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THE CATACOMBS
at the
ALOIS BUBE'S BREWERY
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUBE'S BREWERY AND CATACOMBS

Before the turn of the century, Lancaster County was noted for its breweries and fine beer. Mount Joy would be no exception. Mr. Alois Bube, having learned the trade of beer making in Bavaria, came to Mount Joy and in 1876 opened the Mount Joy Brewery. It wasn't long until his product took the lead wherever introduced to the public trade. His experience and skill along with using only the choice hops and malt, carefully selected were used in the process.

There are five cellars and in the Lagering Cellar large vats were used to store the beer for 30 days. Then it would be drawn off into smaller kegs which were stored 43 feet below the street level. Mr. Bube not only manufactured beer, but had his own bottling works, where he bottled his beer and a wide variety of soft drinks. He also manufactured and sold ice, which he delivered in Mount Joy and vicinity.

Mr. Bube erected a very complete hotel called the Central Hotel. Nothing was left undone to render the stay of the guests a pleasure and a comfort. The brewery closed down when Prohibition put them out of business and has never resumed actual brewing.

This Mount Joy landmark is on the National Register of Historic Places and registered as a Pennsylvania Historic Landmark. Today one can visit this historic landmark and walk back in time and witness the methods used in making beer over a 100 years ago. When in Mount Joy visit the A Bube's Brewery and Catacombs.