# Case Study



# A LEADING USA FOOD PRODUCER

# JUST THE FACTS



## **CLIENT**

A major U.S. food producer

#### **CHALLENGE**

The firm's archaic document reader, used to access engineering drawings, was aging, bulky and unable to output to modern formats

### **SOLUTION**

The compact Wicks and Wilson UScan Universal Scanner with RapidScan batch-scanning software

#### **APPLICATION**

Utilizing the Wicks and Wilson UScan, which scans, reads, prints and saves in multiple formats, the firm is now able to easily retrieve and archive key engineering drawings. The flexibility of the UScan has also allowed it to be utilized by the corporate archives department for a wide variety of company legacy documentation.

# Crowley's UScan Digitizes Essential Engineering Data and Corporate Archives

leading U.S. food producer recently purchased a *U*Scan microform scanner, designed by The Crowley Company's Wicks and Wilson division, to help retrieve and archive key engineering drawings. These documents, some decades old, were created to build and maintain custom-designed processing equipment that is still in use today. Much of the firm's legacy engineering data had previously been scanned in batches and archived using an outside service, but certain critical documents were either missing or illegible.

The firm owned an archaic document reader that had fallen into disrepair and could not keep up with the growing needs of the company. It was described by a corporate archivist as "bulky, with poor resolution and incapable of scanning to modern output formats." These concerns led executives to explore the purchase of a new reader/printer that would better fit the company's needs. After careful consideration, the *U*Scan was selected because, in their words:

"The UScan offers the flexibility to view and scan various microfilm sources."

"It's incredibly easy to use."

"It's compact and ruggedly constructed."

"It offers the lowest cost for the best image resolution."

"It's designed for low-volume jobs, suiting the need for occasional use better than large batch, automated devices, but also has the RapidScan software to offer batch-scanning when needed."

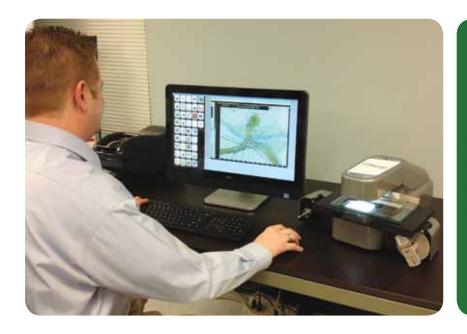
A corporate records manager noted, "The *U*Scan has helped us re-connect with our past and transition into the future. Initially purchased for engineering use, the *U*Scan will be further utilized in our corporate archives department for a much wider variety of company legacy documentation, such as: purchase orders; building site plans; architectural drawings; vendor prints; project records; color slides; contract documentation; and marketing and product development records."



Incorporating more than 30 years of production-level manufacturing and taking the place of four separate scanners, the UScan Universal Film scanner offers a competitively-priced unit for public access and low-volume archival use. Driven by ease-of-use and maximum image clarity, the UScan UF-series simply and efficiently digitizes all film and photographic material formats in a single unit. Key features include:

- An output resolution of 100-600 dpi
- File formats of TIFF (raw, compressed, multipage); PDF (single, multi-page); JPEG; JPEG 2000; and BMP
- The ability to scan to file, USB, print, email, cloud or mobile
- One button instant capture
- ILL-compatibility
- Batch-scanning, OCR and annotation output options
- Much more. Visit the scanning equipment section of the Crowley website (reverse) for full details.





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## **About The Crowley Company**

The Crowley Company is a world-leader in digital and analog film technologies and provides an extensive number of digital document and film conversion services to the academic, publishing, commercial, government and archive sectors. The company manufactures, distributes, and services high-speed microfilm, microfiche, aperture card, book and document scanners, microfilm duplicators, film processors and micrographics equipment.

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