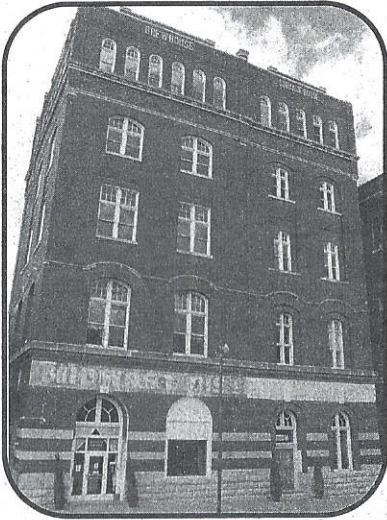


905 York Street



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Dick Brothers Brew House
905 York Street
Date: 1897

The Dick Brothers brewery was founded in 1857 by three brothers Matthew, John and Jacob Dick. Coming to America in 1854, the brothers first located in St. Louis, then relocated briefly in Belleville, before deciding to try Iowa, where Matthew felt certain barley would be abundantly available. However, on their way through this area, the brothers discovered the clear, cold spring flowing in the area of Ninth and York streets, and purchased the property through which it flowed from William Shanahanm for \$5,000. The date was Jun 19, 1857.

The first Dick brewery, located on the south side of York, had a capacity of about 1,500 barrels of lager beer; but within 15 years that capacity had grown to nearly 70,000 barrels. With their continued success, the present magnificent five story Brew House was constructed in 1897 - it was then the tallest building in town - as part of an expansion project that cost the company over \$160,000 dollars. That the building was the pride of the brewery can be seen by the care and architectural detail with which it was built, including the impressive exterior brick work and copper lettering at the top of the five stories reading "BREW HOUSE" on the South side, and in even larger letters "DICK BROTHERS BREW HOUSE" on the north facing façade. Inside, the first four floors, similar in architecture and ceiling height and held up by massive metal columns which grow progressively small on higher floor to reduce weight, were built to hold the large copper brewing vats. The former opening for one of these vats can be seen in the southeast section of the first floor ceiling.

The current owners of the Brew House have converted the first floor into an open and spacious gallery space, while retaining those original features which attest to the buildings great strength and wise design. They have also recently purchased another building in the brewery complex, the "BOTTLE HOUSE", on the south side of York. It is from this side of the street that the "tunnels" led to the storage areas above the original spring.

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