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The Tailor's House 330 West Sixth Street

This home was built in 1890 for tailor Henry Schuetter and his family. Architect C.A. Tenbusch designed the Queen Anne style house combining Victorian elements with those of the emerging Colonial Revival period. Typical elements include a wrap-around porch with free classic columns, hipped roof with attic dormers, round turret and a variety of window shapes and styles.

Schuetter began his own tailor shop known as HENRY SCHUETTER IMPORTING TAILOR In 1893. It grew to be one of northern Wisconsin's largest establishments employing 20 hands.

Roy and Ginny Baumruk purchased the house In 1972 from one of the Schuetter daughters, Gertrude Langlois. It was added to the State and National Registers of Historic Places In 1995.

The Artist's House 312 West Prospect Avenue

1864 was the year this home was built for papermaker Thomas Pearson's family. The Pearsons sold it in 1897 to the Bradfords and it remained in their possession until 1997.

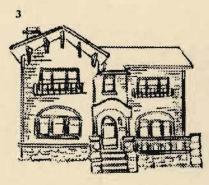
Alfred and Francis Bradford were prominent lawyers. Francis' son, Francis Scott, was a nationally recognized artist. He studied painting in Europe and became one of this country's leading mural painters. His work can still be viewed in the Outagamie County Courthouse lobby.



In August of 1997, artist Lynn Mann and her family

moved in. Lynn is a portrait painter and free lance photo stylist, who recently completed a work commissioned for Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial entitled "Appleton Speaks." The painting, depicting seven historic figures of Appleton, is on display at the public library.

Lynn considers her house a "work in progress" at this point. She has on display not only examples of her art work, but many props used for paintings and photo shoots.



The Mayor's House 325 West Prospect Avenue

This Italian Villa style house, designed by architect William Waters, was built in 1872 for Ephraim C. Goff. An early pioneer, Goff was Appleton's mayor from 1870-1872. He began his public career with Appleton's first fire department and served as undersheriff, visiting Civil War families and arresting deserters. He held several offices and was known as one of the city's most successful real estate dealers until his death in the early 1890's.

in 1921, Drs. Maud Pratt and Meta Jenss established the Appleton Maternity Hospital In the residence. Evidently they handled more than maternity cases as long-time neighborhood resident Karl Langlois remembers them treating his broken arm as a youngster.

The house stood vacant in the late 1920's, in 1934 and again in 1940 becoming known as the "Haunted House". It was rescued in 1942 by William Kaminsky and his wife who hired workers to renovate it. This resulted in the loss of the east wing (where the driveway and garage now stand) and the central observatory known for providing a spectacular view of the Fox River. Current owners, since 1983, are Sally and Jim Johnson.

Houses can be toured in any order, the map is numbered to assist in locating the tour homes.

The Gentleman Farmer's House 602 South Walnut

This Queen Anne style house was built in 1897 for Matthew and Susanna Rodermund. Designed by architect W.W. DeLong, it is one of several look alike homes built in Appleton which feature bay windows, towers and triangular gables.

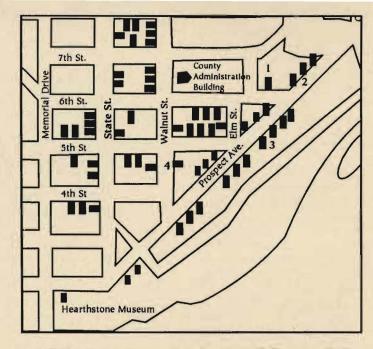
The Rodermunds sold the house to Andrew and Catherine Schindler in 1901. Andrew's family emigrated from Hungary in 1850 and established a farm in the town of Menasha. When Andrew was ready to retire, he purchased the home at 602 S. Walnut and relocated his family there.

Members of the Schindler family lived in the home for the next 52 years.

Sometime in the 1950's the house was turned into a duplex. The exterior porch and main interior staircase were removed to create an upper and lower apartment. The present owners, Brad and Deb Koller, have returned the structure to a single family home and have worked to create a comfortable casual environment by blending original woodwork and doors with elements that were added in the 40's and 50's. A patterned hardwood floor featuring borders of dark and light hardwoods was discovered under layers of linoleum and shag carpeting. A stained glass window and an oak pocket door also remain.

Artwork by Ann Christensen





APPLETON'S OLD THIRD WARD

In 1993 residents of the Old Third Ward, under the leadership of Frank Council, organized to preserve the homes and history of one of Appleton's oldest neighborhoods. In 1994 The Old Third Ward became Appleton's first incorporated neighborhood. Since its foundation, efforts of neighbors have resulted in the successful nomination of the area to Wisconsin's 1994 "10 Most Endangered Property" list and the addition of one of the most threatened homes in the neighborhood to the National Register of Historic Places.

The organization participated in the development of Appleton's Historic Preservation Ordinance. It works ongoing with city and county government to maintain lines of communication and define boundaries.

A Walking Tour map, developed with the aid of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, received the Lillian Mackesy Award in 1998. "Midwest Living" presented the Old Third Ward with a "Hometown Pride" award for historic preservation in 1998. We are proud to share the history of the Old Third Ward and are equally eager to hear stories visitors have to tell.

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