



9 Goodwin Hotel - Not Extant
(Near southwest corner of Broadway & State Streets)

This hotel was three stories tall and built in the Second Empire architectural style. Built by Dr. Fairfield Goodwin probably in 1896-1897, replacing the original Goodwin Hotel building built 1887 (130 South Broadway). The original 1887 hotel, still standing, is located in the middle of the west block of buildings on the west side of Broadway.



Hotel Goodwin built 1896-1897, taken circa 1900. The barrels on the wagon are marked "CEV" for Charles E. Voorhis, Cassopolis grocer & "Cake Bakery Crackers".
Cass District Library.

The lower part of the 1887 building is currently occupied by Helping Hands.

The 1890s Goodwin Hotel was perhaps the most recognized landmark within the village of Cassopolis, aside from the Courthouse, for approximately 70 years. It was used as a hotel until 1951, after which it was used for retail and various other businesses but the building soon fell into disrepair and was torn down sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

A parking lot is present, in front of Cassopolis Auto Supply, where the hotel stood.



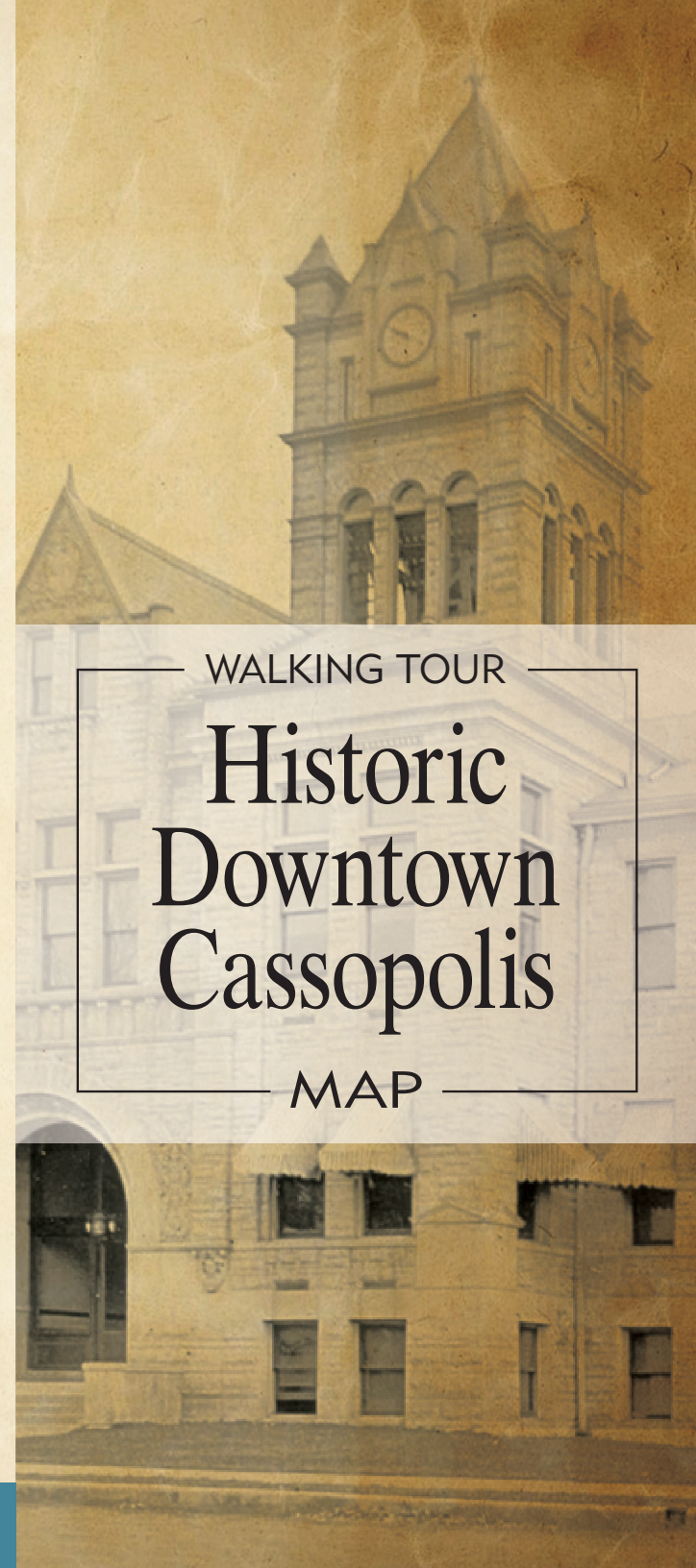
1860 Cass County records building, taken during the winter of 1922-1923 when it was used as the Masonic Temple. Men in front were transporting a log to the site of the Pioneer Log Cabin to be built during the upcoming spring.
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10 Cass County Records Building
(105 North Broadway)

The building also served as the City Steam Laundry business (early 1900s-1909); Masonic Temple (acquiring that use sometime c1909-1925), Turtle Lodge. Currently houses Cassopolis Farmers Market. Internet report that the building served

as the Cass County Courthouse are untrue.

The Cass County records building was constructed in 1860 by Major Joseph Smith of Cassopolis. It was designed to be a "fireproof building" and its nickname during its early years was "the fort" because it was difficult to burglarize.



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1 LaGrange Township Free Public Library

(145 North Broadway)

The building cost \$10,000, the money being a gift from Andrew Carnegie. Architects were Young and Shambleau of South Bend. The building contract was let to Roseworne of Mishawaka. Construction occurred during the late fall and winter of 1908 through the spring of 1909. The building unofficially opened on May 28, 1909, the official grand opening occurring on August 7, 1909. This building housed the LaGrange Township library from 1909-1993, and the Cass County Library from the 1950s until 1978.



LaGrange Township Free Public Library, taken 1909. Now the Local History Branch of Cass District Library. *Cass District Library Collections.*

In 1994 the building opened as Local History Branch of the Cass District Library, serving as a research library for genealogy and local history.



Home of Dr. Leander D. Tompkins (Connolly Funeral Home, now Wagner Funeral Home). Photo taken in 1980. *Cass District Library.*

2 Dr. Leander D. Tompkins Home

(202 North Broadway)

Now Wagner Funeral Home. This home is an excellent example of mid-19th Century Italianate style architecture.

Originally home of Dr. Leander D. Tompkins & family. The home likely contained his offices. This building was built

during the 1870s, and replaced an earlier frame home that was on the same site.

Dr. Tompkins came to Cassopolis in 1848, and with exception of attending medical school and serving in the Civil War, lived here until his death in 1902.

After Dr. Tompkins' death, Mrs. Tompkins sold the home to the Connolly family which used it as a funeral home. It changed hands to the Wagner family in 2012.

3 1841 Cass County Courthouse - Not Extant

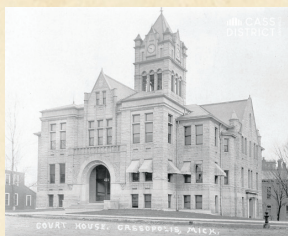
(Originally stood at the northeast corner of Broadway & State Streets, 1841-1898.)

This was a Greek-Revival style building, serving as Cass County courthouse until 1898. It was then moved to the south side of State Street across approximately from where Bass Park is now located.

During its time on State Street, the building served as the Colonial Opera House, and later the Colonial Movie Theater. It was torn down in 1968.



1841 Cass County Courthouse. This photo was taken before May 1898 the building was moved to State Street in order to allow construction of the stone court house. *Cass District Library Collections.*



1898 Cass County Courthouse taken circa 1910. *Cass District Library Collections.*

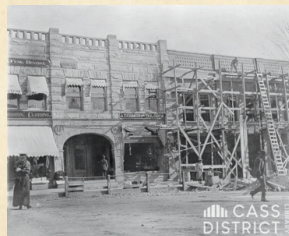
The stones came from the Bedford Quarry Company in southern Indiana. Construction lasted throughout 1898-1899, and final touches on the building were not completed until 1900, after the building was in use.

In 1975 a large annex was built, on the south side of the main courthouse. The main courthouse was vacated from the 1970s through the 2010s. Beginning in the early 2020s a restoration effort was begun on the 1898 courthouse.

5 Old Post Office

(159 South Broadway)

Now Holden Green Tavern. Two story red brick. Built in the 1890s and housed the US Post Office for Cassopolis, which occupied the building until 1957 when it moved to its present location on South Rowland.



Building the Cassopolis Post Office during the middle to late 1890s. Southeast end of the business section of Broadway Street.

6 Pioneer Log Cabin

(400 South Broadway)

Constructed from logs donated by Cass County pioneer families, or their direct descendants, and cut from woodlots representing township in the county. The stone fireplace and stick chimney was built by Ab Ackerman, who was a well-known mason of Lagrange Township.

Construction of the cabin began on May 23, 1923 amid much pomp and circumstance including music from the Cassopolis Military Band. Speeches were given by Charles O. Harmon, Secretary of the Cass County Pioneer Society; Asa K. Hayden, Cassopolis Village President; and Julia Ann Tietzort, the first child born in the village in 1830.

The purpose of the pioneer log cabin is to house the artifacts of the Cass County Pioneer Society and to serve as a reminder of the hard way of life that our pioneers lived during the early years of the county.



7 Gafill D-X Oil Filling Station

(Southeast corner of Broadway & Jefferson Streets)

Now restored Sinclair Station.

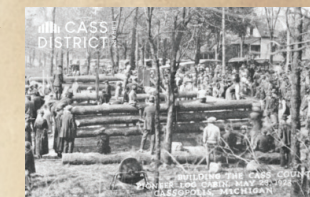
A filling station was first built on this site as early as the 1920s. The current building was not constructed until the 1940s or 1950s by the Gafill D-X Oil Company, which operated a filling station and repair auto shop here until approximately the 1960s.

8 Atkinson Bros. Store

(160 South Broadway)

Stone, two-story building at southwest foot of Broadway Street. Built in 1896 by contractor James Johnston for brothers John and Robert C. Atkinson, dealers in farm implements.

During the 1950s the building served as a real estate broker office. More recently (1990s-2020s), it housed an artist studio and blacksmith shop.



Building the Pioneer Log Cabin, Cassopolis, May 23, 1923. *Cass District Library Collections.*



Atkinson Brothers store, built 1896. Stone building located at the south west end at the foot of Broadway Street.