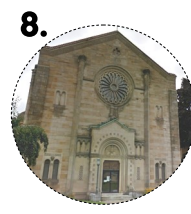




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## Stop 1– Buffum House [49 Buffum]

- C. 1850: Believed to be the oldest house still standing in South Buffalo
- When this house was built, South Buffalo was rural farmland

## Stop 5– Shea’s Seneca

- Michael Shea grew up in the First Ward and built an entertainment empire.
- This 1929 theater was built after his 1926 theater on Main Street downtown.
- Restoration by Schneider Development includes apartments, retail, and banquet space

## Stop 9– Liberty Bank

- Built in 1921 for Buffalo-based Liberty Bank.
- Note the elaborate ornamental terra cotta detail on the exterior.
- Branch closed in 2016 - now owned by Schneider Development.

## Stop 2– Seneca Indian Park

- 1797 Treaty of Big Tree created the Buffalo Creek Reservation for the Seneca Nation.
- Reservation included what’s now South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, and Elma.
- Seneca leader Red Jacket was buried here in 1830; reburied in Forest Lawn in 1884.
- These grounds were saved by John Larkin, who donated the land to the city for a park.

## Stop 6– Cazenovia Creek

- Named after Theophilus Cazenove, one of the Holland Land Company’s agents
- Cazenove was known for his carelessness and lavish lifestyle; “Cazenove is a sad dirty fellow and does all the mischief he can”
- Creek starts in southern Erie County and flows north until it joins Buffalo Creek

## Stop 3– Zittel Street

- Note that many streets in South Buffalo have German, not Irish names.
- Much of South Buffalo was originally inhabited by German farms, such as Louis Zittel.
- Louis Zittel also opened the first post office for the area, calling it “South Buffalo”

## Stop 7– Cazenovia Park

- Designed 1892-1894 at the same time as South Park.
- Water was central to the design – Cazenovia Creek was dammed to create a lake (*later drained in 1965*)
- Now managed by Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy.
- Warren Spahn grew up in S. Buffalo, became an MLB pitcher (1942-65), and won more games than any left-handed pitcher – 363 games

## Stop 4– Seneca Street

- Starts downtown, as part of Joseph Ellicott’s plan for Buffalo.
- Once known as the Buffalo & Aurora Plank Road.
- Tollgate at the bridge over Buffalo Creek charged six cents to cross in 1898 (\$1.79 today)

## Stop 8– St. John the Evangelist Church

- Built 1930-31, cost \$250,000
- Note the eagle over the main entrance; the eagle is the symbol of St. John the Evangelist.
- Closed in 2009, and now owned by Hook & Ladder Development.

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