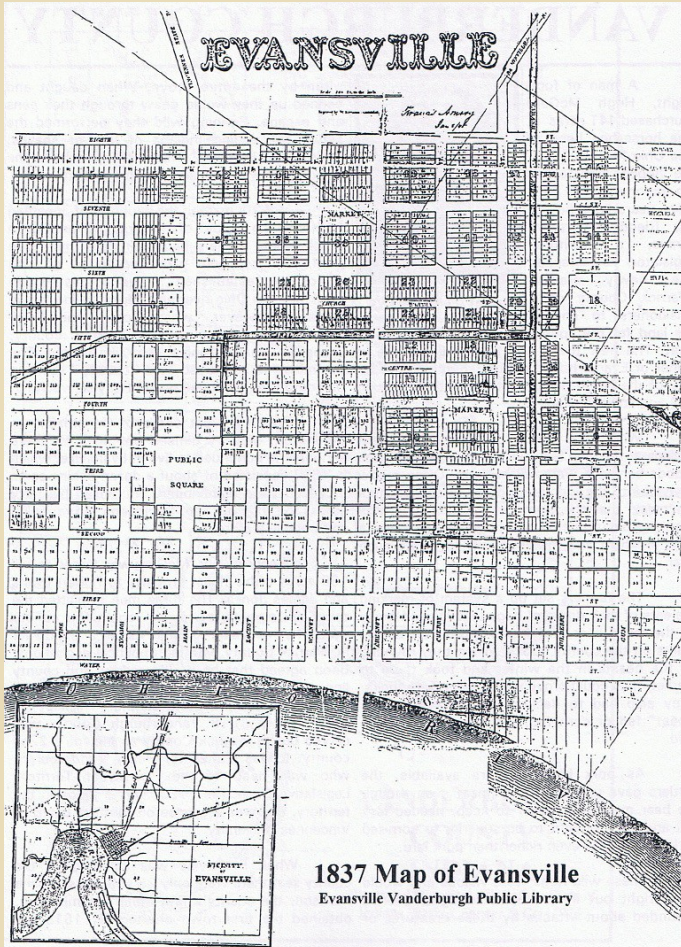


Evansville in Its Early Days



Evansville from 1856 lithograph

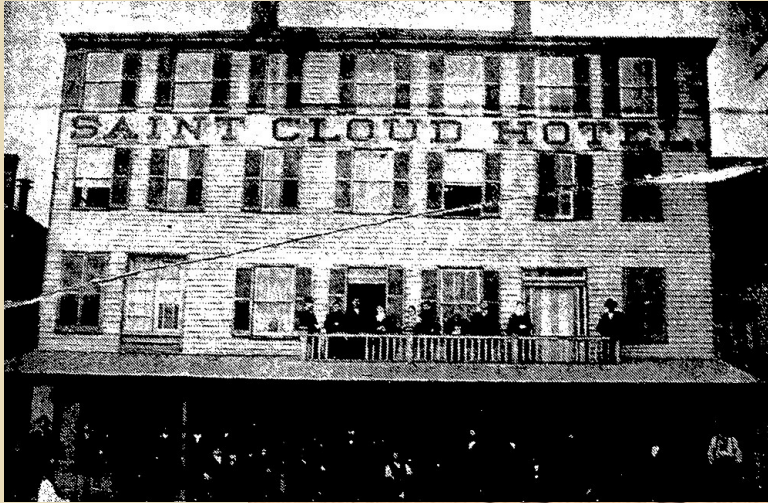
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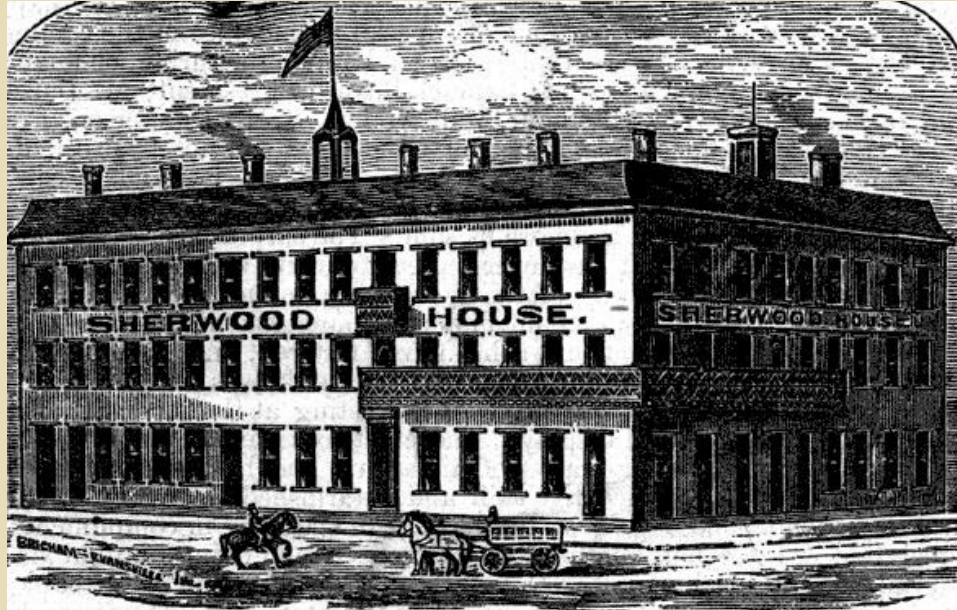
- Evansville founded 1812
- Indiana becomes a state 1816
- Vanderburgh County established 1818. Hugh McGary's river town chosen as county seat
- City boundaries originally Riverside to 3rd from Court to Chestnut
- Evansville selected as end of Wabash & Erie Canal cements its prosperity



Riverfront



Sherwood House



- Sherwood House opens 1839 as city's largest hotel
- Later remodeled c1895 and a corner tower was added
- Demolished when the Elks Lodge was built 1904

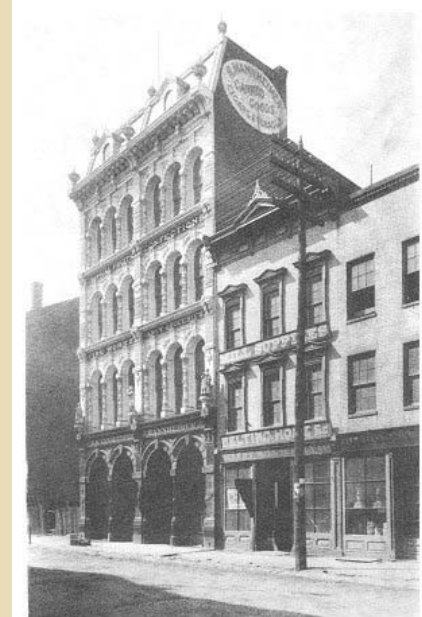
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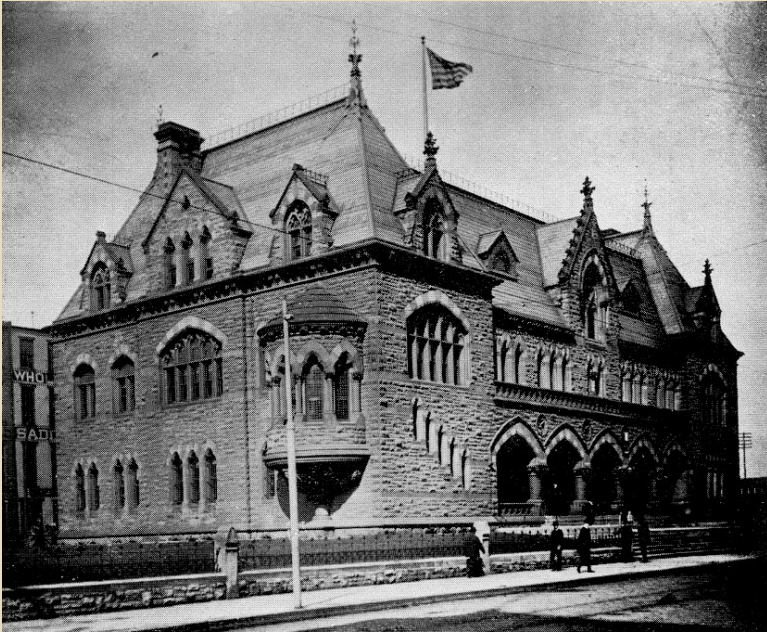
5 View of Main Street, Evansville, Ind.
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Wholesale District



Customs House and Post Office



- Ohio River traffic earns Evansville port of entry status
- Begun 1873 but economic depression delayed until 1879
- New addition 1916 wings added to each side
- Abandoned 1969
- City acquires from federal government 1977
- Old Post Office Plaza serves small businesses and more recently events center

Little Church On The Hill

- Built 1832 as first church building
- Becomes “new school” branch after Presbyterian schism
- Church builds on Walnut St 1863
- Razed c1885



Old (2nd and 3rd) Courthouse



- First courthouse stood on opposite corner (south)
- Construction began 1852 and nearly completed when a fire broke out Christmas 1855
- Finished using same plans and completed 1857
- Greek Revival style with dome and columned portico
- Used until new courthouse was completed 1891
- Torn down but foundation reused when the Eichel Block was completed

Washington House

- Opens 1855 as one of the finest hotels in the young river city
- Evansville Commercial college 1878. Acquired mansard roof
- Housed a variety of businesses including Vickery Bros and M Lyon fine clothing
- Ordered razed 1910 but was saved
- Farmers Daughter restaurant



Wabash & Erie Canal

- Evansville chosen in 1834 to be terminus of new canal
- Many delays postponed completion until 1853 but the economic impact lasted
- Canal came in along Canal St and then followed 5th St
- Early business built along canal such as the original Igleheart Bros Mill (L) and Blount Plow(R)
- Failed canal would later lead to railroad development

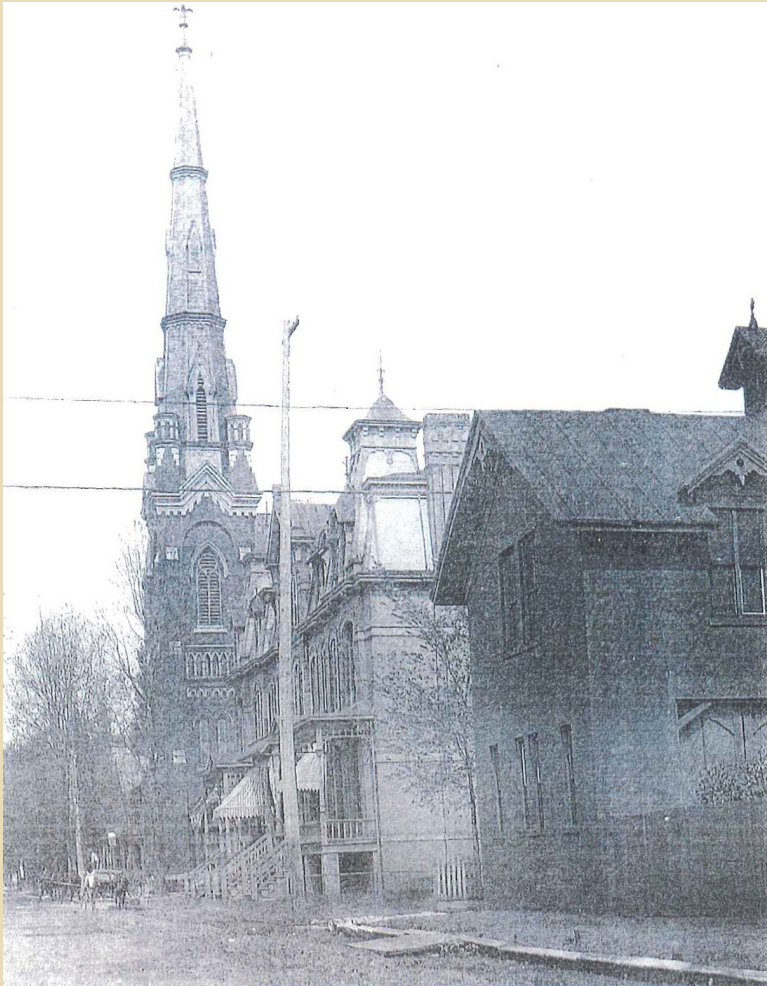


City Hall



- Original city hall built 1860s at 3rd and Walnut
- Built 1887 on same site
- 1920s addition in rear and tower removed
- Vacated for Civic Center 1969 and razed 1971

Residential



UPPER FIRST AND WALNUT STREETS

313-5 SE 1st St



- Federal style, built late 1830s
- Thomas Stockwell and Rev. Joseph Wheeler first occupied the duplex

Barnes Mansion



- Dates back to 1830s as home of Elisha Harrison who ran the Evansville Gazette newspaper
- Enlarged around 1850s for Robert Barnes
- Original home of the Evansville Museum 1904
- Deemed unsafe and demolished 1910