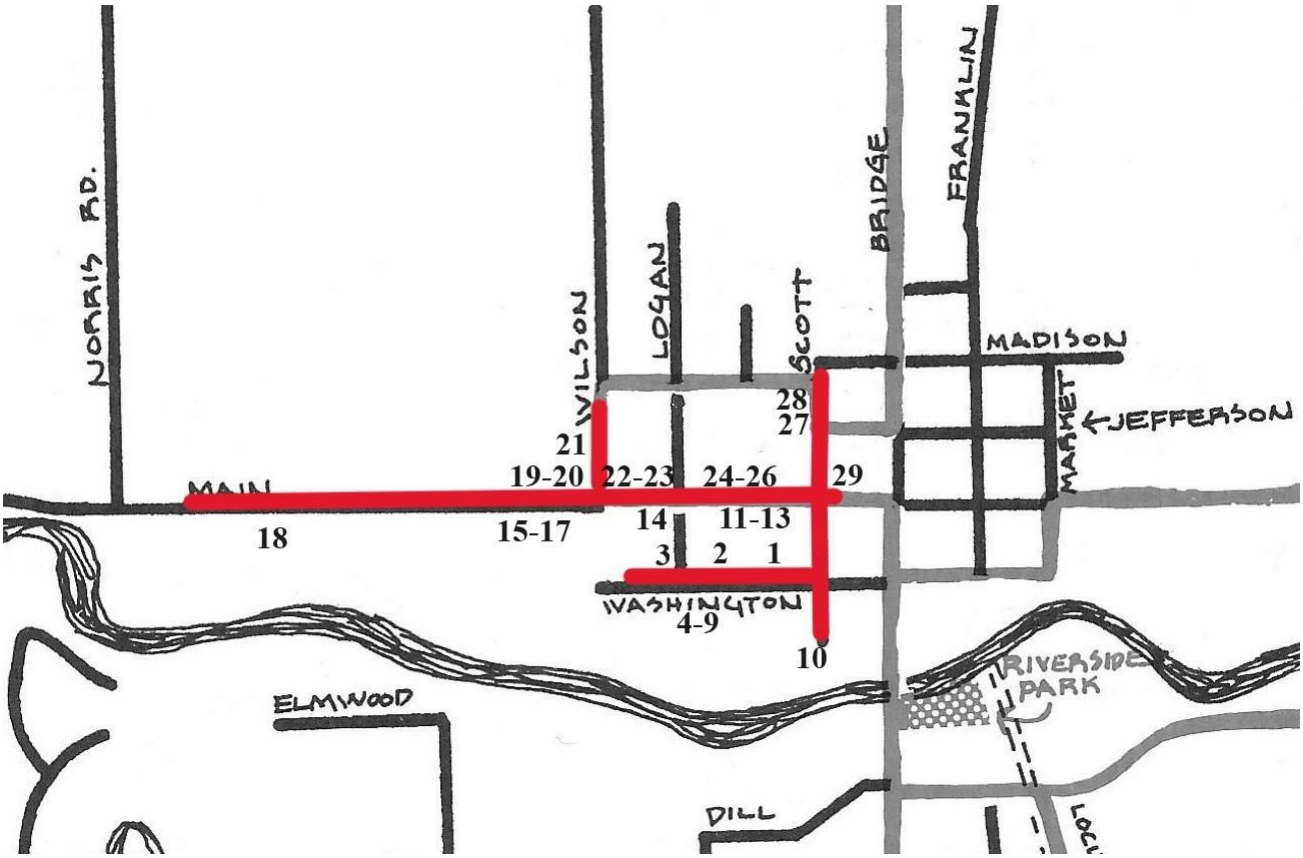
DeWitt City Tour #3

This walking tour starts and ends at the former DeWitt Memorial Building on Washington Street. It includes homes and historic sites west of Bridge Street.

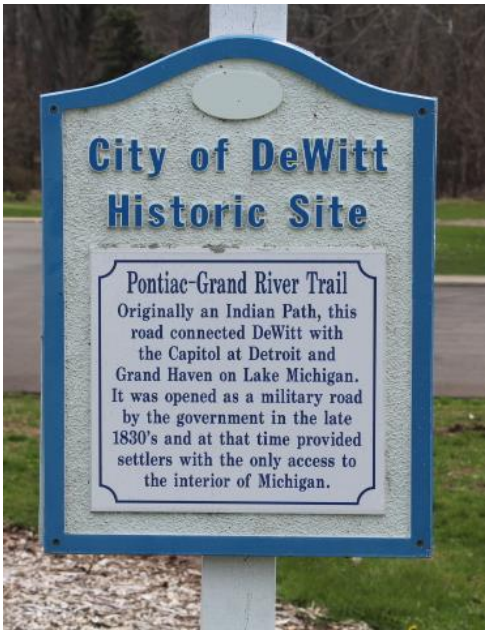


1	**DeWitt Veterans Memorial** 206 West Washington Street This memorial is located in front of the Memorial Building which is dedicated to the veterans of all wars. The east section of the building was opened in 1947 with the two-story west side added in 1965. The DeWitt District Library was located in the east side of the building from 1948-1998. In 2023 the building was sold to Promise Assembly of God church. Continue along the north side of Washington Street.	 Memorial Building in 1948

2	**VanFleet-Heil House** 310 West Washington Street This house was built prior to 1920 by Earl VanFleet who was an active DeWitt builder in the early 20th century. Turn right on Scott to look at the first house.	
3	**Whitney House** 112 South Logan Street *DeWitt Historic Site* It is believed James Whitney built this house in the early 1870's. It was originally located at 403 West Main Street, but moved here in 1912-1913 by Earl Scott who then built the current house at that site. Return to Main Street. At the end of this block cross over to the other side and head back.	
4	**Moon House** 411 West Washington Street *DeWitt Historic Site* Herbert Moon, who worked for R. E. Olds, built this house around 1913. It was the first of several bungalow style houses in DeWitt.	
5	**Lorenz-Mulford House** 407 West Washington Street This large bungalow was built about 1915 by Charles Lorenz. It was later purchased by Pau and Amy Mulford.	
6	**Bennett House** 403 West Washington Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This cape cod with a wraparound porch was built in 1913 by Emily Bennett on land purchased for $2950.	

7	**Marzke House** 307 West Washington Street This building was one of the first on West Washington. Built in the early 1900's it was occupied by the Marzke family during most of its history.	
8	**Lorenz-Reed House** 303 West Washington Street This bungalow was built around 1915 for the Lorenz family. It was later owned by Don and Wilma Reed.	
9	**Old School Site** 205 West Washington Street The Fuerstenau Early Learning Center is the fourth school building on this, the original DeWitt school site. The first DeWitt town school was built in 1840. It was replaced by a two-story brick building in 1870. After a fire this was replaced in 1936 and added onto and used until being replaced by the current building. Turn right on Scott and walk to the end of the street.	 1870 School Building
10	**Marshall-Ward House** 300 South Scott Street *DeWitt Historic Site* Portions of this house are thought to have been built by Christopher Liffingwell, an attorney in the early 1850's. It was then purchased by Horace Marshall, an early blacksmith and remained in the Marshall family for many years before being purchased by the Ward family. Walk north on Scott Street to Main Street. Walk along the sidewalk on the south side of Main Street.	

11	**Tucker House** 303 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built around 1906 by Samuel and Eliza Jane Tucker as a retirement home. Later their son Fred and his wife Josephine lived here.	
12	**Pearce House** 307 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built in 1904 by Varney and Charity Pearce. Later it was owned by their sone Varney and his wife Gertrude.	
13	**Wetherell House** 311 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built in 1904 as the retirement home for John and Ina Wetherell. John served in the New York 8th Cavalry during the Civil War.	
14	**Clayton Woodruff House** 409 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built about 1910 for Clayton and Clara Woodruff. Clayton and his brother Ralph were the founders of the Woodruff Brothers Bank.	
15	**Scott House** 609 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* David Jr. and Nancy Scott built this home in the 1860's. The house rests on a cobblestone foundation. A sawmill once was operated behind the house in the late 1800's.	

16	**Griffin House** 703 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* A portion of this house dates back to the 1860's. It was greatly enlarged in the late 1800's. At one time it was owned by William and Georgianna Griffin.	
17	**Pate-Lietzke-Coin House** 803 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This small one-story cottage was built around 1883 by Horace Holmes and Son who owned a sawmill. From the late 1800's until the 1960's it was the summer and retirement home of the Pate and Lietzke families. It was later purchased and restored by Eugene and Marilyn Coin.	
18	**Pontiac-Grand River Trail Marker** 911 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* The marker at this site commemorates the Pontiac-Grand River Road which was the first road in Clinton County connecting to by way of Pontiac. This pioneer road followed what is now Round Lake Road, Main Street, and Howe Road in this area. McQuire Park (formerly West Side Park) was created in 1975. Feel free to take a break in the park or walk down to the river. When you are ready to continue, cross the street and head back down the north side of Main Street.	

19	**Chapin-Alfred House** 506 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* The east portion of this house was part of the original house built on this site about 1854 by DeWitt C. Chapin, an early lawyer. In the 1920's the large old house was divided during the ownership of Homer and Carrie Brazee. The one-story portion was moved to 510 W. Main and remodeled. A two-story addition was added onto this house for William and Dorothy Alfred.	
20	**VanFleet House** 502 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This large house was built about 1910 by Knight VanFleet. Knight and Dey VanFleet were active builders in the early 1900's. It originally had a large front porch which has been enclosed. Upon reaching Wilson Street, turn left.	
21	**VanFleet-Hodges House** 109 North Wilson Street This unique house was built by Knight, Dey and Earl VanFleet for their sister Regina, a retired school teacher, about 1910. As was the case of other VanFleet homes, this one has many interesting features. Back track to Main Street and continue walking east.	
22	**Melenfont House** 414 West Main This wood frame house was built in 1867 for William Forenson who was a blacksmith. His shop was in the side yard in the 1870's. The original upright and wing house has been renovated by raising the height of the wing and adding the large front porch and west room..	

23	**Langford-Hill House** 402 West Main *DeWitt Historical Site* This house was built in the 1850's by Riley J. Woodruff. A cabinetmaker, he came to DeWitt in 1838 with his brother, Addison. The Woodruff Annex of the DeWitt District Library has on display a cabinet he made. After Riley moved to St. Johns the house was sold to his brother. Later it was owned by the Lankford and Hill families.	
24	**Addison Woodruff House** 314 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This brick house, believed to be the first brick home in DeWitt, was built in the 1870's by Addison Woodruff to replace an earlier house on the same site. Mr. Woodruff was a cabinetmaker first in New Albany and later north of the river where he also sold general merchandise.	
25	**Dr. George W. Topping House** 210 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This large house was built for Dr. George W. Topping in the early 1860's. Dr. Topping was a prominent doctor and one-time president of the Clinton County Medical Society and at various times president, secretary, and treasurer of the Michigan State Medical Society. He also had contributed a number of articles to medical journals. Dr. Topping was a resident of DeWitt from 1854 until his death in 1895. It was later owned by the Schavey family before being converted into an apartment building. (see also 109 North Scott Street)	
26	**Florian-Berkimer House** 206 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This stucco bungalow was built by Bert Florain in 1913. The house that originally sat here was moved to 109 N. Scott. Later this house was owned by Lloyd Berkimer. The porch and front steps have been extensively changed from the original with posts only on the ends. Turn left on Scott Street.	

27	**Topping-Coin House** 109 N. Scott *DeWitt Historic Site* This saltbox house, which up to about 1913 sat at 206 West Main Street, was built as a store in the 1850's by David Sturgis. Sturgis was the first merchant north of the river and later the first in St. Johns. Dr. George W. Topping purchased the building in 1856 and used it as his residence and later as his office and drug store. It was purchased by the Coin family in 1956 who restored it minus the glass storefront.	
28	**Dills-Cutler-Ward House** 203 North Scott Street *DeWitt Historic Site* This house was built by Jerome and Estella Dills around 1905 as a retirement home. Later it was owned by Marc and Maud Cutler and then many generations of the Ward family. Turn around and travel south on Scott Street.	
29	**Dr. Simmons House** 130 West Main Street *DeWitt Historic Site* Dr. Richmond Simmons built this house in the late 1890's. His office was next door (see DeWitt City Tour #1) in what is now the Family Barbershop. Return to your vehicle.	

Additional Reading Suggestions:

DeWitt Area History by Ken Coin