

# Historic Monroe

## Self-Guided Walking Tour

This walking tour visits historic homes within a four-block radius of Monroe Public Library. You can start at any point, and the entire route is under 3 miles. The route encourages you to cross 9th Street at the controlled intersections at both 20th Avenue and 13th Avenue. **Most of these homes are privately owned**; please respect the owners' property by staying on sidewalks.

On this map, **the houses are numbered starting in the north and moving clockwise**. After each listing, you'll find the map number and page where each of these homes can be located in the 1990 Historic Monroe Walking Tour booklet, which you can check out at the Monroe Public Library (977.586 HIS). **Starred houses are in the National Register of Historic Places**.

### 1. \* 621 14th Avenue (1857) \*

Judge John A. Bingham was Green County's first attorney and Monroe's first elected Judge. (34, p10)

### 2. 1503 6th Street (1857)

"Doc" Carver/Williard Bender; later at this home, the Schuetze family trained prize show ponies, adding a cinder track. (2, p27)

### 3. \* 723 18th Avenue (1853) \*

Gen. James Bintliff was editor of The Monroe Sentinel and a lawyer in practice with Judge Bingham. Gen. Bintliff was a leading figure in the battle at Petersburg, VA in 1870. (51, p15)

### 4. 1811 8th Street (1887)

Jacob J. Tschudy (6, p22)

### 5. \* 1910 10th Street (1931) \*

Emery Odell was the founder of The Monroe Evening Times. (14, p11)

### 6. 1911 10th Street (1900)

Rice Gorham (15, p26)

### 7. \* 2004 10th Street (1887-1888) \*

Frank Chenowith; this was the first house to receive electricity in Monroe. (16, p6)

### 8. 2012 10th Street (1900)

Karlen/Geiger (17, p18)

### 9. 2020 10th Street (1860)

Benjamin Treat (18, p18)

### 10. 2003 11th Street (1889)

Henry Ludlow (22, p26)

### 11. 2002 11th Street (1918)

Edward Frautchy (21, p23)

### 12. 1218 17th Avenue (1858)

George Spangler was Green County's first gunsmith, and Mayor of Monroe from 1884-1888. (47, p14)

### 13. 1310 17th Avenue (ca. 1890)

Charles Pike (48, p20)

### 14. 1322 17th Avenue (ca. 1890)

Dr. F.M. Confer; later owned by Ray Kubly Sr., who started his cheese mail-order business from the attic and basement: the beginning of Swiss Colony and Colony Brands. (49, p20)

### 15. \* 1410 17th Avenue (1860) \*

Gen. Francis H. West (50, p5)

This octagon house was designed by Orsen Fowler. Gen. West, leader of the 31st WI brigade, accompanied General Sherman on his March to the Sea. (50, p5)

### 16. 1324 16th Avenue (1850)

Ezra Parker Treat and his family resided here in 1872, during construction of the Treat Block on the square's northwest side. See #19. (44, p20)

### 17. 1503 15th Avenue (ca. 1890)

A.C. Dodge was a lumber dealer, miller and brickyard operator. (43, p19)

### 18. 1423 15th Avenue (ca. 1900)

Gen. Nathan Twining was a General and Air Force Chief of Staff during World War II. Twining Park is named for him. (42, p19)

### 19. 1421 14th Avenue (1868)

Ezra Parker Treat struck it rich in the California Gold Rush, then settled in Monroe. See #16. (39, p7)

**20. 1403 14th Avenue (1856)**

O.D. Moulton (38, p15)

**21. 1402 14th Avenue (ca. 1900)**

Carroll/G. Vogt (37, p27)

**22. 1403 14th Street (1877)**

Ralph Lindsey (25, p25)

**23. \* 1205 13th Avenue (1870) \***

Chauncey D. Hulburt's home was inspired by his world travels; the ginkgo tree in the front yard is the largest recorded in WI. (33, p11)

**24. 1222 11th Street (ca. 1880s)**

Capt. Nathaniel Treat accompanied General Sherman on his March to the Sea and was a successful businessman in Monroe. (19, p13)

**25. 1309 10th Street (1870)**

Anton Buehler; the limestone bricks used to build this house were formed in brickyards formerly across from today's post office. (13, p25)

**26. 1203 9th Street (1896)**

John Doebendorfer (8, p25)

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