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Obituaries

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A. C. Fine, former head of Pawtucket mill, dies

MIAMI BEACH — Abe C. Fine, 88, founder and former president of a major Pawtucket textile mill, died Friday in Mount Sinai Medical Center, which he founded and helped build. He was the husband of Margaret (Weinstein) Fine.

Born in Poland, Dec. 21, 1887, he moved in his youth to Paterson, N.J., where he was a mill worker in the early part of the century. He rose to the position of loom fixer after his apprenticeship and in 1925 he organized Peerless Mills in Paterson with 36 looms.

He moved the business to Rockville, Conn. and to Grand Avenue, Pawtucket, by 1936. When he got established in

another Pawtucket site, the old Royal Weaving Mill on Sabin Street, Peerless was an 800-loom operation with some of the most modern equipment in use then.

But after continuing disagreement with labor over output quotas, Mr. Fine ceased operations in Pawtucket in December, 1949, and moved to the Miami area. The mills employed 600 persons at their peak.

The following year he built a \$2 million mill in Belton, S.C., selling it in 1952 to Royal Little's Textron Southern, Inc.

During his retirement, which began in 1956, he became a benefactor of the Mount Sinai Medical Center, of which he was a life trustee, and of the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Miami Beach. He was a board member of Temple Beth Shalom and Temple Beth Israel, both in Miami Beach. He remained an active land investor late into the 1950s.

Besides his wife, Mr. Fine is survived by a daughter, Leslie (Fine) Cohn, and two grandchildren.

His funeral services are to be held today in Temple Beth Shalom with burial in Mount Nebo Cemetery, Miami.