

American Tank & Vessel, Inc. and the Pecan Tree

AT&V and the pecan tree have a long and continuing history. The cool shade of the pecan tree was most pleasing as AT&V began fabrication at the George County Industrial Park almost 30 years ago. It only seemed natural to work next to a tree of such beauty to the eye, satisfaction in its harvest and comfort from its shade.

America's greatest native agricultural crop is tenacious about life and most successful at adaptation. Down where the Rio Grande separates Texas and Mexico along the Devils River area, pecan seeds and leaves have been recovered from Baker's Cave along side human artifacts. These remains show that the pecan helped sustain life for the Native Americans dating back to between 6100BC and 3000BC. The satisfying flavor became a favorite of many of the explorers of North America as well as great Americans such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

The name Pecan originates from the French and Spanish acceptance of the American Indian word paccan. Webster's dictionary gives credit to the Cree Indians who spoke the North American Indian language known as Algonquian. The Indian translation of the name means a nut too hard to crack by hand or simplified a hard-shelled nut.

Maybe that explains it all. **AT&V, One Tuff "Nut"**.

