

Central School, 201 Wesley Ave. at Clark, Ferguson, 1878, NR



This was Ferguson's first schoolhouse. The original two-story building of 1878 housed the grammar school on the first floor and a public meeting space on the second. Ferguson School, as it was called then, created a two-year high school program in 1896, expanded to four years in 1903. Additions were made to the original structure up until the late 1920s. With the construction of a new high school in 1931, Central School became an elementary school.

Church Street Commercial District



Ferguson's Church Street Commercial District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, remains on the south side of Church Street, and its survival can be related to its masonry construction, which was rare in Ferguson even up to World War II. The Tiffin-Bindbeutel Building (1895) is the largest surviving commercial structure of that period in the county. It was built by Edward and William Tiffin, sons of Harrison Tiffin of Ohio. It housed Ferguson's post office, a barbershop, and a drug store. The second floor was used as a theater for minstrel shows and as a Masonic Lodge. In the early 1900s the third floor was rented to Southwester Bell. Frederick Bindbeutel acquired the building in 1903, and it was owned by his family until 1984.

Another historic building in the commercial center associated with the same family is Bindbeutel's Meat Market (1925). It was designed by Henry Schaumberg, a St. Louis architect of German descent, and built with a basement well to supply water for the walk-in freezer. Next on Church Street is the Tiffin Building (1912). It has a cast-iron

storefront and ornate stamped-metal ceilings. It was home of the Behle Grocery store and the Ferguson/Arthur Lee Hardware store, with doctors' offices on the second floor. Last in the historic commercial row is the Walker-Nemnich Building (1905-1909), which housed Walker's drug Store. Louis Nemnich acquired the store in 1921, and he operated the Ferguson Bakery there.

Hereford-Atwood House, 425 Darst Road, Ferguson, 1884



The Hereford-Atwood House was built in 1884 by James Hereford, Ferguson's first mayor. The house is also associated with the family of Dr. LeGrand Atwood, who was Ferguson's second mayor.

Jackson-Menke House, 42 Almeda at Darst, Ferguson, 1869



Molette C. Jackson bought this property from William Ferguson in 1869. After several other owners, Almeda Menke, the widow of a prominent Ferguson businessman bought the house in 1894. Eventually the street the house lies on was named after her.

Thomas House, 101 Tiffin Ave., Ferguson 1880s, H. Tiffin



The Ohioan Harrison Tiffin built all of the houses on the first block of Tiffin Street for his children, of which a good example is the Thomas house. It was built for Tiffin's daughter Mary and her husband David Thomas.

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“Wildwood,” 40 Dames Court, Ferguson, 1857, NR



Built after Major Joseph LaMotte resigned from his long service in the army, Wildwood stands on land owned by LaMotte's wife, Ellen Chambers of the famous Taille de Noyer. Wildwood has a distinguished Victorian doorway, elegant ornate porch, and decorated chimneys and window lintels.