

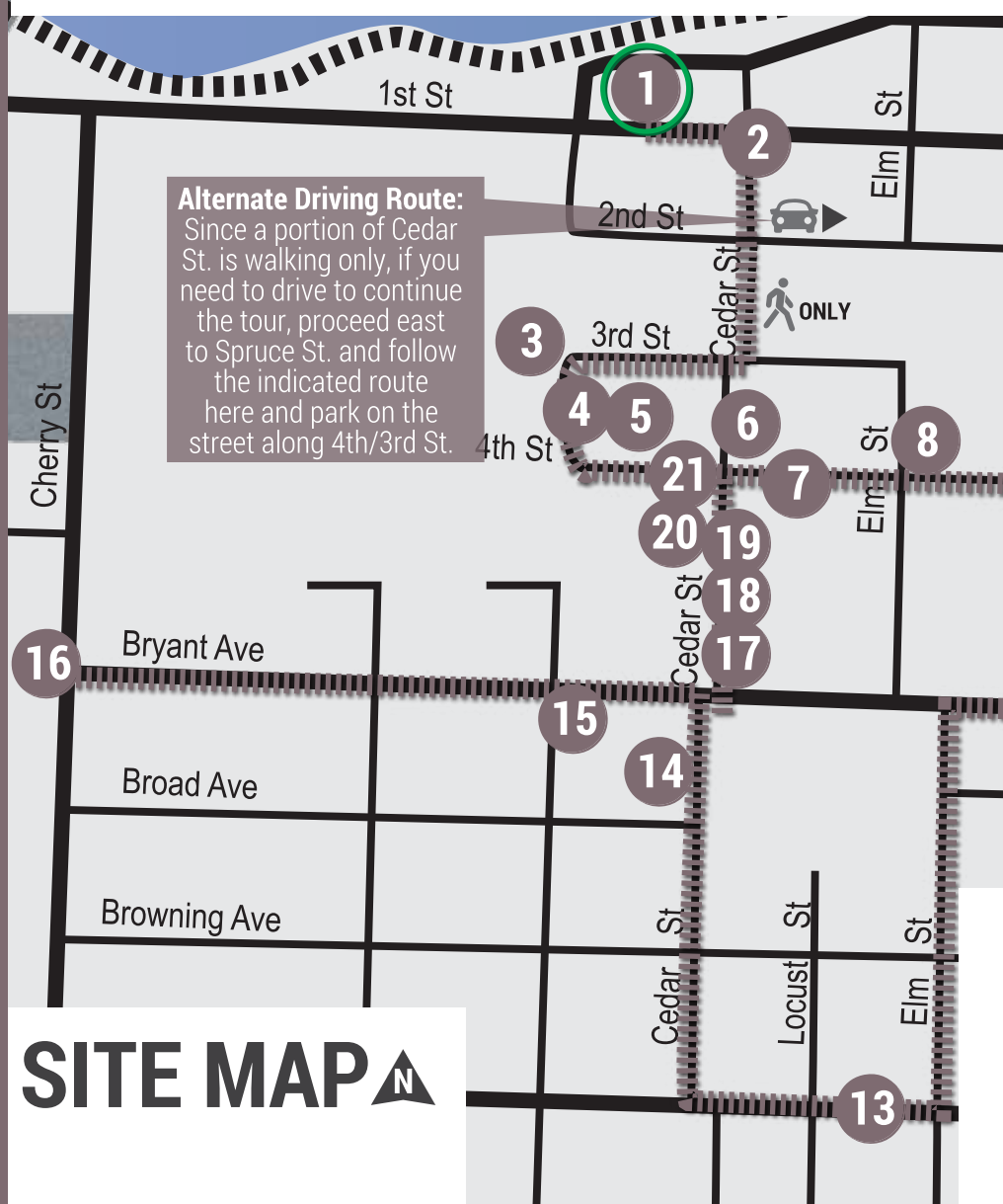


WEST HOMES

BEAUTIFUL HOMES IN THE WEST HISTORIC DISTRICT



TOTAL TOUR TIME: 2.5-3.5 hours 
TOTAL SITES: 21 historic buildings on tour with 1 optional add-on.



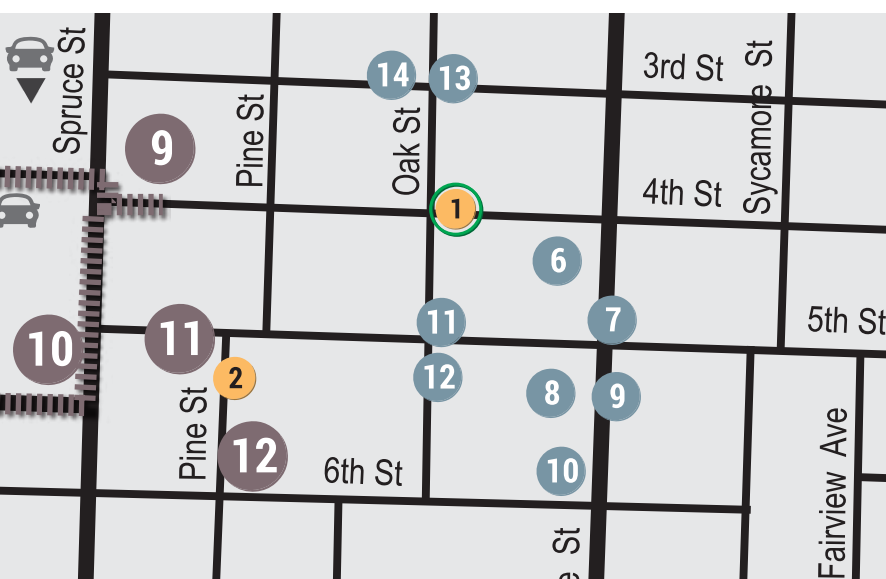
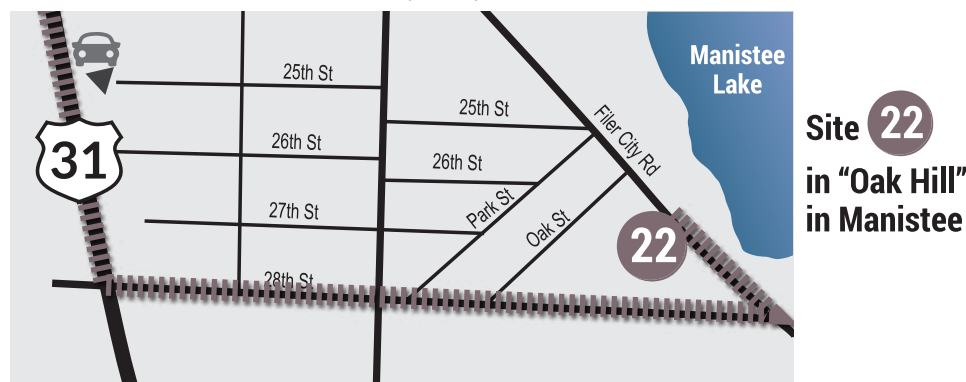
Alternate Driving Route:
 Since a portion of Cedar St. is walking only, if you need to drive to continue the tour, proceed east to Spruce St. and follow the indicated route here and park on the street along 4th/3rd St.

TOUR START/DETAILS:

Begin the tour at the Manistee County Historical Museum on 1st Street. The Waterworks Museum has available parking to begin your tour **1**. Here you will begin your walk on this Historic West Homes Tour. All of these sites may be walked, however, you may also drive if you prefer. People with accessibility needs will need to drive on the alternate driving route outlined or they may begin on site 3 and park on the street around this area.

Please note that the only site that is accessible to the general public is the Manistee Golf and Country Club (site 16). Please be respectful of the home owners' private property when exploring the grounds.

DETAIL MAP



OTHER TOURS IN THE AREA

-  = Historic Church Tour sites nearby.
-  = East Home Tour sites nearby.



RECOMMENDED START LOCATION

1 Manistee County Historical Museum: The Water Works Museum

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1882-1883
LOCATION:
 520 First Street, Manistee, MI

Begin your tour of Manistee's historic homes at the Manistee County Historical Museum: The Water Works Museum, where you will be able to learn more about the county's abundant history. The Water Works Museum is open July & August with an admission cost of \$1.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 1 2
 Proceed east on 1st Street 1 block until you reach the Filer Home on the southeast corner of 1st and Cedar streets.



2 The Filer Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: Circa early 1860s
LOCATION:
 517 First Street, Manistee, MI

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This is Manistee's finest remaining Greek Revival home, built in the early 1860s by D.L. Filer. Filer was one of the pioneer residents of Manistee who served the town in various roles (i.e. lawyer, doctor, etc.) previous to 1860. In 1863, Filer sold the home to William Moore who built the addition on the rear of the home.

In October 1871, the Great Fire destroyed a sizeable portion of the city but luckily, this unique home survived. During this time, the house was owned by Horace Green and upon the visitation of his brother and pregnant sister-in-law, a baby boy, Fred, was born. Fred Green would grow up to become the 32nd Governor of the State of Michigan.

The house was later owned by Edward Buckley, who later went on, like Filer, to become a prosperous lumberman.

As of 2016, the home is undergoing extensive restorations. The renovations look to preserve much of the historic integrity that was present in the early 1860s at the time of its original construction.



DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 2 3
 Proceed south on Cedar St. and take the walkway/sidewalk up the hill to 3rd St. Proceed west on 3rd St. to the next home.

ALT. DRIVE ROUTE:
 For those who cannot walk up the steep Cedar St. hill, we recommend driving to the next cluster of sites. Return to the Waterworks to get your car and proceed east on 1st St. to Spruce St. Proceed south up Spruce St. hill. Turn west on 4th St. Continue to the next site.



ALTERNATE START LOCATION

3 316 Tamarack Street

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: Early 1980s
LOCATION:
 316 Tamarack Street, Manistee, MI

Even though this home is not historic (as it was built in the early 1980s) its physical design and size in this neighborhood have many visitors asking the questions, "What is the story on this home?" Therefore, this home was added to the West Homes Tour.

This home was constructed by a local family on the site of an orchard in the early 1980s. Surrounded by the lush elegance of historic brick residences, the structure was built to resemble many of those homes.

Many people recognize the spire when they are at Douglas Park/First Street Beach looking southeast. This spire signifies the location of one of the oldest neighborhoods in Manistee.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 3 4
 Proceed to the corner of Tamarack & 4th St.



4 The Harley Home

ARCHITECT: Herbert Harley
CONSTRUCTED: 1902
LOCATION:
 536 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI

Constructed in 1902, this Gothic style home was built by Herbert L. Harley, prominent lawyer and founder of the American Judicature Society. The home was built using the then new technique of concrete to construct the walls from the basement to the eaves.

The building was later acquired by commercial artist Harry Armstrong, whose wife Louise authored the book, "We Too Are The People," an account of her experiences during three years as emergency relief administrator of Manistee County. Upon release, the book was nationally praised but caused a local uproar over its depiction of Manistee as a "dying lumber town."

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 4 5
 Proceed east on 4th St. (Next Door).





5 The Arnold Home

ARCHITECT: Gust Peterson
CONSTRUCTED: 1909
LOCATION:
 532 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI

In 1909, local businessman, John Arnold, had this handsome home constructed on the western portion of Fourth Street. The plans for the elegant structure were drawn up by local architect, Gust Peterson, who similarly did all of the original carpentry work in the house.

The most striking feature to this home is the wrap around front porch, that was so iconic on homes of this style built in the early 1900s.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 5 6
 Proceed east on 4th St. to the next block.



6 The Nye Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1924
LOCATION:
 512 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI

Upon divorcing millionaire lumberman and businessman Charles Canfield on the grounds of desertion, Belle Gardner returned home to Manistee in 1905 where she took up residence in the large, palatial Canfield Mansion formerly located on Fourth and Cedar Street. After marrying George O. Nye in 1910, Belle and her husband made their home in the palatial Canfield Mansion until it was announced in the early 1920s that the house would be demolished in order to build a more modest dwelling.

Initially described as a Bungalow with Early American rustic characteristics, this home was built by the Nyes using materials from the former Canfield Mansion in 1924 on the same site as the previous house. The original iron fence installed by the Canfields in 1876 still surrounds the entire block.

Stone mason work exists on the northwest corner of the block with a stepped sidewalk that mirrors some of the architectural detailing on the exterior of the home.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 6 7
 Proceed across the street.



7 Site of E.D. Wheeler Home

ARCHITECT: Charles Anderson
CONSTRUCTED: Circa 1930
LOCATION:
 515 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI

The home that stood here was three and a half stories tall, built in the 1880s in the half-timbered Queen Anne style from plans prepared by William Le Baron Jenney. The house now on the property was built in the 1930s from the brick of the original E.D. Wheeler Home, as was the house at 511 Fourth Street.

This home (515 Fourth St.) utilizes many beautiful lines that were typical with a Queen Anne style such as the arched front doorway and copper accents.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 7 8
 Proceed east on 4th St. to the corner of 4th & Elm St.



8 The Canfield Barn Site

ARCHITECT: Anderson Construction Company
CONSTRUCTED: 1935-1936
LOCATION:
 490 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI

Lumberman John Canfield had the original structure built on this site in 1876. Since Canfield lived down the street, he constructed a palatial barn structure for his livestock. The barn resembled a church and was a square building, over 40 feet on each side, of solid masonry construction, containing over 100,000 bricks and 30 cords of stone.

A half century later, people were keeping automobiles instead of cows. In 1935, the barn was purchased by Jesse Wing Degan (niece of Edward Buckley) and a large home was put up on the site using materials from the barn. The residence was built by the Anderson Construction Company with plans supplied by an architect from Grand Rapids. The architect specifications called for chemical cleaning of the brick to restore their trueness.

Today, the beautiful grounds are the frequent recipient of regional garden club awards. The attention to detail in the landscaping, magnifies the architectural beauty of this historic structure.



DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 8 9
 Proceed east on 4th St. Cross Spruce St. The next home is the second from the corner on the south side of the block.



9 The E.P. Case Home

ARCHITECT: William LeBaron Jenney
CONSTRUCTED: 1880
LOCATION:
 467 Fourth Street, Manistee, MI

In 1880, E.P. Case was employed by lumberman John Canfield as a bookkeeper, and was apparently impressed with Canfield's home which was designed by Chicago architect William LeBaron Jenny who designed seven other buildings in Manistee, five of which were razed. While it was said that Case desired a modest home, Jenny went ahead and designed this unique, Gothic-style residence on Fourth Street.

Case only lived in the elegant home for six years before his death in December 1886. Through the years, the Case Home has had a number of owners and many families have occupied it while renting.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 9 10
 Proceed back to Spruce St. Turn south two blocks to the corner of Bryant Ave. and Spruce St.



10 The Falleen Home

ARCHITECT: Christian Petersen
CONSTRUCTED: Circa 1870s
LOCATION:
 432 Spruce Street, Manistee, MI

Built in the 1870s, this home is named after the owners of the dwelling who lived there roughly 50 years later.

Arriving in Manistee from Rockford, Ill., father and son, Gustave and Arthur Falleen, purchased the Manistee Drop Forge company in 1924 after it had sat idle for two years.

The drop forge was thus renamed the Fallen Drop Forge which continued to operate for several decades under said moniker.

Gustave Falleen and wife occupied this home for several years. This Second Empire home is one of the few examples of this style which still has a mansard roof.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 10 11
 Backtrack to 5th St. and Spruce St. and take 5th St. east to the southwest corner of 5th St. and Pine St.



11 The Salling Home

ARCHITECT: Various
CONSTRUCTED: Circa 1870s
LOCATION:
 461 Fifth Street, Manistee, MI

Salling, a native of Denmark, arrived in the United States in 1862 and found his way to Manistee. He worked for lumberman Michael Engemann before going out on his own, eventually owning several sawmills and pine lands.

While the Salling Home was built in 1874/1875, it underwent several changes between 1880 and 1899. In the final remodeling, the Victorian gingerbread was all removed, the home was made two stories throughout and an elegant entry was added along with a wrap-around porch.

Among the most unique features found throughout the home is the beautiful hardwood flooring. A border, at the perimeter of each room, is made up of inlaid hardwoods, including cherry, maple, walnut, and oak.

Salling passed away in 1909 and his family continued to reside in the house until 1916.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 11 12
 Proceed south on Pine St. to the northeast corner of Pine St. and 6th St.



12 The Douglas Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1884
LOCATION:
 521 Pine Street, Manistee, MI

This beautiful brick "lakeshore cottage" was built in 1884 for lumberman, L.M. Haines by local contractors Maxted and Newcombe. Newspapers of the time described the home as being an ornament to that portion of the city.

Haines sold the home in 1890 to Anna Douglas whose husband, William Douglas was a logging contractor and a member of the firm Buckley and Douglas, one of the most successful lumbering concerns in the region, as well as the Manistee & Northeastern Railroad.

After William passed away, his wife Anna remained in the home until her death in 1932.



DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 12 13
 Continue south on Pine St. to 8th St. Turn west and continue two blocks to the corner of 8th St. and Elm where the next site is located.



13 The McAlvay Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1885
LOCATION:
 495 Spruce Street, Manistee, MI

A native of Ann Arbor, A.V. McAlvay came to Manistee in 1871 to practice law. In 1878, he was elected Circuit Court Judge and was supported and respected by most of the lawyers in the district. Following defeat in 1880, McAlvay returned to private practice. In early 1885, a site was chosen on Eighth and Spruce streets for a new residence for his family. By November of that year, the McAlvay Home was completed.

McAlvay enjoyed his home as a full time resident for almost 20 years. In 1904, he was elected to the Supreme Court of Michigan and moved to Lansing. He continued to serve in that court for 11 years including two years as Chief Justice.



DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 12 13
 Continue west on 8th St. to Cedar St. Turn north and continue 3 blocks. The next site will be on the west side of the street after Broad Ave.



14 The Buckley Home

ARCHITECT: Commissioned by James Shrigley
CONSTRUCTED: 1875
LOCATION:
 450 Cedar Street, Manistee, MI

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This home was originally constructed by lumberman James Shrigley in 1874. Following the summer wedding of his daughter in 1892, the home was sold to Edward Buckley, another

Manistee lumberman who was enjoying prosperity. Buckley was married in 1894 to his second wife who was from Thomasville, Georgia and the home was transformed into a Free Classic Queen Anne style and remodeled extensively at a cost of \$50,000 before they occupied it.

Sculptured plaster ceilings, frescoed and scenic-papered walls, marble and handsomely carved wood mantels, Venetian and Tiffany glass chandeliers, parquet floors, fine wood paneling, marble and tile baths and sumptuous furnishings



and a ball room on the third floor, all combined to make the Buckley Home one of Manistee's most well-appointed and elegant homes at the turn of the century.

Buckley's second marriage did not last nor did a third one, and he spent many years living alone in the mansion. Virginia Buckley, his daughter from the second marriage, maintained the residence after Buckley passed away in 1927 although she used it more as a summer residence. Upon her death, the home had fallen into disrepair.

Today, two Manistee residents have purchased the home and are working towards restoring it to its former glory.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 14 15
 Continue around the block to the northwest corner. There (still within the same city block) you will find the next site.



15 The Buckley Carriage House

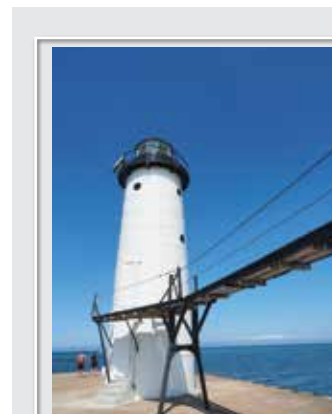
ARCHITECT: Holabird and Roche
CONSTRUCTED: 1909
LOCATION:
 531 Broad Street, Manistee, MI

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The French Provincial style carriage house was designed by the well-known Chicago architects, Holabird and Roche. Although the plans of the building are dated 1895, it was completed in 1909. A notable feature of the Carriage House is that the front doors allowed the carriages to enter, unload, and move through the barn to the rear carriage door. You will still see the original walkway from the Carriage House to the Buckley House, which still remains intact today.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 15 16
 Continue west on Bryant Ave. to the end of the street (At Cherry St.).



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16 Manistee Golf & Country Club

ARCHITECT: Various
CONSTRUCTED: 1901
LOCATION:
 500 Cherry Street, Manistee, MI
 231-723-2500



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One of the oldest operating golf clubs in Michigan, the Manistee Golf and Country Club was incorporated in May 1901 by a group of local lumber barons and businessmen. Later that summer, the nine-hole golf course was constructed on land known as the Canfield-Wheeler Farm. By the late 1920s, additional land between Eighth and Twelfth streets was acquired and nine more holes were laid out to make the 18-hole course that continues today.



The Clubhouse Expansion from the original 1901 Plan: A proposal to build an addition to the original clubhouse was made in 1963 to accommodate increased membership and resort play. The expansion was completed by 1965 and expenses were met by selling residential building sites on ground north of the clubhouse and course.

Open for Play: Today, the course is still in superb condition and, even though it isn't the longest golf course in the area, nor the most challenging, the views along the middle-front nine and middle-back nine are some of the most spectacular views of Lake Michigan you will find on a golf course in Northern Michigan.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 16 17
 Backtrack on Bryant Ave. until reaching the northeast corner of Bryant Ave. and Cedar St.



17 The Vincent Home

ARCHITECT: William Vincent
CONSTRUCTED: 1885
LOCATION:
 432 Cedar Street, Manistee, MI

William Vincent was a graduate of Civil Engineer of Chester College in England who arrived in Manistee in the spring of 1871. He later found employment in the area working as a lumber broker, real estate investor and surveyor.



At the time, he wanted to construct a home that would withstand the test of time, and therefore he constructed a home that was built of brick and stone. The home contains a parlor, sitting and dining rooms, a china closet, and six chamber rooms.

Vincent built this Queen Anne style home in 1885. Today, the house remains in the Vincent family. The barn, located east of the house has been rehabilitated and converted into a fine residence.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 17 18
 Proceed north on Cedar St. (Next Door) to the next site.



18 The Wolters Home

ARCHITECT: Albert E. Colcord
CONSTRUCTED: 1908
LOCATION:
 421 Cedar Street, Manistee, MI

Designed by architect Albert E. Colcord of Chicago, William and Mary Vincent built this Craftsman style home for their daughter Margaret as a wedding gift for her marriage to Ray Wolters. When the home was completed a newspaper reported it was "very attractive and adds to the beauty of Cedar Street."

The Craftsman style, made popular by Gustav Stickley, was intended to be practical and aesthetic. It has been called the best example of Craftsman style in this neighborhood.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 18 19
 Proceed north on Cedar St. (Next Door) to the next site.



19 The Barnes Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1885
LOCATION:
 415 Cedar Street, Manistee, MI

The Barnes family, who were the first owners of this home, were relatives of the Wheelers, who owned the large mansion that was originally adjacent to the north. The Barnes home originally featured the Eastern Stick style exterior, which was characterized by lap siding, divided into small squares, and painted to highlight varied design patterns.

Perhaps the most unusual feature of this home is that it is still occupied by the family of the original builders. Burton P. and Blanche Barnes lived in the home for more than half a century.



DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: 19 20
 Proceed north on Cedar St. and across the street to the next site.



410 Cedar St.

20 The Second Canfield Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: Circa 1860s
LOCATION:
 410-414 Cedar Street, Manistee, MI

This Greek Revival home was built in the 1860s, as a large two-story structure with a tower in the middle.

When the new Canfield mansion was built in the early 1870s on 4th St. the tower was removed and the two remaining sections were pulled apart and moved, creating the two houses at 410 Cedar and 414 Cedar.

These were occupied by two of the Canfield daughters and their families for many years. Recently, 414 Cedar went through extensive exterior renovations to restore much of the architectural detailing that was original to the 1860 home.

DIRECTIONS TO NEXT SITE: **20** **21**
 Proceed north on Cedar St. to the next site on the northwest corner of Cedar St. and 4th St.



414 Cedar St.



21 The Delbridge Home

ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1872
LOCATION:
 400 Cedar Street, Manistee, MI

D.W. Mowatt, who built this home shortly after the Great Fire of 1871, sold it in 1879 to James B. Delbridge, who is believed to have rebuilt the home in the Victorian Eclectic style using the materials from his planing mill and sash factory.

The home was stuccoed by local banker and businessmen, George M. Burr shortly after he purchased it in 1910. With the care of the various owners over the years, the home's exterior still remains intact and features much of its original lines prior to the renovations done by Burr in 1910.

WEST HOMES TOUR COMPLETE
 Site 21 completes the West Homes Tour. Please reference the table of contents to begin one of the other self-guided tours in this booklet.

ADD-ON: SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SITE



OPTIONAL ADD-ON HISTORIC HOME SITE **21** **22**
 From the Delbridge Home (site 21) turn right (east) onto 4th St. and continue to Spruce St. Turn left and continue down the hill until reaching 1st St. Turn right (east) on 1st St. and continue to US-31. Turn right (south) and continue until reaching 28th St. Turn left (east) and continue until the road ends at Filer City Rd. Turn left (north) and continue until reaching your destination on the left.

22 The E.G. Filer Home

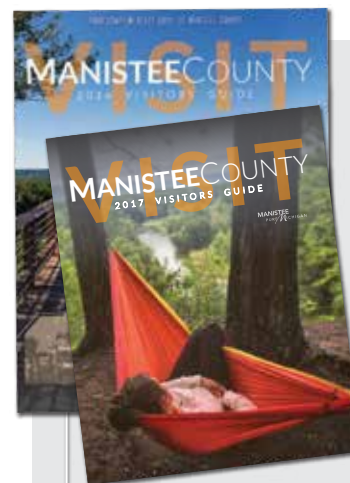
ARCHITECT: Unknown
CONSTRUCTED: 1875
LOCATION: 2600 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI



The Filer family were pioneer residents of Manistee who quickly became involved in the logging industry. E. Golden Filer was one of the sons of D.L. Filer who constructed this elegant, red brick home in 1875. Located in Oak Hill (an area south of the city of limits platted by D.L. Filer), the home was known for its lavish decorative elements as well as its park-like grounds.

E. Golden Filer remained one of Manistee's well-regarded businessmen and was responsible for the creation of the Filer Fibre Company, a pulp and paper company.

After Mr. Filer passed away in 1921, the home was owned by E.C. Hardy, a manager of the local Morton Salt Company. In 1955, Hardy sold the home to the American Box Board Company, a concern that took over the Filer mill. American Box Board converted the mansion into their offices. However, the home would later be remodeled for a residence.



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