

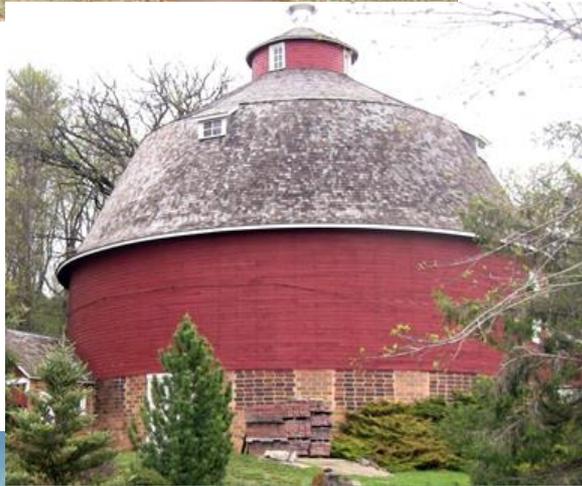
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# The National Register of Historic Places in Wisconsin

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# National Register of Historic Places – what is it?

The official federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects

significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture

that have significance to the prehistory or history of their community, State, or the Nation.

**Archaeological properties have yielded or has the potential to provide important information about prehistory or history.**

# Criterion A: History

Hebron Town Hall,  
Town of Hebron



# Criterion C: Architecture

Rogers House,  
Appleton



# Criterion B: Association with a Person

Ben Hunt Cabin,  
Hales Corners



# Criterion D: Information Potential

*Oceanwave Scow Schooner, Lake Michigan*



# What is a Historic District?

“A district possesses a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development.”

A district forms a unified, well-defined and, visually and architecturally distinctive area which exhibits cohesion in contrast to the area outside of the district. Contributing buildings reflect the architecture or historical significance from the historic period. Non-contributing buildings are excluded due to low architectural integrity or because their scale, building materials, or date of construction is different from the districts historic period.

Examples include business districts, residential neighborhoods, rural villages, and collections of archaeological sites.

# COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT LANCASTER, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN

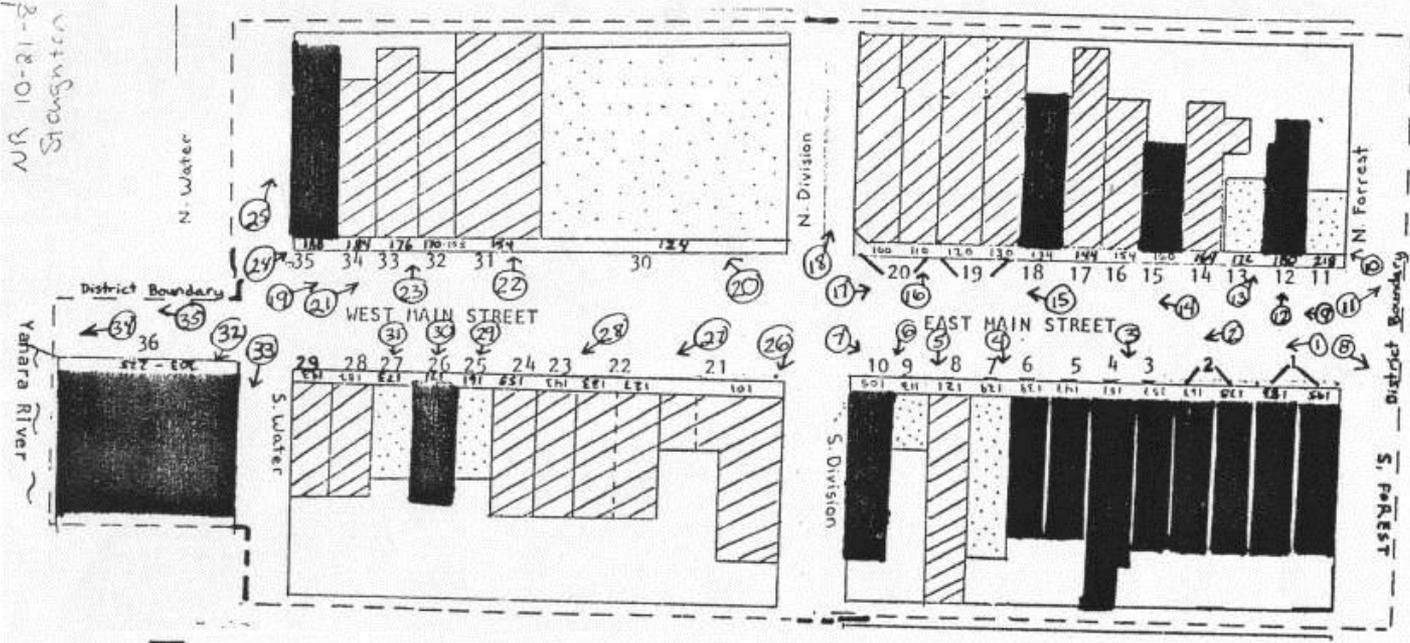
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## LEGEND

- CONTRIBUTING 
- NON-CONTRIBUTING 
- DISTRICT BOUNDARY 



NR 10-21-8-  
Stoughton



- = pivotal
- = contributing
- = non-contributing

- - - = district boundary
- 123 = street address
- 15 = map code number
- ⓪ = photo number



MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
Stoughton, Wisconsin  
Key:



# Nakama Historic District

## City of Madison

### County of Dane, Wisconsin

Department of Planning & Development - Planning Unit  
Prepared by: M. Ruggieri-Moore June 1994

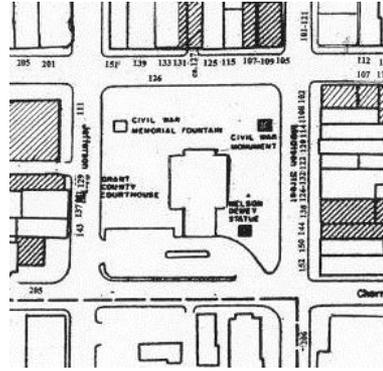
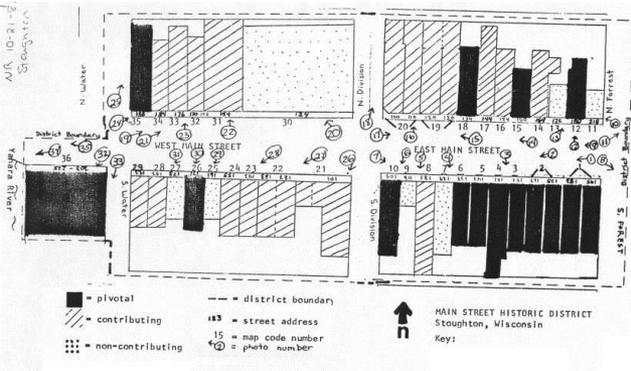
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- District Boundary
- Contributing
- Non-Contributing



# Types of Historic Districts



But What Does it Mean to be in a  
Historic District?

There are many misconceptions,  
and you may have even heard some of them...

# QUIZ TIME

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**FALSE**

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**TRUE**

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# YOU CAN

- Remodel your kitchen or bathroom
- Put on an addition
- Add air conditioning
- Update the electrical system
- Give a building a new use
- Do **whatever you want**, as long as there is no federal or state money, license or permit involved

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**FALSE**

**A property must possess integrity and significance**

# What's in it for me ?



Pride in their own property and in their community

Recognition from the National Park Service

Fosters community identity and promotes local history

Heritage tourism

**Facilitates economic reinvestment**





- Federal 20% + State 20% for income producing properties
- State 25% for non-income producing residential properties
- Application must be approved before work begins for the State credit



## TAX CREDITS



- Pre-approval required before work starts
- Property must be listed in, or Individually-eligible for, the National Register
- Either 2-Year or 5-Year Schedule
- 5-Year Recapture
  - Work on the exterior of your house, such as roof replacement and painting, but not including site work such as driveways and landscaping;
  - Electrical wiring, not including electrical fixtures;
  - Plumbing, not including plumbing fixtures;
  - Mechanical systems, such as furnaces, air conditioning, and water heaters; and
  - Structural work, such as jacking up floors.

# National Register of Historic Places in Wisconsin

**We have: (since 1966)**

**46 National Historic Landmarks**

**Over 2100 Individual Listings**

**399 Historic Districts**

- Examples:**
- Parkview Historic District, Milton - 7**
  - Main Avenue Historic District , De Pere, 18**
  - Main Street Historic District, Lake Geneva - 26**
  - Burlington Downtown Historic District - 97**
  - Walkers Point Historic District, Milwaukee – 502**
  - University Hill Farms Historic District, Madison - 834**

# Stevens Point Properties Listed in the National Register

11 Individually listed properties and

1 District: Mitchell Public Square-Main Street District



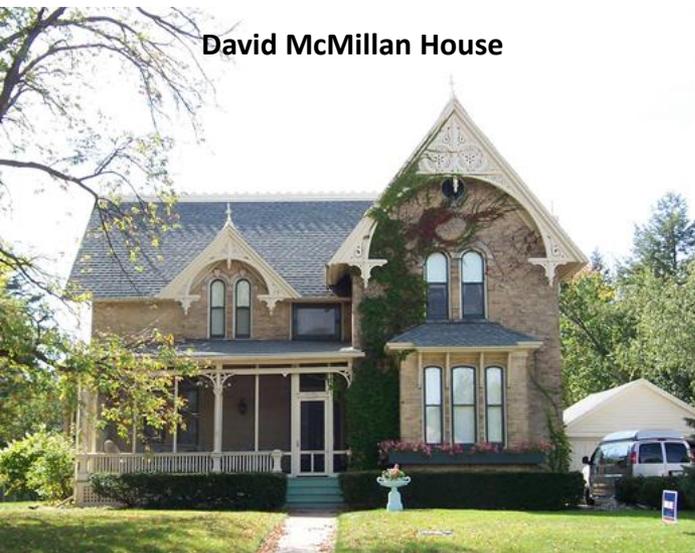
**Christina Kuhl House**



**State Normal School**



**J.L. Jensen House**



**David McMillan House**



**Folding Furniture Works Building**



**Hardware Mutual Insurance Companies Building**



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Theresa and August Green House



Hotel Whiting



Temple Beth Israel



Fox Theater



Nelson Hall

# Who decides what properties are historic?

## State and Federal Designation

- Administered by WHS
- Under state and federal law
- Reviews state & federal actions only
- Honorific
- Eligibility for Tax Credits



## Local Designation

- Administered by local unit of government
- Under local zoning ordinance
- Reviews any action that requires a building permit
- Review authority
- Protects property values

# How are properties listed?



Identification



NPS Form 10-600      OMB No. 1024-0018      (Expires 03/31/2012)

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, Prior to Completing the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "Not Applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. These additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

**1. Name of Property**  
Historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
Other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**  
Street & number \_\_\_\_\_  not for publication  
City or town \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**  
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,  
I hereby certify that this \_\_\_\_\_ nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:  
\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_ statewide \_\_\_\_ local

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of commenting official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**  
I hereby certify that this property is:  
\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register  
\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register \_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register  
\_\_\_\_ other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

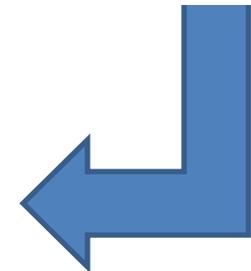
Nomination



Review Board



Approval by the National Park Service



Web Resources:

**wisconsinhistory.org**

Architecture and History Inventory

National Register Database

Pages for Property Owners

Wisconsin Historic Images

# Web Resources:



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Research Your  
**FAMILY HISTORY**

Begin or dive deeper into researching your family tree

Discover Your  
**COMMUNITY HISTORY**

Learn about the spaces, places, & unique story of your community

Explore Our  
**COLLECTIONS**

The largest North American Heritage collection next to the Library of Congress

Teach & Learn  
**WISCONSIN HISTORY**

Spark curiosity about the people, places and stories of our past

Visit Wisconsin  
**MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES**

See and touch history at Historic Sites, Museums and special events

Preserve Your  
**HOMES & PROPERTIES**

Restore your historic home or property, get tax credits, renovation tips

Search our stuff...



**VILLA LOUIS**

**OCT 26**

**AFTER DARK**

GET TICKETS »

The advertisement features a large, dark photograph of Villa Louis at night, with its interior lights glowing through the windows. The text is overlaid on the image in white and teal colors.



wisconsinhistory.org



# Web Resources:

## Preserve Your Homes and Properties

### Property Record Search

Search the most up-to-date version of the National or State Register of Historic Places and/or the Society's Architecture and History Inventory.

or browse all property records >

- ▶ About the National Register and State Register of Historic Places
- ▶ About Our Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory Collection (AHI)



### WI HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN



Learn how you can participate in the development of the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Plan.

- ▶ [Help Develop the Statewide Preservation Plan](#)

### State Historic Preservation Officer Review Process

Learn the steps to follow to get a letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer, also known as SHPO.

#### Have Questions?

Contact Chip Brown by phone at 608-264-6508 or by email:

▶ [chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org)

### TAX CREDITS AND FUNDING

#### Tax Credits for Historic Building Rehabilitation

If you are planning work on a historic building, you may be eligible for a tax credit.

#### Historic Preservation Funding Opportunities

Browse over 40 programs offering funding for projects that preserve Wisconsin's historic places.

### EDUCATION



#### Preserve Your Historic Building

Get helpful tips and recommendations for preserving historic homes and buildings.

### Archaeology Programs and Services

The Wisconsin Historical Society has several programs that serve to protect and interpret Wisconsin's archaeological resources.



[SEE MORE](#)



### PRESERVATION PROFESSIONALS

# Web Resources:

## How to Preserve Your Historic Building

### Explore the Category

Category: [How to Preserve Your Historic Building](#)

Search the category:

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### Topics in This Category

- [Building Systems](#)
- [Energy Efficiency](#)
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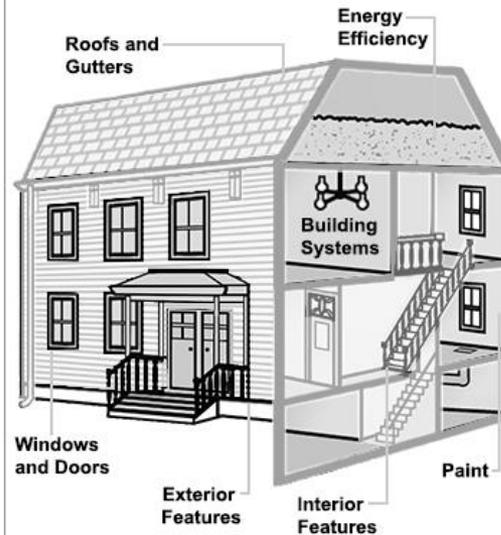
### How to Preserve Your Historic Building

This collection of articles, written by preservation professionals, provides owners of historic buildings with specific recommendations and helpful tips. Get started by learning about historic preservation or browse by the topics at left.



### RESTORATION HOW-TO'S

Click an area of the building below to see the how-to articles for that topic.



### FEATURED ARTICLES

- [▶ Advantages of Maintaining Your Historic Windows](#)  
Learn why the windows in your historic building are worth repairing and restoring.
- [▶ Ten Reasons to Buy and Restore a Historic Commercial Building](#)  
See the top 10 reasons to buy and restore a historic commercial building.
- [▶ Common Myths About Historic Buildings](#)  
Dispel the most common myths about ownership and renovation of a historic building.



# Web Resources:

## Tax Credits for Historic Building Rehabilitation

### Browse Related Topics

- ▶ [Preserve Homes and Properties](#)
- ▶ [About the National Register and State Register of Historic Places](#)
- ▶ [Historic Preservation Funding Opportunities](#)

Click any term in any gray box below to see related search results.

#### Refine by Subject

[Taxes \(2\)](#)

### Tax Credits and Historic Buildings

If you are planning work on a historic building, you may be eligible for a tax credit.



#### FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC HOMES

Learn more about rehabilitation tax credits for homeowners who rehabilitate their historic homes.

- ▶ [FAQs About the Tax Credit Program for Historic Homes](#)
- ▶ [Tax Credits for Historic Homes](#)
- ▶ [Application Forms and Instructions](#)

#### FOR OWNERS OF HISTORIC COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Learn more about rehabilitation tax credits for owners who rehabilitate historic income-producing buildings.

- ▶ [Tax Credits for Historic Income-Producing Buildings](#)
- ▶ [Application Forms and Instructions](#)

#### REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES



If your home is listed on the National Register, you may qualify to submit an application for an income tax credit on future restoration work you carry out.

- ▶ [Search the National Register](#)

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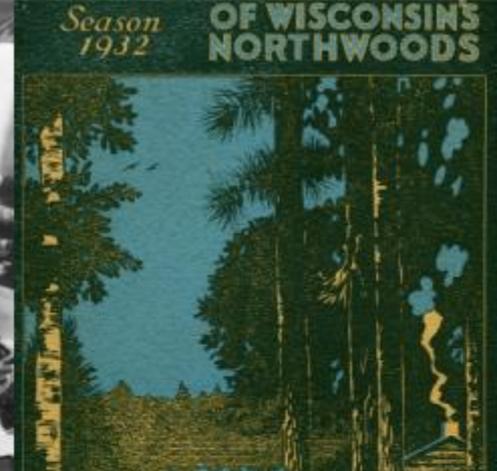
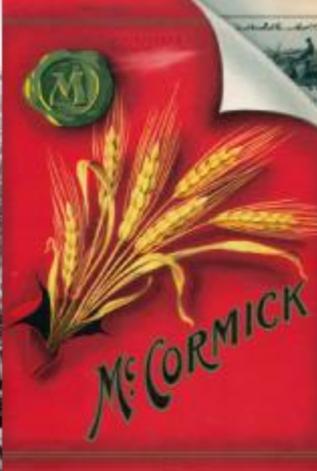
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