

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,

Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing
Company Lumber Warehouse No. 15
585 White Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
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Site Location: 585 White Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 7.24
Cadastral grid: NE1/4 NE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692010.4707720
Lot dimensions: 103.4' x 100': .24 acre
Lot description: City Lots 312 and 313

Present Owner: Lavonne Eisbach
Present Usage: warehouse
Present Condition: good

Overall Dimensions: 103' x 101'; 1 story

Orientation: east

Architectural rectangular

Description:

Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls and slab.

Structure: wood post-and-beam with brick bearing walls.

Ext. walls: buff-colored face brick laid in Flemish bond.

Roof: shallowly pitched gable with brick parapet walls and terra cotta coping.

Chimneys: none

Windows: four fixed-sash aluminum showcase windows on front, three of which are placed together in a triple bank; all have concrete sills and loose lintels.

Openings: single-leaf aluminum/glass entrance door and wood sectional garage door on front; sectional rear doorways infilled with brick.

Details: brick pilasters evenly spaced along the east and west walls.

Construction Date: 1934

Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional

Physical History: In 1878 Jesse P. Farley founded the Key City Bakery and constructed a four-story building on the south east corner of Sixth and White streets in which to produce crackers, snaps, jumbles, spices and mustard. The American Biscuit Company acquired Farley's bakery in 1891, and shortly later the National Biscuit Company bought out American. After a fire destroyed this bakery building in December 1903, the site stood vacant for several years before Jesse Farley re-acquired it through his woodworking company, Farley and Loetscher. The company built this simply massed and detailed, single-story

brick warehouse in 1934 to store lumber. The building had a typical open-plan configuration, with five rows of wood columns supporting the beams for a shallowly gable pitched roof. Though no longer owned by Farley and Loetscher, it has functioned as a warehouse since.

Significance: This building is historically significant for its association with one of Dubuque's most prominent manufacturers. As a utilitarian structure, built relatively late in the development of this industrial district, it typifies the architecture and construction of the brick-clad commercial/ industrial structures found on the city's south side.

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