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In 1872-75 the Milwaukee Water Works erected a set of structures consisting of the Engine House, a pumping station located on the shore of Lake Michigan north and east of downtown Milwaukee; the Reservoir, situated approximately one mile west of the station in what is now Kilbourn Park; the North Street Bridge, which carried the water main joining station and reservoir across the Milwaukee River; and the North Point Water Tower, located on the bluff above the Engine House. The tower was built to house an iron standpipe that served to relieve city water mains of pulsations from the pumping engines. This portion of the Water Works complex was put in operation in September 1874. Engineering advances soon rendered the standpipe obsolete, but both the pipe and enclosing tower were left standing and over the years have been carefully preserved and maintained.

The Water Tower is a Victorian Gothic design executed in cream-colored local limestone, its rock-faced walls backed with Milwaukee brick and trimmed with dressed limestone. Door and window frames are wood; roof and spire are galvanized iron.

The exterior is composed in three stages: the buttressed base, square in plan, measuring some 24 feet by 24 feet by 65 feet high; the slightly tapering cylindrical shaft of the tower; and the observation platform area at the top, with gabled roofs, finials, and a weather-vane crowned octagonal spire. The structure's overall height is stated to be in excess of 175 feet.

A Gothic-arched doorway in the east elevation is the only entrance and gives access to a cylindrical compartment some 14 feet in diameter and 135 feet high. This space, in turn, contains the iron standpipe, which measures 4 feet in diameter and, above grade, 120 feet in height. An iron staircase circles the pipe and continues beyond it to the observation deck some 135 feet above grade.

Excepting minor modifications to the iron staircase made during the early 1880's, the fabric survives as it was built in 1873-74. In recent years it has been restored and refurbished by the Milwaukee Water Works.



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Standing high on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, the lofty North Point Water Tower has been a prominent feature of Milwaukee's skyline for almost 100 years. As indicated, it was part of the complex erected for the Milwaukee Water Works during the 1870's, its contemporaries including a pumping station, a bridge, and a reservoir. Of the set only the Water Tower and Kilbourn Park Reservoir have survived. Though it has long since ceased to serve its original funciton, the Water Tower has been preserved intact and has been carefully kept up. Often praised for its beauty, the structure is a notable local example of the Victorian Gothic style, fanciful and charming.

In recognition of its historical and architectural importance, the tower was selected as a Milwaukee Landmark in 1968 and during the next year was designated as a landmark of the American Water Works Association. In 1969, too, the tower was documented in data pages, photographs, and measured drawings for the archives of the Historic American Buildings Survey.



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