



Historic Sites of Southern La Crosse County



Middle Ridge School

located at

N1794 Korn Klements Road

**LA CROSSE COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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The La Crosse County Historic Sites Preservation Commission is a branch of the County government that works to protect, preserve and nominate historic sites in La Crosse County. The Commission deals mainly with properties outside the County's municipalities, but inside the townships.

A historic site is usually considered to be a building, structure or archaeological site that is more than 50 years old and that is considered to be important either by who designed/built it, who lived there, what it was used for, or what it can tell us about the past.

The Commission meets on a monthly basis to discuss pertinent topics that deal with historic properties and archaeological sites in La Crosse County.

Please visit our website for more information on the county's historic sites, and how to nominate a property to the county's list of local landmarks.



#1—Valentine Oehler House, 1876. The Valentine Oehler house is located on the west side of CTH MM, south of Mormon Creek. It is an Italianate style house. A half story kitchen was added to the house between 1922 and 1930.



#1—Gottfried Oehler House, 1884. This house is located north of the Oehler Mill, west of CTH MM and north of Mormon Creek. It is an Italianate style house.



#1—Oehler Mill, 1862. The Oehler Mill is located on the west side of CTH MM north of Mormon Creek. It was built by Valentine and Gottfried Oehler. It was the first flour mill in the Town of Shelby. The mill and Oehler houses presented on this brochure are part of the Oehler complex which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



#2—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 architect Otto A. Merman.



#3—Villa St. Joseph, 1874 & 1898. The Villa St. Joseph is a 3 story convent located along STH 33 in St. Joseph's Ridge built to replace a smaller convent and school. The land surrounding the Villa St. Joseph was originally purchased to grow food for St. Rose's Convent and St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse. Today this serves as a retirement home/hospital for the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.

*Please note the properties represented on this brochure are on private property and should be viewed from the public right of way.



#4—Howard/Kumm House, 1864. Located at 4115 Bank Drive, La Crosse, this house was historically located at 315 South 3rd Street. It was built in 1864 and used as a boarding house in the 1880's, and moved to its present location in 1954.



#5—Olson/Weigel House, 1955. Located at N1904 Wedgewood Drive, La Crosse, this Better Homes and Gardens All American Design, Fivestar Plan #2509 illustrates unique features sought during the postwar building boom including glass and ventilation.



#6—Schmaltz Road Bridge, ca. 1930's. This stone bridge is located northeast of the intersection of STH 14/61 and CTH M on Schmaltz Road in the Town of Greenfield. It was made of locally harvested stone and constructed by the CCC established during the Great Depression.