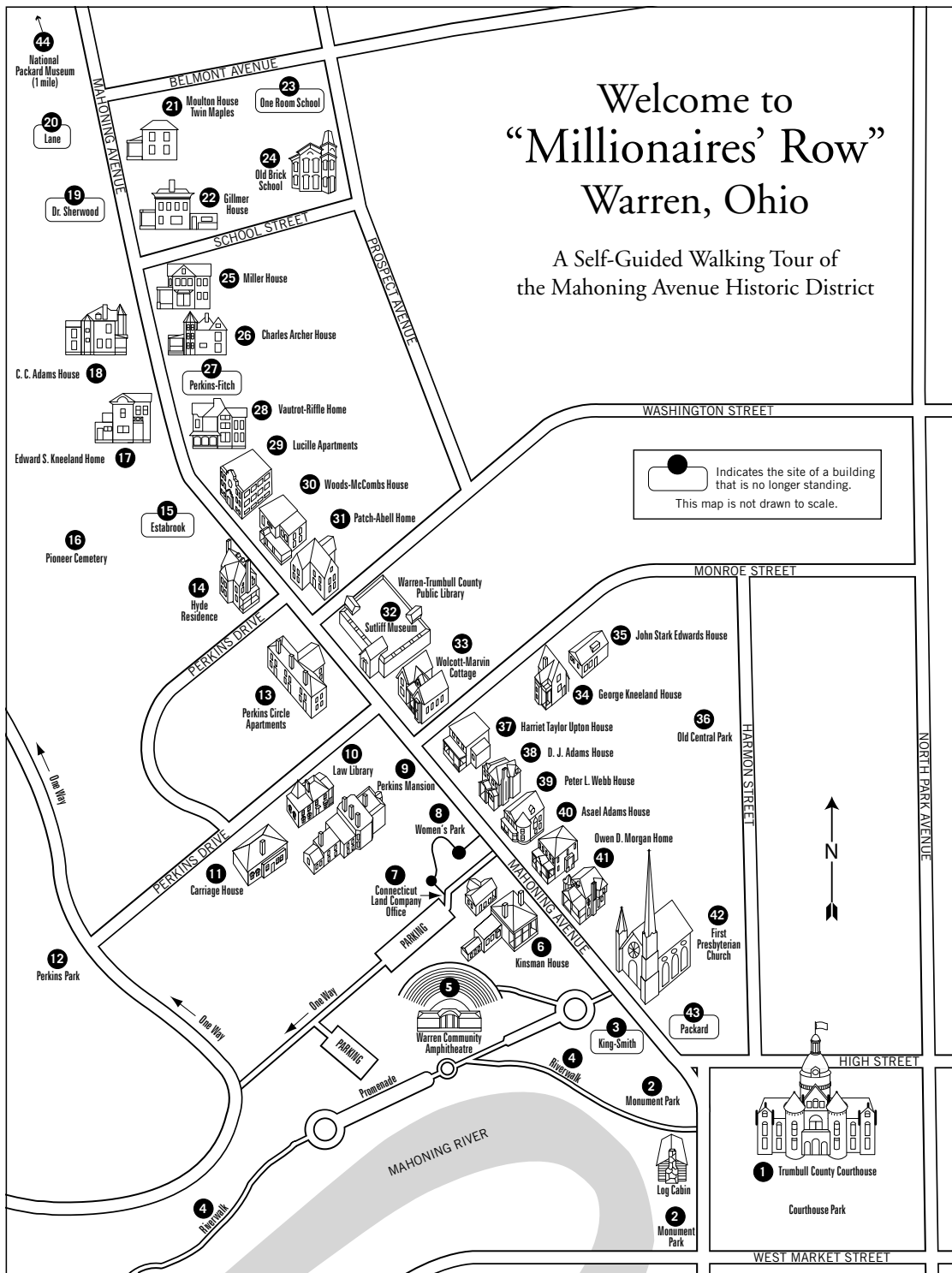


Welcome to “Millionaires’ Row” Warren, Ohio

A Self-Guided Walking Tour of
the Mahoning Avenue Historic District

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As you stroll along Historic Mahoning Avenue, imagine yourself back in the Victorian era when this area was quite fashionable and was filled with a mixture of shops and homes.

This is where the local affluent – the “Who’s Who” of American industry, commerce and politics – built and lived in stately homes and mansions that lined the street during the mid-to-late 1800s. Recognized as national treasures, many of these structures have been restored to their original grandeur. Today they are home to businesses, museums, offices and private residences.

In the early days of Trumbull County, Mahoning Avenue was also known as the Warren-Ashtabula Turnpike, which played a significant role in the local Underground Railroad movement.

We hope you enjoy your tour of Millionaires’ Row. If you would like to know more about this beautiful historic district, pick up a copy of “A Walk along Historic Mahoning Avenue” which is published by the Fine Arts Council of Trumbull County and is available for purchase at the Tourism Office or Parkside Vintage, both in downtown Warren.

1. Trumbull County Courthouse, High St. — Built in 1897, this is the third courthouse to occupy its location in Courthouse Park. This Romanesque-style structure was placed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1975, and is one of the oldest judicial facilities of its kind in the state.

2. Monument Park, West Market Street and Mahoning Ave. NW — This park, which sits on the east bank of the Mahoning River and includes a reconstructed log cabin built on the site of Warren’s first schoolhouse (circa 1804) commemorates the sacrifices of local citizens in military service.

3. King-Smith Home Site, 241 Mahoning Ave. NW — This now vacant lot which sits north of Monument Park and west of Mahoning Avenue was always considered the premier location in town. Until the late 1970s, when it was destroyed by fire, a two-story Federal style wood-framed house, which included Italianate brackets similar to the Woods House, sat here. It was built by Leicester King, a Warren merchant and judge. In 2005, a marker was dedicated on this site to honor Judge King’s role in the local Underground Railroad movement.

4. Warren Riverwalk — This unique pedestrian-bicycle path, which was established in the late 1990s, originates at the King-Smith home site and follows the Mahoning River north along the perimeter of Perkins Park to the Summit Street Bridge.

5. Warren Community Amphitheatre— Located on the banks of the Mahoning River, this outdoor amphitheatre is one of Trumbull County’s newest entertainment jewels. With seating up to 2,500, this facility includes a Riverwalk Stagehouse whose design incorporates large columns replicating the Greek revival architecture of the neighboring Kinsman House. This public venue provides a natural setting for everything from theatre productions, local bands and nationally-renown groups to concert performances and outdoor movie screenings.

6. Kinsman House, 303 Mahoning Ave. NW — This Greek revival mansion, which is included on the National Historic Registry, was built in 1832 as a wedding gift from General Simon Perkins to his oldest daughter, Olive, and her husband, Frederick Kinsman. The first house to receive a federal restoration grant in Ohio, this structure features white marble mantels and black walnut staircase, woodwork and arched doorways. It is owned and maintained by the City of Warren.

7. Connecticut Land Company Office, 321 Mahoning Ave. NW — This building once served as the headquarters for the Connecticut Land Company where tracts of Western Reserve

Land were sold. Both General Simon Perkins and his son-in-law, Frederick Kinsman, operated the office. Today it is home to the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau and is open to the public during regular business hours.

8. Women’s Park — Located south of City Hall, this beautifully landscaped park, which features walkways, courtyards and a stone bridge spanning a brook, is dedicated to women, both past and present, who have made a difference throughout our local communities. A favorite setting for wedding photos, this park is maintained by a group of volunteers from the Harriett Taylor Upton Association.

9. Perkins Mansion, 391 Mahoning Ave. NW — Built by General Simon Perkins’ youngest son, Henry B. Perkins, this mansion features a stained glass skylight, marble fireplaces, hand-cut crystal chandeliers and intricate woodwork. In 1973, Readers Digest selected the house for inclusion in their publication “Treasures of America”. Home to Warren’s City Hall since 1934, this is a favorite stop during the Fine Arts Council’s annual Ghost Walk in October. The mansion is open to the public during regular business hours.

10. The Law Library, 391 Mahoning Ave. NW — Next door to the Perkins Mansion stands a small, two-story brick building that Henry B. Perkins used as his office. For years, the City of Warren’s Water Department was based out of here. Today it serves as the office for the city’s law director.

11. The Carriage House, 391 Mahoning Ave. NW — To the rear of both the Perkins Mansion and the Law Library sits a brick structure that once served as the carriage house. The second floor was eventually removed when the Perkins family began acquiring automobiles. Today it’s the site of Warren’s Information Technology department.

12. Perkins Park — Named in honor of the Perkins family, this 35-acre park sits adjacent to the Perkins Mansion and extends to the Mahoning River. In the early days, political conventions were held here. Today it is the location of Veterans’ Field. Permits are required for special requests and pavilions.

13. Perkins Circle Apartments — As structures of the same kind were built in other areas of the country, these red brick buildings were constructed in simplified Georgian style and served as an answer to the post World War II housing shortage.

14. Hyde Residence, 625 Mahoning Ave. NW — This example of Colonial Revival incorporates elements of Georgian architecture. Named for a local attorney who once resided here, it was later occupied by the Trumbull County Chapter of the American Red Cross for many years. Today it is again a private residence.

15. Estabrook Site, 661 Mahoning Ave. NW — Currently the location of the Trumbull County Chapter of the American Red Cross, this site was once occupied by the home of John and Alberta Estabrook in the early 1900s.

16. Pioneer Cemetery, 661 Mahoning Ave. NW — This three-acre plot of ground was the earliest publicly-dedicated cemetery in Trumbull County. Located on the banks of the Mahoning River, it is the final resting place for many of the County's pioneers as well as local veterans who fought in both the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

17. Edward S. Kneeland House, 675 Mahoning Ave. NW — This eclectic house, which was purchased by Edward Kneeland in 1888, uses elements of the Italianate, Gothic, Moorish and Victorian styles. Notice the chimney pots. Today it is called the Diane Apartments.

18. C. C. Adams House, 693 Mahoning Ave. NW — This was the home of C.C. Adams who owned a local clothing business from 1862 until 1886.

19. Dr. Sherwood Home Site, 717 Mahoning Ave. NW — This site was the location of a two-story, gray framed house which was designed by the same architect who designed the Park Hotel (now the Comfort Inn Warren). Built in 1886, the house was later the residence of Dr. Herbert Sherwood, who was appointed city physician and later became the chief of staff at Warren City Hospital.

20. Lane Site – Baldwin/Craig Home, 777 Mahoning Ave. NW — Now the site of America's Best Value Inn, a log house was built here in 1816. Later it was the location of a two-story frame house. Both structures were located closer to the Mahoning River than most other homes along the avenue.

21. Moulton House – Twin Maples, 736 Mahoning Ave. NW — This classic revival house uses elements from earlier times. Note the structural similarities to the Kinsman, Upton and Adams houses. Edward Moulton, former superintendent of Warren schools, purchased this newly-built two-story frame house in 1906. Once operated as a bed and breakfast, the house again serves as a private residence.

22. Gillmer House, 720 Mahoning Ave. NW — This house was built in 1854 by General Thomas Jefferson McLain, a local politician. It was purchased by Elmer Wood Gillmer in 1894, whose family also included Elizabeth Gillmer Packard. Gillmer, who was the founder of Peerless Electric Company, installed the first interior electric lights in the area inside this Italianate-style house.

23. One-Room School Site, 741 Prospect Ave. NW — This was the location of a small frame school house in the Greek revival style. It was later remodeled into a private residence. The structure was demolished in the early 2000s.

24. Old Brick School, Corner of Prospect Ave. and School St. — The oldest brick school in Warren evokes Moorish architecture with Italianate roof brackets and window hoods. Note the oculus windows in the tower and façade. Over the years, this structure has served many purposes. Today it is the home of the Charity Baptist Church.

25. Miller House, 688 Mahoning Ave. NW — Built in 1898 by E.G. Miller, manager of the Warren-Niles Telephone Company, this house features the late Queen Anne style using classic revival elements.

26. Charles Archer House, 678 Mahoning Ave. NW — This house, which was built around the turn of the century, was the residence of Dr. Charles Archer, who relocated to Warren from Cleveland and opened a medical practice.

27. Perkins-Fitch House Site, 670 Mahoning Ave. NW — One of the first homes on Mahoning Avenue stood on this site. Today, the lot is occupied by a contemporary office building that was built in the 1970s.

28. Vautrot-Riffle Home, 654 Mahoning Ave. NW — This Eastlake Victorian home with its original porch, was the residence of the Vautrot family in the 1890s. The property also served as a photography studio for many years. Today it is a private residence.

29. Lucille Apartments, 640 Mahoning Ave. NW — Although this building is part 1930s modernism-style, it also features traditional elements such as Greek revival columns and corner blocks in the doorway.

30. Woods-McCombs House, 624 Mahoning Ave. NW — This flush-sided Italianate building with an oversized cornice and round hooded windows was built in the late 1850s by Dr. Daniel B. Woods, one of the earliest adapters of a new medical procedure called anesthesia. This structure is currently owned by the city and is for sale.

31. Patch-Abell Home, 608 Mahoning Ave. NW — Warren's postmaster under President Abraham Lincoln, Comfort Patch, built this house in the 1850s and included a Greek revival floor plan and a bold Italianate cornice.

32. Sutliff Museum, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW — The life and times of the Sutliff family are featured here – from pioneer times of the Ohio Western Reserve through the days of the Civil War to the height of the Victorian era. This local family was active in the area's abolition movement and played significant roles in the Underground Railroad. The museum, which is housed on the second floor of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, also features rotating exhibits. It is open for tours Wednesday through Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Other times by appointment. Admission is free.

33. Wolcott-Marvin Cottage, 410 Mahoning Ave. NW This American Gothic-style home was built around 1832 and is a rare example of this type of structure in Trumbull County. Today only the left side is original.

34. George Kneeland House, 325 Monroe St. — This house, which was built in 1884 by George and Caroline Robinson Kneeland, features a simple Queen Anne style with elements of Gothic and Victorian stick. Owned by the Trumbull County Historical Society since 1986, this structure underwent extensive renovations in 1987. While rewiring the house, thousands of dollars fell out of the ceiling. All the money was returned to the previous owners' family trust.

35. John Stark Edwards House, 303 Monroe St. — Built in 1807, this is one of the oldest known structures in Trumbull County and has been home of the Trumbull County Historical Society since 1938. It was moved to its current location from South Street in 1986. The small paned windows, rope moldings and refined doorway are all elements of Connecticut architecture that had been transplanted to the Western Reserve. The house was added to the Ohio Inventory of Historic Homes in 1977 and included on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1978. The museum is open for tours weekends from 1-4 PM April to November. Other times by appointment. Admission is free.

36. Old Central Park, Harmon St. — This park is a memorial to the old Central School which was built in 1879 on Harmon Street and to Central High School which was built in 1883 and faced Monroe Street. Many children of the affluent residents who had homes along Mahoning Avenue were enrolled at these schools.

37. Harriet Taylor Upton House, 380 Mahoning Ave. NW — This two-story side hall Greek revival style house, which was designated a National Historical Landmark in 1993, was built in the 1840s by Henry B. Perkins, son of General Simon Perkins. The Perkins family lived here until 1871 when they moved across the street to their new brick home which is now Warren City Hall. The house has an inset porch on the wing. Its current front porch was added in the 20th century. This later became the home of the women's suffrage leader, Harriett Taylor Upton and served as the headquarters for the National American Women's Suffrage Association from 1903 until 1905. Tours of the house can be arranged by advance request.

38. D. J. Adams House, 366 Mahoning Ave. NW — This home was built in 1885 in the Victorian stick style which uses horizontal and vertical lines to suggest the structure of the house. Note the original motifs on the porch and dormers. Home to David Adams, the first president of Second National Bank, this structure continues to serve as a private residence today.

39. Peter L. Webb House, 352 Mahoning Avenue NW — Built in 1892 for Peter and Marie Webb, this house combines shingle style with the Queen Anne elements of an engaged tower and classic revival windows. The current owners were doing maintenance work under the basement stairs in 1991 when they discovered a case of bottles containing a foul-smelling liquid. The liquid turned out to be alcohol and the labels indicated that they had been left in their hiding spot since Prohibition.

40. Asael Adams House, 342 Mahoning Ave. NW — This two-story Greek revival house was occupied by the Adams family as early as 1843. With a cornice and decorative sawn grills covering the attic windows, this structure sports a turn-of-the-century class revival porch. Note the similarity of the cornice to that found on the Upton House. Today this building is home to a law office on the first level and two apartments upstairs.

41. Owen D. Morgan Home, 328 Mahoning Ave. NW — Built in 1894, this Victorian home features the Queen Anne style and includes a picturesque use of an engaged tower with recessed balconies. Its surface is comprised of both brick and shingle. Previously home to the Warren City Health Department, this building now houses the Trumbull County Public Defender Office.

42. First Presbyterian Church, 256 Mahoning Ave. NW — The church congregation was founded in 1803. The current brick structure with a spire reaching 225 feet into the air, was dedicated in 1878 when it replaced the original white frame church. The sanctuary is rich with Christian symbolism on its windows, walls and furnishings. The origins of these symbols date as far back as the first century. The tower bell, which is the oldest in the city, was brought to the area by ox cart in 1832. In the early days of the city, the bell was used to signal important community events and emergencies. Tours of the church are available by advance request.

43. Packard Mansion Site, 210 High St. NW — The grandest mansion ever built in 19th century Trumbull County, surpassing even the Perkins Mansion, was the home of Warren Packard and his family including J. W. and W. D. It was sold around 1903 to the Elks Club who used it until 1965. Shortly after, the structure was demolished to make way for the expansion of the YMCA.

44. National Packard Museum, 1899 Mahoning Ave. NW — Located on the former site of Packard Park Pool, this museum features the history of the Packard family, the Packard Motor Car and other Packard enterprises that have influenced the growth and industry of Warren. It hosts a number of special exhibits throughout the year including the annual motorcycle and Packard Car shows.

This concludes your walking tour of Millionaires' Row. Thank you for taking time to visit this beautiful historic area. We hope you enjoyed your stroll up and down Mahoning Avenue.



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