

child's remains under a porch of a house on the city's west side. In the final case, the remains were found in a closet, wrapped in plastic, awaiting burial. She was arrested and found guilty of burials without a proper permit and sentenced to a term at the State Home for Women at Taycheedah.

11 MARKET STREET, BETWEEN SOUTH FIFTH AND SOUTH SIXTH STREETS.

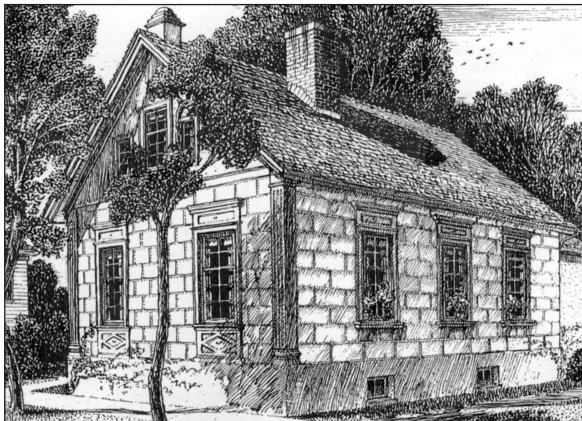
In this area, at a house formerly listed as being 514 Market Street, stood the home of Madam La Tosca. She billed herself as "the world's greatest trance medium and palmist." She was known for her Mexican Hairless dog, a novelty in the city, and for her parrot, who swore like a dockworker.

12 1001 MARY ST.

On December 12, 1987, the body of Resa Scobie Brunner was found by her husband. She had been beaten to death. There were many suspects and one of the first uses of DNA tests in Wisconsin was brought to play in the case, but the trail ran cold for 12 years. In 1999, police arrested Michael Knapp, a thug who threatened his then girlfriend by saying that he would do to her what he did to Resa Scobie Brunner. After six years of court battles, Knapp was found guilty of the 1987 murder and sentenced to life in prison.

13 614 CLEVELAND STREET.

This little house, built by mason Christian Schmutzler in the 1850s, was the scene of a demonic manifestation in the 1970s. In 1977, a family living there at the time claimed that a poltergeist was plaguing them and it finally drove them out of the house. This account was written up by the "National Enquirer", and if it's in the "Enquirer", why it must be true!!



THE DARKER SIDE OF WATRTOWN: A Driving Tour

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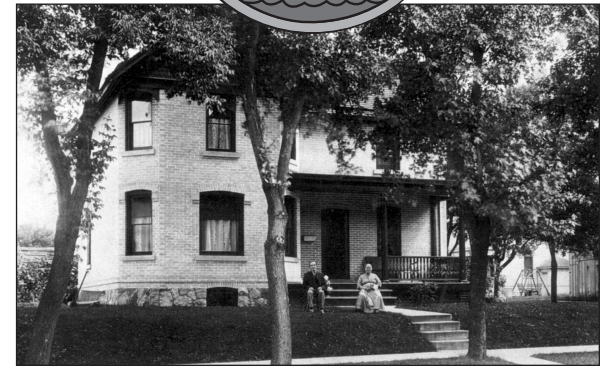
There has always been a fascination with the darker side of man's nature, what makes people murder, tales of haunting, strange occurrences, etc. So it should come as no surprise that here in Watertown, Wisconsin, we have had more than our fair share of murders, hauntings and strange occurrences. This tour attempts to direct visitors to some sites of Watertown's darker aspects.

Not all of the sites listed here are associated with murders. For variety, the sites of supposed hauntings are given, as well as a guide to one of the most infamous brothels of the nineteenth century, and the birthplace of the first recorded quintuplet birth in Wisconsin. Then for good measure tourists are directed to the area where the famous demonic possession case of 1869 occurred. In many cases no accurate addresses could be given for the buildings disappeared long ago. But every effort has been taken to be as accurate as possible.

For further information on these cases and many others, those interested are directed to the book, "Robbers, Rascals & Ruffians: A Bus Tour of Watertown's Dark Side", by W.F. Jannke III.

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A DRIVING TOUR THE DARKER SIDE OF WATERTOWN



△ HAUNTED HOUSE, 901 NORTH 4TH STREET

MURDER SUICIDE, 400 NORTH CHURCH STREET ▽



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1 W4681 HIGHWAY 19.
On October 3, 1936, farmer Ferdinand Engelke, was found beaten to death. The culprit was his friend and neighbor, William Voss. During the day the two men had been drinking and after Voss made a slurring remark about Engelke's girlfriend, Engelke attacked him. Voss defended himself by taking a piece of firewood and he beat his friend to death. He then tried to burn the corpse, but the furniture polish he dumped all over him did not burn. Voss hid out for a time, but was ultimately caught and sentenced to jail for his crime.



2 223 FREMONT ST.
On September 15, 1986, the body of Karen L. Maier was found in her kitchen. She had been stabbed several times and then shot. The police were tipped off to the murder by Joseph Iwanowski, who had committed the murder in a jealous rage. He was arrested and sentenced to jail.

3 114 NORTH MONROE ST.
On February 12, 1875, one of the first recorded instances of quintuplet birth took place in this humble

home. The quints, sons of E.M. Kanouse, lived but a short time and were then buried in secret to prevent their being shown in side shows.



4 400 NORTH CHURCH ST.
On September 10, 1986, after lying for two weeks in a closed-up house during a heat wave, the bodies of Linda and Steven Reader were discovered. Steven had shot and killed his wife in a jealous rage, and then turned the pistol on himself. It was one of the most grisly murder scenes ever witnessed by authorities in Watertown.

5 228 MARGARET ST.
This building is known as "The Old Faith Home". It was built in the late 1880s and served as a Christian Science retreat, a Bible Institute, and in 1904 Bethesda Lutheran Home began here. This building, originally three stories high with a fancy turret, is reputed to be haunted.

6 NORTH SECOND STREET BRIDGE.
In the late nineteenth century it was rumored that a ghostly specter was scene on this bridge after sun down and people were afraid to cross the bridge for fear of running into this ghost. It is believed that several houses in this vicinity are also haunted.

7 514 SOUTH FIRST ST.
On the site of today's Watertown Senior and Community Center stood a log cabin, erected in the mid 1830s. In January 1837, it was occupied by Charles Seaton, Ezra Dolliver and Thomas Bass. They were drinking heavily one night when Bass got closer to the fire to get warm. He ultimately fell headfirst into the flames and by morning his companions found him burned to death. This was the first death in Watertown. Bass lies in an unmarked grave at Oak Hill Cemetery.

8 SOUTH FIFTH STREET AND CLYMAN STREET.
In this vicinity lived the Siege family, who were plagued with a son Carl, who was said to be possessed by demons. Things got so bad that the family begged the officials of St. Henry's Catholic Church to intervene. In the winter of 1869 the boy was taken to the church and for three days an exorcism was performed on him. It apparently worked, for no further mention is made of either the family nor the demons.

9 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET AND MILWAUKEE STREET.
In this area in 1886 was a notorious brothel run by Mary Gruetzmacher. It was raided in 1886 and several girls who were plying their trade were arrested. At the ensuing trial many prominent men of the community were forced to testify. This was just one of several houses of ill repute that existed in the city in the old days.

10 813 EAST MAIN ST.
On the site of today's Family Video once stood the home of Dr. Louis Nowack. The upper floor of the house was an apartment, which he rented to Beverly Meyer in 1957. In 1959, it was discovered that she had given birth twice, each time the children being still born. Being a single mother she panicked and in the first case she buried the

