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Wabasha WALKS

An Historic Tour

Social, Civic & Domestic

Distance: 1 mile

Highlights: Homes of early business people are intermingled with public institutions and churches along this route which follows 2nd and 3rd Street.



Legend

-  Building Footprints
-  Walking Route
-  City Parks
-  Historic District
-  Red Brick House National Register Property



Start at Drury Park at the corner of Pembroke and 2nd Street. Follow 2nd Street to the Southeast.

1. 148 East 2nd Street - Thill House

This house was built in 1895 by John Thill, an agricultural implement dealer and blacksmith. The current portico replaced a larger veranda.

2. 212 through 230 East 2nd Street

Many 19th century homes long 2nd Street sit high above the street with gracious entries, shingled gables and ornate millwork.

3. 323 East 2nd Street

A portion of this home was relocated from Lawrence Boulevard, where it was part of Bailey's Riverside Hotel.

4. 412 East 2nd Street

Large stone lintels draw attention to the windows in this Victorian-era home.

5. 418 East 2nd Street

Built in 1888 by hardware merchant Julius Schmidt, this house is wood framed with brick veneer. The sunroom was added shortly after the turn of the century and was known as the "coffin room" because of its use for Catholic wakes. The home is located next to Schmidt Park which was donated by Clara Schmidt after her husband's death in 1915. The fountain was added in 1920.

6. 435 East 2nd Street

This house was built in 1862 by J. H. Evens who served as City Councilman, Mayor and County Commissioner and was the builder of several Wabasha homes.

Walk through the park near the old school to 2nd Street

7. Mittle Schule

In 1894 a public grade school was built at this site with the addition of a high school in 1917. The grade school was later demolished and replaced with a one story structure. Although no longer used as schools, this privately owned complex continues to be used as a community center.

8. Surveyors Post

In 1887 stone monuments were placed in the streets of Wabasha to show the correct lines of streets for public purposes.

9. Wabasha County Courthouse and Jail

The 1920 County history recalls that the Court House was a "large and imposing" building with "well lighted and commodious offices" and the Jail, "a fine brick building of modern design" which was constructed at a cost of \$40,000 in 1918. Significant modifications to the Court House were later made when a corner tower and window gables were removed.

10. 329 East 3rd Street

This is thought to be the second home constructed by J. H. Evens, a builder, for his own use in 1894. The current front portico replaces an original veranda.

11. 306 East 3rd Street

This is an example of a mail order catalog home similar in style to one offered by the Gordon-Van Tine Company of Davenport Iowa in 1912.

12. 205 and 217 East 3rd Street - Grace Episcopal Church and Rectory

This church is designed in the English Gothic style and was constructed in 1901. While previously attributed to Cass Gilbert, the architect was Clarence H. Johnston who also designed the State Fair Grandstand. The church features a window by Louis Comfort Tiffany.

13. 106 3rd Street - St. Felix School and Gym

The first St. Felix School was established in 1866 with new buildings added in 1903 and 1904. The present school was built in 1955 and the old school buildings were demolished in the 1980's

14. 205/217 West 3rd Street - St. Felix Church and Rectory

This brick church was built in 1873, the third building to house the St. Felix parish. Its rectory was likely built in the 1890's.

15. 130 West 3rd Street - Ginthner/Anderson House

This solid brick Italianate dwelling was built for merchant and tailor, Lorenz Ginthner. It was restored in the 1970's.

16. 211 2nd Street - Campbell House

This home was built in 1874 for William Campbell, a merchant with an extensive agricultural operation.

End of Tour

Please  on the public sidewalk, trail, or street, and respect the private homes and the people who live there. Please do not trespass.