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4256 N. Ravenswood Avenue

Ravenswood Center

got milk?

Bowman Dairy Co. 1900



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A former dairy gets a second life as an office building.

Bowman Dairy Company

- In 1874, J. R. Bowman of Clinton County, Illinois, headed west to St. Louis, where he established a dairy marketing business called J. R. Bowman & Co. In 1885, Bowman entered the Chicago market by purchasing the milk business of M. A. Devine. In 1891, Bowman and his brothers decided to sell their St. Louis operation and move to Chicago, where they formed the Bowman Dairy Co. This company soon became one of the leading suppliers of dairy products and eggs in the Chicago area. During the 1920s, it opened large bottling plants on the South Side. By the middle of the 1930s, Bowman employed over 3,000 Chicago-area residents. The company continued to carry on a large business until 1966, when it was purchased by a local rival, the Dean Foods Co. *See also* [Dean Milk Co.](#)

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Ravenswood Center

- Renovated in 2008-2010. This quality renovation is apparent in the choice of materials and finishes used. This building serves as a great example of adaptive reuse and offers affordable loft office space, easy access to public transportation, in a great neighborhood a short ride from the Loop.

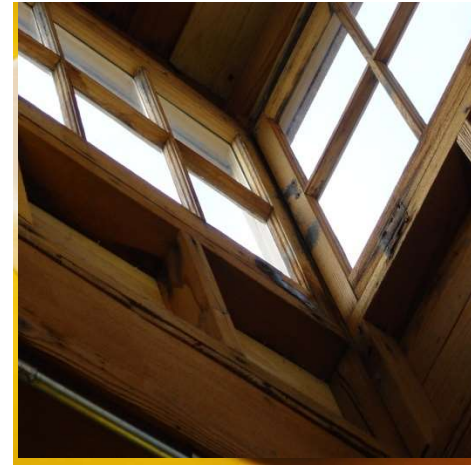
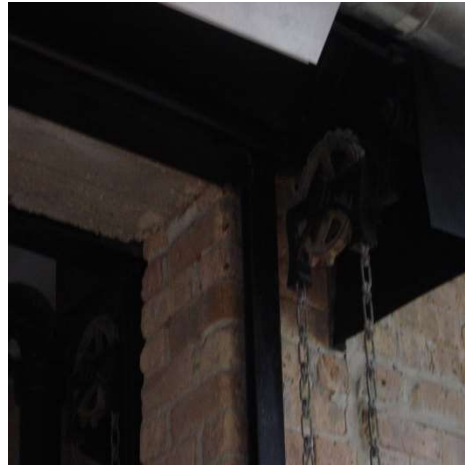
Creative loft office or studio space

Ideal for professionals, high-tech and creative entrepreneurs, small businesses, artists and other office users who want unique space featuring exposed ductwork, roll-up doors and brick walls.



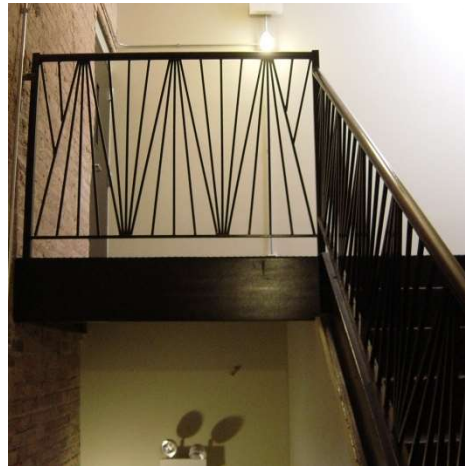


A perfect blend of past and present



An industrial past transformed...

Original elements were retained where possible to maintain the character of the building's past use.



For modern day use

Security system, ADA compliant, fire-life safety systems , and pet -friendly



Rustic elements juxtaposed with elegant details

Exposed brick, exposed wood and metal beams, wood base trim, cherry doors with glass inset.

