

Mr. C. V. Atwell is seeking to buy extensive tracts of farmland in the Charlestown vicinity.

Du Pont Chemical and the War Department agree to build the Indiana Ordnance Works (IOW) to produce smokeless powder. Construction begins.

Goodyear Corporation opens a factory next to the IOW to sew and load powder bags.

Construction is completed and the IOW begins production.

Production of smokeless powder at IOW peaks at 900,000 pounds a day.

World War II ends. Production ends at the factories. Factories are placed on standby.

Plants reactivated for Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Vietnam War ends.

Charlestown State Park established.