

The Towle Opera House was built by Marcus M. Towle and opened its doors in 1903. Marcus M. Towle was a wealthy capitalist who became the first Mayor of Hammond. The Opera House was by far the most modern to date and the best equipped of any in the city. It was generally referred to as Hammond's Leading Playhouse and often showcased the best attractions available in the region. In fact, they were on par with the first class theatres in Chicago.

-Hammond Historical Society

Towle Theater Timeline

1903

- Towle Opera House

1911

- Orpheum and Hammond Theaters

1913

- De Lux Theatre

1921-22

- 589 – De Lux Theatre
- 591-593 – FW Woolworth & Co.

1923-24

- same

1926

- DeLuxe Theatre (name change)
 - Parthenon Theatre & Hammond Theatrical Co. at 578 Hohman
 - Orpheum Theatre at 156 State

1928

- 589 – DeLuxe Theatre, Norman's milliners
- 591 – Fox Jack & Sons men's clothing

1929

- Both lots vacant

1931

- 5205 – Schulte-United Inc. department stores
- 5207 – Jack Fox & Sons men's clothing

1935

- GT A&P Tea Co. grocers

1937

- same

1939

- 5205 – Hale Peggie Inc. women's clothing
- 5207 – R&S shoe store
- 5207 ½ - Wormser hat store

1941

- same

1943

- same

1945

- same

1948

- 5205 – Jane Lee stores
- 5207 – same

1952

- 5205 & 5207 – R&S shoe store
- 5207 ½ - Manlie Jewelry Company

1954-58

- same