workforce continued to grow.

Emidio Mele’s sons, Edward, Joseph and Raymond took over the business and in 1952, Mele moved some of its manufacturing to a building in Utica, New York that had previously housed a knitting mill. In 1956, Mele Manufacturing relocated its entire operation to 1712 Erie Street in Utica, New York.

Mele has designed and manufactured jewelry boxes for over 100 years. The company has survived by constantly expanding and improving their product line and listening to their customers.

Mele and Company is the most desired name in jewelry cases throughout the world and remains a privately-owned company.