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Structure BROCK, JOHN, SONS & CO. WAREHOUSE

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242-44 N. Delaware Ave. and 243-45 N. Water St. Brick with cast iron front on Delaware Ave. and cast iron store front on Water St. (rear), approx. 42' (six-bay front) x 148' (originally approx. 136' x 148'), five stories on Delaware Ave., four stories on Water St., flat roof, originally had balcony

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with iron railing at second story; rectangular plan. Built 1850, Hoxie and Button, architects; William and N.W. Ellis, contractors; iron work by Reeves, Buck & Co., Cresson & Co., J.S. Field; iron railing, Robert Wood; iron railing & balcony removed 1865; first & second-story doors & windows bricked up 1951. Southern section demolished 1939; northern section demolished 1959; burned Sept. 1977; remainder dismantled Oct. 1977. Fine early example of cast iron design with iron plates simulating smooth rusticated masonry; an early iron-front building. 3 ext. photos (1972)

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