

Please keep in mind that most of the captains' homes are private residences and not open to the public.



1 1920 Captain Mattison House, 538 Main Street. Craftsman style.



2 1830 Captain Thompson House, 485 Main Street. Remodeled Greek Revival style



3 1885 Captain J.C. Gilchrist House, also known as Lakeside Inn, presently a Bed & Breakfast, 5664 Huron Street. Italianate style.



4 1848 Captain Alva Bradley House, 5679 Huron Street. The Captain was a good friend of Thomas Alva Edison. Greek Revival style.



5 Circa 1869 Captain Charles Horton House, 5664 Ferry Street. Gothic Revival style.



6 Circa 1870 Captain Bell House, 5760 Liberty Avenue. Currently a Bed & Breakfast. Italianate style.



7 Circa 1870 Captain Rae House, 690 Decatur Street. Italianate style.



8 Circa 1860 Captain William Young House, 5815 Ohio Street, (Ohio & Decatur) Transitional Greek Revival style.



9 Circa 1870 Captain Alva Bradley Second House, 751 Decatur Street. Stick Built.



10 1880 Captain Meyer House, 756 Perry Street, (Perry & Ohio) Master of the ill-fated "Western Reserve," which sank. Italianate style.



11 Circa 1880 Captain Weeks House, 5676 Ohio Street. Queen Anne style.



12 1857 Captain Minch House, 743 Grand Street (Grand & Ohio). Minch was the owner of the ship Western Reserve. Late Greek Revival, Italianate influence.



13 1875 Captain Gilchrist, Sr. House, 5583 Ohio Street, (Ohio & Grand) Master of the "W.H. Gilchrist" about which many stories were written. One of Vermilion's few older brick buildings. Italianate style.



14 1904 Captain Moody House, 792 Exchange Street. Vernacular style with Queen Anne influence.



15 1899 Captain Walper House, 5475 South Street. Queen Anne style.



16 Circa 1898 Captain Charles Gegenheimer House, 910 Exchange Street. Vernacular style.



17 Circa 1880 Captain Cornelius Young House, 5231 South Street. Vernacular style.

WALKING TOUR

Captains' Homes



Vermilion was once known as the "Village of Lake Captains." No other place in Ohio has so many captains' homes in its historic district.

Vermilion was initially settled in the early 19th century and formed as a village in 1837. In 1840, the U.S. Corps of Engineers finished building the two piers at the mouth of the Vermilion River, which provided the depth builders needed to take boats into the lake. Thus began the "Golden Age of Ship Building" in tune with great demand for shipping on the lakes. In a period of 36 years, 48 large lake schooners were built. Lumber, fish, sandstone, iron and lime were major commodities at the time. The Captains of these vessels made Vermilion their choice as a home port.



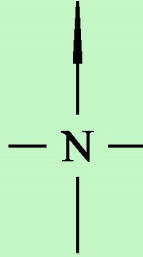
LAKE ERIE



Maritime Museum

VERMILION
Historic Harbour Town
 Est 1837

- Existing Building
- Captain's House



500 Feet

VERMILION RIVER



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