

## Egg Harbor Village

# Historic Walking Tour

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Harbor View Park by Giz Herbst

# Walking tour begins at 7901 State Hwy 42

## **7901 Hwy 42-August Paschke Home now Dovetail Gallery and Studio**



In 1910 H.F. Eames built a home on land that was part of Eames Orchard. It was sold to August Paschke in 1942 and it remained in their family for 34 years. It was sold in 1976 to Robert Costa and in 1984 to Robert Serge and Nancy Goodman. William and Kathleen Gleason bought the historic log home in 1993 to create the Dovetail Gallery & Studio.

## **7859 Hwy 42-Phillip LeMere Home now Fitz- geralds (private resi- dence)**



Phillip LeMere built in 1923. He did the original stone work on what was for many years an open front porch. He completed it about 1935. The small stones

that formed circles and stars were gathered from the beaches, some as far away as Little Sister Bay. The designs were formed lying flat on the ground. When fully cured they were stood up in place and the corner posts and other supporting cement work including the cap were formed and poured. Phillip's daughter Celestia Moegenburg passed away in 1989 and the home was sold to Tony Demarinis who enclosed the porch and reconstructed the original stone work. Sharon and Mike Fitzgerald are present owners.

## **7663 Hwy 42-Ed Kabat Home**



These hard head stones made by the glacier, not native to Door County, make this home unique. It was built about 1938 by Ed Kabat, who was a Golf Pro for 50 years at the Alpine Resort. Ed helped build the golf course for Orrin Glidden in 1927. He was the first to tee off the Blue Nine's in 1977 and also was a wood carver.

## **7653 Hwy 42-Polzien Home now Ohman (private residence)**



This property was deeded to Solomon and Kathie Spigelberg of the city and state of New York by President Buchanan of the USA on February 9, 1860. Following previous owners, Charles and Delia LaRouche sold to Mary Prust in 1926 who married Adolph

Polzen (aka Polzien) and his name was added to the deed. Adolph constructed the log building in 1926 from logs obtained from a granary building in Fish Creek. There is an inscription in the basement mortar of 1919, leading one to believe there was a prior building. The house was sold to Walter and Mildred Leimbach in 1938. Mildred recounted that "Walter did not like living across from the cemetery." Emil and Evelyn Ohman purchased in 1943 and added property from Leo LaFontaine and former Kabat property. The home is still owned by the Ohman Family.

## **7644 Hwy 42-Egg Harbor Town & Village Cemetery**



Enjoy finding Egg Harbor's famous settlers, descendants and possibly your late relatives.

### **7710 Hwy 42-St. John the Baptist Church**

This church was dedicated on October 5, 1910 and the bell tower was finished a year later. Land was donated by Charles and Delia La-Rouche. It is believed it cost \$2000 to build. Families pledged either labor or \$100 to build the church. Renovation of the interior was done in 1973 to implement Vatican II changes and redecorating was again done in 1992. The shrine in honor of the Blessed Mother was donated by Felix and Julie Milfeld in 1964. This church is now part of Stella Maris Parish which includes northern Door Catholic churches.



### **7681 State Hwy 42-Old Town Hall now Patricia Shoppe**



This historic Town Hall was built by Jerry LeMere on same location shortly after the first one burned. It was used for general elections, social gatherings and as a protestant church when a minister was available before the Union (Calvary) church was built. Annual town meetings made this the center for lively discussions between the town and village residents which eventually led to the Village Incorporation in 1964. Movies were shown here during World War II, in the late 40's and early 50's. There were teen "sock hops" held in the 50's and 60's. Heat was upgraded from wood to a furnace, but never had plumbing and rest rooms were the Outhouse. This building was used until October of 1990. The fire truck was stored for years on the property in the garage at the rear of the building.

### **7850 Hwy 42-Uncle Jerry's now Caseys BBQ & Smokehouse**



Built by Antone Rushford about 1870, then purchased by Gideon (Jerry) LeMieux/LeMere in 1889. Destroyed by fire in 1897, Gideon rebuilt with his sons Phillip, Jerry and Frank. Became known as Uncle Jerry's place where dances and socials were held in the dance hall on the second floor. In 1938, August "Casey" and Leila Lautenbach purchased and ownership followed with their sons Donald and Lester operating until 1987. Bob Manson sold to Matt Peterson in 2008.

### **7843 Hwy 42-Paul Bertschinger Home**



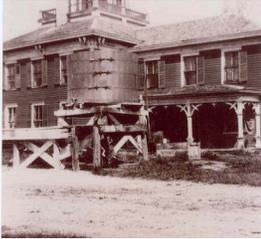
Built in 1931 with exterior stone from the excavation of the basement. Believed to have the first boiler and hot water heating system in town. Has always been the family home and now serves as a summer rental and winter offices of the Alpine Resort. (private residence)

### **7829 Hwy 42-Otto Woldt Meat Market now Parador**



In 1895 Truman Thorp built this house for Levi Thorp. Other owners have been C.A. Speaker, E. Gagnon, Otto Woldt, who had a meat market in 1921, Francis Bogenschutz had an Electrician Shop in the 40's and 50's and the present owners are Roy and Teri Back. Restaurants and gift shops have been the most recent businesses. Originally the land was issued by the U.S. by President James Buchanan, registered December 28, 1859.

### **7836 Hwy 42-Cupola House/Eames House**



The Cupola House was built in 1871 by Levi Thorp. It has the best example of Gothic Revival style architecture in Door County. In 1907 Charles Cady traded his farm in Oconto for the Cupola House which was surrounded by cherry and apple orchards.

Sold to Rocky and Betty Fairchild and Dorothy and Therman Deerwester in 1960, Everett Fairchild in 1979 and Adele Carley-Hake and Gloria and Richard Hansen in 1980. The Hansens have restored the home as an antique, jewelry and gift shop. The Eames House was the home of Dr. Horace and Emma Eames and was called LaVista. Later, Spencer and Mildred Eames made it their home. It was moved from Eames farm on Cty E in 1993 and refurbished by Gloria and Richard Hansen. (private residence)

### **7818 Hwy 42-Phoebe Carmody Variety Store now Double De-lites**

In 1938 Phoebe built this store and living quarters on land purchased from Charles and Ethel Cady. She had operated a variety store across the street and had previously owned the Harbor Inn. In addition to sundries she had the only soda fountain in the village. The store was owned by Earl and Louise Albrecht from 1948-59 and Elva and Henry Gilson from 1959-83.



### **7746 Hwy 42-Tom Carmody Home now The Carmody House Gallery**

Thomas F. Carmody earned the money to buy the land for his house by playing in a band for local dances. He built the house in 1905. Thomas was best known for his road building and in 1908 was the first private contractor in the area. He had his own stone crusher and roller. He also served as the County Highway Commissioner. Thomas died in 1955 at the age of 87. His daughter Grace owned the house until she sold it to Earl and Louise Albrecht, they in turn sold it to Susan Nicholson, the present owner of The Carmody House Gallery.



### **7740 Hwy 42-Giesseman's Bar now Jersey Shore Pub**



Tom Carmody built the tavern and living quarters in 1935 and Murphy Moore ran the bar until it was purchased by Don and Lena (Vertz) Giesseman in 1943. After Don died in 1949, Lena continued to operate as Lena's Sip & Chat until she sold in 1995. Several owners later it is now the Jersey Shore Pub.

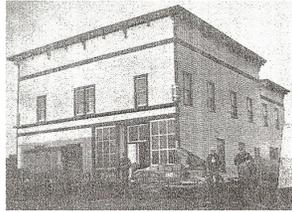
### **7730 Hwy 42-Norman Kabat Shell Station now Something Fishy**

The shell station was built by Norman (Bud) Kabat in 1949. Herman Forey laid the blocks and Bittorfs did the carpenter work. The building was owned by Shell and several people ran the station after Kabot, namely, Lloyd Logerquist, Appel, Clark, August and Roger Paschke, Ranney & Roggenkamp, Strege and Feldt. In recent years, numerous shops have welcomed visitors.



**7778 Hwy 42-Concord Hotel now Mojo Rosa's**

Built by Levi Baraboo about 1890 destroyed by fire in 1897 and Levi rebuilt. The local people played basketball in the dance hall until it burned in 1934. Later sold and named the LaPlant



House. Patty Gray is remembered for his Irish setter dog and his horse Goldie May, who he used for harness racing. Murphy Moore named it The White House, operated by Sylvester Thiel and later Ken Herbst who also was a barber in the connected shop. Other barbers were Bob Delain and Wendell Vandertie. Bob and Jean Sawyer named it Midtown Tap, Tony and Sharon Demarinis, Old Stage, Rick and Pam Grant had it for 15 years as Grant's Old Stage. Kim and Todd Jensen and Mary Jo Delorit are present owners along with the added Pink Bakery.

**7763 & 7765 State Hwy 42-Charles LaRouche General Store now Maxwell's & Jane's**



The original building was constructed by Charles LaRouche about 1885. Lester Olson rented it until Marvin Trodahl purchased it and opened it as an IGA Grocery Store. The U.S. Post Office was in the north end of the building

(presently Jane's Designs for Women). In 1954, Marvin built the small building to the north which became the new Post Office which since has been moved to the Paul Bertschinger Community Center. After Marvin sold in the 60's, several others operated businesses at the location including: Frank Schneider, Standards, Art Witalison, Ed Pils, and since 2002, Shawn and Karen Peterson. Painting by Giz Herbst.

**7821 Hwy 42-Theodore Baraboo Hardware Store now Greens 'N' Grains**

In 1911 Theodore Baraboo built a hardware store on the land he acquired from H.F. and Emma Eames for \$200. The Francis Bogenschutz's, Myles LeRoy's, Gordon Nelson's and Herman Reuter's continued to operate the Hardware Store until 1965. Engerson's sold to John and Jessie Burkhardt in 1972 for an Antique Shop. In 1989, Kathleen Navis purchased for Door County's first and only full-service natural food store



**7813 Hwy 42-F & A Hanson Home & Store now Door County Confectionery & Schoolhouse Artisan Cheese**



In February of 1901 this land owned by H.F. and Emma Eames was sold to Fred and Annie Hanson. They built a house and store building in 1902. Known family owners were Meyer,

Columb, Oscar Kohlmann, Lee Adams, Helen Olson, Brown, Smits, Crow and Fitzgerald. In addition to living quarters, businesses have included a Meat Market, Beauty Salon operated by Eldon Robetory, Restaurant, Gift Shops and Bakery's. The building is now occupied by Schoolhouse Artisan Cheese and Door County Confectionery and & Fudge.

### **7798 & 7810 Hwy 42**

#### **J. F. Bertschinger Lumber and Feed Mill- now Granary Shops & Fat Louie's**

In 1904 John and his wife Anna Eleanor (Gunther) Bertschinger came to Egg Harbor and purchased the Kewaunee House (now Shipwrecked) from his Uncle Ed Fiedler. In 1912 he sold the tavern and purchased the home of Dr. H. F. Eames



across the street. He developed a successful lumber and feed business with his sons Arthur and Wilbert, along with operating the Minnie R. and Belle Culvert boats to transport supplies to merchants in Marinette and Menominee, MI. The mill operated until 1962. Purchased by Helen and Harold Dannhausen, the property was developed as Stage Coach Junction. Presently the feed mill houses the Granary Shops owned by the Helm family. The annex to the house which served as a pharmacy for Dr. Eames and the paint store for Bertschinger Lumber is now Fat Louie's and Sophia's Garden.

### **7792 Hwy 42-Birnschein Garage, owners Robert & Mary Mueller**



This building was built in 1931 by Herman Birnschein. It had a sales and display room, stock room, tin repair shop and gas station. It was called Birnscheins Point Beach Service Station. Mr.

Birnschein sold Chevrolet cars and trucks, serviced all vehicles, sold Standard Oil products and Goodyear tires. The business was sold to Harry Nell in 1965 and then purchased by the Mueller's in 1968. It now has two gift shops and an apartment upstairs.

### **7791 Hwy 42-The Kewaunee House- Har- bor Inn now Shipwrecked**

Built in 1882 by George Barringer and named the Kewaunee House when operated by John and Mary Worachek from Slovan in Kewaunee County. Fred & Joseph Burdo owned in 1898 and Ed Fiedler in 1901. In 1904, John and Anna Bertschinger expanded the saloon adding hotel rooms and a dining



room. A meal and a room cost 20 cents each. John "Jack" and Phoebe Carmody bought in 1912 and changed the name to Harbor Inn. When Jack died in 1931, Phoebe sold to Olive and Arthur Parent. The hotel served travelers and offered meals. In 1945 it was sold to Verna and Maurice "Murphy" Moore and it was operated as Murphy's Harbor Inn until 1975. The Thimbleberry Inn and Blue Iris preceded the present Shipwrecked Restaurant and Brewery.

### **7783 Hwy 42-William Fischer's now Chris- tine's Boutique**



This house was built in 1898 and was owned by William and Tena Fischer and later their son Freeman. William

and sons, Edwin and Freeman were well drillers. In the early years there was a blacksmith shop where the garage stands and the blacksmiths were Joe Worachek and Henry Meyers. It has been Christine's" since 1981.

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**7806 Horseshoe Bay Rd-Worachek Meat Market/Cornell's Store now Blacksmith Clothing**



Joe Worachek and sons Elmer and Robert and son-in-law Loyal Cornell formed Worachek's Meats and Sausage Company and announced their opening in the DC

Advocate Feb 2, 1934. Having the latest sausage making machinery, it was one of the first buildings to be constructed of cement blocks and included a smokehouse still present at the rear. Decorative 'hard head' stones on the front were split by hand using stone hammers and chisels and the cement blocks were made by John Buechner. Oscar and Walter Kurth were the masons and Francis Bogenschutz the mason tender. Martha and Loyal operated as a meat market and grocery for many years including the rental of frozen food lockers. Ken Dahlstrom's Hardware and Butler's Ornamental Iron and Blacksmith Shop were two of a variety of businesses there.



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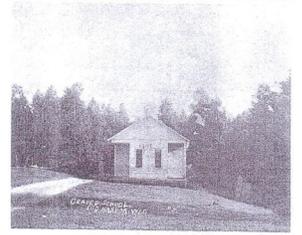
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Egg Harbor School



OLD EGG HARBOR — No date on these but they're probably around the 1910 era. One is the East Harbor or Egg Harbor Grade School Mrs. Dist #1



Street Scene, Egg Harbor, Wis.