

Bangor Brick Company

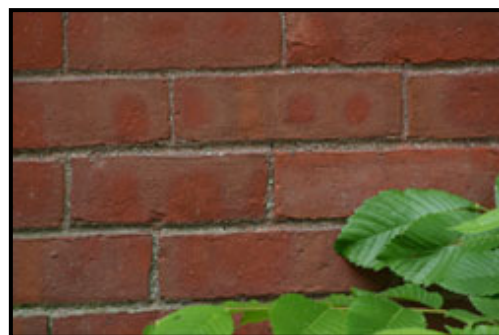
Did you know...

Many of the brick foundations and brick buildings in Bangor including the West Side Village were made with brick from the Bangor Brick Co.!

Walter S. Hellier was born in Bangor in 1835 and succeeded his father in the brick making business. In 1857, he took complete charge of the plant (Hellier Brickyard) which was located on Warren Street off of Parker Street. The Bangor Brick Co. was W.S. Hellier's successor.



In 1907, Bangor Brick Co. hit an all time record for the city with the manufacture of 5 million bricks. They employed 45 men and 16 horses during the summers. About 2 million bricks had been used for construction in the city. Making bricks required digging the right kinds of clays, mixing them with water, forming and drying them, then hardening them in a brick kiln. A historical map of Bangor shows there was a brick kiln at the end of Warren Street in what is now upper part of Second Street Park.



Did you know...

In 1886, after an earthquake in Charleston, S.C., many of the buildings left standing were made of bricks from the Penobscot Valley, and were known and valued by Charleston contractors as "Bangor brick"!

The commercial portion of the city of Boston is largely composed of brick manufactured in the vicinity of Bangor!