

#11

2125 Riverside
Built: 1895
Style: Queen Anne



This house was built in 1895 for Fred Carney Jr., son of prominent lumber industry businessman Fred Carney Sr. Fred Jr. was born in Marinette in 1870, engaged in the lumber business, and operated the Twin City Ice Co.

#14

2153 Riverside
Built: 1902
Style: Georgian Revival



2153 Riverside was built for I. Watson Stephenson, elder son of lumberman Isaac Stephenson, who graduated from the Orchard Lake Military Academy. He was on the staff of Governors Scofield, La Follette, and Davidson, as well as the general manager of the N. Ludington Company and chairman of the Marinette County Drainage board. Watson married Katherine McLaughlin in 1900 and the couple had two children.

#12

Across from 2125 Riverside
Built: 1940
Style: Stone monument with metal plaque



During the 1930's and 1940's, newspaper editor Frank E. Noyes erected a number of markers in Marinette and the surrounding communities. Many of the markers pertain to the location of the 45th parallel, but others, like this one, commemorate Marinette's early history.

#15

2157 Riverside
Built: 1888
Style: Dutch Colonial Revival



This building was built as the office of the Menominee River Boom Company, of which Isaac Stephenson was the principal owner. This company was responsible for sorting the logs on the river through its river booms.

#16

Between 1975 and 2115 Riverside
Built: 1872
(original)



The Chicago and North Western Railroad reached Marinette on December 29, 1871, and northward to Escanaba, Michigan, by December of the following year. The remains of a pier of the adjacent and later Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad bridge are still visible here, in-line with the current bicycle path. Both bridges were originally iron truss structures.

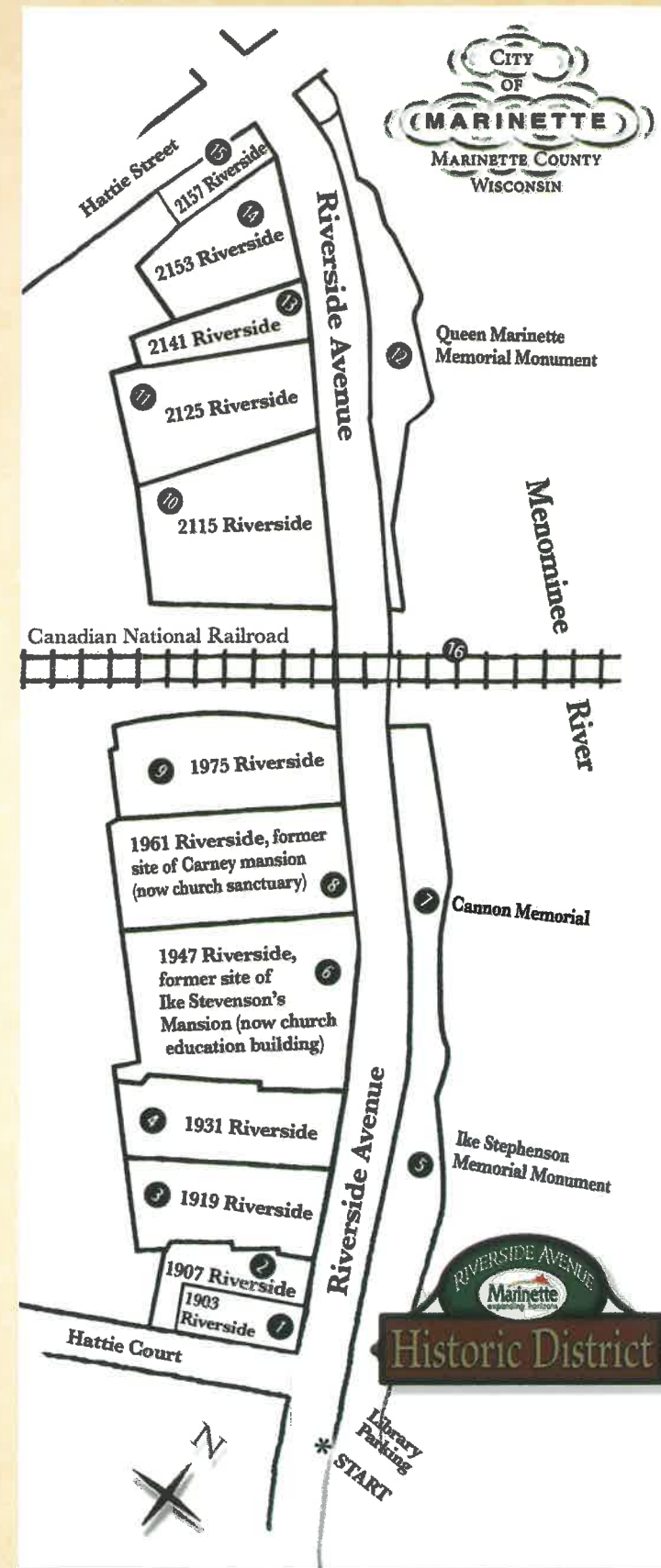
The arrival of the railroad brought with it huge change to local business and personal travel. Overland roads were poor, making shipment of heavy commodities difficult, particularly during the winter. Steamboats, which provided a vital transportation link, were not viable during the cold winter months. Trains provided year-round shipment of lumber, sawmill equipment, merchandise, and produce. Trains also made possible regular mail and passenger service. The last passenger train to serve Marinette made its final trip on April 25, 1971.

#13

2141 Riverside
Built: c. 1938
Style: International



Inspired by the 1933-1934 "Homes of Tomorrow Exhibition" at the Chicago World's Fair, Frank Lauerman Sr. had this house constructed on an L-shaped lot shared with the house at 130 Hattie Street. This house is architecturally significant as Marinette's only International Style house and it retains a very high degree of architectural integrity.



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Historic Riverside Avenue

Marinette, Wisconsin



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Walking Tour

#1

1903 Riverside
Built: c. 1895
Style: Queen Anne



William S. Baker, first owner of 1903 Riverside, worked as a book-keeper for R. Stephenson & Company, later with Hamilton, Merryman & Company, and finally his insurance business with which he remained and prospered for over fifty years before his death in 1928. He was also one of the two supervisors of Marinette County when it was first created in 1879 and served in that capacity for a number of years. In 1880 he was elected Marinette Town Chair. William Baker married Sarah J. Stephenson, a half-sister of Isaac Stephenson, in 1870.



#2
1907 Riverside
Built: c. 1901
Style: Foursquare

An earlier house at this address was once home to William S. Baker. Around 1895 William Baker had moved to a new house at 1903 Riverside. This house, built c. 1901, was first owned by Erastus J. Baker, son of William. Erastus engaged in the insurance business with his father until he moved away from the area around 1912.

#3

1919 Riverside
Built: 1885
Style: Queen Anne



This house and the one next to it at 1931 Riverside were built as twins of one another. The two houses were commissioned by Isaac Stephenson as wedding gifts for his two eldest daughters.

This house was that of Maggie Stephenson and Joshua Hodgins. General Joshua Hodgins had a distinguished military career with the local National Guard unit which culminated in his appointment as quartermaster general by Governor La Follette. Maggie was a past president of the of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, chairman of the National Federation of Women's Clubs house committee, president of the Marinette Women's Club, and was honorary president of the Marinette County Federation as well as the Marinette County Historical Society.

OVERVIEW

Beginning in the 1880's, the region between Hall Avenue and the Menominee River (west of the downtown) became the site of some of the more fashionable residences in Marinette. Until 1890, most residential streets were built paralleling Main Street east of the downtown. Those streets were located near the sawmills and were populated primarily by sawmill laborers. The affluent members of the emerging business and professional community built their homes west of the downtown. Riverside Avenue (originally part of Main Street, renamed River Street by 1887, and Riverside Avenue by 1895) was the most affluent street in this new area and is composed of the residences of many of the most prominent individuals in the history of Marinette. Residences found in this neighborhood reflect popular architectural trends of the time. Marinette's legacy as a late-nineteenth century lumber boom town remains with us today.



#4
1931 Riverside
Built: 1885,
remodel c. 1925
Style: Tudor Revival

This house was extensively remodeled, with an exterior makeover in the fashionable Tudor Revival style sometime around 1925. Mary Stephenson and Harry Brown were its first owners. Mary was active with her church, the Woman's club, and the local Girl Scout Council. Harry began his lifelong banking career in 1877 when he became a clerk at the Stephenson Banking Company. This bank was incorporated by Isaac Stephenson and became the Stephenson National Bank in 1889. Harry went on to become the cashier and later president of the bank, a position that he would retain until his death. This house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#6

1947 Riverside
Built: 1885
Razed: 1920
Style: Second Empire



Prior to the church relocating to this site, 1947 Riverside was the address of Isaac Stephenson, pioneer lumberman, U.S. Congressman (1883-1889), and U.S. Senator (1907-1915). Born in 1829 in Yorkton, near Fredericton, York County, New Brunswick (Canada), Isaac came to Marinette in 1858. In time he would amass a fortune from his association with the N. Ludington Company lumber mill.



#7

Across from 1947 Riverside
Built: 1846 (Springfield, MA)
& 1854 (Boston), per stamps
on trunnions
Style: Bronze Signal Cannon

In 1914 Senator Isaac Stephenson presented two brass cannon to Stephenson Public Library for the adornment of the library lawn. The cannon were moved to their present location for reasons forgotten a long time ago.



#5

Across from 1931 Riverside
Built: 1922
Style: Monument to
Isaac Stephenson

This statue was unveiled and dedicated in June of 1922, a little over four years after the death of Isaac Stephenson. The artist was noted American sculptor Nellie Verne Walker.

#8

1961 Riverside
Built: 1882
Razed: 1949
Style:
Second Empire



The church sanctuary is situated where the Fred Carney home once stood. He came to Marinette in 1856 to erect the mill of the N. Ludington Company. In 1868 he purchased an interest and became the superintendent and general manager of the H. Witbeck Co. lumber mill, a position which he held until his death in 1899.

#9

1975 Riverside
Built: 1910
Style:
Georgian Revival



This house was built in 1910 for Joseph and Cecelia Lauerman. At age 23 Joseph came to Marinette and opened a store on Main Street. Joseph's younger brother, Frank, was a silent partner in the venture and provided financial support. The Marinette venture quickly proved to be successful and within two years Frank came to Marinette to work alongside his brother. A few years later brother Charles came to Marinette and also became associated with the Lauerman Brothers Co., with department stores in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Iowa.

#10

2115 Riverside
Built: c. 1899
Style: Foursquare



Irenus K. Hamilton Jr., first owner of this house, went to college and became an "electrician". Early in his career he went to work with the Hamilton & Merryman Company, serving as Secretary of that lumber enterprise for a number of years.

Riverside Avenue & River Logs, Circa 1900

