

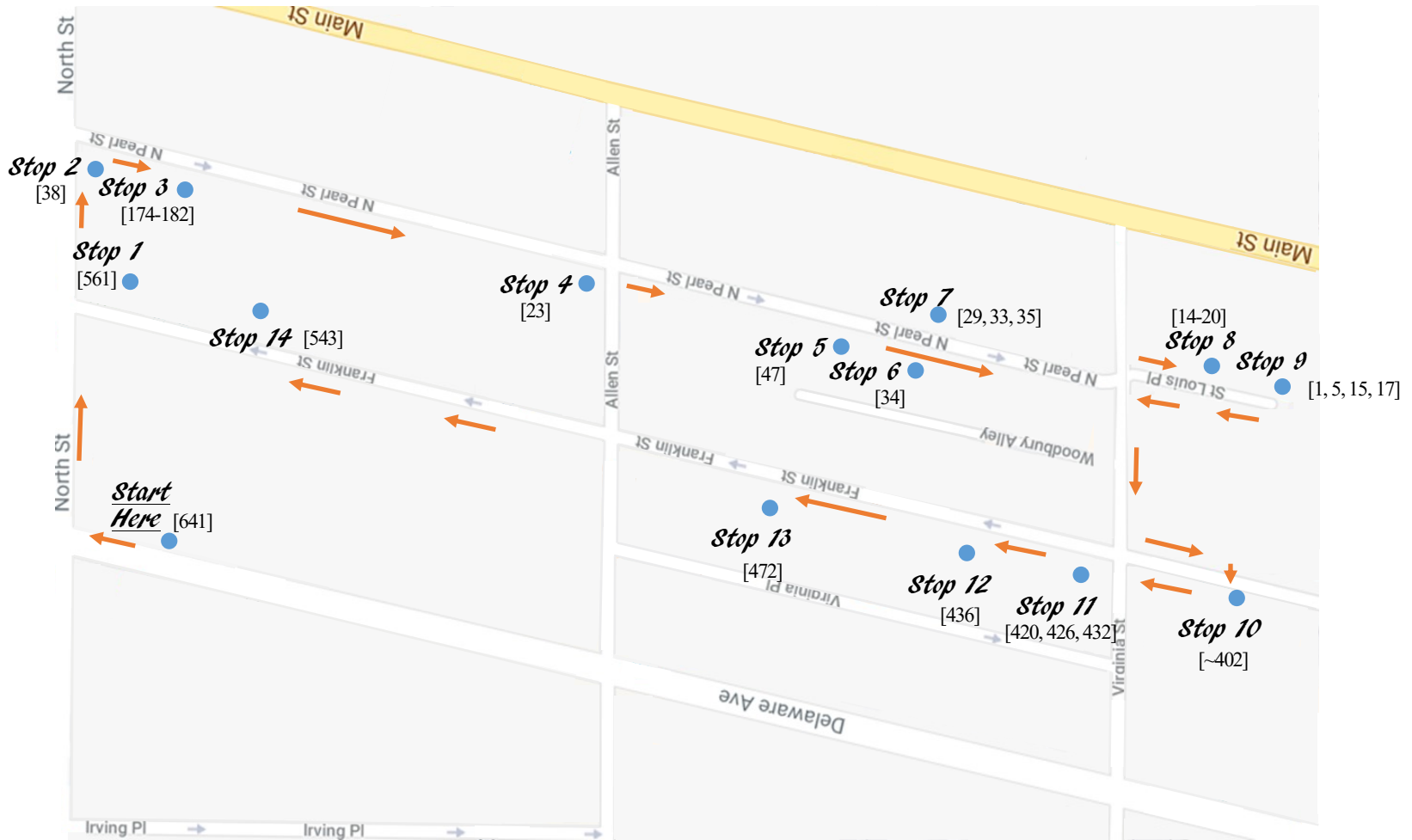


Historic Homes of Allentown Walking Route

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Starting Location – TR Site

- Originally built as officers quarters for Buffalo's Army Barracks, which covered the area from Delaware to Main, North to Allen.
- Transformed to a private residence after the barracks closed in 1845.
- Famous for hosting Theodore Roosevelt's inauguration in 1901.
(Take a virtual tour at trs.site.org)

Stop 4– Corner Allen & N. Pearl

- Lewis Falley Allen purchased 29 acres for \$2,500 in 1829.
- Local lore: The path used by Allen's cattle is what became Allen Street.
- Sold property in 1833 & moved to larger farm on Grand Island.
- Allen's nephew was Grover Cleveland

Stop 8– 14-20 St. Louis Place

- #20 is believed to be the oldest house on its original site in Allentown, c. 1829.
- Site of Buffalo's first high school, the all-male Literary and Scientific Academy.
- 14 & 18 were added in the 1840s, and in 148 became Buffalo's first hospital: Sister of Charity.

Stop 12– 436 Franklin St. (c.1890)

- Residential example by first professional woman architect Louise Bethune, and her husband Robert, who opened their practice in 1881.

Stop 1– 561 Franklin St.

- Great example of Italian villa style, inspired by Tuscan farmhouses.
- Note the prominent four-story tower and the round-arched windows.
- Built c. 1854 by merchant Orrin Titus; from 1862 to 1873, it was home to Col. William Young, a civil engineer who introduced the use of railroad cross-ties.

Stop 5– 47 North Pearl St. (c.1878)

- Great example of Second Empire style w/ style's signature mansard roof.
- Note the unique roof treatment of an oval window and a double-window dormer.
- The house's height is emphasized by having taller windows on the first floor

Stop 9– St. Louis Place Cottages

- House numbers: 1, 5, 15, & 17
- Michael Steffan gave homes to several of his 10 children (7 were built, three have been demolished). C. 1870.
- The family business, M. Steffan Sons Leather Supplies, still exists at 761 Main, and is now in the 7th generation

Stop 13– 472 Franklin (Late 1860s)

- Same ownership line for 140+ yrs, starting w/ Dr. John Collins Bryant, a founder of Bryant & Stratton.
- His son-in-law, William Prentice, started this interiors company in 1890—Prentice Office Environments.
- Across Street: columns from demolished M&T Bank on Main St. – other pieces are at UB N. Campus.

Stop 2– 38 North St.

- Built in 1925; note the rounded front that conforms to the corner.
- Architect was Louis Greenstein, who also designed Buffalo's city seal and flag.
- Built for medical offices, and was also home to Bryant & Stratton Business Institute

Stop 6– 34 North Pearl St. (c.1854)

- Note: c. 1890 renovation in the Queen Anne style.
- Queen Anne: typically asymmetrical, has a variety of materials, and is richly ornamented.
- Asymmetrical: Tower on one side & projecting gable on other.
- Materials: brick, limestone, & wood.

Stop 10– Buffalo's Oldest Tree

- Generally considered Buffalo's oldest tree (although some claim an oak in Delaware Park is older).
- 75-in diameter & 50 feet tall, estimated at least 300 years old

Stop 14– 543 Franklin

- 1852
- Greek Revival Style: low-pitched roof with four pilasters that run from the base to the frieze below the roof-line

Stop 3– 174-182 North Pearl St.

- 1889 series of five rowhouses.
- Rowhouses never became as popular in Buffalo as they did in other major cities.
- Check out the delicate cast iron ornamentation, which was very popular in Buffalo in the Victorian era.

Stop 7– 29,33,& 35 North Pearl

- Built as a set c. 1867 by Henry Hellriegel.
- Simple Italianate style, built of brick with the typical round-arched windows.
- **Can you find the other set of 3 matching houses on this block?**

Stop 11– 420, 426, 432 Franklin

- All 3 built for Hamlin family.
- Cicero Hamlin, one of Bflo's most prominent businessmen lived at 432 (*Pres. of American Glucose Co.*).
- His eldest son Frank lived at 420 & Frank's sister-in-law Julia at 426.
- 420: 2nd Empire 426: Queen Anne 432: Italian Villa style.

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