

The Pump House

401 South Horners Lane



The Pump House, at 401 S. Horners Lane, was built by the Town of Rockville in 1896 under the leadership of Mayor Joseph Reading. The Rockville Electric Light and Water Works generated electricity for public street lights as well as lights in private homes. It is most infamous for a well failure that resulted in an outbreak of typhoid fever during the winter holiday season of 1913-1914. The United States Public Health Service helped identify the problem and this spurred the Town to develop a municipal sewerage system (completed in 1916).

