



# ICE SWING

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**This interactive sculpture honors the life of Ted Betts, Sr., who started the Ted Betts Ice And Fuel Company in 1902.**

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It is at this very spot where ice harvesters floated large sawn blocks of ice to a ramp, where a large iron clamp would grab it.

Two belgian horses, named Bill and Dick, would drag two tons of ice up the wooden ramp into the massive icehouse.

The icehouse, three-quarters of a city block long and sixty feet wide, would hold the ice, stacked nine to ten layers high with a deep coat of sawdust insulating it from the summer heat.