

MAIN STREET, WEST SIDE

STARTING AT CENTRAL AVENUE

Main Street, East Side

- 34 The US Hotel, 1831, Italianate Oldest hotel in Middletown. A 2 story coffee house until 3rd story was added in 1852. It's guests included Eddie Cantor, Sophie Tucker and Will Rogers.
- 36 T.V. Howell Building, 1890c., Sullivanesque First modern Department store. First in town to use large glass window store front.
- 44-46 F.P. Vorhis Home, 1890c., Italianate Former residence and Vorhis funeral home. Large firm in northern Cincinnati today.
- 50-52 Peck's Flower Shop, 1879c., Queen Anne
- Dr. David Bundy House, 1836, Greek Revival Dr. David Bundy used it as a stage coach stop and tavern.
- 64 Isaac Hale House, 1864, Adamesque
- 68 Geo Barnitz House, 1870, Italianate Founder of Barnitz Bank, now Bank One.
- 112 Charles Denny House, 1854, Greek Revival Denny family were instrumental in starting local lumber company; worked on construction of Miami-Erie canal. Owned Barklew Electric which is now Square D.
- 124-126 T. Wilson House, 1880c., Queen Anne Thomas Wilson was the founder of the city's first continuous business (funeral business) 1837 to present: Wilson-Schramm Funeral

SECOND AVENUE INTERSECTS

- Sorg Mansion, 1887-1888. Romanesque Paul J. Sorg home: industrialist, founder of tobacco company; Sorg Paper Co.; U.S. Congressman 1890's. Built at a cost of one million dollars.
- Alexander Hill House, 1860c., Colonial (by alteration) Hill was an early paper manufacturer who built in Middletown the first manila paper mill west of the Allegheny mountains.
- 214 Phillip Reinhartz House, 1878, Italianate Home was owned for 47 years by Phillip Reinhartz family. Built by Theodore Marston
- 218 Calvin Verity Residence, 1885, Italianate Prior resident; Calvin Verity; is son of Geo M. Verity; Founder of Armco Steel Co.
- Daniel McCallay House, 1866, Italianate Former home of Daniel McCallay associated with Capt. Wilson in manufacture of tobacco products. McCallay family was instrumental in the cultural development of the city was the main financial backer of Middletown Symphony. The McCallay family lived here for over 100 years; until 1971.
- Geo Verity Home Site, 1860c(Demolished circa 1940). Built by C.F. Gunkle in 1860's. Bought by G. Verity in 1894. George Verity founded the American Rolling Mill Company (ARMCO). Bronze plaque in marble commemorating site.
- John B. Tytus Mansion, 1868-1870, Jacobethan Revival Former home of John B. Tytus Jr. A Middletown industrial leader in paper industry. He invented the process of continuous rolling of sheet steel at Armco, one of the ten greatest industrial inventions of modern times.
- Oglesby house, 1873, Italianate Oglesby was one of the founders of the Oglesby-Barnitz Bank (now known as Barnitz Bank). Charles Oglesby (son of William B. Oglesby) lived here for 61 years.
- 308 C.B. Johnson House, 1875, Italianate C.B Johnson was Middletown's leading druggist and businessmen.
- Carrie K. Jacoby House, 1887, Richardsonian Romanesque w/ Tudor parapeted gable and Queen Anne porch Jacoby came from Jacksonburg and was a leading insurance business tycoon.
- 320 Unknown, 1899, Colonial Revival w/ Queen Anne porch

FOURTH STREET INTERSECTS

- Iseminger House, 1927, Spanish Colonial Iseminger was leading contractor and built the original Armco Steel Plant in 1901 and later became Board director. The "newest" structure on the street next to the oldest (404).
- 404 Lefferson Home, 1827, Colonial Originally a farmhouse on the extensive land of Arthur Lefferson. Second oldest existing house in Middletown.

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- 502 R.C. Phillips House, 1875c., Jacobethan Secretary of Armco.
- Leibee House, 1872, Italianate Leibee's were original merchants of Middletown and construction business. Built many of the commercial structures in downtown area during 1840's and 1850's. E. Emerson (Pres. of Armco International Corp.) lived here.
- Carnahan House, 1890c., Colonial Revival w/ Craftsman porch Robt. B. Carnahan was the first man hired by Armco (engineer) responsible for speciality steel giving Armco competitive value.
- John Boyd House, 1890c., Vernacular Prairie w/ NeoClassical porch John Boyd was a judge and political and civic leader -vice president of the Merchant's National Bank -which became 1st National Bank.
- 514 William Hanger Johnson House, 1902, Shingle
- 520 Bertsch-Jacoby House, 1902, Queen Anne

SIXTH AVENUE INTERSECTS

- 600 McCoy-Oglesby Home, 1888, Queen Anne Mary McCoy-Oglesby, upon her death, left money for the creation of one of the first city parks and the parks commission.
- D.E. Harlan House, 1890c., Shingle D.E. Harlan was responsible for the modernization of Crystal Tissue Co and was active in civic affairs.
- 606 Lynn's Manor (formerly the Lawrence Home), 1903c., Craftsman
- Anthony Walburg, 1880c., Gothic Roof, w/ Queen Anne tower and Colonial Revival porch Walburg was a prominent manager of the Sorg Opera House.
- Harding, 1910c., Prairie Style Eugene Harding was a congressman from this district. Connected with Harding is Jones Paper Co.
- 700 Unknown, 1900c., Colonial Revival w/Queen Anne dormered bays
- 704 E. Smith House, 1890c (1902), Colonial Revival
- 708 Unknown, 1890c., Folk National
- 712 Unknown, 1900c., Colonial Revival w/ Tudor roof (Jerkin Head gable)
- 800 Hollingsworth House, 1910c Tudor
- B04 Douglas Robbins Home, 1910c. Hybrid -Shingle/Bungalow massing, w/ NeoClassical trim and Craftsman porch (D.Robbins, see fountain dedication)
- Craftsman porch (D.Robbins, see f 808 Unknown, 1900c., Princess Anne

- Sorg Opera House/Commercial Bldg, 1891, Richardsonian Romanesque Built by P.J. Sorg to bring shows to Middletown. Among it's many beautiful features are two horseshoe shaped balconies.
- 103 Unknown, pre-1860, Greek Revival Has been doctor's home and/or office since at least 1885.
- 107 Caspar Fenzel House, 1880c., Italianate Caspar Fenzel was first jeweler in the city. Fenzel-McDonough Jewelry is still in business today.
- Sabin Robbins Sr. House No. 1, 1870c., Italianate
- 111 Rachel's House, 1895, Greek Revival
- Victor Hatfield House/Dr. John Corson House, 1867, Carpenter Gothic House built as doctor's residence. Dr. Corson was active on the school board and helped establish the Middletown Cemetery Association. Victor Hatfield founded Hatfield Coal and Supply. First president of Chamber of Commerce; Helped bring Armco to Middletown.
- First Baptist Church, 1906, Gothic Revival Building was financed by P.J. Sorg. Of special interest are the stained glass windows donated by Mrs. Sorg.
- Simon Goldman Residence, 1891, Queen Anne Simon Goldman (1831-1917) initially an 1847 Bavarian immigrant/peddler who became Middletown's pioneer merchant with an outstanding department store (1857-1907).
- George Shafor House, 1894, Colonial Revival Built by George Shafor in 1894. Shafor was the superintendent of Sorg Tobacco, responsible for quality control in the tobacco process.
- Unknown, 1920c., Federal Replaced old home of Dr. William Gardner who besides being a doctor, made and patented medicine. Built as a home for Dr. Mabel Gardner, who was one of the first women doctors in America.

YANKEE ROAD

228 Yankee Edward Jones House, 1880c., Georgian Revival w/ Italianate side porches - Built around 1880 by Elizabeth Gallagher. Edward Jones became Middletown's leading meat packer of pork.

240-242 Yankee Unknown, 1880c., Gothic

235 Yankee Unknown, Unknown, Folk Victorian, cross gabled.

239 Yankee Unknown, Unknown, Folk National, w/ saltbox rear wing, classical roof and porch mouldings and details.

SECOND AVENUE INTERSECTS

- James Walker, 1832, Greek Revival Front part of house dates from 1847 -making it the second oldest house in the district.
- Winchester House, 1878, Colonial with Italianate tower Middletown's second school (a log cabin) stood on this triangular lot until 1806. One of the previous owners, J.K. Thomas, was one of the founders of Wooster College.
- Wampler Denny House, 1890c., Carpenter Style Home of leading industrialist and businessman of Middletown.
- 301 Thomas Woodward House, 1892, Queen Anne w/Tudor porch and Oriel window
- Sabin Robbins Sr. House, 1900c., Colonial Revival Sabin Robbins Sr. was a paper wholesaler.

 Opened firm in Middletown and was a noted civic leader. President of Middletown Board of Education 1902.
- 309 Sabin Robbins Jr. House, 1920c., French Eclectic
- Bevis House, 1890c., Queen Anne The lengthy occupancy of Gay and Mary Bevis: 1913 until their death in 1939 accounts for the name.
- 317 Unknown, 1890c., Greek Revival
- Barnitz, 1905c., Queen Anne Built as a rental property. Many of its tenants later became leaders of Middletown; ie. Calvin Verity and Wampler Denny.

FOURTH STREET INTERSECTS

Douglas Robbins Fountain, Old South Park, Dedicated by PRISM in 1984. Douglas Robbins was a member of the Sabin Robbins Paper Company family, A hurdler in the 1908 Olympics and a leading force on the Park Board for many years, in which time city parks grew from one acre to more than thirty acres.

- Sampson House/ Briel House, 1886, Queen Anne Briel; Armco vice president, planning commission. Worked on thoroughfare system. A major boulevard was named after him. Arthur Lefferson (404 S. Main) built the home in 1886 for his daughter Sarah A. Libee. The Briels resided in the home from 1936 to 1965.
- 503 Ida R. Beardsley Home, 1891, Queen Anne
- 507 Stahl House, 1886, Queen Anne w/ original porch removed and Greek Revival doorway added.
- 509 unknown, 1890c., modernized (Formerly Colonial Revival)
- Dechant House, 1890c., Queen Anne Judge Dechant was a leading citizen. Tobacco business with P.J. Sorg (vice president) Financial advisor to Sorg. President of Middletown Gas and Electric.
- 517 unknown, 1890c., Princess Anne

SIXTH AVENUE INTERSECTS

- Gabe Mayer, 1890c., Colonial Revival w/ Tudor dormers and Craftsman porch Gabe Mayer ran clothing business at the U.S. Hotel.
- Warner Home, 1919, Craftsman Once the home of general practitioner Dr. Warner. It is estimated he delivered 1794 babies.
- Sohngen Home, 1900c., French Eclectic, w/ Colonial Revival porch Once owned by W.W. Sebald; President of Armco Steel Corp.
- 609 W.T. Harrison, 1902, Princess Anne Built in 1902 for a "Top Dollar" price of \$2485. All the masonry materials were made from the cellar excavation.
- 715 Dr. Clark Home, 1924, Spanish Revival
- 805 Unknown, 1920c., Colonial Revival
- 809 Unknown, 1920c., Craftsman