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In 1861 the east wing of this house was begun by A. W. Sheperd, a La Crosse mason contractor. In 1865 it was acquired by Mons Anderson and its west wing was built. By 1877 it had been enlarged to its present size.

Built of local, buff-colored stone, the two-story house has tall turrets and presents a picturesque appearance. It is a Gothic Revival house with a handsome ground-floor loggia on the north, and a castle-like turret on the south side. The trim around windows and doors is partially stone and partially dark-brown wood.

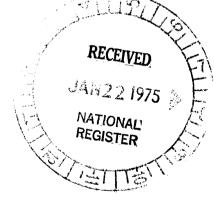
In the nineteenth century the house was the most elegant in La Crosse with large gardens adjacent which contained pieces of sculpture. The gardens no longer exist, though some of the sculpture has been saved and can be seen in various other homes in La Crosse. The land adjacent to the Mons Anderson house has been put to commercial uses. The house served as the La Crosse Y.W.C.A. from 1906 to 1917. Today its interior has been converted into apartments, but the exterior fabric remains much as it originally appeared.



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In its day, the Mons Anderson house was the most elegant in La Crosse. Today the house is one of the finest mid-nineteenth century houses in west-central Wisconsin. Its elaborate stonework, brackets and columns are a striking composition. The Gothic Revival style is relatively rare in Wisconsin houses, particularly in stone structures as substantial as this residence.

Mons Anderson was a Norwegian who came to La Crosse in 1851 having lived first in Milwaukee and attended school there. Anderson began his career in La Crosse as a clerk in S.T. Smith's store, but by 1852 he had bought Smith out and by 1856 he had opened a store of his own. Between 1861 and 1870 he constructed the recently-demolished Mons Anderson building, a Second-Empire structure which was the largest "trade pálace" in La Crosse and one of the largest in the northern From 1885 on, Anderson dealt only in wholesale dry goods with firms up and down the Mississippi. His trade was extensive and on a large scale for its locale and he was important to the development of La Crosse's economy.



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