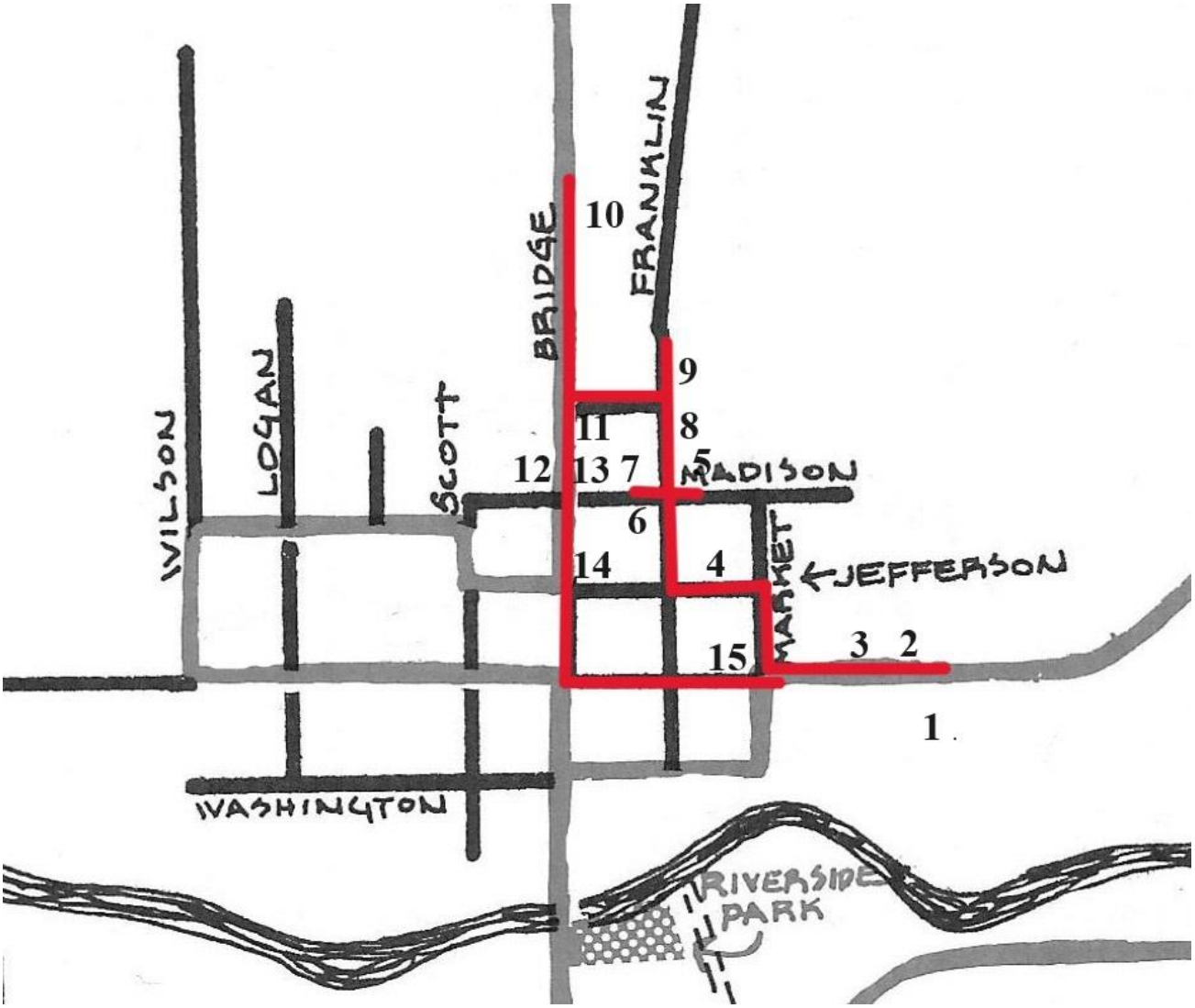
DeWitt City Tour #2

This walking tour begins and ends at the DeWitt City Hall. It includes homes and sites in the northeast part of the town.



1	**Wabwahnahseepee** DeWitt City Hall *Dewitt Historic Site* The area around the DeWitt City Hall was upon the arrival of Captain David Scott the Native American (Ojibwe) village of Wabwahnahseepee. To the east is the site of the Rosevale packing company. Cross the road and walk west on Main Street.	

2	**Sibley House** 315 East Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This gambrel roofed house was built around 1910 for Luther Sibley. He owned a lumber company and creamery in DeWitt.	
3	**Norris-Blizzard House** 303 East Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This two-story stucco house was built about 1920 for Mark Norris. Later the house was in the Blizzard family for many years. Turn right on Market Street and left onto Jefferson.	
4	**Scott-Ferguson House** 211 East Jefferson *DeWitt Historic Site* This frame house is thought to have been built around 1910 by G. Earl Scott. It was later purchased by Norma and Charles Ferguson. At Franklin turn right and go north one block to Madison. The next three houses are on your left and right.	
5	**George W. Anderson House** 207 East Madison *DeWitt Historic Site* The original portion of this house was probably built in the 1850's by Phillip Peck. George W. Anderson lived here prior to the Civil War in which he lost his life. The local Grand Army of the Republic post was named in his honor. The house originally faced Franklin Street and was numbered 302 N. Franklin.	
6	**Hunter-Shafley House** 124 East Madison *DeWitt Historic Site* Horatio Hunter, an early merchant, built this house in 1855 at 121 E. Jefferson facing the public square. The Shafley family moved the main two-story portion to Madison Street in 1927. The one-story part was left at 121 E. Jefferson.	

7	**Sweet-Decker House** 113 East Madison This house was built around 14860 by Jonathan Sweet whose store and post office was just west of the Clinton House. It was later the home of Roy and Irene Decker. Continue going north on Franklin Street.	
8	**Roberts-Post House** 308 North Franklin This house started as a residence for Moses Newman in 1855 and completed by Luther Southworth. Prior to the Civil War is was purchased by Shubel and Jane Vincent. Shubel died in the Civil War and his widow then married William Roberts. Originally the house did not have the large covered front porch.	
9	**Maycroft-Huffman House** 402 North Franklin This house was built in the late 1860's by James Maycroft and was later owned by his son-in-law, David Huffman who was a stone mason. Over the years it has been greatly remodeled. Just to the west was the old DeWitt Elevator. Interurban ran down this road. At Clinton Street turn left and then right on Bridge Street.	
10	**DeWitt Cemetery** *DeWitt Historic Site* The DeWitt Cemetery, possibly the oldest in Clinton County, is believed to have originated as the private burial grounds of the family of DeWitt's founders, Capt. David and Eunice (Forbes) Scott. It may, however, in practice have been initially used by many of the pioneer families at the Scott settlement. On July 19, 1841, Capt. Scott deeded a small parcel of land which included the Scott family plot as well as several other known burials, to the township of DeWitt for use as a graveyard. This original portion of the present cemetery is roughly the front (or west) two thirds of sections D and E. Over time additional land and sections were added. The first death was in October of 1833 of a land prospector. A monument is in section E, but actual burial location unknown. There are many notable burials in the cemetery. Some are the founding family of DeWitt, Captain David and	

	Eunice Scott (section E); prominent lawyer and congressman Randolph Strickland (section D); victims of the Bath School Disaster Arnold V. Bauerle and Elsie M. Robb (section F); Revolutionary War veteran William Cole (section E); and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Oscar G. Johnson (section H). Now head south on Bridge Street towards downtown.	
11	**Willis McLouth House** 314 North Bridge Street The original portion of this house was built by George Foreman in the 1860's. In the 1880's it was purchased by Willis and Josephine McLouth who enlarged it to its present size. The next house is on the west side. You can cross the street or view from the east side.	
12	**McLouth/Schrader House** 303 North Bridge Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built by Newton McLouth in 1871 in an Italianate style. In the 1940's his granddaughter, Merle, made many changes to the house including removing the Italianate features, changing the front entrance and adding an addition on the south side.	
13	**Christopher House** 302 North Bridge Street This house was built in the 1850's by Morgan Christopher who had farmland just to the north. Originally it was built in the Greek Revival style, but was later renovated with those elements removed. During the 1950's and 1960's this was the home of Nellie "Grandma" Boyd, a local artist. At the DeWitt Cemetery you can see an angel statue she created.	
14	**Clavey-Twiss House** 202 North Bridge Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built about 1905 by Victor Clavey, a co-owner of the Clavey-Brya Hardware store. At the four corners turn left and start walking back toward City Hall.	

15	**Dresser-Korte House** 211 East Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This is one of the oldest houses in DeWitt dating back to the mid-1840's. It was owned by David Dresser in 1845 which many owners since.	

Additional Reading Suggestions:

DeWitt Area History by Ken Coin