

# The Way We Were *Walking Tour*

Stroll through the history of Nauvoo's Commercial District on Mulholland Street. Experience the evolution of Mulholland Street circa the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s and learn about the Icarian Community, the Sisters of St. Benedict, and the businesses that defined it.



Photo courtesy of the Nauvoo Historical Society

Mulholland Street looking east. c 1900

Take a self-guided, historic WALKING TOUR of Nauvoo's Mulholland Street and learn more about the history of the businesses and historical activity that took place from the 1850s up to the present.

Begin your journey at *The Way We Were* Interpretive Park on Mulholland and Bluff Streets. Pick up a brochure and begin the circuitous route that will introduce you to Mulholland of yesteryear. At locations noted, you might enjoy collecting a "page from the past," an Information Sheet, and reminisce with us about the past while enjoying the present.

## The Icarians in Nauvoo 1849-1856

In 1849, after learning of available homes left vacant after the Mormon exodus. Etienne Cabet and a group of followers from France came to Nauvoo to put their dream of a utopian, communal society into practice. The "Icarians," as they were called, established Temple Block as the hub of their social experiment from 1849-1856.



Photo courtesy of LDS Church Archives

Icarian School (There are no available pictures of the original Icarian School; however, this is a close resemblance to what the school looked like in the 1850s)

## The Sisters of St. Benedict in Nauvoo 1874 - 2001

In 1874 five Benedictine Sisters from St. Scholastica Convent in Chicago, Illinois, arrived in Nauvoo to establish a boarding school for girls. In 1879 the Sisters separated from St. Scholastica Convent and became St. Mary's Academy and Convent.

Originally, the Sisters of St. Benedict owned only the building, which had formerly served the Mormons as an arsenal; the Icarians, as a wagon shop; and Frederick Baum, a German immigrant, as a residence prior to their purchasing the building in 1874. The Sisters used the building as their first convent and school, St. Scholastica.

The school was closed in 1997, and in 1999, the buildings were purchased by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Sisters remained until 2001 when they moved into their new monastery in Rock Island, Illinois. The remaining buildings were razed in 2007, leaving behind 127 years of photos and memories.

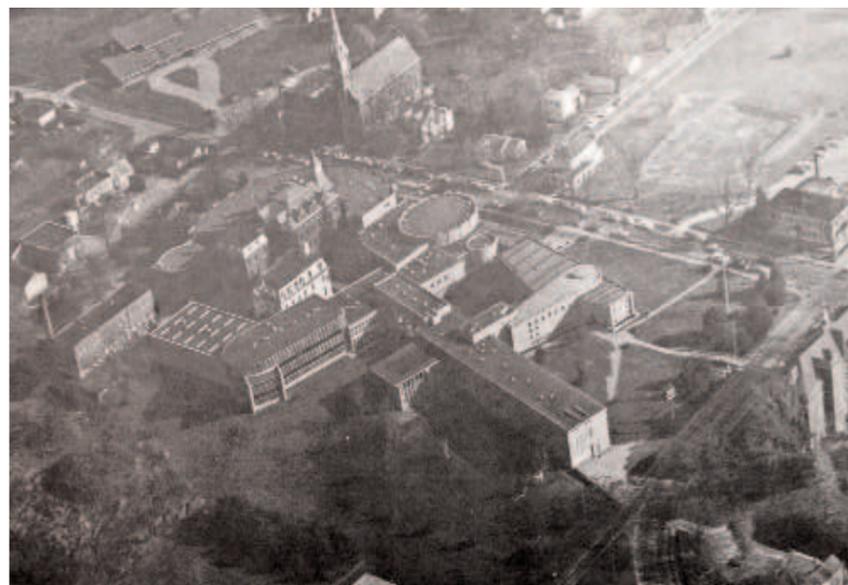


Photo courtesy of St. Mary Monastery

St. Mary's Academy complex in the 1960s

*Memories and recorded history  
are sometimes flawed.  
Reconstructing what was is  
the continuing job of the researcher.*  
Karen Ibrig-Gilbert

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*Pen and Ink Drawings by...* David Alan Badger

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*Nauvoo's History*  
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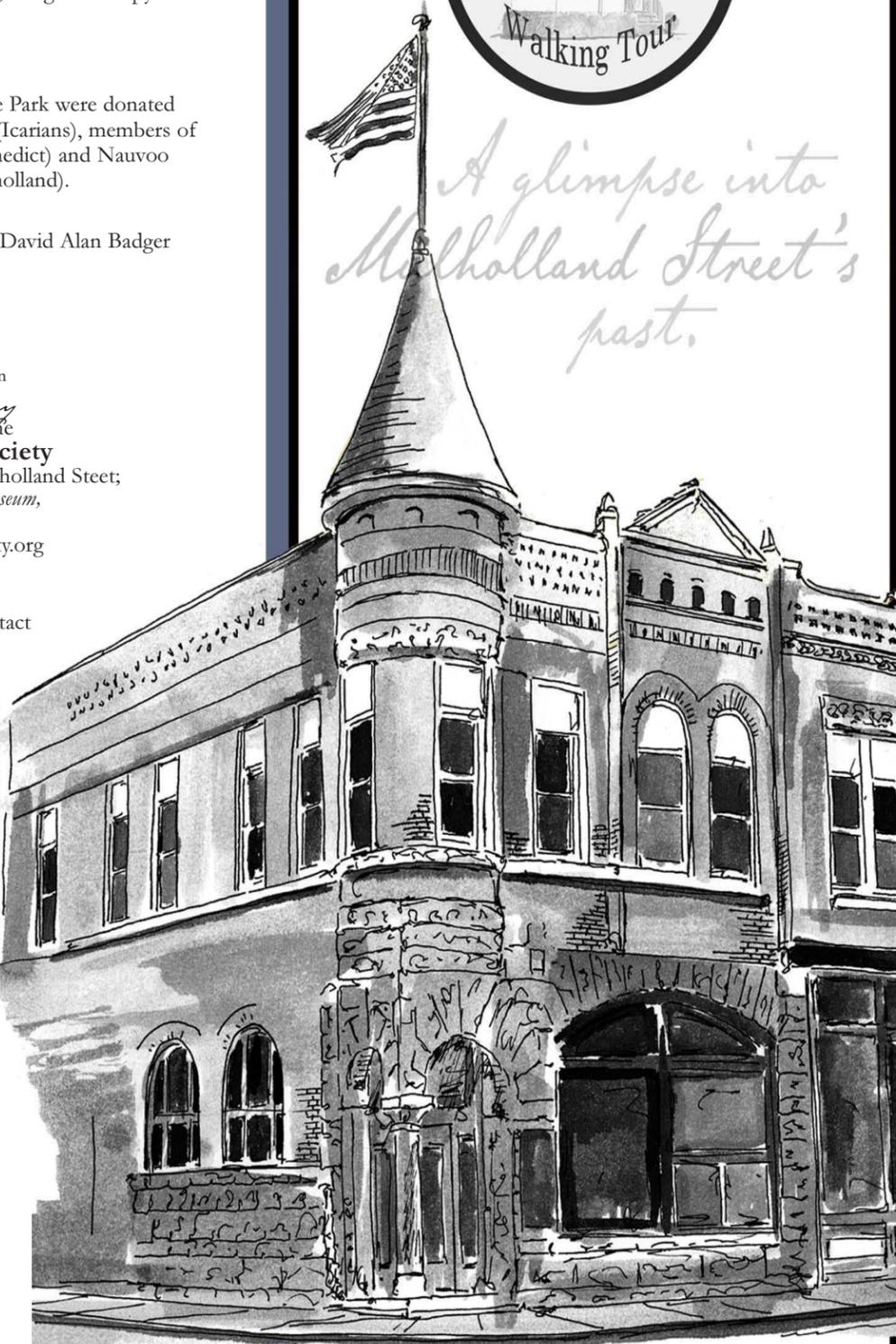




## Walking Tour Map

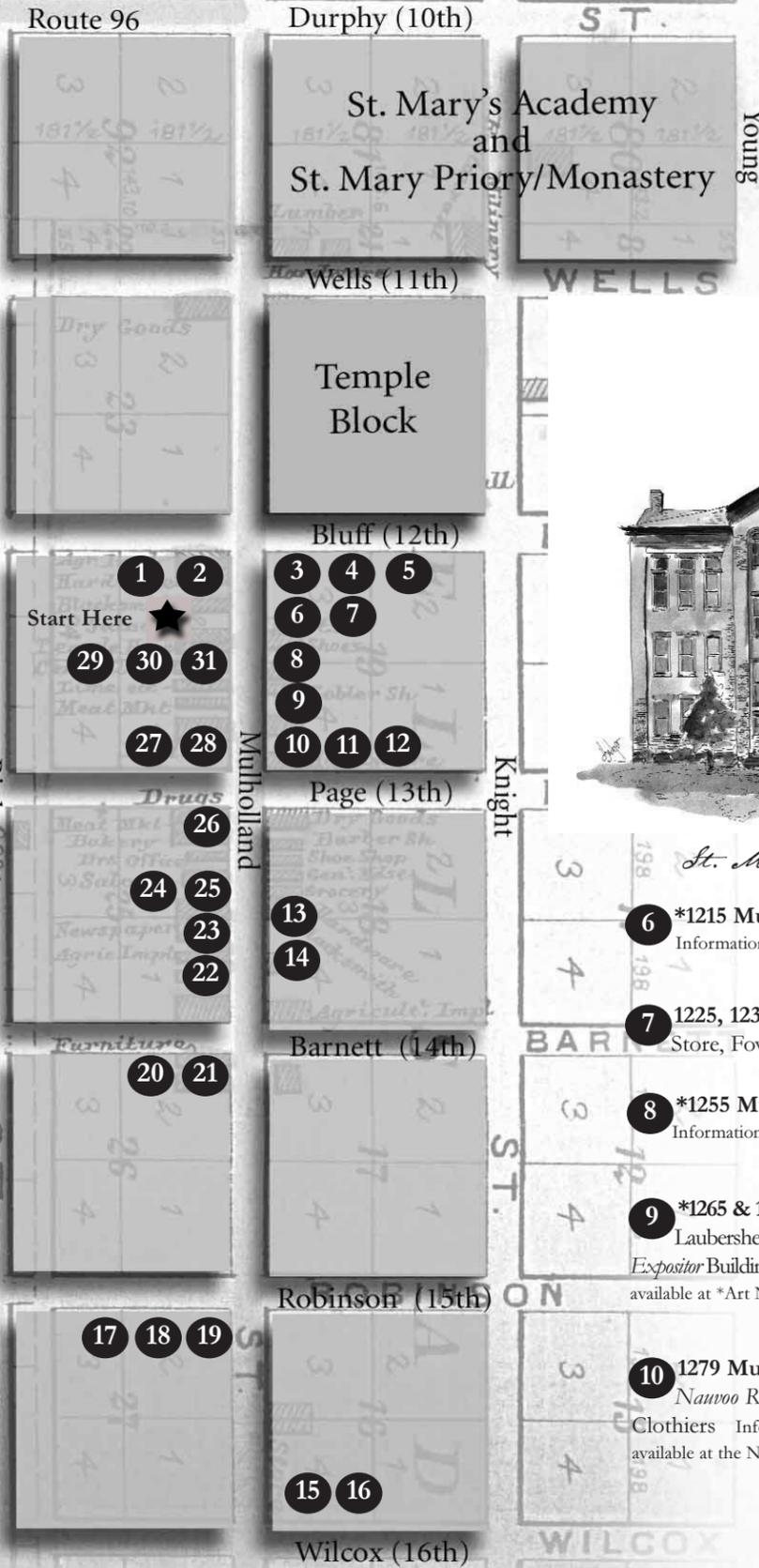
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*A glimpse into  
Mulholland Street's  
past.*

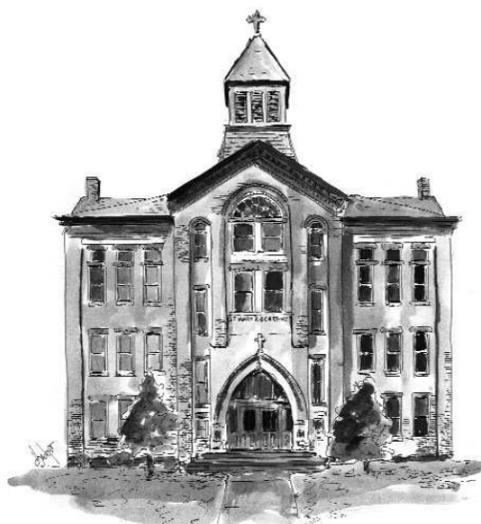


Your adventure begins  
*Walking Tour*

Take a leisurely walking tour of Mulholland's Central Business District and envision The Way We Were. Your circuitous tour route begins and ends here ★ The circled numbers ● on the diagram identify pick-up locations for the Information Sheets for the addresses in the numbered list below. (The businesses listed in this brochure are merely a sampling of the businesses once located at any given address.) Stop in, pick up a "page from the past," and get an idea of what Nauvoo was like c. 1850 to 1960. We hope you enjoy your tour.



Note: An 1891 Plat and 1912 Sandborn Maps were used as a baseline for building locations. They are available for viewing at the Nauvoo Historical Society's Weld House Museum.



*St. Mary's Academy*



*Icarian School*

- 1** "1220" & \*1200 Mulholland - Theo's Tavern and Ochsner's Emporium Information Sheet available at \*Zions Mercantile
- 2** 1100 & 1000 Block South - The Amos Davis/J.B. Icking General Store, Spalding Institute Information Sheet available at Zions Mercantile
- 3** 1000 Block North - The Sisters of St. Benedict's Priory/Monastery & St. Mary's Academy Information Sheet available at State Bank ATM Lobby
- 4** 1100 Block North / Temple Block - The Icarian Community and Post-Icarian Businesses Information Sheet available at State Bank of Nauvoo's ATM Lobby
- 5** \*1205 & 1209 Mulholland - State Bank of Nauvoo and Max Reimbold's General Store Information Sheet available at \*State Bank of Nauvoo's ATM Lobby
- 6** \*1215 Mulholland - August Beger's Drug Store Information Sheet available at the \*Fudge Factory
- 7** 1225, 1235 & 1245 Mulholland - Temple Saloon, John Wolf's Shoe Store, Fowler Building Information Sheet available at the Fudge Factory
- 8** \*1255 Mulholland - Kraus Cafe and Confectionary Information Sheet available at \*Grandpa John's Cafe
- 9** \*1265 & 1275 Mulholland John Laubersheimer's General Store, the *Expositor* Building Information Sheet available at \*Art Needlework Shop
- 10** 1279 Mulholland *Nauvoo Rustler* Building, Paul's Clothiers Information Sheet available at the Nauvoo Tourism Office
- 11** \*1295 Mulholland - First National Bank/First Trust and Savings Bank Information Sheet available at the \*Nauvoo Tourism Office
- 12** 1305, 1335, & 1345 Mulholland - Datin and Leppert's Dry Goods Store/ Red Front Tavern, Walther and Welter's Barber Shop, Sommerhalder's Shoe Shop - Information Sheet available at The Nauvoo Tourism Office
- 13** 1355, \*1365 & "1375A" Mulholland - Bidamon's Store/August Lee's Monument Shop, Reimbold's Tin shop/Rahn's Plumbing Information Sheet available at \*Country Cottage Antiques
- 14** "1375 B" & \*1385 "A,B,C" & 1395 Mulholland - The Exchange Saloon, Black and Smitty's Saloon/ The Nauvoo Tap, Lew Hudson's Lumber Yard, the White House, Gobac/Horton's Gas Station Information Sheet available at \*Duck's Foods
- 15** "1455", 1485 & 1495 Mulholland - Hemmy's Blacksmith Shop, Hemmy Residence, Baumert Residence Information Sheet available at The Mayfly
- 16** 1505, 1525, 1535, 1545, 1575, \*1595 Mulholland - First location of *Nauvoo Independent*, Schneider and Hummel Store, Lange's Blacksmith Shop Information Sheet available at \*The Mayfly
- 17** 1700 Block South - English Methodist Episcopal Church. Information Sheet available at Nauvoo Mill & Bakery
- 18** 1690, 1670, "1660" & 1610 Mulholland - Stephen Hale Home, Diemer's Pioneer Hotel Information Sheet available at Nauvoo Mill & Bakery
- 19** "1590" & \*1530 Mulholland - Repplinger's "Cement Block" Home, Beger's Wine Cellar, notes on Nauvoo's Grape Industry Information Sheet available at \*Nauvoo Mill & Bakery
- 20** "1490", "1480", 1470, 1460, 1450 & "1440" Mulholland - Kerl's Mill and Residence, Tanner House and Wagon Shop Information Sheet available at The Allyn House
- 21** "1430", 1420, \*1410 Mulholland - Argast's Blacksmith Shop, Kuhn's Furniture Store and Undertaking Parlor/Horton and Kelly's Car Dealership Information Sheet available at the \*Allyn House
- 22** 1390, \*1380 Mulholland - Horton's Standard Station/Kelly's Standard Station, Nauvoo Historical Society's Weld House Museum Information Sheet Available at \*Weld House Museum
- 23** 1370, \*1360 Mulholland - Gouly's Photography, Nelson's Implement/People's State Bank/Doctor's Offices Information Sheet available at \*Sew Inspired
- 24** \*1350, 1340 Mulholland - *Nauvoo Independent* Printing Office, Hudson's Grocery Store Information Sheet available at \*Nauvoo Pharmacy
- 25** "1330", "1320", "1310" Mulholland - Boyer's Saloon/Diemer Motor Company, Argast's Casino Saloon - Information Sheet available at Nauvoo Pharmacy
- 26** \*1300 Mulholland - Walter Building: Walter Brothers Meat Market/Central Drug Store/Kemlers'/Lutz's Hardware Information sheets available at \*Latter Day Harvest Bookstore
- 27** \*1290 Mulholland - Oriental Hotel/Hotel Nauvoo Information Sheet available at \*Hotel Nauvoo
- 28** 1280 Mulholland - Hudson Brothers Meat Market/ Benne Electrical/Hotel Nauvoo's Newberry Room and notes on Mesker Architecture Information Sheet available at Hotel Nauvoo
- 29** \*1270, 1260 Mulholland - "Cass" Reimbold's Confectionary/Nauvoo Library, Notes on Turn-of-the-Century Architecture Information Sheet available at \*Nauvoo Public Library
- 30** 1250, 1240 Mulholland - The Temple House, the *Nauvoo Independent* newspaper office Information Sheet available at \*Nauvoo Public Library
- 31** Wrap up information on Mulholland's Business District Information Sheet available at the Nauvoo Public Library.



*Hotel Nauvoo as a Residence*



*Central Drug Store*