

## A Rich Past: the Libbey House

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Toledo has been home to many business ventures especially in the manufacturing industry since the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Considered to be an industrial hot spot, this area was widely valued for its various means of transportation--the connection between land and sea via ships and railways in the early days of the Industrial Revolution in America.

The area appealed most to Edward Drummond Libbey, who, in 1888, was looking to relocate his glass manufacturing empire, the New England Glass Company. In 1895 Libbey and his wife, Florence Scott Libbey, finished building their 18-room

mansion in the Collingwood area. Complete with its very own hidden underground wine cellar, this [National Historic Landmark](#) is still standing, serving the community through the Libbey House Foundation, a non-profit organization focused on the restoration and preservation of this beautiful Toledo home.