

# Historic Walking Tour

## Map & Guide

**1. Lime Kilns** - in Lime Kiln Natural area near the parking lot on Main and Mill Street. 1891. These kilns fired limestone to produce fertilizer, plaster and whitewash. In 1856 Frederick Nehs built a water-powered sawmill at the original lower falls.

**2. Dalles Rock Formation** - just north of Kilns on west side of river. This unusual formation can be seen from the footbridge.

**3. Fye Building** - Robin's Nest/Dan's Tog Shop at 16389 Main Street. 1896. A general merchandise store with offices on the 2nd floor constructed of brick with a cutstone foundation.

**4. Schlafer & Huebner Mill** - The Mill Building located at 16447 Main Street. 1891. Originally powered by steam turbines, produced feed and flour.

**5. Adam Ploss Shop** and residence located at 16475 Main Street. 1879. Adam Ploss was a carpenter and builder. This building was built by him and shows a characteristic Italianate Revival style with a low hip roof, wide eaves ornamented with curved brackets. Currently is Stanford Art Glass.

**6. Hoening & Lobn Clothing Store** - Mojo's Steakhouse located at 16495 Main Street. 1874. This building has segmented arched windows which characterizes the Italianate Revival style.

**7. Mill Pond** - North side of Main Street at bridge. This pond was created by Jesse Nehs, Frederick's son, in the mid-19th century for his wheat mill which was on the west bank of the river. Frederick Nehs is considered the founder of Menomonee Falls.

**8. Roosevelt Street Bridge** - Double arched bridge with pedestrian walkway. Structural improvement and widening done in summer 1996. Original bridge built in 1899 at a cost of \$1,425.

**9. Garwin Mace Residence** - located at 8941 Grand Avenue. 1891. Home of the first Village President in a Queen Anne style. Gable ends embellished with fishscale and finished with saw-toothed and hexagonally patterned wood shingles.

**10. Mrs. James Greengo** - Currently a single family residence located 8978 Grand Avenue. 1889. Mrs. Greengo was an in-law of Albert Baer. The house originally had a wraparound porch with an open turret typical of the Queen Anne style.

**11. Albert Baer Residence** - located at 8990 Grand Avenue and built in 1893. This was a residence of a Village President and examples a Queen Anne style with exceptional detailing on the gabled projection.

**12. Edward Stark House** - located at 16685 Cleveland Avenue. 1899. Mr. Stark was a local businessman associated with the sugar beet factory in Menomonee Falls.

**13. Wm. Schlageter, Sr.** - located at 16721-23 Cleveland Avenue. Duplex built about 1890.

**14. August Laisy Residence** - located at 16672 Cleveland Ave. Built in 1894.

**15. Emmanuel Church Cemetery** - Northwest corner of Roosevelt Drive and Appleton Avenue. 1845. Oldest cemetery in Menomonee Falls. Several village founders buried here.

**16. Dr. John Dexheimer** - residence located at 16700-02 Roosevelt Drive. 1890. This duplex was once a photographic studio.

**17. Dr. Wm. Campbell** - residence located at 16620 Roosevelt Drive. 1895. This Queen Anne style home belonged to a physician and surgeon who helped organize the local library. This home was the first to have electricity in Menomonee Falls.

**18. Fred Stark** - 16672 Roosevelt Drive. 1890. Residence with limestone hitching post in front.

**19. Stephen Fobian House** - residence located at 9021 Water Street. 1862. Mr. Fobian was a mason and this home is the lone surviving limestone Greek Revival style structure in the original village.

**20. Elizabeth Hoos House** - located at 9010 Water Street. Built in 1892. Simplified Queen Anne style with sawtoothed shingles on the major gable.

**21. Hoos-Rowell House** - located at 8953 Water Street. 1856-59. Probably most impressive remaining frame Greek Revival residence in Menomonee Falls. Built by

Henry Hoos, a German born carpenter, with an addition built by George Rowell of the I.B. Rowell Company.

**22. A.C. Hiebf** - located at 16551 Main Street. 1900.

**23. Coates & Ostrand's Store** - 16672 Main Street. 1868. This building, added onto at several different times, represents the earliest Italianate influenced building in the commercial district.

**24. Menomonee Hotel** - located on the southwest corner of Appleton Avenue and Main Street at 16697 Main Street. 1892. Built by Wm. Minten. The turret over the main entrance is associated with Queen Anne Revival style. Currently houses Sal's Pub.

**25. Stark & Thomas** - 16733-35 Main Street. 1893. Building provided offices for their photography studio.

**26. Fred Thomas Building** - 16739-41 Main Street. 1900. Building contained a jewelry store.

**27. Dr. Christian Rieger** - this former veterinarian office is located at 14749 Main Street and was built in 1891.

**28. Dr. George Hoyt House** - residence located at 16954 Main Street. 1869. Dr. Hoyt was a community activist who became a State Senator. Date of this home was built by George Hoyt's father, William. This is now a private residence.

**29. Frazer Block** - Bank of Memories and Flowers located at 16723-25 Appleton Avenue. 1901. Built by Cameron Frazer of Romanesque Revival style to house the first bank, a post office, the Menomonee Falls News and the Menomonee Falls Telephone Co.

**30. Frank Koehler House** - 16621 Appleton Avenue. 1893. Built of cream brick in Queen Anne style with the front porch completely

intact. Date of construction in a stamped sheet metal on arched gable end. Mr. Koehler was a wagon and buggy maker. The Menomonee Falls Community Chamber and our Tourism Center occupy this landmark.

**31. Peter Walterlin** - 8760 Mill Street. 1895.

**32. Home of Maude Shunk** - 8790 Mill Street. Approximately 1865. Maude Shunk was the first librarian of the village and our local library on the municipal grounds is named after her. This homestead was originally built on Appleton Avenue and moved to this location.

## Other Points of Interest

**A - The Menomonee River Falls** Menomonee River falls, the namesake of our village, can be seen from this location near the Lime Kilns.

### B - Lepper Dam

This dam, rebuilt in 1953, creates falling water which is often mistaken for "The Falls".

### Wild Rice Trail

Menomonee is the Potawatomi word for wild rice. Lovely 2.3 mile walk along the scenic Menomonee River.

### Bug Line Trail

The former railroad spur is now a 10.5 mile nature trail. Trail is used for walking, biking, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing. It is wheelchair accessible. Dogs are allowed.

### Sub-Continental Divide

Water falling west of this crest of land goes into the Fox River Watershed and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River. Water falling on the east side goes into the Menomonee River watershed and enters the St. Lawrence Seaway by flowing through the Great Lakes. (Marker on Hwy. 74 east of Village Bowl)

