



**Mindoro Cut\*** - Take a scenic drive on CTH C in northern La Crosse County to experience travelling through the second deepest cut built by hand in the Western Hemisphere. It is also the oldest still functioning cut which has seen no improvements. Work on building this roadway through rock began in 1907 and was completed in 1908. Several local families have ancestors who were part of the construction crew.



**Striped School**—The Striped School is in the Town of Burns located at N6938 Niedfelt Rd. This one room school, established in 1859, was in continuous use until 1963. The building was modified in 1878, by cutting it in two and placing an addition in the center.

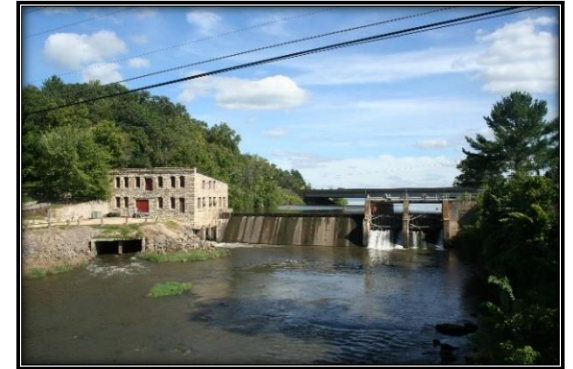


**McGilvray Bridges\*** - This photo is of one of seven bridges that were located in the Van Loon Wildlife Area, also known as the McGilvray Bottoms. These bridges were constructed to help provide access to the Black River through the maze of sloughs and channels in the bottoms. Today, there are five steel bowstring arch truss bridges, built between 1905 and 1908. It is a popular year-round walking trail.



**Waterloo Iron Bridge, 1911\***- Located in the Town of Hamilton, it spans the La Crosse River on Old County Road B near West Salem. The bridge was built to replace late 19<sup>th</sup> century bridges that were flooded out and is now closed to vehicular traffic. It is the last overhead truss road bridge in La Crosse County, and one of the last in the State of Wisconsin.

## Historic Sites of La Crosse County



Neshonoc Dam and Powerhouse, Built 1895

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The La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission is the branch of the La Crosse County government responsible for identifying and nominating historic sites to be protected and preserved for future generations. The Commission primarily works with properties found in the rural and unincorporated areas outside of the County's cities and villages.

Please note: only those properties in this brochure noted with an asterisks (\*) are open to the public, all others must be viewed from the public right away.





**Oehler Mill, 1862** – The Oehler Mill is located on the west side of CTH MM, north of Mormon Creek. Built by Valentine and Gottfried Oehler, it was the first flour mill in the Town of Shelby.



**Palmer-Lewis Octagon House, 1857\***- Located at W3362 State Road 16, West Salem, it was built by Dr. Monroe Palmer in the Village of Neshonoc. Today this house sits near its original location and is one of two octagon houses found in West Salem.



**Howard/Kumm House, 1864** - This house is now located at 4115 Bank Drive, La Crosse. Originally located at 315 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, it was moved to its current location in 1954. During the 1880s it was used as a boarding house.



**John and Razy Wright House, 1924** - This romantic style pseudo-Tudor home is located at W5670 CTH F in the Town of Medary. Its unique Flemish Bond stone exterior and arched windows and doorways were designed for the Wrights by regional artist Otto A. Merman.



**Upper French Island School\*** - The Upper French Island School was built in 1925 and is located at the northeast corner of Plainview Road and Lakeshore Drive on French Island. Today, it is the home of the Campbell Community Center.



**Holmen Cooperative Creamery\***- The Holmen Cooperative Creamery was organized in 1889 with a stone building erected in 1895. That stone building was replaced in 1922 by the building in the photo, which at the time would have been a modern structure with new equipment. Today, this property houses a meat processing and locker plant.