

1873 - 1973

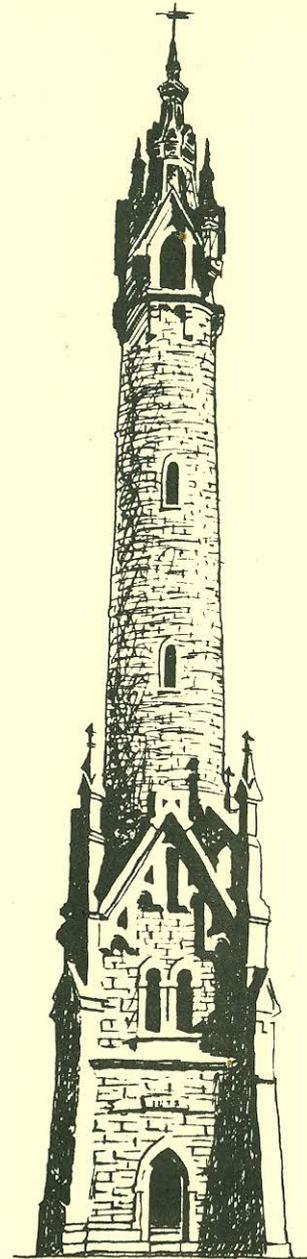
HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF NORTH POINT TOWER

- 1846 - Milwaukee was incorporated as a city.
- 1868 - The Common Council secured the services of Civil Engineer, E.S. Chesbrough to make a survey, and prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the construction of a waterworks system for the City of Milwaukee.
- 1871 - The State Legislature gave Milwaukee the authority "to construct water works and to carry on and manage same" and "to create a Board of Water Commissioners to construct and complete the work." The seven commissioners were Alexander Mitchell, John Plankinton, Frederick Pabst, Edward O'Neil, Guido Pfister, E.H. Brohead, and George Burnham.
- 1872 - Original construction began on the water system, under the direction of Civil Engineer, Moses Lane.
- 1873 - Construction on the North Point Tower started.
- 1874 - The beam engine pumps started.
- 1963 - The North Point Tower pumps stilled.

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"The North Point Water Tower was built of large blocks of Wauwatosa Limestone according to plans prepared by the Milwaukee architect, Charles Gombert. The building is 175 feet high and contains a 120 foot metal standpipe four feet in diameter. It was originally built to relieve the water mains of the surging pulsations of the old type engines. Modern pumping equipment no longer requires such a facility and Water Tower is, therefore, no longer needed, functionally, but wisely has been retained by the City as an ornament and as a landmark to add interest, both by virtue of its appearance and its historical association with Milwaukee's traditionally bountiful and pure water supply."

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"Its Victorian expression of Gothic Architecture is a reminder of days gone by, a graceful link of yesterday and tomorrow."

Annabel D. McArthur

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October 20, 1973

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10:45 Marquette University High School Band
Joseph La Spisa, Band Director

11:00 Presentation of Colors
Girl Scout Troop #1009
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Introduction

Gordon Hinkley

Welcome

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Honored Guests and Speakers

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Architectural and Historic Importance of the Water Tower
as a Landmark

Mary Ellen Wietczykowski, Chairman
Milwaukee Landmarks Commission

Centennial Announcements

Shirley McArthur, Chairman

11:30 - 12:30

City of Milwaukee from Top of Water Tower

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Vertical Triple Expansion Crank and Fly-wheel Pump
Model by Gregory Strzelczyk