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The Bayfield Historic District encompasses entire or fractional portions of approximately sixty blocks, about 174 acres. This area includes most of the original plat of Bayfield that was filed in 1856 by Henry M. Rice, a United States senator from Minnesota. Rice's attorney, William McAboy, surveyed the land, and after much discussion about the irregular topography, and the streets at north-south. laid the avenues running at true east-west Washington Avenue and Broad Street were eighty feet wide and all other streets, sixty feet. Individual lots were a generous 40 x 120'. Rice designated Block 61 as a public square and the lots just south of that in Block 77 were to be used for schools and playgrounds, a provision never fulfilled. Rice promoted the sale of Bayfield lots among his Washington, D.C. friends. In return for their financial support, he named many of the avenues for them.

The village of Bayfield is located on a steeply sloping elbow of land that juts into Lake Superior on the west shore of Chequamegon Bay. The low level topography of the waterfront rises gently to a narrow plateau before sweeping sharply up the hillsides. The shoreline elevation averages about 600 feet while the highest point in the district, in the northwest corner, is about 850 feet. Local geographic designations give an indication of the lay of the land: Catholic hill, School hill, Cooper hill, Swede hill and the flats.

The early stripping of timber accelerated the natural erosion that comes from the fifteen seasonal streams that drain the area. As a result, ravines punctuate the already irregular grade. The largest ravine, called simply the "big ravine" by local residents, is bridged by the Rice Avenue steel bridge, now a pedestrian walkway. The ravine begins east of the present high school complex between Second and Third Streets and terminates at Washington Avenue. The perennial stream flows from there to the lake by underground culverts. A second major ravine enters the district at Ninth Street and Rittenhouse Avenue, flowing southeasterly to Manypenny Avenue and the lake. Smaller ravines dot the district.

General Character of the District

Although the obvious irregular and sometimes unstable topogography of the land created a good number of building problems, it has also provided spectacular and dramatic vistas. Since Bayfield lies on a corner of shoreline, most every elevation provides a wide panorama of the lake and the Apostle Islands. Second growth vegetation, the natural hills and ravines as well as early plantings of maple and elm hide all but the tallest buildings, such as the steeple of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

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In addition to the physical setting, several other factors give Bayfield a spacious sense. A onetime population peak of 2692(in 1910) has declined nearly two-thirds, to 874. Many buildings are simply gone, leaving no more than a grassy depression where a foundation once lay. In addition, the generous lots provide ample space between houses. Only a few blocks have a real neighborhood sense, as the 100 block on N. Second and the first block south of Rittenhouse on S. Broad. The public school block on Sweeny Avenue between N. Fourth and Fifth Streets provides a playground and athletic field. An additional playground area and tennis courts are just south of the school complex.

Early visitors commented on the fine grassy lots and water fountains in the village. In fact, Bayfield was known as the "fountain city" because of the many fountains supplied by the hydraulic works in the big ravine: "Uniquely handsome white-washed houses, scattered irregularly on the flat and the hills reminded the traveler approaching by water of the quiet out-of-the-way places in foreign lands." Another early visitor commented that Bayfield had taste and refinement in comparison to other lake towns. Many of these amenities are still found in the village. On some streets, brick pavers continue in use as road surface, particularly south of Rittenhouse Avenue. Early lighting fixtures that once graced the main street now border Memorial Park on the lake shore and N Front shore frontage. And the "waiting" pavilion, still in use by passing visitors, is a reminder of the early tourist years.

The district includes all of the early commercial area and most of the residential area. Scattered throughout the district, which is primarily residential, are four churches, public and parochial schools, a water front area and the town's one industry, a wood products factory. Newer structures are distributed throughout the district but the heaviest concentration is in the outlying areas outside the boundaries to the north and west. Of the approximate 310 structures in the district about fifty are commercial, five are public, one is industrial and the remainder are residential. The forty-nine pivotal structures are scattered throughout the district and almost always separate from each other. There are about sixty-four intrusions.

Earliest growth in the district centered along the waterfront, both east and south around the elbow of land. Lumbering and fishing related structures of course were located in these areas as well as the associated businesses of hotels, saloons and other commercial stores. Residences were at first clustered in these areas and on the relative flat plateau but soon began to fan out towards the steeper slopes and hills.

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Bayfield's small commercial area is roughly bounded between the east lakefront and Third Street, along Rittenhouse Avenue and south to Manypenny Avenue. The highest concentration of shops is found on Rittenhouse between First and Broad Streets. The village has never really developed a commercial district because from its earliest days it has been a rather isolated shipping point for timber and fish. Shops only supplied the necessary short-term articles for local, and now tourist, needs. Early businesses and hotels clustered along the passenger dock at the foot of Washington Avenue. They later moved to the relative flat plateau of First and Rittenhouse, slowly moving westward as the village grew. New commercial construction is centered around the 100 block of Rittenhouse where the 1940s floods wiped out a number of buildings.

Description of buildings in the district

The boom and bust economy of Bayfield and its subsequent decline in the last fifty years has left its mature character much intact. There is little, if any, vestige of Bayfield's first twenty-five years. The majority of buildings date from the village's most prosperous and active years, from the 1880s when the settlement began to mature, to the 1920s when Bayfield settled into a long decline.

Like many other northern Wisconsin villages sustained on a modest economy, Bayfield's buildings can be characterized as simple vernacular structures with few pretensions to current styles. Most have escaped modernization. A vast majority were constructed from local materials, mostly wood, sided with clapboard and painted white. Only a few were architect designed. The local builders used wood probably because of the availability of good white pine from the local mill and the ease of handling. Additionally, a sense of impermanence might have had some bearing on the investment made in a building. When the timber was exhausted, the village would simply vanish: "There was not much use to pay much attention to home building...nearly every house and every store was simply built on the ground with cedar blocks for foundations..."

In the 1880s and 1890s other local building materials were used to a lesser degree than wood. A brick manufacturing plant opened in 1888. Brownstone quarries operated for only about fifteen years from the early 1880s to about 1895. With several notable exceptions, the stone was used mostly by local builders for foundations, sills, lintels and retaining walls.

Commercial structures today are a mixture of the early wood or masonry buildings and homes converted to retail use. The old commercial structures are generally two stories, of wood or brick, with simple detailing. A number retain their original store fronts but inevitable remodelings have occurred. The wood structures are covered with clapboard. High false fronts have projecting cornices supported by decorative brackets as those at 200 and 250 Rittenhouse and

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and sometimes a center gable and fancy window treatment, as the Tate building at 1 N. First and the Chapman store, 100 Rittenhouse. After the 1888 opening of the local brickyard, local masons began to use the material for commercial building. The Bell Block built in 1892 at 2 N. Second is the best example of a brick block with brownstone trim. Other brick blocks, as the two at 122 and 126 Rittenhouse, are far simpler with only a metal cornice for detail. Brownstone was used for only two commercial buildings. Captain R.D. Pike, owner of a quarry just south of Bayfield, built the power house at 125 S. First, the present city hall. He also built the present Washburn State Bank building across from the Bell Block at 201 Rittenhouse in 1905 using a brownstone front.

Bayfield's public structures are far more imposing stylistically than its commercial buildings but they are nevertheless simplified versions of Classical, Romanesque and Gothic Revival styles. Bayfield's finest expression of civic pride and an advertisement for its local stone is the old county courthouse (NRHP 12/27/74). Completed in 1884, it is a large two story structure in a Neo-Classical Revival style. The Holy Family Catholic Church and school complex also make an imposing unit. The rectory and school are large brick structures, simple in detail to match the brownstone church. The Carnegie Library, 37 N. Broad, was completed in 1904 by architect Henry Wildhagen in the Classical Revival style popular for civic buildings at that time. The diminutive Christ Episcopal Church (NRHP 12/27/74) on N. Third Street is one of the finest remaining examples of Carpenter's Gothic in northern Wisconsin.

For the most part Bayfield is composed of quiet tree-lined residential streets set against wide lakeview panoramas. Large vacant areas, wooded ravines and steeply sloped hills give the streets an almost rural sense. With few exceptions residents live in detached houses. Residences built between 1880-1924 are most commonly one and one-half story, rectangular frame houses painted white on one or two 40 x 120 foot lots. Many are gable roofed but hip roofs are also common. Most residences are covered with clapboard or shiplap with generous porches and verandas and simple detailing. A striking sense of homogeneity prevails.

As with Bayfield's commercial buildings, stylistic labels are difficult to apply to these houses with some notable exceptions. There are three large homes of the Queen Anne influence: the 1895 William Knight house (108 N. Third), the 1890 summer home of General Allen C. Fuller (301 Rittenhouse, now an inn), and the 1908 Frank Boutin, Jr. home (7 Rice- NRHP 12/27/74). Bungalow homes are found as well and one of the earliest and best examples is that of J.P. O'Malley (333 Wing Ave.). Much more typical are the early carpenter built homes of Alonzo Knight (203 N. Third) and Michael Duclo (30 N. Sixth) and the modest homes built

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for Scandinavian and German millworkers in the Swede hill area, as 707 Old Military Road and 829 Manypenny.

Boundaries-Delineation

Starting from the North City Limits Road, the boundary proceeds easterly for one block and a half to the intersection of Pine Street and turns south to Lynde Avenue. There are no buildings east of this boundary line. At the intersection of Pine and Lynde Avenue, the boundary turns eastward again (Lynde Avenue is not open from here to Wing Avenue). At this junction the boundary turns southwest following Wing Avenue to its intersection with Washington Avenue. East of this line is a steep incline that slopes to the lakeshore. Only a few summer cabins and a new motel are wedged in between the bluff and shore. Along the shoreline, the Bayfield Transfer Railroad ran to Red Cliff.

At the intersection of Wing and Washington Avenues, the boundary turns eastward once again along Washington Avenue and jogs to include the two buildings on the north, the old Bayfield Transfer station and Booth Cooperage. From here the boundary follows the irregular shoreline in a southerly direction, including the "waiting" pavilion and the muncipal park that offers a superb water front vista.

At this point on S. First Street and Manypenny (lot 11 of Block 88), the boundary line jogs south to include the present city hall, housed in the 1895 power house and the old Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad engine shed. South and west is the site of the early sawmills, now a mixture of recent developments. The abandoned railroad right-of-way is an obvious visual southern boundary as the district line proceeds westward.

At Third Street and Manypenny Avenue, the steep incline of Cooper hill begins. The boundary jogs south to include five older frame homes. The boundary line is the lot line of 113 S. Fourth and 112 S. Fifth Streets. At S. Fifth the line proceeds southward to the south end of Block 123. Old Military Road is not open to S. Fifth. The boundary continues west on Old Military Road, jogging south to include 309 S. Seventh, a nice early frame house. It turns north at the alley of Block 125 to Wilson Avenue, thence west to S. Eighth, then north to lot line line of 105 S. Eighth. It turns west once again to lot line of 105 S. Ninth and north to alley of Blocks 98 and 82 to Washington Avenue. This northwest area includes most of Swede hill, developed during the most active period of the lumber industry. The mill employed many Scandinavians and Germans. Development is scattered and there is much open space between residences.

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At Washington Avenue the boundary turns eastward to N. Sixth, north on N. Sixth, then east on Rice to the alley of Block 46, turning north to Sweeny Avenue. Then it continues east to include all of Block 27, the high school complex. The school sits on the west side of the big ravine and only by leveling a large area was construction possible. To the north and west lies an undeveloped area presently in public ownership.

From N. Fourth and Lynde Avenue, the district line proceeds east, bisecting the big ravine to the alley of Block 5, and north to the North City Limits Road. The ravine area was included because it has played an important role in the development of the village. Here the hydraulic works, dammed to give sufficient pressure to water fed from them through hollowed logs, were located to protect the sawmill roof and lumber piles and for city residents to have a supply for domestic uses and outdoor fountains. In the last few years, residents have developed a nature trail that follows the ravine up. The Rice Avenue bridge, now a pedestrian walkway, contributes to the visual character of the village.

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37 N. Broad Bayfield Carnegie Library 1903-04

Bayfield's Carnegie Library is in a classical revival style popular for civic buildings at the turn of the century. The building is a typical example, one story with end gables on a raised basement. The pedimented portico is supported by gigantic ionic brownstone columns. Brownstone quions, sills and lintels contrast with the yellow brick.

The library was designed by Henry Wildhagen of Ashland, Wisconsin. With \$10,000 from Andrew Carnegie, Bayfield residents donated the \$1,000 needed annually for upkeep. land was provided by the William Dalrymple estate. The cornerstone was laid in August, 1903.

34 S. Broad c. 1880

This large rectangular building has occupied a prominent site since early days. The two story structure is covered with white clapboard siding on the front facade and asbestos on the sides and rear. The front facade has undergone some changes but the original second story level and projecting cornice are still in place. The building had a long life as a saloon. In 1920 Halvor Reiten installed a new street level front in the structure that then served as a motor supply until a few years ago.

1 N. First 1883 Andrew Tate Building

One of the oldest extant commercial buildings in Bayfield, this structure is similar to four other early clapboard commercial blocks. A long, rectangular building of two stories, it has a high false front with center gable. The projecting eaves are supported by decorative brackets. The 4/4 windows are framed by decorative trim. The street front has been changed and an outside staircase enclosed. It now houses the Rebekah fraternal order.

Andrew Tate, one of the first settlers in Bayfield, operated a drug store that was a center of activity for the community. Tate, a self-taught lawyer, held many positions in the village including district attorney, county treasurer and school superintendent.

21 N. First c. late 1880's

This one and a half story house has recently been converted to commercial use. It was built as a residence probably by an early settler, Henry Wachsmuth, not far from the busy east docks. It has an intersecting gable roof and clapboard siding. Decorative window trim frames the 4/4 windows. A gable projects from the front facade. A front shedroofed veranda is supported by columns. A second story veranda once stretched across the front. A retail shop occupies the ground level.

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232 N. First Holy Family Catholic Church and Rectory 1891; 1898 231 N. First Holy Family Catholic School 1910

The Holy Family Catholic Church and school complex is situated on the northeast hills with a wide vista of the lake. The Catholic church was the third denomination to be established in Bayfield. Father John Chebul from LaPointe in 1869 organized the Bayfield parish. In 1861 a small frame church and rectory were built. The present brick rectory, built in 1891, was the first masonry building in Bayfield. It is a symmetrical structure with hip roof and projecting gable front. Segmentally arched windows have 4/4 panes. The rectory rests on a full basement of brownstone. A compound arch accentuates the front entry.

The brownstone church to the north of the rectory, and now joined by an enclosed walkway, was begun in 1888, but not completed until some ten years later. Brother Adrian Wewer, OFM, was the designer. It is a large rectangular structure with gabled roof and central tower. The steeple is one of the most prominent landmarks in Bayfield, particularly from the water. The brownstone is in a coursed rock-faced ashlar.

To the west across N. First is the Catholic school built in 1910. It is a large rectangular hipped roof building in a classical revival style. A bell tower cupola is centered on the roof and is topped with a cross. The red brick building is similar in scale and design to the rectory.

125 S. First 1895; 1911 Bayfield City Hall

The structure that presently houses the Bayfield City Hall was constructed in 1895 as the city's first water works and power supply. One of the few buildings made out of local brownstone, it is rock-face coursed ashlar supporting a sloped roof and high parapet wall on the front and rear. It has undergone considerable change, probably in 1911, when the attached addition to the north was constructed. New wide windows replaced the high rectangular ones and the gable roof was changed to accommodate the addition. Large doors in the north addition allow access for the city trucks.

19 N. Front c. 1911-1923

This structure is one of the few remaining fishing-related structures. Although not as old as the Booth Cooperage, it was probably used for all phases of fishing: storage, fishnets, drying reels, barrels and boat repair. Situated north of the city dock area, the west facade is a one story street level used for a small retail shop now. The water side or east end is a two story with large doors for easy access from the water. It is a long rectangular gabled building sided with shiplap, covered with metal sheeting. Henry Johnson, a fisherman active during the early years of the century, occupied the structure for many years.

Rice Avenue between Second and Third Streets 1912-1913 Rice Avenue Bridge

This ornate and unusual steel arched bridge is a picturesque reminder of the topographical irregularities of Bayfield. A wooden bridge was constructed in 1894 to allow residents to cross from Catholic hill to School hill. When the bridge collapsed in 1910, this bridge

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was built as a replacement. It has been closed to vehicular traffic since the devastating floods of the 1940s and 1950s swept through the ravine resulting in ground instability.

The Wausau Iron Works of Wisconsin constructed this bridge in 1912. It consists of five spans: a twenty-five foot simple span at each end and three deck truss spans sixty feet long in the middle for a total length of 230 feet. The bridge opening was delayed until the fall of 1913 because additional reinforcement was needed. The "big ravine" that the bridge spans was maintained as a picnic park for many years and later the mouth of the ravine was used as a ball field.

Rittenhouse and Front Streets "Waiting" Pavilion 1913

One of the most charming reminders of old Bayfield is this "waiting" pavilion at the foot of Rittenhouse and Front at the east municipal pier. It measures about 20×20 feet. Decorative columns support the flared hip roof. Backless wooden benches line the open sides. Lattice covers the foundation.

In 1913 the Civic League, a Bayfield women's group, constructed this "waiting" Pavilion, as it was called, for about \$300. The <u>Bayfield Progress</u> recorded on July 17, 1913, that the pavilion was "not only for ornament...convenient and comfortable (especially when waiting with children for the boats)..." It was first located north of the pier, across Rittenhouse from the present site. A weather tower stood on the south side of the pier. The waiting pavilion was probably moved in the late 1920s to the present location. Today, the pavilion still provides a comfortable shelter from rain or sun for passengers waiting for the Apostle Islands excursion boats.

100 Rittenhouse pre 1886

Another early commercial building, this two story structure is very similar to the one diagonally from it at 1 N. First. It features the same front with center gable but with more elaborate window treatment. The store front has been changed. The building has recently been re-sided with narrow aluminim siding.

126 Rittenhouse c. 1886-1892

This commercial block is typical of the brick blocks constructed during the late 1880's and 1890's. It is a two story block with a high parapet wall and large front metal cornice. A shed roof addition is attached to the rear. Metal columns and lintel encase a remodeled store front. High rectangular segmentally arched windows pierce the second story.

200 Rittenhouse c. 1884

Similar to 34 S. Broad, this two story square commercial building is sided with clapboard. The projecting cornice is supported with decorative brackets. A new store front installed sometime in the 1930s and new second story windows have changed its early appearance. William Haskins sold meat and groceries in the original 22×60 building. In later years, it was used as a saloon with rented rooms above, a rear second story entrance serving as a entry.

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201 Rittenhouse 1904-1905 R. D. Pike building

This small one story bank is the only brownstone faced commercial block in Bayfield. It is of coursed ashlar, some of the blocks stippled. Large rectangular windows, now with transoms boarded over, frame the corner entry. The interior has been remodeled. The name R. D. Pike is chiseled over a side entrance.

225 Rittenhouse 1883 D. J. Etsell building

Built in 1883 by D. J. Etsell, the building was a twin to a now demolished commercial block directly across Rittenhouse Avenue. The block has an interesting shape, a lopsided rectangle that addresses the corner diagonally topped with a hip gable roof. Like the other early commercial blocks, it is sided with white clapboard, a projecting cornice supported by brackets. Detailing is limited to the decorative brackets and window trim. An early store front is still in place.

250 Rittenhouse prior to 1886

Perched on the rise of Rittenhouse Avenue, this building is one of the furthest from the commercial center. A very high false front with projecting cornice gives the two story rectangular building an imposing front face. It is sided with clapboard and the store front dates from about the 1920s. An attached small one story shed is on the east. Four generations of the Frank Stark family ran a grocery and feed store here until recently. An antique store now occupies the first level and apartments are on the second.

109 S. Sixth Bethesda Lutheran Church 1895

Located appropriately on Swede Hill, this church reflects the simple taste of its Scandinavian builders. It is a modest frame structure, clapboard sided with central steeple. Recent additions include a new front entry and rear addition. The structure rests on a cement block foundation. Built in 1895, the Bayfield Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Free Church shortened its name to Bethesda Norwegian Free Church in 1905 and finally in 1962 to its present name.

2 N. Second 1892 Currie G. Bell block

This commercial block is one of the best examples of a brick business block in Bayfield. Located on the busy intersection of Broad and Rittenhouse, the building was constructed in 1892 by Currie G. Bell, editor and publisher of the local newspaper. Reported to be the first commercial building constructed from brick, its brick detailing and brownstone trim are gracefully executed. Details included a parapet wall and segmentally arched windows. Canvas awnings shade a recent storefront remodeling. Attached to the rear and north elevations are one story additions.

Bell purchased the <u>Bayfield Press</u> in 1882, changing its name to the <u>Bayfield County Press</u>. He was editor for more than twenty-five years and was very active in community affairs.

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35 N. Second Masonic Temple 1910

Another public structure based on classical influence, the Masonic Temple is a one story brick structure on a raised basement. It has a flared hip roof. An attached flat roofed front veranda is supported by columns. A stone stringcourse marks the basement and street level stories.

125 N. Third Christ Episcopal Church 1870 and later additions

(NRHP 12/27/74)

This small frame church is one of the earliest extant structures in Bayfield. It is an excellent example of Carpenter Gothic architecture.

Bayfield County Courthouse 1884 Washington Avenue between 4th & 5th Streets

(NRHP 12/27/74)

This large two story brownstone is perhaps Bayfield's finest architectural expression. Designed by Madison architect John Nader in a neo-classical style, it advertises civic pride and the local stone product.

Booth Cooperage c. 1900 Washington Ave. & Front Street

NRHP 8/13/76)

This structure is a large frame two story building that was used for producing and storing kegs and barrels for packing fish.

207 Washington Avenue Old City Jail 1926

This unlikely looking structure functioned as the village jail for many years. It was built in 1926 and in the following year, the adjacent firehall and tool house was constructed. The jail is about 25×25 feet. The thick uncoursed fieldstone walls support a hip roof with projecting eaves. The iron grating that covers the door and windows probably came from the old courthouse or the old town jail.

Halvor Reiten, then a member of city council and chief of the fire department, drew the plans for the jail and firehall. Pete Wick, a local mason, was in charge of construction. The site is located on the east side of the big ravine, a site occupied for many years by the town hall. The jail stands vacant today. The firehall received heavy damage in the 1942 flood and has since been remodeled. Although the jail was constructed a few years after Bayfield reached its peak, it nonetheless merits recognition as unique among the more traditional buildings.

RESIDENTIAL

17 S. Broad prior to 1886

This residence is one of the early homes in Bayfield and one of the few square hipped roof structures. The projecting eaves are supported by decorative brackets. A one story bay window on the south facade and a shed roof front veranda help to break up the squareness of the house. Charles Leihy was living here in 1900 and he resided here for many years.

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29 S. Broad prior to 1886 Robert A. Inglis house

Another early home, this two story clapboard structure is just south of the Leihy home. It is a simple rectangular shape with end gable roof. An early addition to the rear and north forms an ell with the main structure. The original shutters flank the 4/4 windows. A second story door on the front facade indicates that a veranda has been removed.

Robert A. Inglis, a 1869 arrival in Bayfield, was ticket agent for the lake steamers and later, the railroad. Born in Scotland, he was married aboard the steamer "Japan" in 1891. The occasion was notable for its seasick wedding party. He was founder of the local Masonic fraternity.

17 N. Fifth c. 1886

This small one and a half story frame house is similar to 409 N. Front in its shape and display of fancy trim. Front and south shingled gables sport bargeboards. A wraparound veranda on the front and south sides has a turned balustrade and posts. Heavy trim around the door and windows also adds to the interesting detail. Lattice work covers the foundation. There is little information on the longtime residents, the Wahlquists.

20 N. First c. 1876 Andrew Tate house

Although altered, this one-story clapboard house is significant as the home of Andrew Tate, one of Bayfield's pioneer settlers and most public-spirited citizens in the nineteenth century. Tate came to Bayfield in 1857. In 1858 he began practicing law and until his death in 1900 he held many positions in the local and county government. In 1902 the house became the residence of Andrew Tate's daughter, Lillian, and her husband, Alonzo H. Wilkinson. Wilkinson also held several public offices, including that of state senator.

141 N. First before 1890 William F. Dahlrymple's summer home

This one-and-a-half-story frame cottage with wide verandas was built by Dahlrymple, an important figure in the development of Bayfield. Dahlrymple, who envisioned Bayfield as a port more accessible than Chicago, bought large tracts of land in the area. In 1892 he had 281 lots platted, now called the Dahlrymple Addition. He organized both the Bayfield Harbor and Great Western and the Bayfield Transfer Railways to connect with the Northern Pacific at Iron River in western Bayfield County. Only about 15 miles of track were ever layed, which eventually became important to the local logging industry.

Dahlrymple summered at Bayfield for many years. His house was placed on a stone foundation in the early 1920s, when a stone fireplace and massive chimney were added on the south wall. Otherwise, the appearance of this modest home is much the same as when Dahlrymple was its occupant.

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17 N. Fourth 1885 Theodore Ernst house

One of the most elaborate houses in Bayfield, this house was built by Theodore Ernst, a carpenter, in 1885. An elaborate variation on the more simple gable Bayfield house, the structure has a variety of projecting gables and a mansard tower on the southeast corner that is capped by iron cresting. Fancy work on the bargeboards, balustrade and window detail attest to Ernest's skill with jigsaw and lathe. The clapboard structure rests on a brownstone foundation. Attached to the house are several additions stretching back to the barn on the rear lot line. The entire structure measures about 120 feet long. It is said that in this manner that Ernst could reach his cow barn and carpenter shop without having to brave the inclement elements. Ernst, a German immigrant, was responsible for much of the gingerbread work around Bayfield. The September 12, 1885, Bayfield Progress reported that the house was the "most showy and ornamental structure of the kind in the village."

141 N. Front c. 1907 Theodore Wieland house

Perched on one of the many steep Bayfield hills, this large white house is one of the first structures glimpsed by water-borne travelers. The two and a half story house has a flared gable roof with returns. It is sided with narrow white clapboard. A veranda wraps around the east and south facades from which one has a spectabular view of the lake. A detached garage to the west was built about 1922 to house the owners' first auto.

409 N. Front c. 1895

Located near the north city limits on Catholic hill, this small one story frame house enjoys a spectabular view of the lake. The house has a gabled roof with projecting gables on north and south facades as well as square bay windows. A recessed veranda stretches across the front and south facades. It has much of the decorative jigsaw and lathe trim that most Bayfield homes never had. George McNeil was an early owner.

429 N. Front c. 1893

One of the handful of log buildings remaining in Bayfield, the barn is a one and a half story squared pine log structure. It has a simple gable roof with a slab wood door on the west facade. The north face is covered with metal sheeting. Vertical corner boards cover the corner notching of the barn. The chinking has fallen out in many places.

The barn was probably built as a cow barn for a small farm. It was used by the Green family for many years. It is now attached to the house by an enclosed walkway.

829 Manypenny 1904 Oscar Anderson house

This simple frame one story house was built in 1904 by Oscar Anderson, a Scandinavian millworker, in the outlyong Swede hill area. The one and a half story frame house is covered with white shiplap siding. An attached front veranda with turned columns and balustrade adds interest to the simple form.

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33-27-21 S. Ninth c. 1893-1894

These three houses best represent the basic clapboard gabled one and a half story Bayfield house. These three vary little from this simple form. They are located on the western edge of the district in the Swede hill area.

33 S. Ninth

This house is one and a half story frame, white clapboard structure covered by a gabled roof with full gabled dormer on the south facade. A one story bay window juts out from the north and south facades. The house sits on a brownstone foundation. An older addition with dormer is attached to the rear.

27 S. Ninth

This house is similar to its neighbor. It has attached veranda on the front and south facades with turned columns and balustrade. Decorative window molding frames the windows. The house sits on a brownstone foundation. A new addition is attached to the rear.

21 S. Ninth

Like its two neighbors, this house is a one and a half story gables structure. A hood porch covers the front entry. A large single story bay window is on the south facade. There are no dormers. Moldings frame the windows.

621 Old Military Road 1905 Harvey Nourse house

This is an interesting complex on the outskirts of the district composed of the main house, a barn and a storage shed. The house and barn are one and a half story with gambrel roof. The first floor is clapboard and the gable is shingled. Gambrel dormers are in the west and east facades of the house. A shed roof veranda supported by columns is now enclosed. A recent flat roof addition is on the west facade.

7 Rice Avenue 1908 Frank Boutin, Jr. house

(NHRP 12/27/74)

This large two and a half story house shares with the Fuller house the rambling, complex Queen Anne form. The first story is beige brick with a shingled second level. A three story rounded tower is on the southeast corner. A large wraparound veranda on the south and east facades affords a wide panorama of the lake.

301 Rittenhouse 1890 General Allen C. Fuller house

This large Queen Anne residence was built in 1890 as a "summer cottage" for General Allen C. Fuller. The two and a half story structure occupies a prominent site on Rittenhouse Avenue. The pressed beige brick used in the first story was brought from the east by Fuller. The second story is shingled as are the two dormers and one full dormer on the south facade. A curved wide veranda wraps around the south and east facades. The house contains twenty-one rooms with seven fireplaces. A kitchen and servants quarters originally occupied the basement. Interior trim is maple, oak, and cherry. Brownstone is used for porch piers, retaining wall and foundation.

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The General, an asthma sufferer, came to Bayfield to escape the Illinois humidity. During the Civil War he served as the Illinois adjutant general. Today the house is operated as an inn.

36 N. Second c. 1886-1892

This large two story frame house is gable roofed with several gabled projections. A two story bay window on the south facade and enclosed pedimented entry add interest to the basic square plan. A curved veranda wraps around the north and east facades. The simplicity of this house is set off by the elaborate window and entry treatment.

M. B. Johnson, manager of the Booth Co., lived here. Later this was the home of John Kranzfelder who came to Bayfield in 1895. He purchased William Dittus' meat market business. Kranzfelder also served as a vice president of the local bank and as a county supervisor.

138 N. Second before 1886 Bally house

This two story frame house appears on the 1886 lithograph of Bayfield drawn by Beck and Pauli in 1886. It is in an excellent state of preservation, the major alteration being a one-story shedroofed addition on the rear. The wood trim on the house is notable, presently accentuated by contrasting paint.

12 S. Second c. 1890 William Dittus house

One of the two brick residences in Bayfield (the other is a store and house combination at 118 Rittenhouse), this house was built by William Dittus, a meat market entrepreneur. Made from local brick, the house is two story, with a flared hip roof with gable projections. The projecting eaves are supported by decorative brackets. A wide veranda stretches across the front facade, decorative posts and balustrade support the second story veranda. The double door entry is flanked by colored lights. Brownstone lintels, sills and foundation contrast with the red brick. A frame clapboard addition is attached to the rear.

105 S. Seventh 1888 Ervin Leihy house

This structure is a large two story square frame house with a flat hipped roof with a two story full gabled projection on the north and south facades. A band of shingles marks the course between the first and second stories. Bullseye windows pierce the gables. An attached front veranda on the front and south facades is supported by decorative balustrade and columns. The front entry is marked by sidelights and trim.

When this house was built in 1888 it stood on the outskirts of the village. Ervin Leihy, a local businessman and builder of the structure at 222 Rittenhouse, was an early Bayfield resident. The local paper noted that the house was elegant and a showcase in part because of the novelty of a basement. The house cost \$5000 to build. It rested on a brownstone foundation and was heated with a furnace. Peter DeBriae, a local builder, was the contractor.

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30 N. Sixth c. 1884 Michael Duclo

This house is still another variation of the simple gabled house found in Bayfield. It has four gables in a "L" shaped plan with a gabled addition on the north facade. Decorative window trim and colored lights frame the 4/4 windows. A hood entry covers the front porch. The house was converted into a two family unit but has since been returned to a single family dwelling. It is one of the earliest homes constructed in this area of the district.

5 S. Sixth prior to 1886; 1907 Frank Stark house

This house is a symmetrical two story white clapboard structure covered by a gabled roof. It retains much of its Classical Revival styling. A center front gable accentuates the entry and second story veranda. An attached hip roof veranda is supported by clusters of three columns. The house rests on a brownstone foundation. Round arched windows on the north and south facades add to the classical detailing.

In 1907 Frank Stark, proprietor of a grocery business at 250 Rittenhouse, remodeled an early house. A Scandinavian contractor named Paulsen did much of the work.

17 S. Sixth c. 1886-1892 H.O. Cook house

This house just south of the Frank Stark home is an imposing two story residence with a flared hip roof. The projecting eaves are supported by decorative brackets. The first story windows and bay windows are protected by shingled flared hip caps. Colored lights lend interest to the window transoms. An attached front veranda has an intricately turned balustrade. There is a one and a half story barn at the rear.

The house was built by H.O. Cook, a local entrepreneur. Later a popular Dr. Pickett occupied the house, installing brownstone carriage steps on the front curb with his name chisled in the top step.

136 S. Sixth c. 1900

This house is one of the few "saltbox" structures in Bayfield. The simple steep gabled house is one and a half story with the shed addition across the rear. The front entry is sheltered by a gabled overhang supported by columns. Windows are 6/1. The house was built about 1900, probably for a millworker. Dan Shea was an early owner.

229 S. Sixth 1902 Henry J. Wachsmuth house

This large two story residence has a flared hip roof with clapboard siding. The wraparound veranda on the front and south facades is supported by ionic columns resting on shingled piers and foundation. An enclosed summer sleeping porch and a shed addition are attached to the rear.

This large house was of suitable size for the founder of the Wachsmuth Lumber Company. Wachsmuth took over Captain R.D. Pike's operation in about 1904. He came to Bayfield in 1884 at the age of seven with his German parents. The mill sawed 8 million feet of lumber before it closed in 1924.

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108 N. Third 1892 William Knight house

One of the few residences in Bayfield influenced by the Queen Anne style, this large two and a half story house has a steep, flared gabled roof. The first story is brick painted white and the second level is shingled. A two and a half story turret with a cap roof stands on the southeast corner. A wraparound veranda on the west and south facades is supported by shingled columns. Two gabled dormers pierce the west roof.

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William Knight came to Bayfield in 1869 at the behest of his brother, Col. John H. Knight, the Indian agent. Knight married in 1885. Family members lived in the home until the 1940s. Knight was prominent in Bayfield businesses. He organized the Lumberman's Bank in 1890 and had many other interests. As a great exponent of fruit growing in the area, he was the first president of a local horticulture group in 1910 that promoted the raising of fruit. At the southeast corner of his property, near the edge of the big ravine, he built a fruit storage cellar out of fieldstone sometime in the 1920s. The cellar is now owned by the Bayfield Historical Society.

203 N. Third c. 1895 Alonzo Knight house

This two story house is typical of the early residences, graceful in its simplicity. Steep intersecting gables cover the white clapboard frame siding. Decorative window trim encases the 1/1 windows. A shed roof veranda is attached to the front facade. Original shutters complete the simple detailing.

Alonzo Knight was the brother of William and John Knight, both prominent Bayfield businessmen.

333 Wing Ave. c. 1910 Joseph Patrick O'Malley house

One of the best examples of the bungalow style in Bayfield, this residence is located on Highway 13 on the northeast edge of the village. Set on spacious grounds, the house has many of the characteristics of the bungalow: flared hip roof, full front dormer, projecting eaves. An attached shed roof veranda is set on a brownstone foundation.

Joseph Patrick O'Malley, born in La Pointe in 1873, built this home not long after his marriage in 1908. O'Malley was president of the local bank as well as an insurance and real estate agent. He also played a role in the founding of Pureair Sanitarium, south of Bayfield, a tri-county project about 1920.

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PROPERTY	OWNER	IF OTHER THAN PROPERTY
Block 4		
409 Pine (C)	Phillip T. Cameron	
BK 4, L 3-4	Carl E. Dahl	Box 664, Bayfield 54814
433 Pine (C)	Eligius Meierotto	
BK 4, L 11-20	William H. Green	424 W. Cedar, Medford 54451
Block 5		
409 N. Front St. (P)	Bernice I. Maki &	
	Alice Maki Hardy	Box 28-A, Bayfield 54814
411 N. Front (N)	Robert H. Biegert	4901 Timbercrest, Cedarburg 53012
429 N. Front (C-house)		
(P-barn)	Henry Morrin	
BK 5, Lot 10	Bayfield County	·
Block 21		
15 Sweeny Ave. (C)	Christine H. Jacobson	P.O. Box 248, Bayfield 54814
BK 21, L 3, 4, West		
of Wing Ave; 5, 6	Christine H. Jacobson	P.O. Box 248, Bayfield 54814
Hwy. 13 (P)	George Chappa	
B 21, L 17-20	Neil Schultz	41 S. Broad, Bayfield 54814
Block 22		
17 E. Sweeny (N)	Robert L. Netz	Rt. 1, Washburn 54891
	Philip LaPointe	<i>'</i>
BK 22, L 4-10	Christine H. Jacobson	P.O. Box 248, Bayfield 54814
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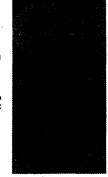
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Block 22 (continued)		
316 N. Front (N)	Donald Wojcieszak	
BK 22, L 16-17	Patricia Lamoreaux	1104 W. 3rd., Ashland 54806
BK 22, L 18-20	John A. Spencer	Box 187, Bayfield 54814
Block 23		
321 N. Front (C)	Leo Gonia	
BK 23, L 7 (portion),		
8	Richard A. Nelson	Bayfield 54814
BK 23, L 9-10	Robert H. Biegert	4901 Timbercrest, Cedarburg 53012
320 N. First (N)	Raymond Gonia	321 N. Front, Bayfield 54814
BK 23, L 13-14	John W. Gildersleeve	Rt. 3, Box 28, Marshfield 54449
BK 23, L 15-16	Donald L. Pritchard	13851 23rd St., N, Stillwater, MN
BK 23, L 17-18	Merton Heuer	Bayfield 54814
340 N. First (C)	J. David & Cecelia A. Manson	P.O. Box 242, Washburn 54891
Block 24		
303 N. First (N)	F. E. Backhuber &	
	F. E. Backhuber, Jr.	207 6th, Wausau 54401
BK 24, L 5	Arthur Pankowski	Bayfield 54814
337 N. 1st (C)	Edward Dishaw	
308 N. 2nd (N)	Conrad Meyers	212 - 212 - 2121
320 N. 2nd (C)	James R. Deragon	Box 242, Bayfield 54814
BK 24, L 17	Second National Bank of Houston	Houston, TX
322 N. 2nd (C)	Clarice Bonney	D 5: 11 5/01/
BK 24, L 19-20	David Wojcieszak	Bayfield 54814
BK 24, L 6-7	Robert L. Fizell, Sr.	217 N. 5th, Bayfield 54814
(BK 24, L 8): 333 N. 1st (C)	Eugene Lamoreaux	P.O. Box 181, Bayfield 54814

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Block 25		
309 N. 2nd (C)	Wilfred L. Jensen	P.O. Box 798, Bayfield 54814
313 N. 2nd (C)	Ruby M. Holcomb	1661 Garfield, Denver, CO
BK 25, L 5	Ruby M. Begin	1661 Garfield, Denver, CO
315 N. 2nd (N)	Michael J. Deragon	P.O. Box 811, Bayfield 54814
333 N. 2nd (C)	Catherine Bonney	
BK 25, L 9-10	Clara R. Meyers	2409 Freemont Ave., S., Apt. 2 Minneapolis, MN 55408
BK 25, L 11-16	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
21 N. Broad (N)	Judith Lynn Christenson	P.O. Box 726, Bayfield 54814
25 N. Broad (C)	Joyce C. Meyers	
Block 26 (ravine)	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
Block 27 (C-school) (Sweeny St.) Block 28	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
309 N. 4th (C)	W. L. Wasmuth	
409 Sweeny (C)	Thomas C. Hartman	904 E. 8th, Superior 54880
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Block 39		
BK 39, L 1-3	Edwin Erickson	P.O. Box 368, Bayfield 54814
233 Wing Ave. (C)	Roberta Durham	
BK 39, L 9-10	David Moody	17 Skillman Lane, St. Paul, MN
BK 39, L 11-16	Thomas Kennefick	3520 S. Halstead St., Chicago, I
226 N. Front (C)	Elmeda Kovachevich &	
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Block 40		
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7 Rice Ave. (P-house,		
C-carriage house) 232 N. lst (P)	Paul Turner & Robert A. Turner Holy Family R.C. Church & Rectory	
Block 41		
BK 41, L 1-3	Colin J. Mac Kenzie	1351 W. Arthur Ave., Chicago, IL 60626
204 N. 2nd (C)	Eugene C. Ahnen	.
212 N. 2nd (N)	Tony Kovachevich	
231 N. 1st (P-school)	Holy Family R.C. Church	
214 N. 2nd (N)	Andrew E. & Fern Polaski	1707 Logan Ave., Superior 5488
Block 42		
205 N. 2nd (C)	Donald Gordon	P.O. Box 154, Bayfield 54814
229 N. 2nd (N)	James Boutin	P.O. Box 342, Bayfield 54814
BK 42, L 7, 12-13,		
17-18	Bayfield County	
233 N. 2nd (C)	Elmer A. C. Vehring	D 050 D 51 11 51011
241 N. 2nd (C)	Marie Brauns & Fred Brauns	Box 256, Bayfield 54814
BK 42, L 11	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
BK 42, L 20	Fred Brauns	241 N. 2nd, Bayfield 54814
Block 43		
BK 43, L 5, 18 (ravine)	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
BK 43, L 10	Second National Bank of Houston	Houston, TX
202 N. 3rd (P)	Anita I. Brander	Bayfield 54814

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Block 46		
205 N. 5th (C) 217 N. 5th (N) 229 N. 5th (C)	Robert W. & Olive S. Jones Robert L. Fizell, Sr. & Diane Fizell Hurbert F. & Claire Japs	Rt. 1, Box 5, Bayfield 54814 Box 722, Bayfield 54814 838 Howard St., St. Paul, MN 55119
BK 46, L 9-10	Thomas F. Voelz	4419 N. 53rd St. Milwaukee, WI 53218

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135 N. Front (N) 141 N. Front (P)	Heidi Jo Pierpont Wilfred L. Jensen	Green Valley, Arizona 85614 White Pine, MI	
124 N. 1st (N) 130-132 N. 1st (N) 20 Rice Ave. (N)	Steward Aiken Richard Williams Elizabeth A. Lynn	P.O. Box 287, Bayfield 54814 23 E. 5th, Washburn 54891 P.O. Box 219, Bayfield 54814	
Block 57			
BK 57, L 1-4 121 N. 1st (N) 129 N. 1st (C) 141 N. 1st (P) 104 N. 2nd (C) 106 N. 2nd (C) 116 N. 2nd (C)	Julian B. Nelson Edwin Erickson David R. Kangas Ernest G. La Pointe Wm. J. Smith Ed Smith Margit Granheim	2 N 2nd., Bayfield 54814	. Com Hamber
120 N. 2nd (C)	William J. Lynch	1110 Eldridge Ave. W Roseville, MN 55113	
124 N. 2nd (C) 136 N. 2nd (C)	Stanley L. Ujke & John Ujke Katherine Lambert Howe & Ruth O'Connell	Bayfield 54814	
138 N. 2nd (P)	Florence D. Skovald		
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125 N. 2nd (C)	James V. Lien
133 N. 2nd (C)	James Gary
137 N. 2nd (C)	Art Feige
141 N. 2nd (C)	Harvey M. Baker
BK 58, 1 11-18	Bayfield County
BK 58, L 19	L.W. Gunnell

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BK 59 L 1 (W1/2) 2 (E1/2) 120 N. 3rd (C)	Bayfield Historical Society Preston G. Gee	Bayfield 54814
108 N. 3rd (P)	W. Thomas Webner	1733 Q St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009
136 N. 3rd (N) BK 59, L 1 (W1/2), 5 BK 59, L 2 (W1/2), 3, 4,	John F. Povaser Bayfield County City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814

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BK 60, L 102 (N)	Wisconsin Telephone Co.	316 W. Washington, Madison
113 N. 3rd (N)	William Noring	
121-125 N. 3rd (P)	Christ Episcopal Church	
129 N. 3rd (C)	Leonard E. La Pointe	i
141 N. 3rd (C)	Josephine Stark	
321 Washington and 118 N. 4th (N)	Fred W. Roffers	321 Washington, Bayfield 54814
128 N. 4th (C)	Roger L. Anderson	Bayfield 54814
136 N. 4th (C)	Allen H. Franzen	•

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Bayfield Co. Courthouse (P)		
Block 62		
507 Washington (N) 127 N. 5th (N) 129 N. 5th (C) 137 N. 5th (C)	Donald R. McCutcheon John D. DeFoe Randolph Bresette Cecilia DeFoe	Old Fire Lane Road Bayfield 54814
141 N. 5th (C) 521 Washington (C) 116 N. 6th (N) 132 N. 6th (C) 520 Rice (C)	Robert G. Stenson Philip Winslow William G. Bodin David J. Borth Kenneth H. Larson	·
Block 71		
19 Front St. (P) BK 71, L 5-10	Edwin Erickson	121 N. Front, Bayfield 54814
15-20 (C)	Madeline Island Ferry Line, Inc.	La Pointe, WI 54850
Block 72		
13 Front St. (N-Restaurant (C-House) 17 Front St. (C) 21 Front St. (C) 23 Front St. (C) 6 Washington St. (C) Rittenhouse + First St. (P) NW Corner (C. 2 N. 1st)	John V. Johnson Arden J. Saunders Harold Kerr Albert J. Pechaver Gibeau-Johnson, Inc. Helen Hyde-Trustee Shamrock Rebekah Lodge #189	Bayfield 54814 100 Rittenhouse, Bayfield 54814 Rt. 1, Bayfield 54814
12 N. 1st (C)	Theodore N. Bodin	



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20 N. 1st (P) BK 72, L 17 (N) BK 72, L 18-20 (N)	Carmine Costanzo Wisconsin Telephone Co. Bayfield County	316 W. Washington, Madison, WI Bayfield 54814
Block 73		
17 Rittenhouse (C)	Edmund L. Bashor & Judith E. Lokken	
21 N. 1st (P)	Allen J. Smiles	1121 VAughn Ave., Ashland 5480
29 N. 1st (C)	Harold Maki	Bayfield 54814
117 Rittenhouse (C)	Eugene Keran	110115 Arboreteum Way Chasha, MN 55318
113 Rittenhouse (C)	Lawrence Wachsmuth	315 Rittenhouse, Bayfield 5481
2 N. 2nd (P)	Julian B. Nelson	
12 N. 2nd (C)	William J. Arseneau	
20 N. 2nd (C)	Thomas D. Barningham	Rt. 1, Bayfield 54814
BK 73, L 16-17	Katherine D. Anich	1401 Mac Arthur Ave. Ashland 54806
36 N. 2nd (P)	Ada I. and Archie E. Durand	
Block 74		
201 Rittenhouse (P)	Washburn State Bank	
213 Rittenhouse (C)	Andrew E. Polaski	1707 Logan Ave. Superior, WI 54880
17 N. 2nd (C)	George Klein	54P01201, W1 5.000
19 N. 2nd (C)	Richard J. Gorman	
29 N. 2nd (P)	Masonic Temple	
37 N. 2nd (C)	Victor Goodlet	
41 N. 2nd (C)	Morris Boutin	
BK 74, E 261, L 12, L 11-13	John V. Johnson	13 Front, Bayfield 54814

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Block 74 (continued)		
217-219 Rittenhouse (C)	Andrew Polaski	1707 Logan Ave. Superior, WI 54880
225 Rittenhouse (P)	Edward R. Novak	Box 105, La Pointe, WI 54850
16 N. Broad (C)	Arthur Grant	•
20 N. Broad (C)	Eugene L. Hood	Bayfield 54814
30 N. Broad (N)	Herman Johnson	
BK 74, L 19-20	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
Block 75		
315 Rittenhouse (N) 11 N. Broad (C) 21 N. Broad (N) 37 N. Broad (P) 251 Rittenhouse (C) 10 N. 3rd (C) 20 N. 3rd (C) 24 N. 3rd (N) BK 75, L 18	Lawrence Wachsmuth Bayfield Presbyterian Church Bayfield Co. Housing Authority City of Bayfield McCarty Machinery Sales, Inc. Franklin E. French Robert J. Schumacher Eleanora J. Frostman Sarah A. Taylor % Thomas Anich, Atty.	27 N. 3rd, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814 112 Rittenhouse, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814 Ashland, WI 54806
Block 76		
301 Rittenhouse (P)	Jerald J. Phillips and Mary M. Phillips	
21 N. 3rd (N)	Robert J. McGillivray	Box 166
27 N. 3rd (C)	Presbyterian Church	Black River Falls, WI 5461
Block 77		

Haugen Oil Co.

407 Rittenhouse (C)

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PROPERTY	OWNER	OWNER'S ADDRESS IF OTHER THAN PROPERTY
Block 77 (continued)		
9 N. 4th (C)	Lawrence F. Abrams	Rt. 3, Box 383 A, Wausau 54401
17 N. 4th (P)	Lloyd Goldman	
33 N. 4th (C)	John Boehme	
41 N. 4th (C)	Anna B. Meyers & Lillian E. Green	
BK 77 L 8-11	Thora E. Larsen &	
	Swanhild Zaborek	Bayfield 54814
24 N. 5th (C)	Gladys Johnson	1321 E. 1st, Apt. 311 Duluth, MN 55805
420 Washington (N)	Ray Cahill	•
Block 78		
BK 78, L 9-10 BK 78, L 11-13 24 N. 6th St. (C) 30 N. 6th St. (P)	Donald Wojcieszak Larry Reiten & D. Duquette Mary B. Kniffin, et al Harry A. Jensen	Box 307, Bayfield 54814 Rt. 1, Box 314, Bayfield
40 N. 6th (N) BK 78, L 14 13 N. 5th (C) 17 N. 5th (P)	Celia A. Schultz Bayfield County Ann Parks C. O. Beebe	41 S. Broad, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814
39 N. 5th (N)	Rasmus Olsen	
BLock 79		
9 N. 6th (C) 25 N. 6th (C) 29 N. 6th (C) 41 N. 6th (C) 621 Rittenhouse (C) 12 N. 7th (N)	Virginia H. Sundquist Cyril Dean Halvorson James A. Smith Ralph W. & Marilyn K. Neff Michael B. Wachsmuth Ardath R. Kennedy	

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121 Manypenny, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814	Page 28

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20 N. 7th (C) Francis Mevers 24 N. 7th (C) LeRoy Olson BK 79, L 19-20 Mrs. Grace Mackenzie

Block 80

701 Rittenhouse (N) Roy R. Burgener 17 N. 7th (C) Charles F. Walsh 21 N. 7th (C) Helen Cease 700 Washington (N) Jerome L. Merkel 8 N. 8th (C) Sherman J. Edwards BK 80, L 14-15 Lawrence C. Young 28 N. 8th (N) George Merila 720 Washington (C) Frances T. Edwards

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807 Rittenhouse (C) Lulu Shelvin BK 81, L 11-13 Lulu Shelvin BK 81, L 5-7, 17-18 Thomas A. Gunderson 802 Washington (N) Marjorie Benton 20 N. 9th (N) Richard C. Kelly BK 81, L 19-20 William Bechtel

Block 82

901 Rittenhouse (C)

Block 88

32 S. 1st (C) BK 88, L 4-10 Edwin A. Olson

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1351 W. Arther Ave. Chicago, IL 60626

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PROPERTY Block 88 (continued)	<u>OWNER</u>	Inventory of Sites - 13 OWNER'S ADDRESS IF OTHER THAN PROPERTY Bayfield Historic
28 S. 1st (C)	John C. Andresen	14 E. Michigan St., Duluth, MN 55800
20 Rittenhouse (N)	Bayfield Inn, Inc.	ric
Block 89		
BK 89, L 1-2 31 S. First (C) 17 S. 1st (C)	All-Wood, Inc. Leonard M. Erickson Joel D. Overholser	121 Manypenny, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814
100 Rittenhouse (P)	Gibeau-Johnson, Inc. Gibeau-Johnson, Inc.	100 Rittenhouse, Bayfield 54814 100 Rittenhouse, Bayfield 54814
104 Rittenhouse (C) 108 Rittenhouse (N) 112 Rittenhouse (N) 118-120 Rittenhouse (C) 122-124 Rittenhouse (C)	Gregory F. Kinney McCarty Machinery Sales, Inc. Robert L. Skulan	621 Old Military Road, Bayfield 54814
122-124 Kittenhouse (C) 126 Rittenhouse (P) 121 Manypenny (C) 28 S. 2nd (C) 24 S. 2nd (C)	American Legion Norman Glovsky All-Wood, Inc. Leon Beauchamp Richard Erickson	City Heights Rd. Ashland 54806
16 S. 2nd (C) 12 S. 2nd (P)	H. A. Reiten, et al Agnes Nelson	34 S. Broad, Bayfield 54814
BK 89, N 1 ' L 8	City of Bayfield	Bayfield 54814
Block 90		
BK 90, L 104 (N) 25 S. 2nd (C) 21 S. 2nd (C)	All-Wood, Inc. Andrew S. Peterson Allison Boutin	121 Manypenny, Bayfield 54814
13 S. 2nd (C) 200 Rittenhouse (P) 202 Rittenhouse (N)	Hilda Reynolds Anna Meyers Anna Meyers	Bayfield 54814 41 N. 4th, Bayfield 54814 41 N. 4th, Bayfield 54814

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Block 90 (continued)		
204 Rittenhouse (N) 222 Rittenhouse (N)	Wilfred L. Jensen Ardath Kennedy	141 N. Front, Bayfield 54814 12 N. 7th, Bayfield 54814
BK 90, L 11 34 S. Broad (P)	Gary Connell H.S. Reiten	120 S. 11th, Bayfield 54814
22 S. Broad (N) 20 S. Broad (N) 14 S. Broad (C)	Gordon Bengston, M.D. Leone Alice O'Connor Stephanie Brazerol	Dassell, MN
10-12 S. Broad (C)	Wallace D. Nordin	Rt. 1, Bayfield, 54814
Block 91		
41 S. Broad (C) 39 S. Broad (C) 29 S. Broad (P)	Neil Schultz Burdette O. Briner Ted Bainbridge	Balsam Lake, WI 54810
21 S. Broad (C)	Isabel Johnson	
17 S. Broad (P)	Irene Bergstrom	8631 N. Servite Dr., Milwaukee 53223
9 S. Broad (C) 7 S. Broad (C)	John J. Bock Carl A. Larson	Rt. 1, Bayfield 54814
257 Manypenny (C) 253 Manypenny (C) 256 Rittenhouse (C)	Robert W. Bissell Bayfield Lumber & Supply Co. Annette K. Johnson	La Pointe 54850
250 Rittenhouse (P)	Lony Weber	Star Rt., Bayfield 54814
Block 92		
41 S. 3rd (C)	Agnes J. Lee	
21 S. 3rd (C) 11 S. 3rd (N)	Stewart Isaksson Gerald P. Haskins	Box 100, Durand, WI Bayfield
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40 S. 4th (C) 12 S. 4th (C) BK 92, W 40', L 9-10 13-15, 19-20	Vincent Kelly, Jr. Walter Daniels Bayfield County	Rt. 1, Box 347, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814	C DISLITCE
Block 93	,		
209 Manypenny (C) 33 S. 4th (C) BK 93, E 60' L 9-10	Robert J. Van Duser Allen J. & Diane Bear State of Wisconsin	Bayfield 54814	i
40 S. Fifth (C) 28 S. Fifth (C)	State Highway Commission Anna G. Carlson Reuben Gustafson	Madison, WI Bayfield 54814	=
20 S. Fifth (C) 14 S. Fifth (C) 10 S. Fifth (C)	Reuben Gustafson William E. Hepner Gibeau-Johnson, Inc.	28 S. 5th, Bayfield 54814 100 Rittenhouse, Bayfield 54814	item number
12 S. Fifth (C) BK 93, L 6-8, W 60', L 9-10	Bernard J. Ujke Bayfield County	Bayfield 54814	·
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41 S. 5th (C) 33 S. Fifth (C)	Judith Henderson John Benson & Charles Benson % Casper Benson	5520 Bryant Ave., Minneapolis, MN	l
25 S. Fifth (C) 17 S. 5th (N)	Bernard Gustafson Arney Lindquist		l
12 S. 6th (N) 32 S. 6th (C) 40 S. 6th (N)	Faith Baptist Church Faith Baptist Church Florence Hessing		Page
36 S. 6th (C)	Fred Benson	2315 South Hampton Flint, MI 48507	31
20 S. 6th (N)	Orville Powers		

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33 S. 6th (C) 17 S. 6th (P) 5 S. 6th (P) 32 S. 7th (C) 28 S. 7th (C) BK 95, L 11-12	Julian Wachsmuth, Jr. Haldor Haugen % Vermont Johnson William McCarty Carol J. Bates Lee E. Anderson City of Bayfield	Apostle View Motel, Bayfield 54 Star Route, Bayfield 54814 Bayfield 54814	Tic Pe
Block 96 37 S. 7th (C) 25 S. 7th (C) BK 96, L 6-7 11 S. 7th (C) 1 S. 7th (C) 38 S. 8th (N) 32 S. 8th (C) BK 96, L 15-20 BK 96, L 3 Block 97	Elmer Hendrickson Bernard Gustafson Vincent Kelly, Jr. Martin Peterson, Jr. Ida Fizell James D. Spencer Richard Shutes Donald Kroseman Bayfield County	317 2nd, P.O. Box 388 Hayward 54843 Bayfield 54814	the Interior Recreation Service of Historic Places tion Form tem number 7
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BK 108, L 1-7	Patricia Lamoreaux	1104 W. 3rd St., Ashland 54806	ष्
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109 S. 4th (C)	Norma Chape	Bayfield 54814	ł
101 S. 4th (C)	Ben Hudak		ł
BK 108, L 11-12	Henry Johnson	11201 S.W. 55th, Miami, FL 330	25
BK 108, L 13-15	James Frostman	125 S. 5th, Bayfield 54814	
112 S. Fifth (C)	Bernard J. Beauregard		Ι,
420 Manypenny (C)	Melvin Erickson		
Block 109			
141 S. Fifth (C)	Betty W. Cushman & Florence Cushman		Page
125 S. Fifth (C)	James Eastman		ď
119 S. Fifth (C)	George M. Hof	5437 Park Place	

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Genevieve Nilsen

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Block 98 (continued)

33 S. 9th St. (P)

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Block 109 (continued)		
502 Manypenny (C)	Herman Johnson & Agnes Johnson	30 N. Broad, Bayfield 54814
138 S. 6th (C) 136 S. 6th (P)	McCarty Machinery Sales, Inc. George Meyers	112 Rittenhouse
120 S. 6th (C)	Lucy Shovick	
BK 109, L 20	Wisconsin State Highway Comm.	Madison, WI
BK 109, L 7, 8	Parist 11 Campus	Bayfield 54814
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Block 110		
135 S. 6th (C)	John S. Johnson	
137 S. 6th (C)	Gladys Hyde	·
133 S. 6th (C)	Scott Quiggle	
125 S. 6th (C)	Forrest D. Nawlen, Jr.	1031 Colby, St. Paul, MN 55116
119-121 S. 6th (C)	H.G. Nordling & Carl A. French	Rt. 1, Box 234, Washburn 54891
109 S. 6th (P)	Bethesda Lutheran Church	D61-11-5/01/
BK 110, L 11-12	Larry Reiten	137 S. 7th, Bayfield 54814
BK 110, L 13	Verdayne Hanson	712 Wilson, Bayfield 54814
BK 110, L 14-15	Lloyd Sichsten	129 S. 7th, Bayfield 54814
112 S• 7th (C)	William Hauser	Rt. 1, Box 293, Bayfield 54814
104 S. 7th (C)	Elizabeth Morrin	
Block 111	·	
141 S. 7th (C)	Glenn H. Hagberg	1140 Tanglewood Manitowoc, MN 54220
137 S. 7th (C)	Larry Reiten	Rt. 1, Box 297, Bayfield54814
133 S. 7th (C)	Verdayne Hanson	712 Wilson Ave., Bayfield 5481
129 S. 7th (C)	Lloyd Wicksten	
121 S. 7th (C)	Anna A. Nelson	
105 S. 7th (P)	Robert Hadland	
BK 111, L 11-14	Philip McQuade	209 S. 7th, Bayfield 54814
112 S. 8th (C)	Irene S. Broderick	Rt. 2, Box 81, Dixon, IL
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Block 112	
105 S. 8th (C)	Michael Bonney
Block 113	
105 S. 9th (C)	John Thompson
Block 123	
237 S. 5th (C) 229 S. 5th (C) 225 S. 5th (N) 217 S. 5th (C) 213 S. 5th (C) 205 S. 5th (C) 240 S. 6th (C) BK 123, L 13 220 S. 6th (N) 212 S. 6th (C) 204 S. 6th (C)	Gertrude Garrigan Raymond Humphrey Wilmer L. Compton Carl Carlson Gladys O. Larson Thora E. Larson Henry Korseberg Gertrude Garrigan Dr. John Pierpont Robert J. Defoe Walter Lindquist
Block 124	
BK 124, L 1-2 229 S. 6th (P) 221 S. 6th (C)	Bayfield County Bernice Erickson Kermit & Julia Hanson

BK 124, L 1-2	Bayfield County
229 S. 6th (P)	Bernice Erickson
221 S. 6th (C)	Kermit & Julia Hanson
213 S. 6th (C)	John A. Spencer
BK 124, L 9-10	Leonard Moe et al
621 Old Military Road (P)	Gregory Kinney

Bernice Erickson BK 124, L 15 216 S. 7th (C) Charles T. Johnson 208 S. 7th (N) Anna J. Ladd

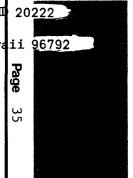
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White Pine, MI

112 River Forest Ln., Labor, MI 20222

84-580 Upana St., Waianae, Hawaii 96792

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Block 125	
707 Old Military Road (C) 233 S. 7th (C)	Allen E. Reynolds Jimmie Terrell
217 S. 7th (C)	Harvey Hadland &
209 S. 7th (C)	Clifford Hadland Philip McQuade
704 Wilson Ave. (C)	Pearl McQuade

309 S. 7th (C)

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Block 134

Melvin Mattson

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1883-1924 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bayfield Historic District encompasses most of a well-preserved Lake Superior village. Bayfield's spectacular physical setting, long economic decline and relative isolation has allowed the village to retain much of the flavor of its heyday years, 1883 (with the coming of the railroad) to 1924 (when the lumber mill shut down). Its rich architectural and historical resources are significant as a record of cultural patterns of ordinary people living in a northern Wisconsin lumbering-fishing community.

Architecture

The Bayfield Historic District contains fine examples of vernacular building of the 1880-1924 period. Similar size, scale and materials attest to the local building skills and to the modest economic means. Early residences differ little from later ones although some influences of the shingle and bungalow styles can be seen. As prosperity began to be realized by a few of Bayfield's entrepreneurs, their success was reflected in a few large homes (5 S. Sixth, 229 S. Sixth, 621 Old Military Rd) and several even larger homes (108 N. Third and 7 Rice). Commercial structures remained less important, although the Bell Block (2 N. Second) and the First National Bank (201 Rittenhouse) are good examples of turn-of-the-century building on a modest scale. The district has suffered few major intrusions and these are primarily in the commercial area and at the outer district edges. Bayfield's architecture merits recognition as a record of a north country village during its most active period.

History

Chequamegon Bay area had a long and colorful history well before the settlement of Bayfield. Before the time of written records, Ojibway (Chippewa) legends have placed this group and others, including the Huron, Ottawa and Sioux, here sometime prior to European discovery.

Recorded history of this area began when the first French explorers and missionaries paddled into Chequamegon Bay. One such explorer, Etienne Brule, may have visited Madeline Island, one of the twenty-two Apostle Islands, about the same time as the Pilgrims were landing at Plymouth Rock. Brule

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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was searching for the elusive passage to the Orient. About 1660 two explorer-fur traders, the Sieur des Groseillers and his brother-in-law, the Sieur Radisson, made their way to Madeline Island and on to Lake Owen and the Namekagon River. Five years later, Jesuit Father Claude Allouez appeared, followed by Father Marquette. A mission was soon established at La Pointe, Madeline Island.

For the next 150 years, the region was exploited by the French, followed by the British and Americans. La Pointe served as the meeting point for both whites and Indians. With the fall of the French political power in 1763, the British established their trading post at La Pointe and after the War of 1812 American John Jacob Astor organized a post here for his American Fur Company.

The 1850s were a turning point for the Chequamegon Bay region. In 1855 the "Soo" locks at Sault Ste. Marie opened, allowing for the first time large ships to enter Lake Superior. In addition, these years were a time of optimism and available credit. Men began to dream of great inland harbor cities that would rival Chicago as port terminals for midwest grain and lumber.

One of these optimistic dreamers was Henry M. Rice. As an agent for the American Fur Company some years before, Rice had come to know the Chequamegon Bay region. Rice saw the potential of a great shipping and industrial port on the mainland opposite from La Pointe. Its natural deep harbor protected by the Apostle Islands was a likely terminus for St. Paul grain.

In 1856 Rice, then a United States Senator from St. Paul, organized the Bayfield Land Company. Purchasing land for such a development, he platted the town that year. He called it Bayfield for his British friend Henry Wolsey Bayfield, surveyor of Lake Superior in 1823-25. Rice promoted the development among his friends and peers. Former U.S. Vice Presidents, John C. Breckinridge and Thomas A. Hendricks, financier Jay Cooke and Wisconsin Senator William F. Vilas were among the investors. A year later the U.S. Congress passed a land grant that would encourage a rail line from the mid-continent (St. Paul) to Lake Superior (Bayfield). The project took almost thirty years to be realized.

Generally unaffected by the Panic of 1857, the village began to grow in the next few years. A wagon road was hacked through the wilderness from Bayfield to St. Paul and to Superior a few years later. The first settlement centered around the south and east shores, gradually fanning out on the plateau. From the beginning the south shore was the sawmill site and the east piers were used for fishing and passenger docks. In 1871 the Bayfield Hydraulic Company was organized and a dam in the big ravine was constructed four years later. Remnants of the dam and reservoirs are still evident. Wooden pipes banded with iron supplied necessary water for the sawmill on the south shore as well as for domestic needs and fire protection.

Early Bayfield was dependent on lake transportation to provide goods and passage to the outside. Boats stopped running in December or January when the lake froze over. Ice boats might carry travelers to La Pointe or Ashland over the long winter. Service resumed only after four or five months when the spring thaw melted the ice.

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When the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad finally steamed into Bayfield in 1883, lumbering and fishing were already established. Brownstone quarrying and tourism were just beginning to gather strength. The population exceeded 500. Bayfield was becoming civilized, boasting schools, churches, lodges, hotels and boarding houses. An impressive sandstone courthouse was constructed the same year to herald the booming quarry industry and the village's passage into maturity.

In the following four decades, Bayfield was filled with activity. Optimism ran high. One such optimist was William F. Dalrymple. As one of the owners of the huge farms in North Dakota and Minnesota, he formed the Bayfield Transfer Railway in 1883 in order to cheaply transport his midwest grain to Bayfield elevators and then to eastern ports. Ten years later, only 3.9 miles of track had been constructed, from Bayfield to Red Cliff. In 1914 Wachsmuth Lumber Company purchased the right-of-way and ran the Transfer for ten years.

By 1910 the population peaked at 2692. In addition to the major economic activities, interest in horticulture, primarily strawberries and apples, was promoted by William Knight and others. Fruit growing provided seasonal work for Bayfield youngsters; although production waned in later years.

A building boom of large public structures marked Bayfield's sense of permanence and prosperity. Holy Family Catholic Church built a large rectory in 1891, a sandstone church seven years later and a brick school in 1910. Bayfield High School was constructed in 1896 and the Carnegie Library was completed in 1904. Brick business blocks sprang up during the 1890s and early 1900s. Large homes, such as those of William Knight and Frank Boutin, Jr., denoted confidence in the future of Bayfield. Civic improvements included replacing the wooden bridge across the big ravine with an impressive five span steel bridge in 1912 and the Civic League's "waiting" pavilion for lake traffic in 1913.

Exploitation of natural resources followed an inevitable course. By 1920 the timber was stripped, fishing was reduced and tourism decreased. The population had fallen by more than 1000. An increasing number of farmers moved into the cut-over lands, harvesting berries and apples and cherries. Enough string beans were grown to warrant a cannery, at least for a time.

Lumbering

Bayfield's early economy was based on its sawmills located on the south shore. Within months of the town's 1856 platting, construction of the first sawmill had begun. John T. Caho of Virginia had been induced by the Bayfield Land Company to begin construction of a mill at the foot of Fourth Street. The mill burned soon after, was rebuilt and later moved to Ashland, Wisconsin.

In 1869, R.D. Pike's Little Daisy mill began operation. It was built very close to Caho's original mill on the south shore, operating first as a shingle mill, then expanding to produce barrel staves and building lumber. In the following years, the mill expanded again to encompass most of the south shore and dock area.

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In 1904, Pike sold the mill operation to Henry J. Wachsmuth, a German immigrant. Four years later the mill burned. Wachsmuth immediately rebuilt and bought the Bayfield Transfer Line as a shuttle between the lumber camps and his mill. At its peak, the Wachsmuth Lumber Company operated as many as ten logging camps, the Transfer Railroad and several tugboats.

But by 1924 the timber resource was exhausted and the mill closed. In comparison to the mills in Ashland, Wisconsin and other regional towns, the Bayfield operation was relatively small. But in more than sixty years of operation, Bayfield's sawmills were the major economic base, contributing to the cultural pattern by its many Scandinavian and German employees. When the mill was dismantled, the south shore was left open to a patchwork of later development.

Fishing

Commercial fishing provided Bayfield with a second and generally more stable economic base. Commercial fishing in the region actually began with the 1836 activities of the American Fur Company's shipment of salted fish in barrels to eastern markets. Hedging against the failing fur trade, it sustained the company for some years.

Fishing assumed significant proportions in the early 1870s when the Boutin family began to fish and pack their catch. In 1880 Booth Fisheries increased Bayfield's fishing production by a large measure. The east shore became crowded with ice houses, coopers, packing sheds and dry docks. In 1882, 160 men were involved with the fish industry and a few years later, more than 500 men found employment. November herring runs provided seasonal employment for additional villagers. Herring sheds such as the one at 19 N. Front provided all-purpose boat storage and repair. After fifty years of exhaustive fishing, the catch began to level off during the 1920s. With the introduction of the lamprey eel in the 1950s to Lake Superior waters, fishing in Bayfield has been reduced to a fraction of its onetime strength.

Brownstone Quarrying

Quarrying native sandstone around the Bayfield area had a relatively short life. Early efforts began on Basswood Island, one of the Apostle Islands in 1868. The use of brownstone reached its peak during the 1880-1890s when six quarries in the area were supplying eastern markets with the stone. Regional quarries had a much easier time transporting their product with the arrival of the railroad in Bayfield. One of the quarries was located about four miles south of Bayfield, owned by R.D. Pike. The popularity of brownstone peaked in the 1890s and by 1900 changes in architectural styles and building materials spelled the demise of the industry. The quarries had little long-term impact on Bayfield's economy but the native stone left a lasting heritage to its architecture.

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Tourism

From the early days, Bayfield's fresh air and spectacular setting attracted tourists, particularly those seeking relief from the pollen-laden humidair of the midwest. The hotels were generally located in proximity to the passenger dock on the east pier. The Island View Hotel built by the Omaha Railroad, was located on N. First and Washington Avenue on a bluff overlooking the lake. It later expanded across Washington Avenue and the two buildings were connected by a bridge. Other hotels flourished, such as the LaBonte Hotel (119 N. First) and the Bayfield Inn, (Rittenhouse and First).

Some summer visitors built homes. No doubt the largest and grandest of these summer "cottages" was built by General Allen Fuller (301 Rittenhouse), a midwest asthma sufferer. Passenger excursion boats were busy during the short summer. Many excursionists made use of the "waiting" pavilion at the foot of the pier. But by the 1920s the private automobile and post-war depression closed most of the large hotels. None of these early ones exist today. Now the tourist, the sailing enthusiast, the sightseer is rediscovering Bayfield and the Apostle Islands.

Boundaries-Rationale

The boundaries of the Bayfield Historic District have been drawn to include as much of the extant early settlement as possible. Because development came slowly and fanned out over a relatively large area, the district is necessarily sizeable to include the greatest concentration of significant structures. There have been no additions to the original plat because there simply has not been the growth to warrant additional development. Two large areas of the original plat have been excluded from the district. One area is a portion of the original plat that has yet to be developed, primarily in the west and northwest. About twenty blocks are in county ownership. The steep slopes are above the present city water gradient, making development extremely difficult. Only in the last few years has the west experienced subdivision development and these areas have not been included.

The second area of exclusion has been the land below Manypenny Avenue to the south dock area. Bayfield's history has been bound to the transportation of its resources by water or rail. The south lakeshore was the site of Bayfield's sawmills for nearly sixty years and the Omaha railroad depot and train shed for nearly one hundred years. When the mill operation closed and was dismantled in the 1920s, virtually nothing remained of the once sprawling mills, yards and docks. In the succeeding years, the large vacant area slowly began to fill in, piecemeal. At first some of the fields were used for playing fields in summer and a skating rink in winter. Today vacant land remains but now a private marina, mobile home park and new commercial structures dot the area.

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Archeological, Planning, and Restoration Activity

An ongoing archeological survey program is being conducted in the Bayfield area. Survey results are not available at this time.

Planning activities for the village of Bayfield have included two comprehensive plans, one in 1971 and an update completed in early 1979. In February of 1979 an architectural review board was instituted as part of an amendment to the zoning ordinance. The board reviews all zoning applications.

In addition to municipal activities, private Bayfield citizens have been particularly active in several preservation projects. One notable achievement has been the acquisition and restoration of the old Bayfield County Courthouse which will serve as the National Park Service headquarters for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The Bayfield chapter of the Bayfield County Historical Society, Inc. received a fifty percent matching grant from the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service for the purchase of the courthouse.

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