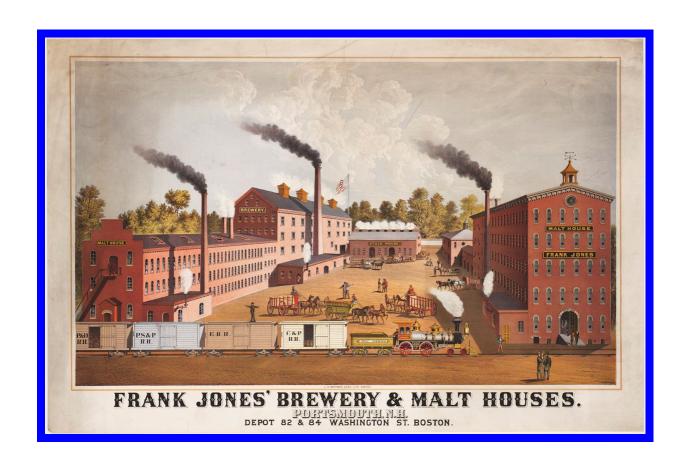
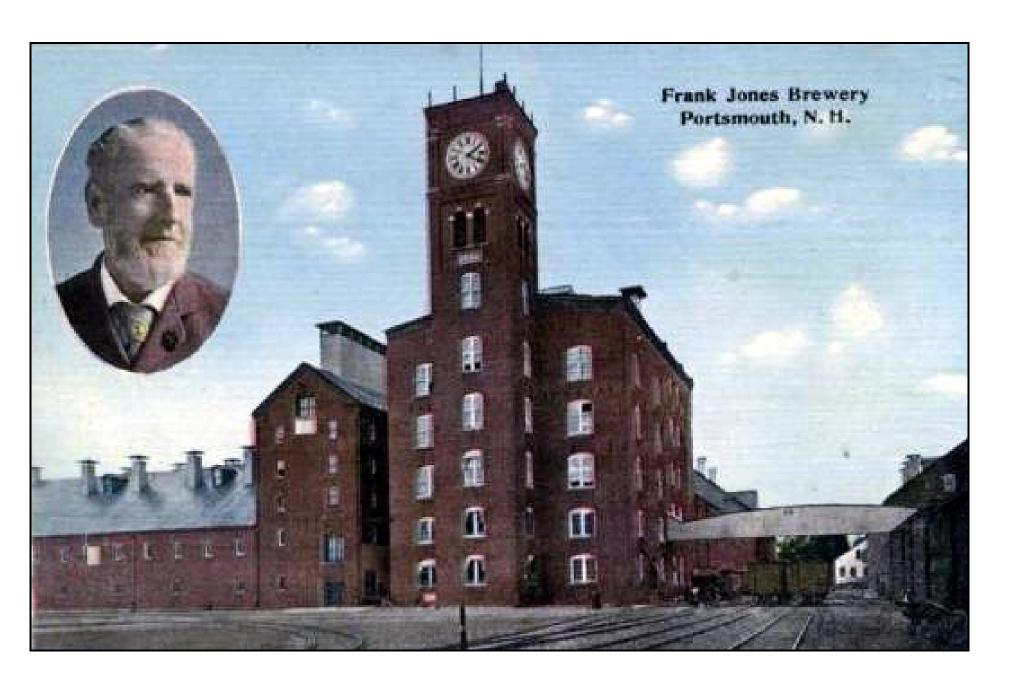
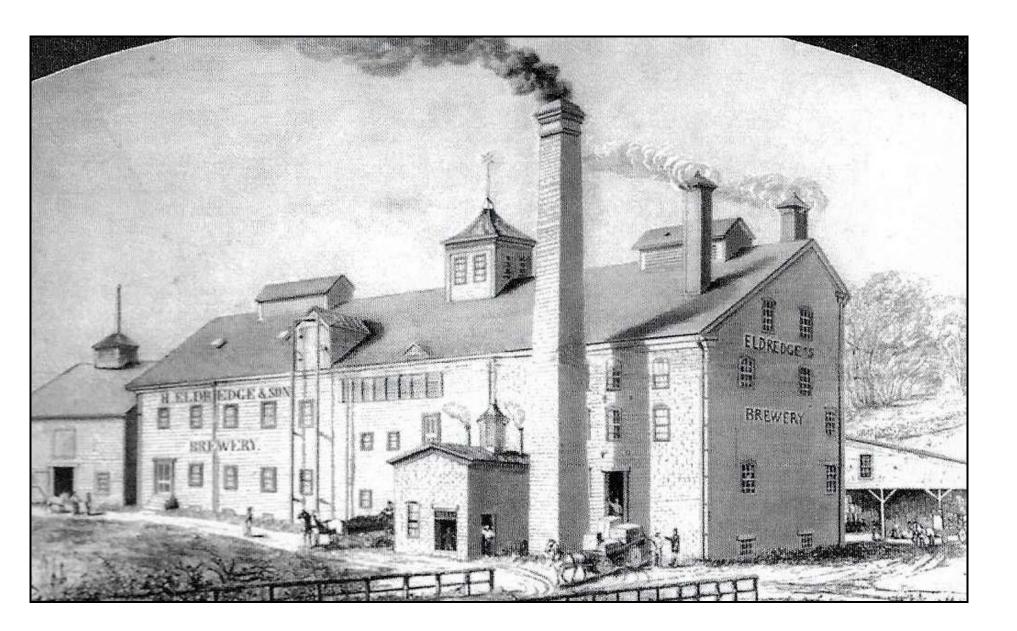
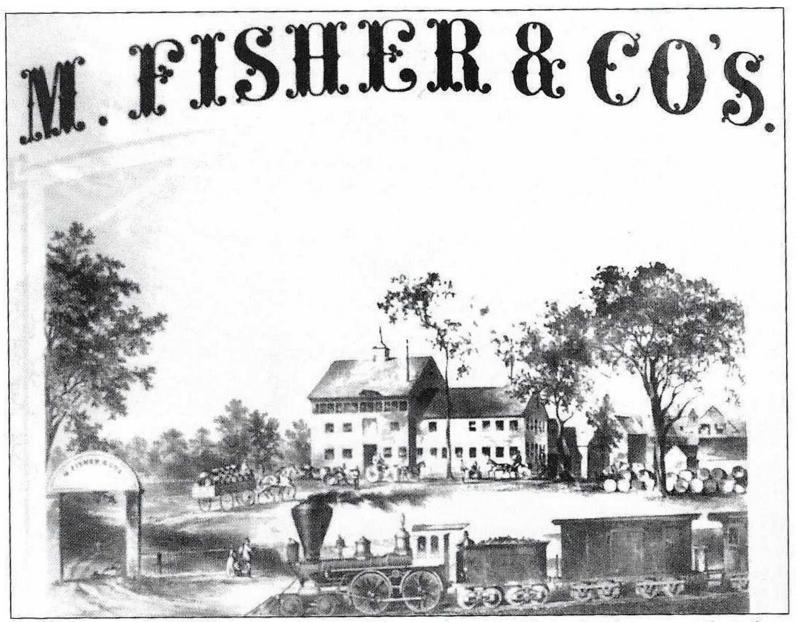
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## New Hampshire Breweries

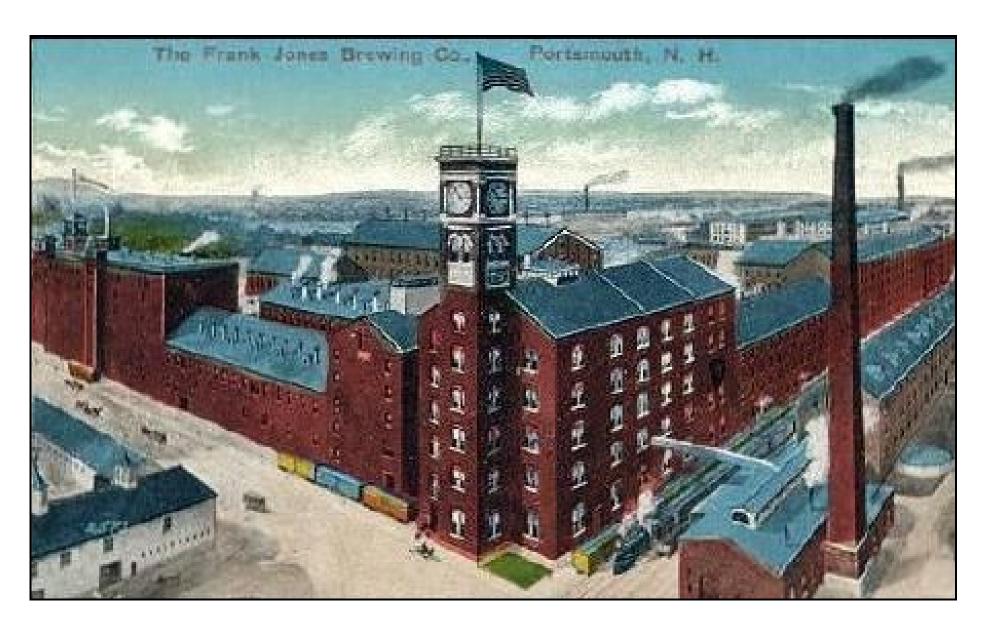


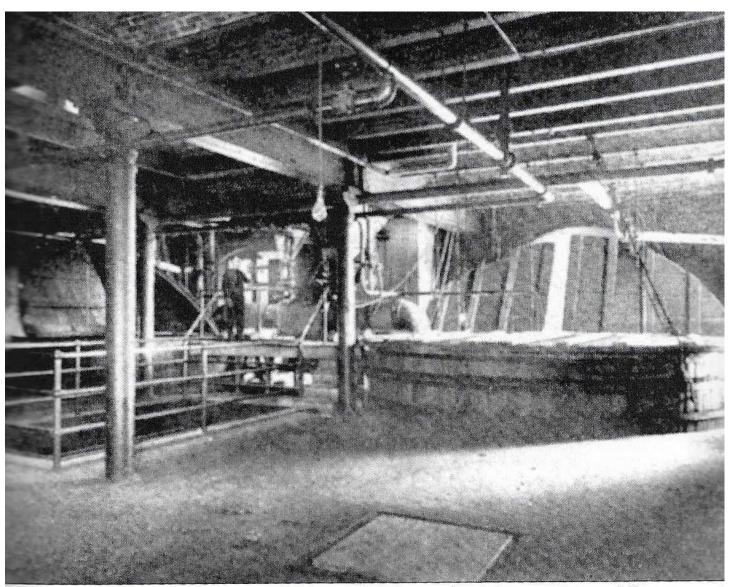




AN M. FISHER ADVERTISEMENT. This rare lithograph is one of the few known artifacts from the early days of the Eldredge family brewing business. Before the family started brewing, Heman Eldridge and his family, including sons Marcellus and Heman, came to Portsmouth in 1852. Marcellus first worked at his father's store as a clerk and soon worked at the newly opened brewery c. 1861. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)

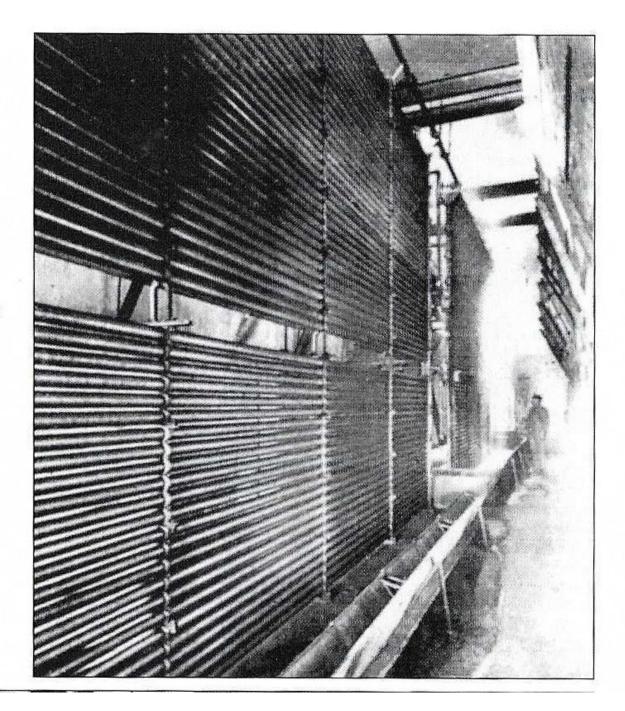


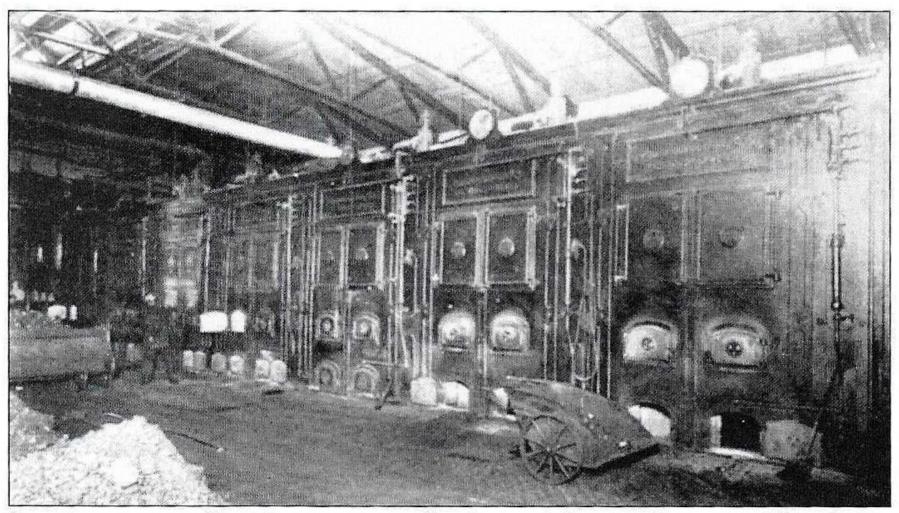




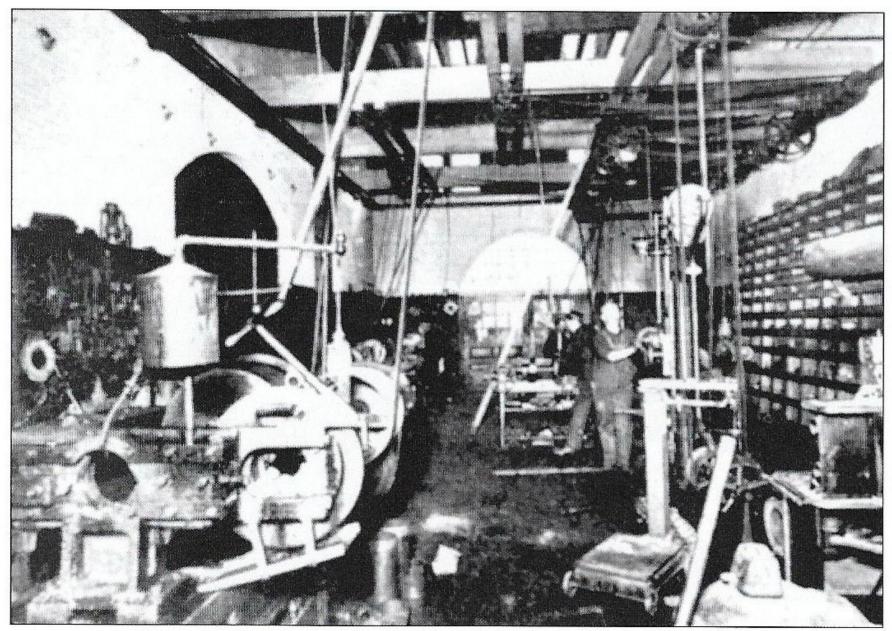
THE MASH TUN. The mash tun was originally just a giant wooden vat. It was made no different than the wooden kegs in which the final product was stored. The vat was recessed into the floor for insulation and ease of operating. This giant vat was where the malted barley was mixed with hot water at a temperature between 150 and 160 degrees. The hot water caused the starches to break down and become sugar. After the sweet liquid was separated from the spent grain it was called malt extract. This extract was pumped to another container to make the beer. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)

How THE WORT WAS
COOLED. The wort needs to
the cooled before it goes to
the fermentation tank. All of
the boiling wort was pumped
through these pipes. The
pipes acted like a radiator to
temove the heat from the
liquid. The liquid needs to
the cooled so yeast could be
added. If the wort was too hot,
the yeast would die, and no
alcohol would be produced.
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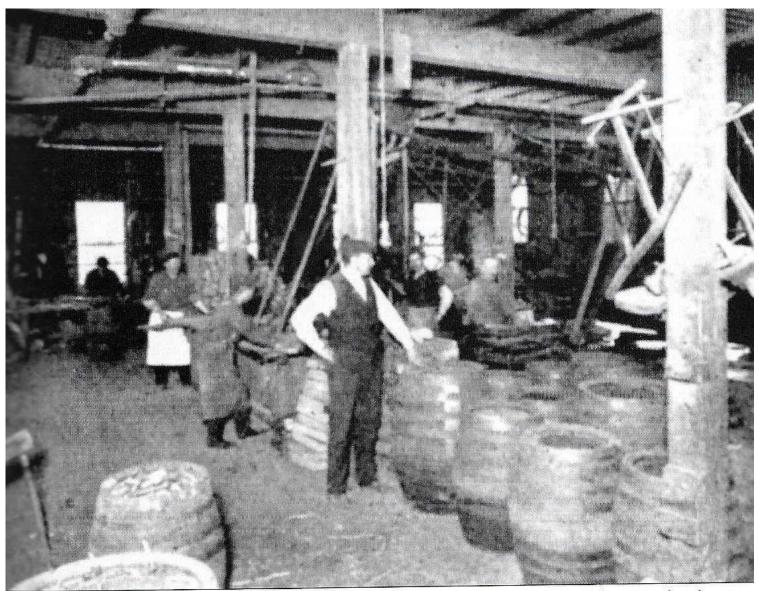




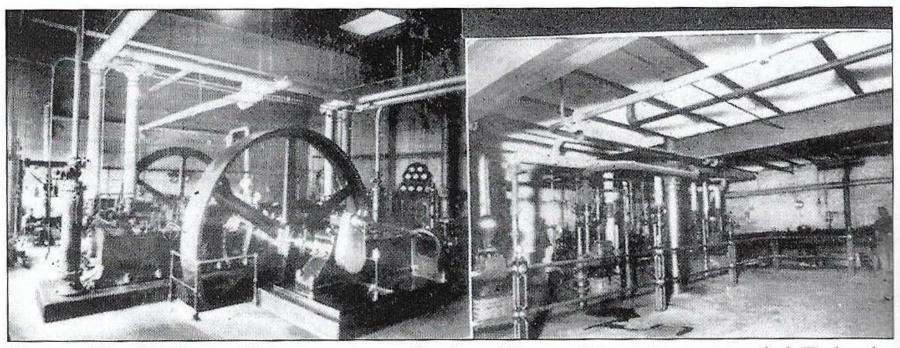
STOKING THE FIRES. Consider the amount of energy needed to run the brewery. These boilers were needed to generate steam to boil the wort, run generators, and drive pumps. They were coal fired and were maintained by hand. They were probably run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It was a hot job, even in the winter. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



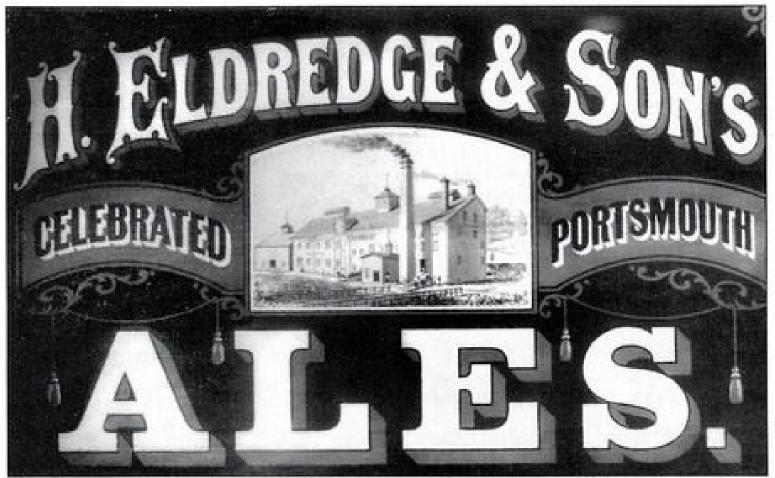
THE MACHINE SHOP. At the beginning of the 20th century, mass production was in its infancy. If something in the brewery was damaged or broken, it was probably not a part that could be ordered, but rather needed to be made in a shop. It was a necessity to have a machine shop on-site to keep the beer flowing. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



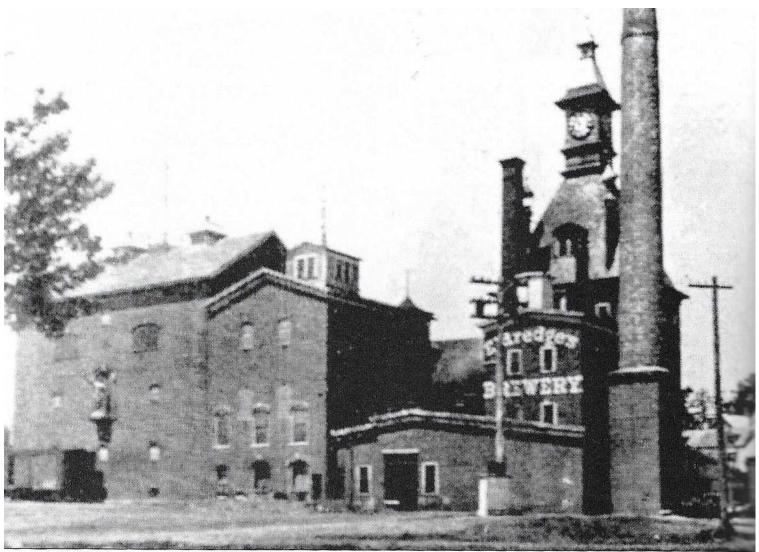
ROLL OUT THE BARRELS. As the Frank Jones Brewery was so large, it made sense for them to have their own cooper's shop. It was here that all of the kegs were made and maintained. The gentleman in the middle is more than likely the foreman. He oversaw the production of all barrels. This was a key part of the brewery. If things did not run smoothly here, the whole production of beer stopped, which meant no kegs and no storage. Today's kegs are made of stainless steel and hold only half of the amount of beer as the wooden barrels did. One can only imagine how heavy full or empty barrels must have been. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



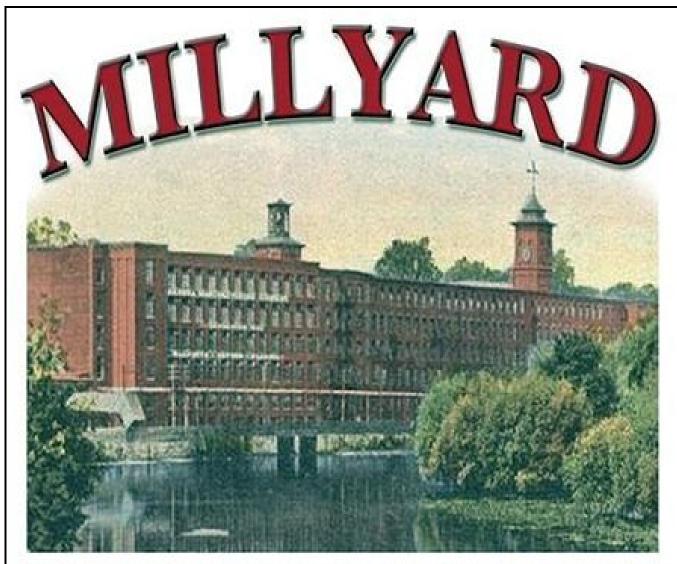
KEEPING THINGS COOL. With the mass production of beer, refrigeration was needed. To let the beer age correctly and keep it from spoiling, it had to stay cool. A smaller brewery could use an icehouse, but with the size of this brewery, that would not do. Fortunately, they were able to use the new technology of refrigeration to keep the beer cold. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



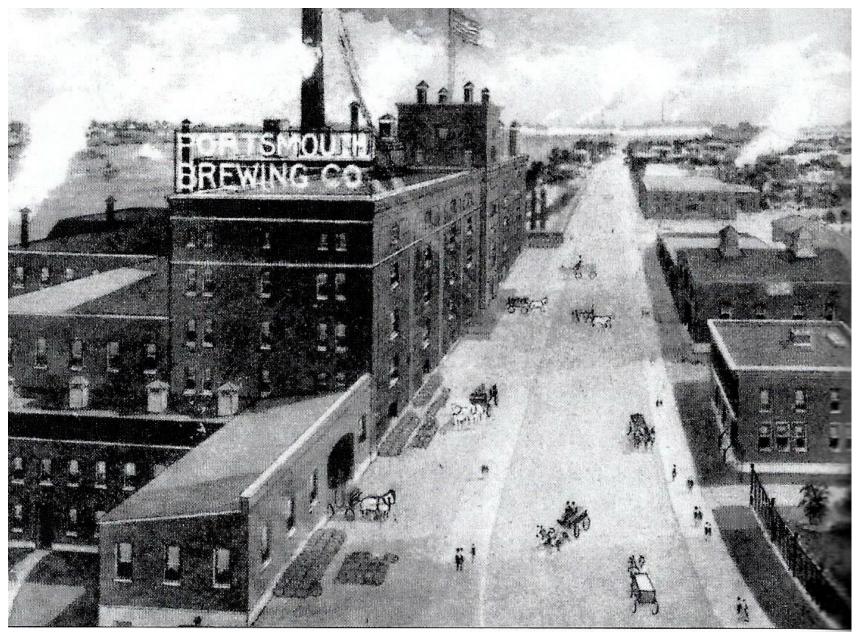
An Eldredge Brewery (see detail below) after it had undergone some expansion from its early days. The brewery was expanded again in 1878, a sure indicator that the Eldredges were having no problem keeping up with the Joneses. The Eldredges were not as wealthy as Frank Jones, but they were equally committed to keeping their brewery as modern as possible. In fact, they bested Jones in several technological areas, being the first brewery in Portsmouth to install telephone service (1881) and the first to install machinery to make ice for cooling beer (1890). Despite this competition, Marcellus Eldredge and Frank Jones remained close friends and, for the better part of their careers, political allies. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



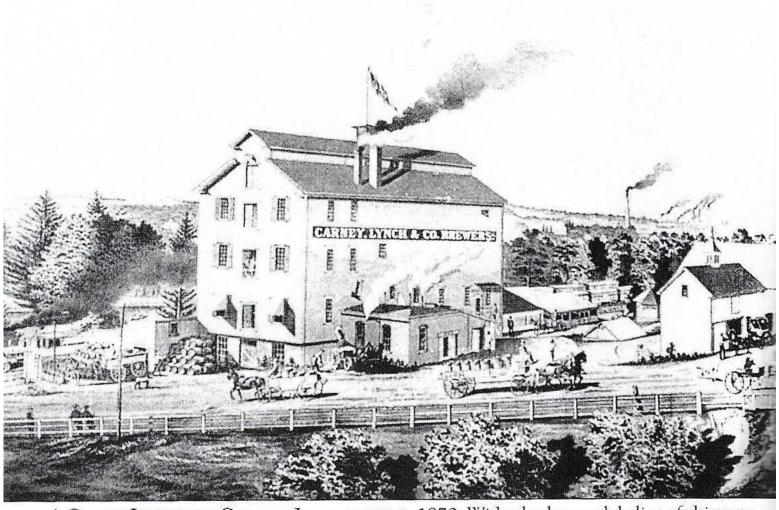
THE ELDREDGE Brewery, c. 1900. Complete with its King Gambrinus statue (visible at the far left on the brewery wall), this view shows the Eldredge Brewery in its final form. Note the elaborate clock tower to the right. Marcellus Eldredge and his brothers were as fanatical about their brewery as Frank Jones was when it came to both style and substance. Not only was their building architecturally interesting, but they also installed the most modern brewing equipment whenever possible. Not to be forgotten were the brewery workers themselves. All indicators point to the fact that the Eldredges paid their workers fairly and treated them well. In July 1884, when the coopers went on strike at all of Portsmouth's breweries to increase their daily wages from \$2.50 to \$3.00, the Eldredges were the first to meet their demands. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



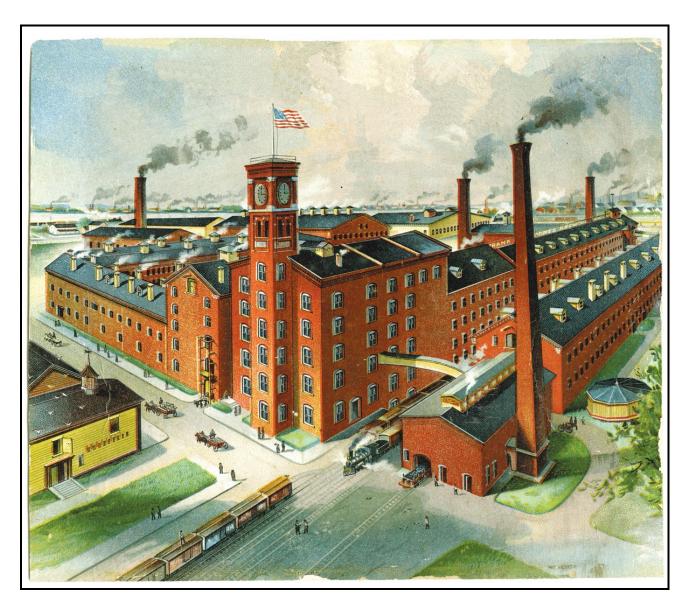
# BREWERY



THE PORTSMOUTH BREWING COMPANY. This postcard view of the Portsmouth Brewing Company dates from c. 1900 and shows the company's waterfront location on Bow Street. Note the many horse-drawn beer wagons on the street out front coming in for deliveries, and the many casks, probably empties, stacked outside. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)

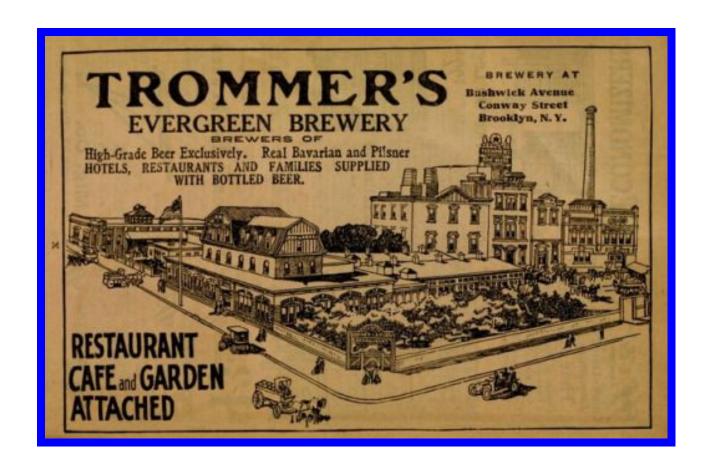


A Carney Lynch and Company Lithograph, c. 1870. With a background skyline of chimneys belching smoke, this view shows just how industrialized and successful Manchester had become by the end of the 19th century. Almost every city of importance and size in the Midwest and New England boasted a brewery or two, and Manchester was no exception. Interestingly, the brewmaster for Carney and Lynch from 1879 to 1881 was William "Billy" Moat, a former employee of the Frank Jones Brewery in Portsmouth. After his stint with Carney and Lynch, Moat returned to Frank Jones for the remainder of his brewing career. (Courtesy Rus Hammer.)



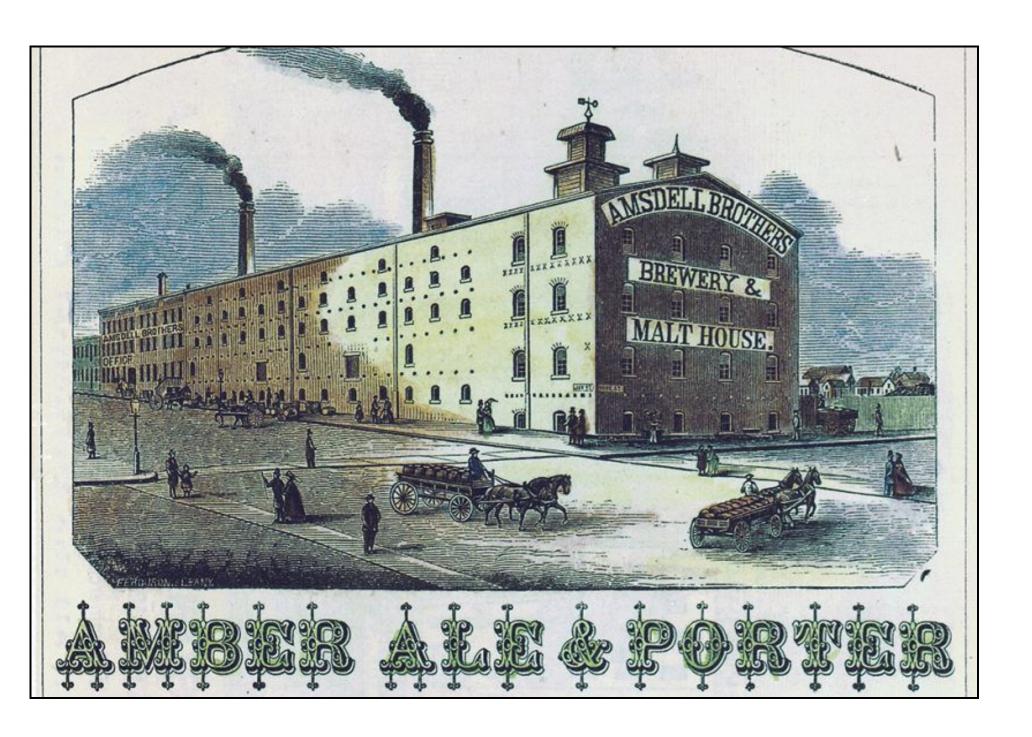
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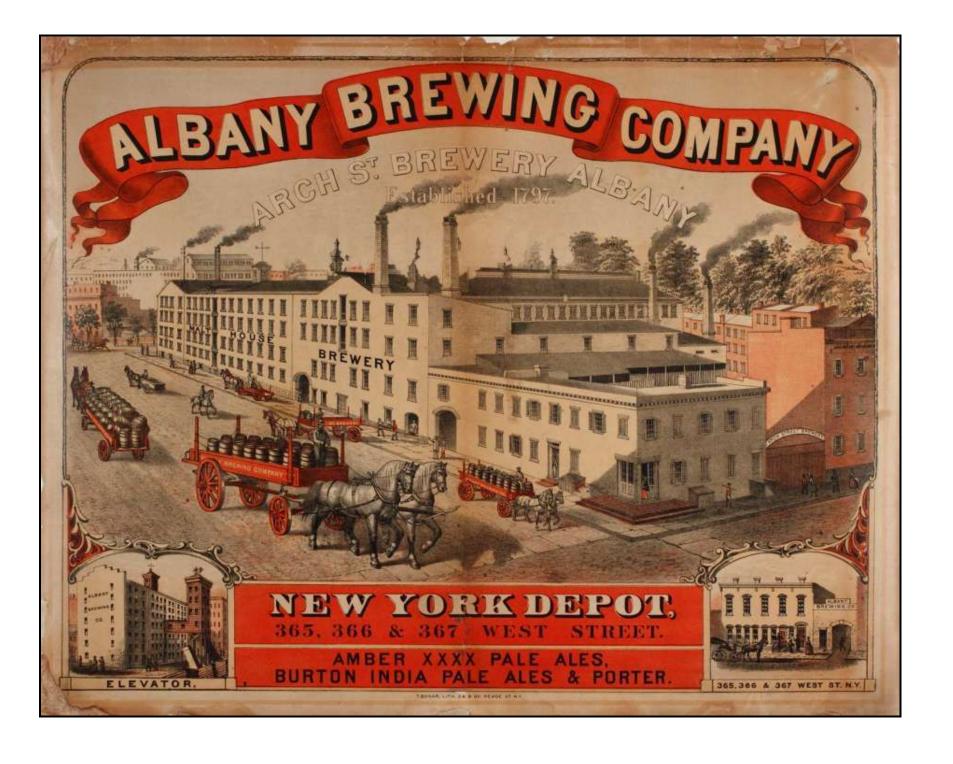
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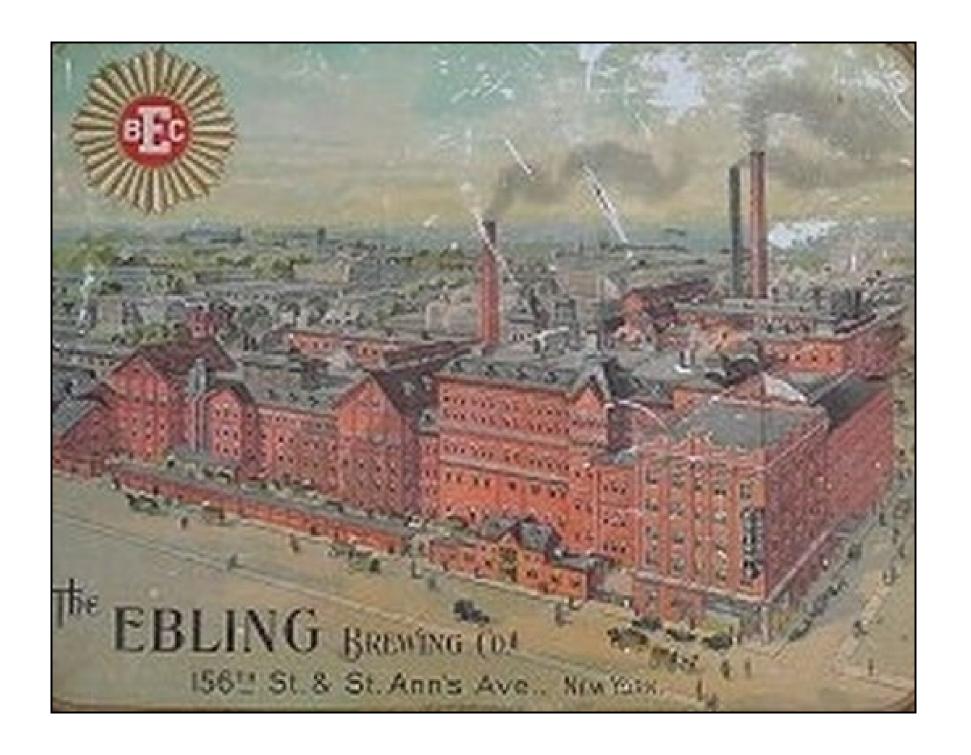


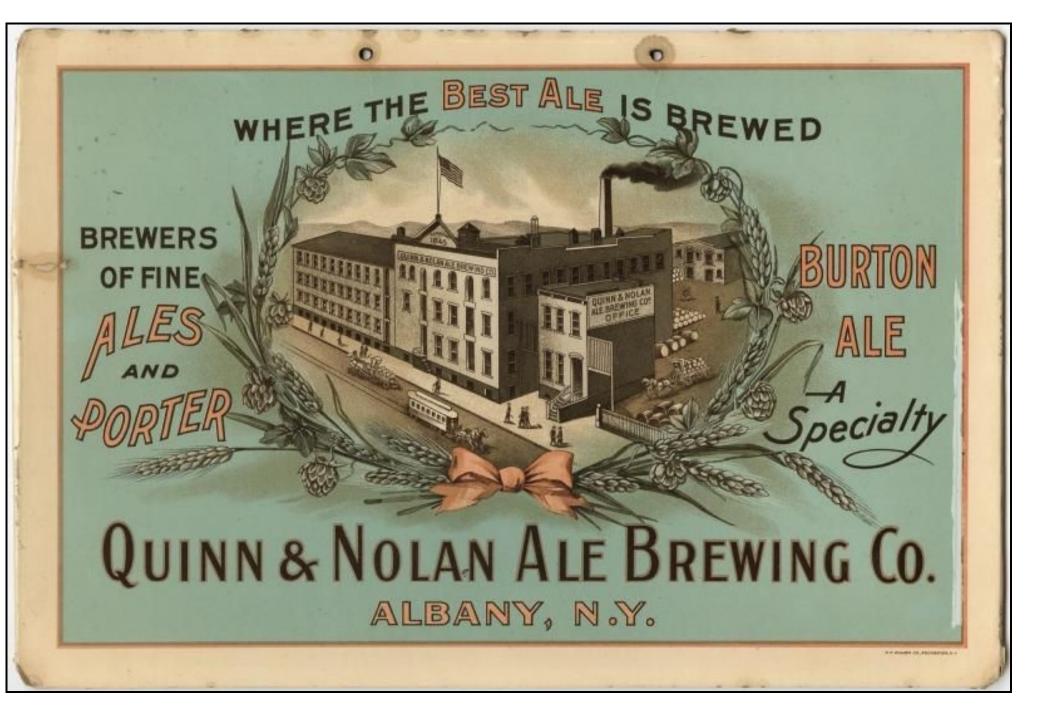
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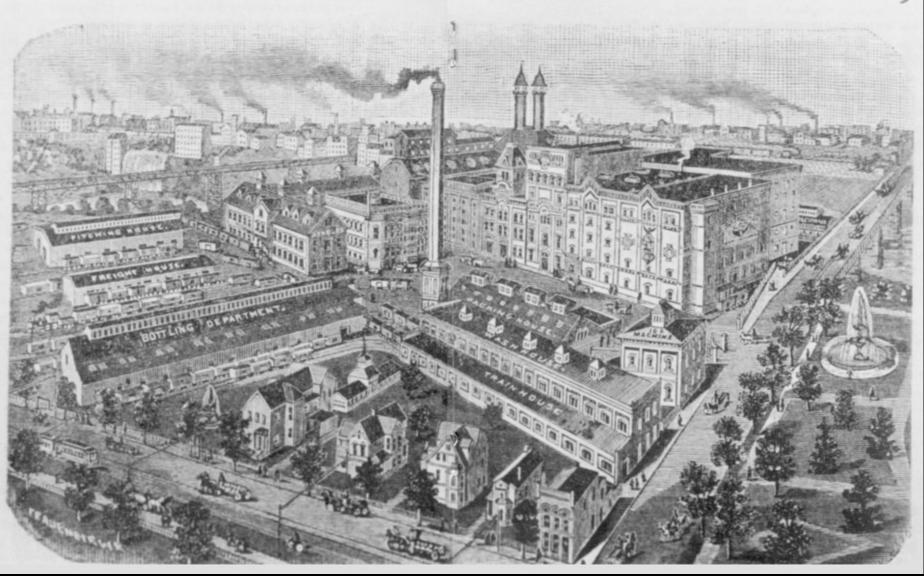


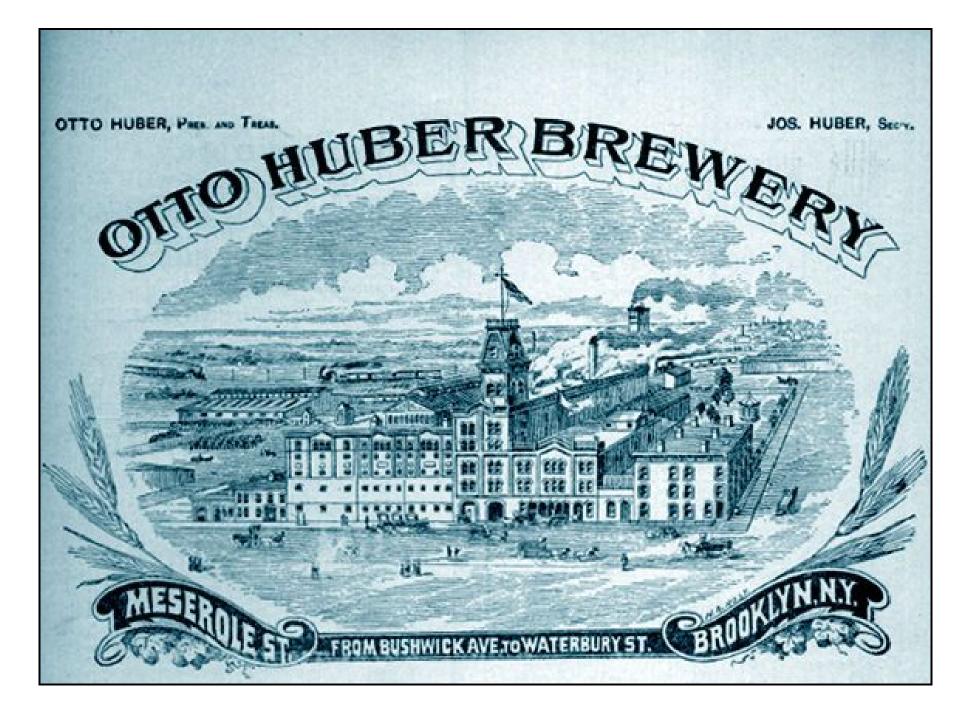


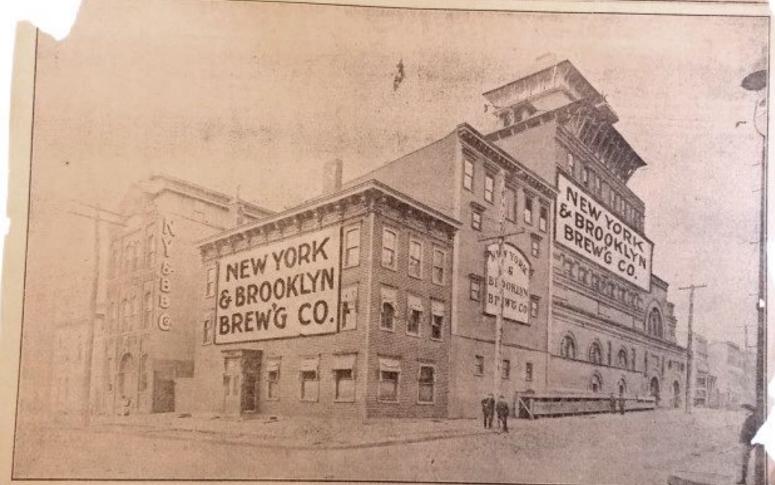




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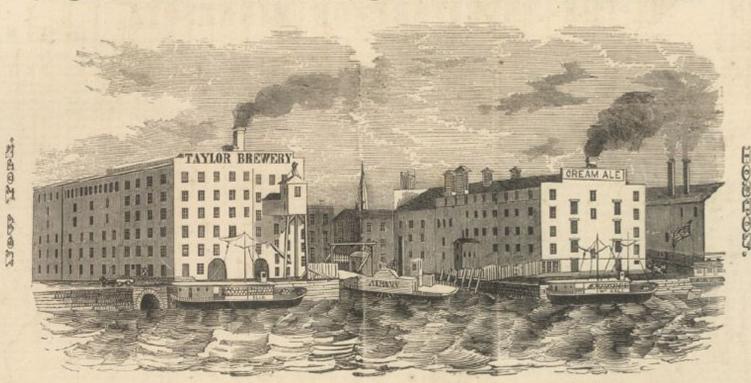
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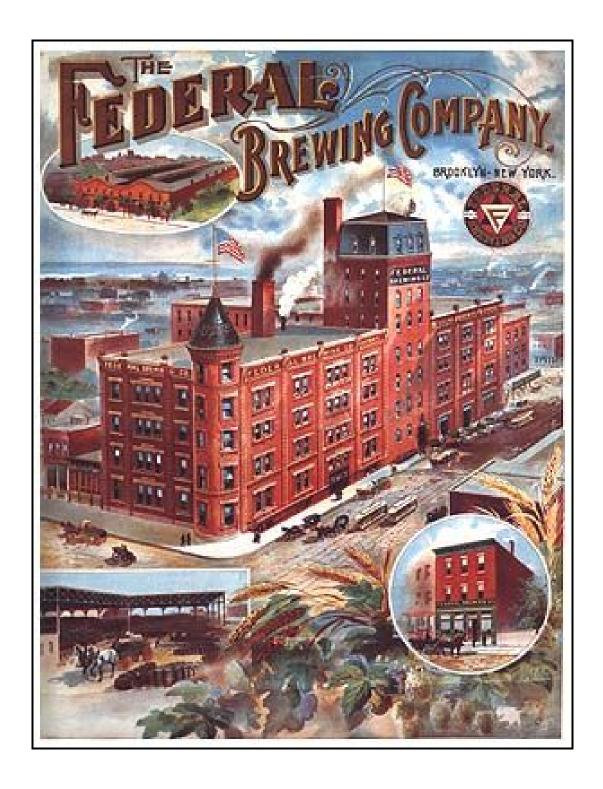
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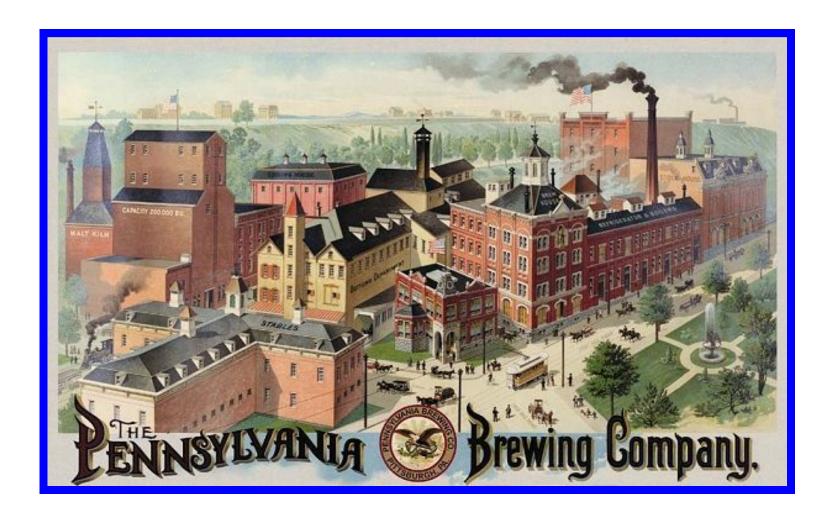
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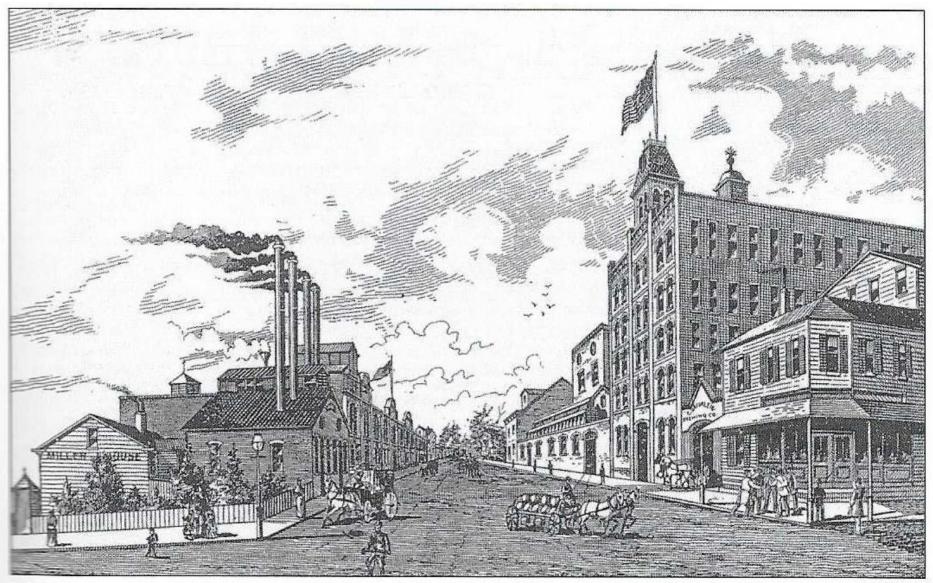


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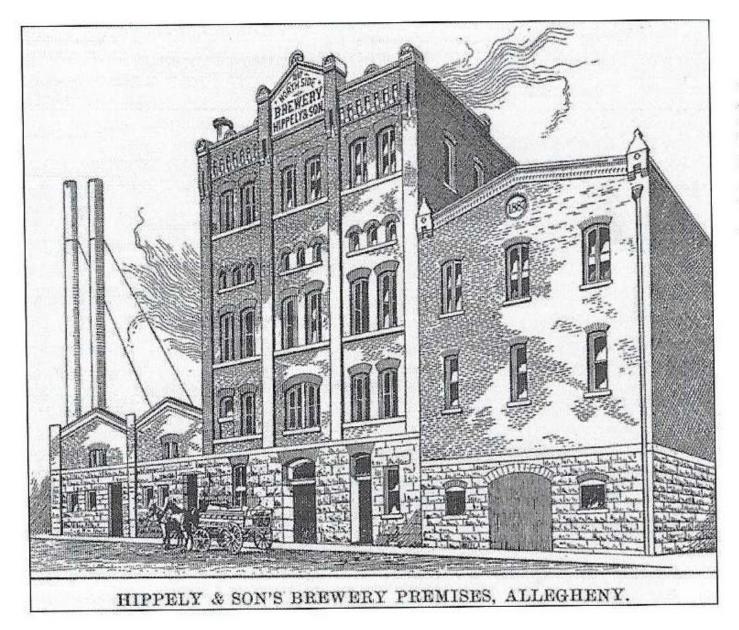


## Greater Pittsburgh Breweries

**PENNSYLVANIA** 



This drawing from *The Western Brewer* shows the new, ornate Baeuerlein brewhouse, built in 1892 next to the original building, and the bottling house and power plant across the street. These additions raised the company's annual output to roughly 35,000 barrels, making it one of the city's larger breweries. The brewhouse and the offices seen in the far right of the image were mazed in the 1960s to make way for expansion of Pennsylvania Route 28.



John Mueller sold his plant in 1884 to Isaac Hippely; just three years later, the frame building was destroyed by fire. It was quickly rebuilt as a larger brick structure, and business grew significantly until 1899, when it became part of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company. Despite its yearly production of over 10,000 barrels, the plant was closed at that time, and the buildings are no longer standing. This drawing is from The Western Brewer in 1891.

### JOHN W. MUELLER,



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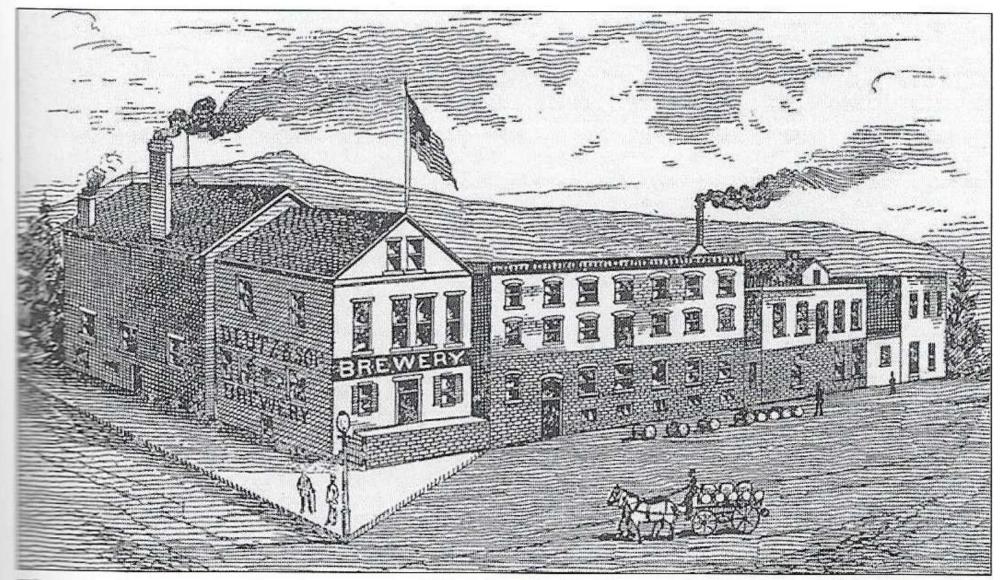
Shipments Made to all Parts of the State.

No. 314 Spring Garden Avenue,

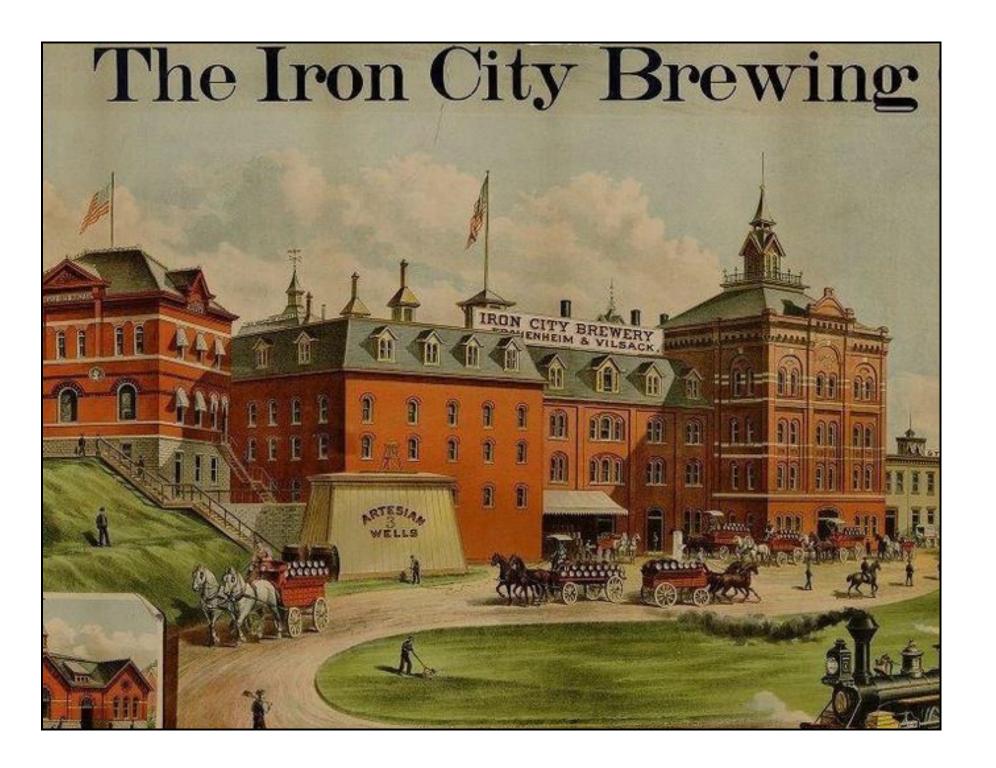
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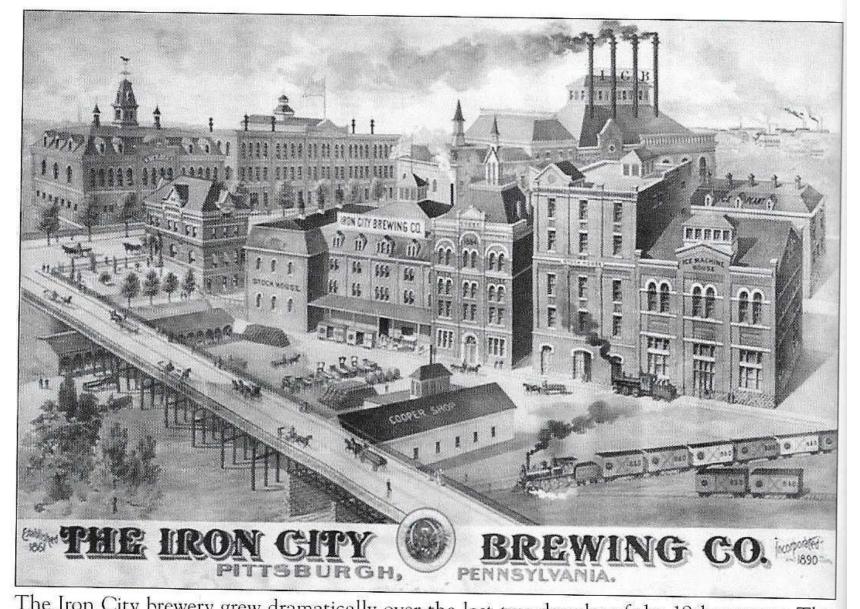
Most of the area known today as Pittsburgh's North Shore or North Side was once the city of Allegheny, although that was annexed into Pittsburgh in 1907. The brewery that stood at 314–322 Spring Garden Avenue in Allegheny was established in 1859 by Philip Gast (also spelled as "Gerst"). The plant was producing less than 2,000 barrels of lager beer per year when it was sold to John Mueller, who soon increased its output threefold. This local advertisement is from 1882.



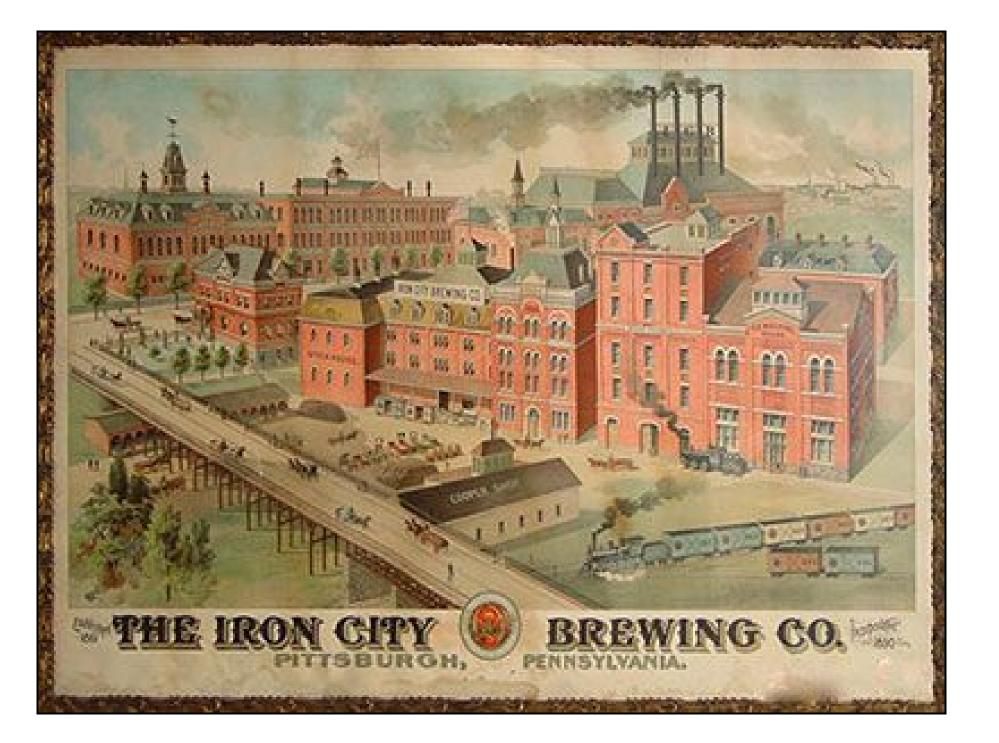


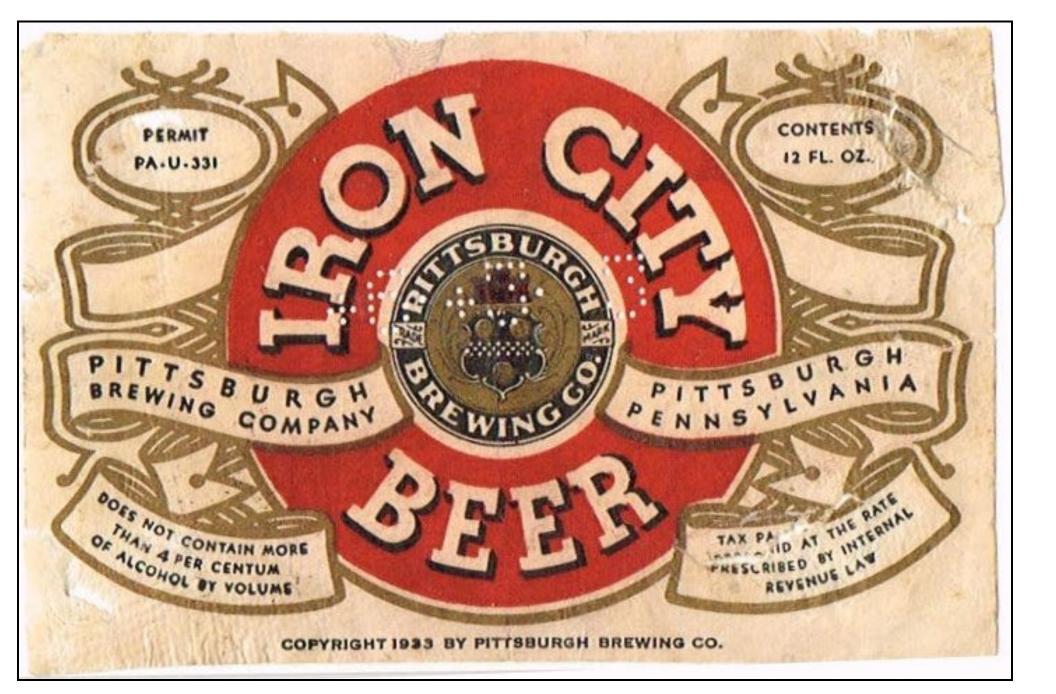
The Lion Brewery stood at the corner of Vinial and Villa Streets in Allegheny. Founded in 1854 Heckelmann & Company, it was purchased in 1874 by Lutz & Walz (later known as D. Lutz Son), which also owned its much larger plant nearby. Operating with an annual capacity of barrels, the Lion Brewery closed in 1892 and was used for storage until it was sold and in 1904. This illustration of the brewery was first published in *The Western Brewer*.

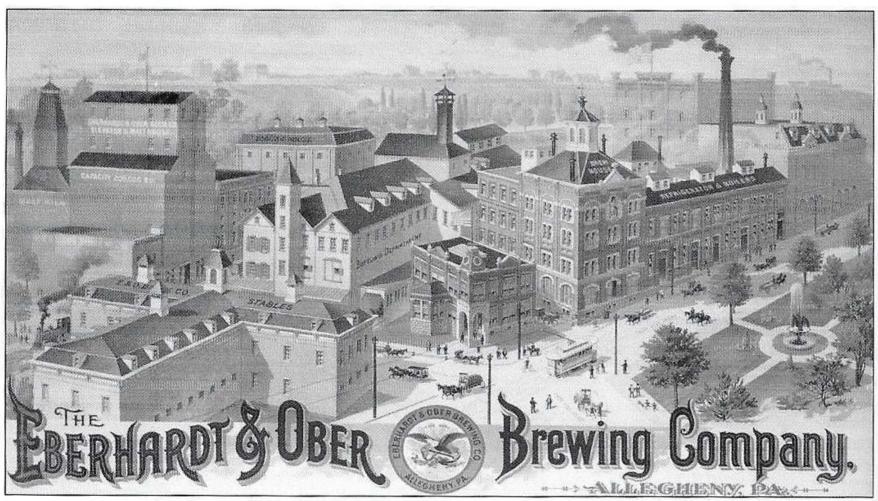




The Iron City brewery grew dramatically over the last two decades of the 19th century. This lithograph from the mid-1890s shows significant growth of the plant compared to the image from 1870, beginning with the ornate brewhouse in the center, built in 1884. Other large buildings were gradually constructed to surround that, with the plant's annual capacity having increased to 200,000 barrels of ale, porter, and lager beer by the early 1890s. (Courtesy of Chuck Puckett.)





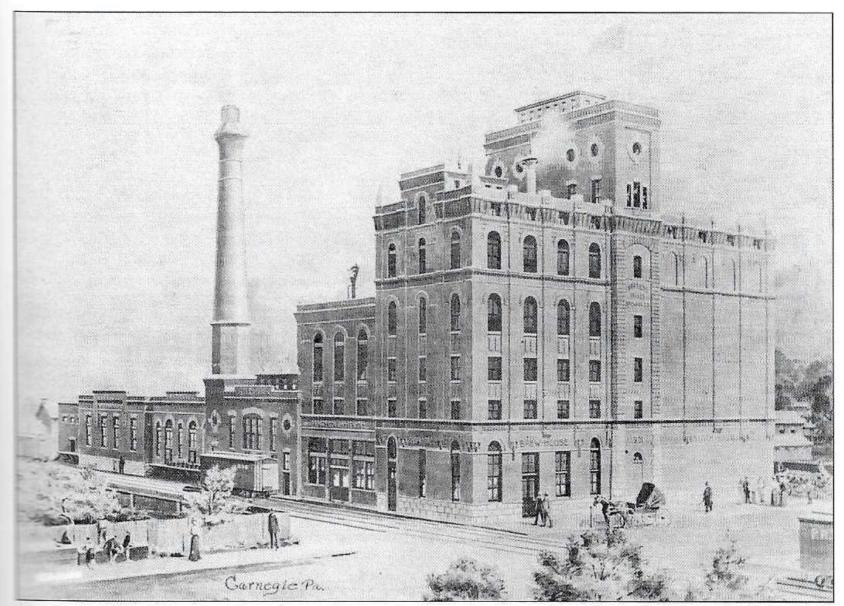


Founded in 1852 by Conrad Eberhardt, the Eagle Brewery stood at the corner of Vinial Street and Troy Hill Road in Allegheny. In 1870, Eberhardt was joined by his son William and his son-in-law John Ober, forming a new partnership known as Eberhardt & Ober. The above lithograph shows an artist's rendition of the brewery complex around 1890, although the tall building at the left (elevator and malthouse) was actually the former John N. Straub Brewery, owned by Eberhardt & Ober but located a distance away on Canal Street. Below is the most prominent building remaining at the site today; at one time, it housed the bottling plant. Built in 1883, it appears in the lithograph above but was later remodeled to its current appearance. Today, it houses much of the Penn Brewery's brewpub.

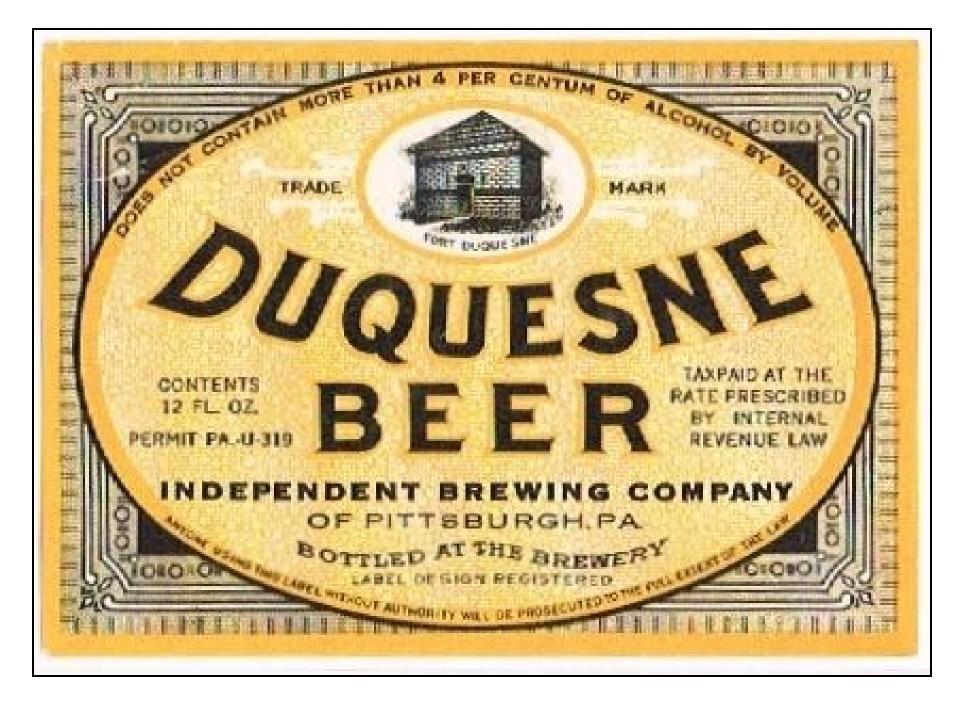


the two main partners of the company in the center of the front row. William Eberhardt is the left side of the barrel, and John Ober is on the right. Eberhardt retired in 1890, with Ober making his share. Below is another image of company employees in the mid-1890s; here, two the plant had given it an annual capacity of 100,000 barrels, and the number of workers in the plant had increased as well. (Both, courtesy of Dick Ober.)





The borough of Carnegie lies five miles southwest of Pittsburgh and was home to the Chartiers Valley Brewery for more than 50 years. Standing at Chestnut and Jane Streets, the brewery, seen in an architect's drawing from 1901, operated independently from 1901 to 1904 before being purchased by the Independent Brewing Company, which continued to operate it until Prohibition in 1920. (Courtesy of Dick Ober.)





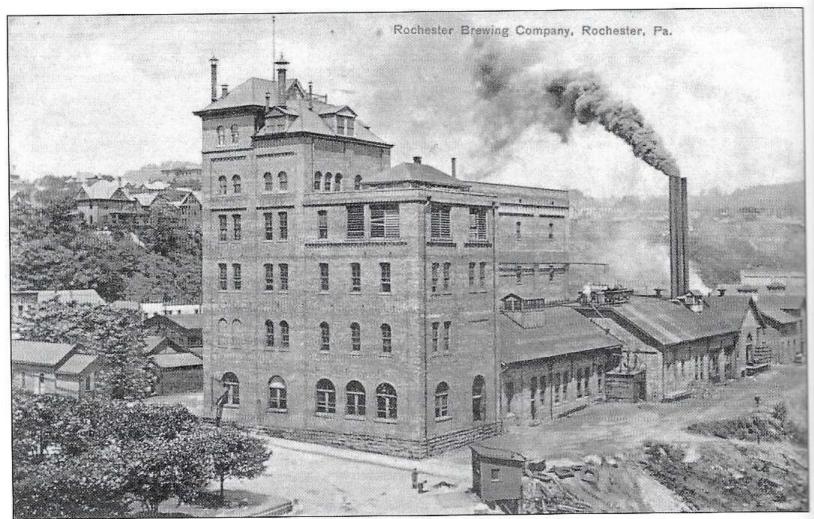
Liberty Brewing Company opened for business in 1904. It operated independently with moderate until Prohibition brought an end to its brewing in 1920. Although the brewery had an unual capacity of 100,000 barrels, it actually produced around 30,000 barrels of beer, ale, and there yearly. The building, pictured above, was designed by noted architect Otto Wolf but is no unger standing The company's flagship brand of bottled beer was Liberty Oldstyle Lager, a label which is seen below. (Above, courtesy of Dale Van Wieren; below, courtesy of Bob Kay.)

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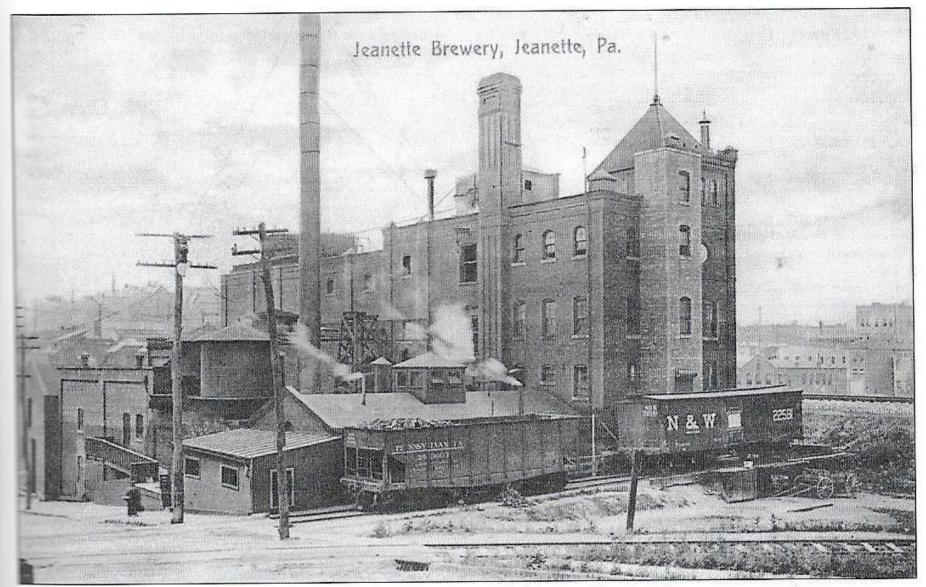
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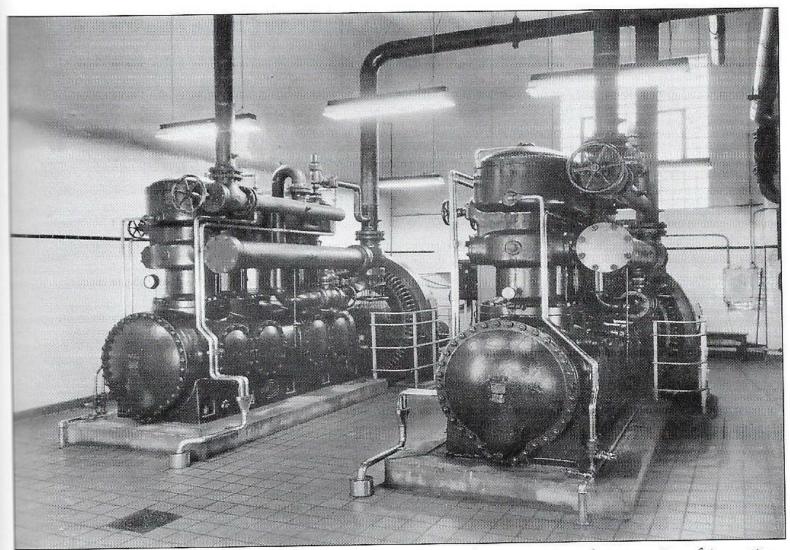




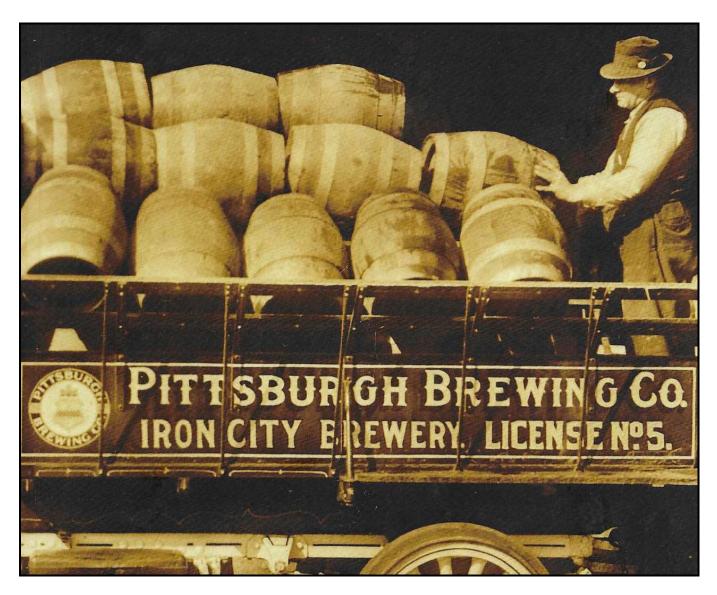
The Beaver Valley Brewing Company erected the large plant seen above at the corner of New York and Sycamore Avenues in the town of Rochester 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh in Beaver County. Opening for business in 1905, the building stood just a few feet from the bank of the Ohio River. Fraught with financial troubles, the company ended business in 1910, and an attempt to reopen as the Beaver Brewing Company one year later also failed. The building has remained standing for more than a century despite producing beer for only six years. In the 1960s, a bowling alley was installed on the building's second floor, and it remains open today. The building, pictured below, remains one of the largest structures along the river. A well-known landmark, it is easily visible from Pennsylvania Route 51.



Although the town of Jeannette was better known for its glass industry, it was home to two breweries. The first of those opened for business in 1896 as the National Brewing Company, standing on Gaskill Avenue. Just three years after opening, it was purchased by the Pittsburgh Brewing Company consortium, and brewing continued under that name at the plant until the unset of Prohibition in 1920. The brewery is no longer standing today.



One of the most underappreciated yet most important functions in a brewery is refrigeration, as proper temperature control is critical to all stages of the brewing process. Above, two large ammonia compressors provide more than 500 tons of refrigeration effect in the mid-1950s. This cooling effect traveled through 26 miles of coils throughout the brewery. Below, in these glass-lined tanks holding around 300 barrels apiece, the beer was stored and aged. The company's caption of this photograph states, "Proper aging is one of the reasons why Pittsburgh Brewing Company products are known as 'Beers of Perfection.' " (Both, Pittsburgh Brewing Company archives, courtesy of Chuck Puckett.)



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