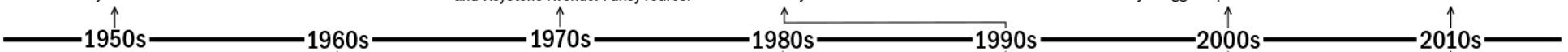


# A retailer's rise and fall



**April 15, 1955:** H.H. and Fanny Gregg open 800-square-foot appliance showroom at 4930 N. Keystone Ave.



**1964:** Store moves to larger space at 5250 N. Keystone Ave.



**1965:** Fanny's son from prior marriage, Gerald Throgmartin, joins company.  
**1969:** Gerald's brother Don Throgmartin joins company.

**1971:** Kokomo and South Madison Avenue stores open.  
**1974:** Fourth store opens in Anderson.  
**1974:** H.H. Gregg dies.  
**1975:** Fifth store opens on East Washington Street.  
**1978:** Gerald's son Jerry joins company full time.  
**1979:** HHGregg opens first "superstore" near East 96th Street and Keystone Avenue. Fanny retires.

**1991:** HHGregg opens first Kentucky store.  
**1991:** HHGregg bids for Denver-based Schmid Appliance & TV but is rejected.



**1993:** Company launches iconic TV campaign featuring "HHGregg Twins." They're shown here with HHGregg's Ken Beckley.

**1984:** HHGregg buys Famous State Sales in Nashville, Tennessee, its first out-of-state outpost.  
**1987:** Gerald buys out Don's ownership.  
**1989:** Gerald turns presidency over to Jerry but remains CEO.



*Jerry Throgmartin*

**1995:** Louisiana-based Campo Electronics agrees to buy HHGregg's 15 stores for \$52 million, but within weeks firms call deal off.  
**1997:** HHGregg agrees to buy 50-store Sun Television and Appliances of Ohio for \$87 million, but cancels deal three days later.

**1999:** HHGregg enters Ohio by taking over 15 locations of now-defunct Sun.  
**May** Former Sun President Dennis May joins retailer as executive vice president.



**2001:** Jerry's son Gregg Throgmartin joins company.  
**2002:** HHGregg enters Atlanta.  
**2003:** Jerry becomes chairman and CEO.  
**2004:** HHGregg enters Alabama.  
**2004:** Fanny Gregg Chapman dies.



*Jerry Throgmartin*

**2005:** HHGregg enters North Carolina, South Carolina.  
**2005:** Los Angeles-based Freeman Spogli & Co. acquires 80-percent stake, buying out Gerald and Jerry's four sisters.



**2007:** HHGregg, now with 79 stores, goes public at \$13 a share, ramps up expansion.  
**2009:** May becomes CEO.

**2010:** Company shares hit all-time high of \$30.  
**2012:** Jerry, now executive chairman, dies at age 57 from complications of meningitis.  
**2014:** Gregg Throgmartin leaves company.  
**February 2016:** May leaves company after weak holiday sales push stock below \$2.  
**August:** Robert Riesbeck, formerly chief financial officer, becomes CEO.



*Riesbeck*

**January 2017:** HHGregg reports 24-percent drop in quarterly sales.  
**February:** New York Stock Exchange delists HHGregg shares, now trading at 23 cents.  
**March 2:** Company says it will close 88 of its 220 stores.  
**March 7:** HHGregg files for bankruptcy, says it has lined up buyer for remaining stores.  
**March 16:** Retailer says proposed sale has fallen through, company is talking with other suitors.  
**April 7:** HHGregg says it failed to find buyer, will liquidate.