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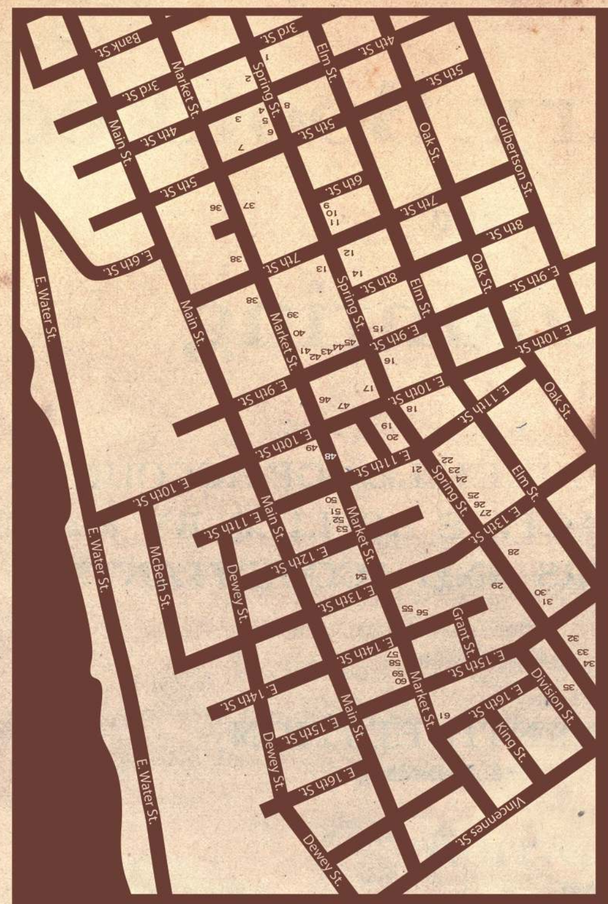

1 CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH (1839)

309 East Spring Street
Greek Revival

Methodists worshipped at Wesley Chapel Church until 1839 when Centenary was established - 100 years after the beginning of Methodism in London, England. The building has seen numerous modifications over the years, including loss of the steeple. The former parsonage to the west of the church was constructed in 1935, replacing an earlier structure.

2 NEW ALBANY FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS (2004)

316 East Spring Street

Designed by The Estopinal Group, this building was first occupied in June 2004 and houses the NAFD Headquarters, Engine Company 3 and Truck Company 1, along with the Water Rescue. It stands on the site of Meanerchor Hall, a Victorian brick structure that was to be incorporated into the new fire station, but collapsed in February 2003 after years of neglect.

3 TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH (1879)

316 East 4th Street
Neoclassical

The congregation was formed from the merger of First Baptist Church and Bank Street Baptist Church. This sanctuary could seat over 1000 people and was said to have had the finest frescos on the walls and ceiling of any in New Albany. The congregation remained here until it purchased the former home of Third Presbyterian Church in 1920 and changed it's name back to First Baptist Church. That congregation still remains today at the corner of East 9th and Spring Streets.

4 SANDERSON NO. 3 (1876)

400 East Spring Street
Italianate

Built when fire apparatus was pulled by horses, this building remained in active service until the mid-1970s when a new station was constructed at West 10th & Main Streets. It has only been since 2004 that the fire department has again had a presence in this area of town.

5 HENRY L. GRAFF HOUSE (1915)

414 East Spring Street
Arts & Crafts/Colonial Revival

This 1-1/2 story brick house replaced a frame Victorian structure that stood on the lot. Graff was president of the New Albany Wall Plaster Co., Inc., located at 134 East Market Street in downtown New Albany. After Graff's death, his son Chester and his wife Alice, resided here until August 1955. Chester Graff was president of C. L. Graff Co., Inc., dealer in explosives, located at 316 State Street in the downtown.

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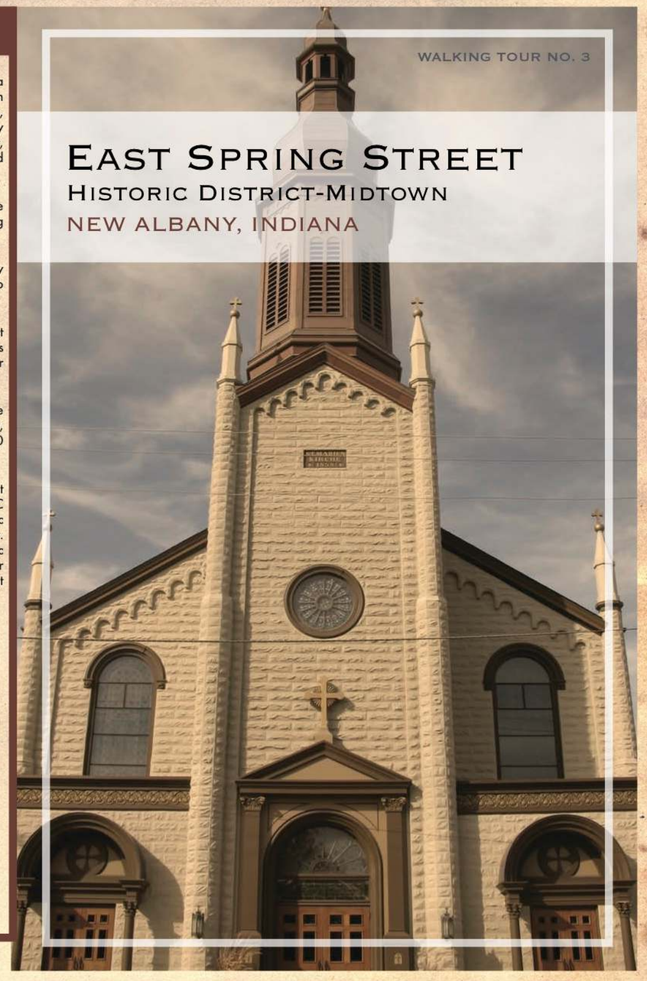

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EAST SPRING STREET

HISTORIC DISTRICT-MIDTOWN

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6 GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH (1890)

418 East Spring Street
Gothic Revival

The cornerstone for this second church for German Methodists in New Albany was laid in 1889 and the building was completed in 1890. The original steeple was struck by lightning years later and its tall spire was never replaced. The name of the church was changed to Calvary Methodist in 1918. Calvary merged with Centenary Methodist in 1955 and since then the building has been home to several congregations.

7 BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH (1864)

315 East 5th Street
Greek Revival

Completed and dedicated in 1864 for the German Methodist congregation, this building remained its home until the new church edifice was completed at the corner of East 5th and Spring Streets in 1890. A year prior to its completion, that congregation sold this building to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for $3,500. The Bethel A. M. E. congregation was organized in 1859.

8 BORGERDING MOTOR CAR CO. (1911)

411 East Spring Street
Italianate

This building was constructed on the former site of Central Christian Church, before the congregation built a new edifice further east at 1313 Spring Street. It is speculated that a portion of the original church building might be incorporated into this present structure. The Borgerding Building was New Albany's first building built specifically for motor car sales and the company marketed the legendary, Indiana built, Studebaker motor cars. The building remained an automobile showroom until 2009.

9 DR. PARVIN M. DAVIS BUILDING (CA 1938)

601 East Spring Street
Art Deco

Replacing an earlier structure, this building was constructed as a physician's office for Dr. Parvin Davis in 1938. Dr. Davis practiced medicine in New Albany for 40 years. During WWII he served as a Lt. Col. in the US Army.

10 ELWOOD FAWCETT HOUSE (CA 1864)

611 East Spring Street
Greek Revival/Italianate

Elwood Fawcett purchased this property in February 1864. Mr. Fawcett was a bookkeeper for Peter Mann, proprietor of the City Flour Mills. He later would enter into a business partnership with John Mann to establish the wholesale grocery concern of Mann & Fawcett, located on State Street in the downtown. Other owners of the home have included: James W. Conner, Jr., publisher of the Saturday Herald; and Levi M. Clapp, dealer in real estate.

11 MITCHELL-WOLF HOUSE (CA 1847)

613 East Spring Street
Italianate

James Mitchell, a New Albany bricklayer, purchased the west half of this lot in 1837 and the remainder in 1846. It is believed that the house was constructed in 1847 and the brickwork was done by Mr. Mitchell. There were several other owners before the Honorable Simeon K. Wolf purchased the home in July 1870 for $9,000. It was around this time when the house was enlarged and the structure took on its present Italianate detailing.

12 ST. EDWARD HOSPITAL (1902)

705 East Spring Street
Italianate

Opened in April 1902, St. Edward was run by the Catholic Sisters of St. Francis of the Perpetual Adoration. The hospital closed on December 31, 1961, and the original front section of the building was demolished a few years later. St. Edward's closure came one day before a new addition was completed at the 1953 Floyd Memorial Hospital on State Street in what was then the suburbs of New Albany.

13 KRAFT FUNERAL HOME (CA 1935)

708 East Spring Street
Classical Revival

George Kraft began his cabinet and chair making business in 1856 on East Main Street and shortly thereafter added funeral services. The business relocated to this location by 1921 and the Classical Revival façade was constructed a bit later to mask an earlier, mid-19th century brick structure. Kraft Funeral Services is one of New Albany's state-recognized centennial businesses.

14 ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (1858)

719 East Spring Street
Romanesque Revival

In 1852, the German-speaking members of nearby Holy Trinity Catholic Church petitioned the bishop in Vincennes to organize a parish of their own. The next year St. Mary of the Annunciation was established. The newly formed congregation met in a frame structure formerly used by Holy Trinity until their building was completed and dedicated on December 12, 1858. The original layout of the building was rectangular in shape until an 1886 renovation added the transepts and apse that are now part of the building. In 1902, the red, solid brick structure was "shamrocked" giving the imitation stone surface that is seen today. The iconic copper steeple of the church was replaced with a replica of the original which was dismantled following a wind storm in September 2008.

15 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (1868)

813 Spring Street
Gothic Revival

Built as Third Presbyterian Church in 1868, this sandstone edifice remained a Presbyterian house of worship until 1920 when the congregation known as the Tabernacle Baptist Church, then located at 316 East 4th Street, purchased this building and changed its name to First Baptist Church.

16 JOHN MEYER HOUSE (1913)

907 East Spring Street
Free Classic Bungalow

John Meyer was a native of Germany and had purchased the Paul Reising Brewery Co., located on West Spring Street in downtown New Albany. He and his wife Minnie bought this property in 1899 and lived in a previous house located here. They vacated the structure in 1911and lived with relatives until their new home was completed in 1913.

17 MARTIN & FANNIE HERTER HOUSE (CA 1925)

920 East Spring Street
Bungalow

The first listing for this address along with the Herter family is in 1925. Mr. Herter was a boilermaker and the family remained here through May of 1955.

18 FRANK ZINSMEISTER HOUSE (1912)

1001 East Spring Street
Colonial Revival

Frank Zinsmeister and his wife Emma purchased this property in 1911 for $4,100. He immediately removed the earlier structure and had this home built along with the carriage house located at 414 E.10th Street. Brothers Frank and Jacob Zinsmeister formed a partnership in 1881 and opened the wholesale grocery concern of Jacob Zinsmeister & Bro. on State Street. Business flourished and a second store was opened in Louisville. In 1910 the business partnership was dissolved and Frank retained the New Albany store while Jacob purchased the Louisville outlet. Frank Zinsmeister died in February 1918 and Emma remained in the house until her death in January 1957.

19 JUDGE GEORGE A. BICKNELL, JR. HOUSE (CA 1855)

1006 East Spring Street
Greek Revival

This home was probably built by notable New Albany architect and master builder Isaac P. Smith. The design is very similar to his many documented New Albany structures. Elizabeth Haskins Richards, wife of the Honorable George A. Bicknell, Jr., purchased the house in 1857 for $4,550 from her Father's estate.

20 BICKNELL-WILCOX HOUSE (CA 1858)

1010 East Spring Street
Greek Revival/Italianate

George A. Bicknell, Sr., father to G. A. Bicknell, Jr., took up residency next to his son in the late 1850s. The property was sold to Dr. Seymour Wilcox in September 1868 for $4,200. The west side of the home was used as the Wilcox's residence while the east side was Dr. Wilcox's office. The house remained in the Wilcox family through the early 1950s.

21 TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARSONAGE (1901)

1100 East Spring Street
Queen Anne

This structure was built in 1901 as the church parsonage for the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. The church was constructed in 1890 and was located two blocks east, on the SW corner of East 13th and Spring Streets. The edifice was demolished in the late 1950s when Trinity United Methodist moved to a suburban location on Charlestown Road.

22 KATHERINE & ANNA GUTHRIE HOUSE (1933)

1105 East Spring Street
Bungalow

Built on the site of a prior structure, this home was constructed in 1933 for sisters, Katherine and Anna Guthrie. Miss Katherine was a retired employee of S. W. Newburger's White House Department Store, located on Pearl Street in downtown New Albany. Miss Anna was a former sales lady for the Mary English Dry Goods Co., which was also located in the downtown.

23 JAMES & MINA FORMAN HOUSE (CA 1925)

1109 East Spring Street
Colonial Revival/Mediterranean Revival

James and Mina Forman had this house constructed around 1925 on the former site of the Merrill Weir mansion that later was converted to McKamy Hospital, run by Dr.Anna McKamy. Mr. Forman was secretary of the Conrad-Kammerer Glue Co., located on the west side of Silver Street south of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks.

24 DUPAQUIER-SCHWARTZEL HOUSE (1910)

1117 East Spring Street
Queen Anne

Emile DuPaquier, general agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Co, had this house built in 1910. In July 1913, Joseph C. Schwartzel and his wife Catherine purchased the home. Mr. Schwartzel was secretary, treasurer, and later president of the New Albany Box and Basket Co., a New Albany industry that remained in business for over 100 years. The home remained in the Schwartzel family until April 1950.