

## 305 S. Maple Avenue

Historic Name: E.F. Mechler House. This classic Queen Anne home was built in 1893, by the widow Mary A. Reily, as a railroad boarding house. Mary's husband, James Reily, was a Civil War soldier. In 1922, Marshfield's first jeweler, Edward F. Mechler and his wife, Angela, bought the home. Mr. Mechler opened his first jewelry store at Marshfield in April, 1896 in a building in the 100 block of South Central Ave. and in December of 1921 moved to the 200 block of South Central Ave-



nue. Mechler's two sons, Edward C. and Raymond were also partners in the business. Raymond continued in the business after the death of his father and brother, until his retirement in May of 1979. Three generations of the Mechler family lived in the home until 1991, the last being of Edward's son, Ray Mechler and his wife, Ada and their children, Sally and Lloyd.

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### Property Tax Records for Block 78 1889

Lots	Tax payer	Notes
7	J.J. Williams	
6	J.J. Williams	
5	J.R. Reily	305 S. Maple
4	J.R. Reily	

### 1891

Lots	Tax payer	Notes
7	Unknown	
6	Unknown	
5	Mrs. Reily	305 S. Maple
4	Mrs. Reily	

### 1895

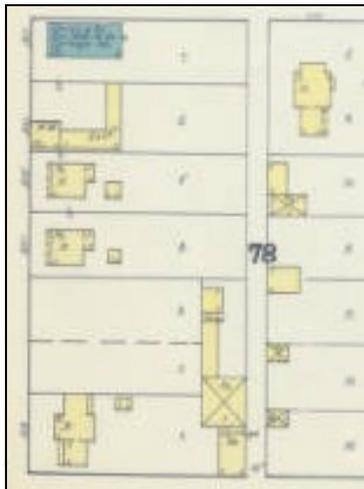
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6 - Eastern 1/2	Thomas Wright	
5	Mrs. M. A. Reily	305 S. Maple
4	Mrs. M. A. Reily	

**Property Tax Records for Block 78  
1901**

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7 - Western 100 feet	Mrs. M. J. Powers	200 E. Third - current lots size 50 feet
7 - Eastern 57 feet	W. A. Sexton	
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6 - Eastern 57 feet	W. A. Sexton	
5	Mrs. M. A. Reily	305 S. Maple
4	<del>Mrs. M. A. Reily</del> Adams	Adams written in pencil - Reily struck through

**Sanborn Insurance Maps -  
1884, 1887, -Block 78 not included**

**1891**



Lot 7 - Carpenter, Black Smith Shop Ware House and Carriage House.

Lot 6 - Warehouse and sheds - potentially storage for J. J. Williams Hardware Store.

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J. R. Reily is getting ready to build a dwelling house in the 3rd ward.  
*(from the Times and Gazette, 31, May 1884, pg. 1)*

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**JAMES REUBEN REILY**

It is our sad task to chronicle the death of our fellow citizen, a prominent business man and the TIMES business neighbor, James R. Reily who died Wednesday morning, February 5th at 1:45. Mr. Reily was born in London, Canada, November 19th, 1846. His parents removed to Fremont, Waupaca County when he was about nine years of age. His life from that time was uneventful, until the organization of the 37th Reg. of Wis. Vol. Infantry, when he enlisted in Co. B, serving in that regiment for eight months, participating in the battle of Petersburg. On his discharge he enlisted in the regular army, serving five years, most of that time on the Mexican frontier. At the expiration of his term of service he engaged in the mercantile business at Fre-

mont, his old home. In 1882 he came to Marshfield where he established an insurance agency which he conducted up to the time of his death and which was a prosperous and profitable business and so conducted that no complaints ever came from either his patrons or the companies he represented.

The confidence of the public was so reposed in him that he was repeatedly offered official places in the city, but with one exception, the office of city clerk for one year, he invariably declined.

He was married in 1874 to Miss Mary A. Moore, who with six children, the oldest about thirteen years of age and the youngest about two, are left behind to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent husband and father. An aged mother whose welfare was always a subject for his careful consideration also constitutes one of his family.

He was a prominent member of Mechanics Lodge No. 96, A. O. U. W., and Marshfield Lodge No. 110, I. O. O. F. Both organizations have arranged to attend the funeral, which takes place today at 2 o'clock p.m. from the Presbyterian Church, Rev. M. J. Robinson pronouncing the obsequies.

Mr. Reily had carefully provided for his family. In addition to his comfortable home he carried life insurance aggregating \$10,000 placed as follows:

Wisconsin Odd Fellows Insurance Company,	\$3,000
Ancient Order of United Woodmen,	3,000
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company,	1,000
Hartford Life and Annuity Insurance Company,	2,000
Mutual Life of New York,	1,000

*(from the Marshfield Times, 7 February 1890, pg. 1)*

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Prof. A. P. Adams has purchased of Mrs. M. Reily the residence formerly occupied by him on Maple street and will soon take possession.

*(from the Marshfield Times, 27 September 1901, pg. 9)*

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For Sale - My residence on Maple street. Cash or easy terms.

ALBERT P. ADAMS

*(from the Marshfield Times, 7 August 1903, pg. 7)*

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J. R. Reily sold his residence in the first ward, consideration \$655. He will move into the 'bloody' third.

*(from the Marshfield Times, 22 December 1905, pg. 6)*

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Mr. & Mrs. George Booth who have been in Chicago the past week are expected home tomorrow, and the first of next week they will go to housekeeping in the Reily house on Maple street, now occupied by Dr. B. L. Tupper.

*(from the Marshfield Times, 1 August 1906, pg. 6)*

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Mr. & Mrs. George Booth moved into the Reily house on Maple street, last Saturday, and are now getting settled in their new home..

*(from the Marshfield Times, 5 September 1906, pg. 5)*

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## **BANK HOME SOLD**

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### **First National Disposes of its Present Quarters to Jeweler Mechler**

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A deal was closed Tuesday whereby E. F. Mechler, jeweler, became the owner of the First National Bank building, consideration \$15,000. Possession will be given when the bank has moved into its handsome new home, Central avenue and Third street, which is now enclosed and receiving the interior finish.

Mr. Mechler plans to make a number of improvements in his newly purchased property. The lower floor will be used for his jewelry store and the upper floor as a home for himself and family. His present business property will be for sale.

*(from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, 20 January 1921, pg. 1)*

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## **E. F. MECHLER JEWELER, DIES**

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One of First Men to Enter Jewelry Business in Marshfield

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### **WAS ILL ONLY 10 DAYS**

E. F. Mechler, one of Marshfield's first jewelers, died at 9 o'clock last night at St. Joseph's hospital, after an illness of about 10 days. He had been a patient at the hospital since July 21.

A resident of this city for more than 40 years, Mr. Mechler established the Mechler jewelry store here, the oldest concern of its kind in Marshfield.

### **Born at Kilbourn**

Born at Kilbourn, now Wisconsin Dells, on Jan. 1, 1858, Mr. Mechler received his education in schools at Kilbourn and West Bend.

He began his career as a jeweler in 1879 as apprentice to J. W. Fuller at Kilbourn. He was mar-

ried at West Bend on July 15, 1884 to Angela Knippel. After nine years at Kilbourn as a journeyman jeweler, working on the bench, Mr. Mechler opened his first store in Barnesville, Minn.

Four years later he moved his business to Eagle River. He often recalled that while there he received an order from a prominent northern Wisconsin lumberman for a 120-inch 14 karat gold watch chain for himself, and similar chains, 80 inches in length, for his wife and daughter.

### **Here In 1896**

In 1896 Mr. Mechler opened a store in Marshfield in a building at 116 S. Central avenue. Although the city's population at that time was less than half the current census figure, it had four other jewelry stores, conducted by Ben Elvis, H. C. Headstream, Ferdinand Hirzy Sr., and Mr. Follette.

The present store quarters were acquired early in December, 1921. Mr. Mechler sold the first watch from his Marshfield store to Jacob Spingler on May 19, 1896. A few weeks later he sold another time-pier - to Michael Baltus, McMillan farmer.

The first transaction on record was the sale of a heavy silver watch case, weighing five ounces, to Henry Albrecht, on May 4, 1896.

### **Sons in Partnership**

A son, Ed C. Mechler, started his apprenticeship in 1905 and entered into partnership with his father about 18 years ago. Another son, Ray Mechler, has been in the business 16 years.

On Oct. 10, 1929, Mr. Mechler observed the 50th anniversary of his entrance into the jewelry and watch-making trade. He retired on his 75th birthday anniversary, leaving his two sons to carry on the business.

Two years ago, on July 15, Mr. and Mrs. Mechler, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Besides his widow, Mr. Mechler is survived by eight children. Mrs. R. A. (Helen) Roller, San Francisco, Calif, who will be unable to attend the funeral; John and Mrs. F. J. (Hilda) Abb, Stevens Point; Elizabeth and Marie, at home; Ed C., William, and Ray, city; a sister, Mrs. Anna Knippel, Wausau; and 11 grandchildren.

A son, Frank J. Mechler preceded him in death three years ago, and two daughters. Rose and Cecelia, died in infancy.

### **Funeral Monday**

Prominent in church activities, Mr. Mechler was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

For 30 years he was a member of Marshfield bands, including the 2nd Regiment band and the 135th Medical Regiment band.

A solemn requiem high mass will be conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock at St. John's

Catholic church. Burial will take place in Hillside cemetery.

Until the time of the funeral the body will lie in state at the residence 305 S. Maple street, where a rosary service will be conducted Sunday at 8 p. m.

*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 1, August 1936, pg. 1)*

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### **Mrs. E. F. Mechler Dies Early Sunday**

Long Illness Ends Life of Pioneer Business Man's Widow

Death came at 5 o'clock Sunday morning to Mrs. E. F. Mechler, 77, at her home, 305 S. Maple street. Mrs. Mechler, widow of one of Marshfield's pioneer business men, had been in poor health for several years and had been confined to her bed for the past month.

Funeral services will be-conducted at St. John's Catholic church at 9 a. m. Tuesday, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. J. Dorrenbach officiating, and burial will take place in Hillside cemetery. A rosary service was conducted at the home this afternoon and another will be held at 8 o'clock tonight.

Angela Knippel was born at West Bend on May 2, 1860, and lived there until her marriage to E. F. Mechler on July 15, 1884. Mr. Mechler had begun his career as a jeweler in Kilbourn, now Wisconsin Dells, in 1879, and a few years later they moved to Barnes-ville, Minn., where he opened a jewelry store.

Four years later they returned to Wisconsin, settling at Eagle River, and in 1896 Mr. Mechler established the Marshfield store which is still operated by his sons and is the oldest jewelry store in Marshfield. He died on July 31, 1936, two years after the couple had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Mechler was a member of the missionary and altar societies of St. John's Catholic church and of the Woman's Catholic Order of Foresters.

Surviving are eight children: John, Detroit; Mrs. Frank Abb, Stevens Point; Mrs. Robert Roller, San Francisco, Calif.; Ed, Ray, and Will Mechler, Marshfield, and Misses Marie and Elizabeth Mechler, at home, and 11 grandchildren.

The last of her brothers, M. J. Knippel, died at Dubuque, Iowa, five months ago.

*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 7 March 1938, pg. 6)*

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### **Mrs. E. F. Mechler Funeral Held Today**

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Conduct Solemn Requiem Mass at St. John's

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A solemn requiem high mass was conducted at St. John's Catholic church this morning at 9

o'clock for Mrs. E. F. Mechler, who died at 5 o'clock Sunday morning at her home, 305 S. Maple street, after a long illness.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. J. Dorrenbach, celebrant at the mass, was assisted by the Rev. E. W. Schmitz as deacon and the Rev. John Eberhardy as sub-deacon. Other priests taking part in the service were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. H. P. Toeller, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church, and the Rev. H. J. Untraut.

Burial was made in the family lot at Hillside cemetery. Pallbearers were Lee Winterburn, J. S. McDonald, Mike Miedaner, Frank Tice, Lambert Ruffing, and Roy Lupient.

The many lovely floral tributes were in charge of Mrs. Siegel Mayer, Mrs. Ira Jones, Mrs. M. A. Hansen, Sr., Mrs. Monica Grimes and Misses Ruth and Marjorie Mechler.

Among the out of town relatives here for the funeral were Mrs. Robert Roller, San Francisco, California; John Mechler, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abb, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abb, and Mrs. Herby Johnson, Stevens Point; Peter Knippel, Wausau; Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Haefner, Weyauwega; Mrs. Carl Getschmann and Will Getschmann, North Freedom.

*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 8 March 1938, pg. 6)*

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### **Elizabeth Mechler**

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. John's Catholic Church for Miss Elizabeth Eva Mecher, 72, of 305 S. Maple Ave., who died at her home, Saturday morning of a heart ailment.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. N. Schuh will officiate and burial will be made in Gate of Heaven cemetery. The body is reposing at the Rembs Funeral Home where a general rosary will be said at 8 p.m. tonight.

Miss Mechler was born July 28, 1886, at Wisconsin Dells and came to Marshfield with her parents when she was a child. She receiving her education here and had resided here since. She had been employed at Malsin's Style Shop.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Frank (Hilda) Abb, Stevens Point; Mrs. Robert Roller, San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs. Thomas Emerson, Dunedin, Fla., and two brothers, William and Ray, both of Marshfield.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 8 June 1959, pg. 6)*

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*Mrs. Ada Mechler*

**Know Your Neighbor -  
Mrs. Ada Mechler**

At the beginning of World War II, an extremely severe shortage of registered nurses existed in hospitals throughout the country. Mrs. Ada Mechler responded to a plea to nurses who were not currently working to return to their profession. She has been serving the sick and injured at St. Joseph's ever since.

She was born in North Freedom and graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. She has one son and one daughter, who both now live in Madison.

*St. Joseph's Hospital here, together with hospitals throughout the nation, is currently observing National Hospital Week.*

Reminiscing about her first days in the nursing profession she recalls how patients were expected not to exert themselves even in the smallest way. This would require the nurse to be continually lifting patients as they wished to change position. There were no roll-up beds in those days. The five-day week at that time was unheard of, and nurses usually received only one-half day off each week. Nursing students worked seven days a week, eight hours a day in the hospital and received their classroom training after their working day was completed.

The major part of the registered nurse's responsibilities in those days was simply giving bed bath and enemas. This is in contrast to today's nurses who spend 85 per cent of their time in administrative duties and only 15 per cent of the time in actual patient contact.

Mrs. Mechler states that the quality of medical care which we have today would not have been believed only 23 years ago. She remembers that nursing personnel thought they were giving the best possible care but the war brought on entirely new concepts in medical treatments.

She is married to Raymond Mechler who has operated a jewelry store in Marshfield for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Mechler reside at 305 S. Maple Ave., Marshfield.  
*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 13 May 1964, pg. 7)*

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**Ray G. Mechler**

Services for Ray G. Mechler will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wesley are to provide music. The Rev. Donald F. Wilder and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor A.N. Schuh will concelebrate the Mass of the Resurrection.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery will be the burial site. Paul and Jeffrey Mechler, Theodore A. Schultz, Sylvester P. Adler, William Borofka and Edward Koller are to serve as pallbearers.



*Ray G. Mechler*

Friends may call after 2:30 p.m. Sunday and until service time Monday at Rembs/Kundinger Chapel, where St. John's Rosary Altar Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Sunday; Elks Lodge of Sorrow at 7:15 p.m.; Knights of Columbus rosary at 7:30 p.m.; and St. John's vigil service at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Mechler, 79, of 305 S. Maple Ave. died at 3:15 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was admitted May 10.

He was born Nov. 13, 1901 in Marshfield to Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. (AngeUne Knippel) Mechler. He attended St. John's Parochial School, McKinley High School, and a watch-making school at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.

After graduating from Bradley, he returned to Marshfield and joined his father and brother in the E. F. Mechler & Sons Jewelry, a business started in April 1896. He continued in this profession and after the death of his father and brother, he owned and operated Mechler's Jewelry until May 1979, when he retired.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, its Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge 665.

On May 28, 1927 in Baraboo, he and Ada Getschmann were married. She survives along with a daughter, Mrs. Gari (Sally) Berliot of Madison; a son, Lloyd Mechler of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Marie Eerson of Dunnedin, Fla., and Mrs. Robert (Helen) Roller of San Francisco.

Four brothers and two sisters are deceased.  
*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 15 May 1981, pg. 16)*

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### **Peters bring new life to historic house**

By Amy E. Brown, of the News-Herald

John and Heather Peters' home is like an ugly duckling waiting to awaken as a swan.

The house stands in the 300 block of South Maple Avenue. There's a city parking lot across the street and weathered homes - many converted into apartments - surround it. A child's wooden swing set sits in the tiny backyard.

This home is like a little old lady who, despite her wrinkled face, still happily tells stories - and shadowy mysteries - of times long past, as the home does with each creak and crack of its wood floors. The house - built in 1893 - is the oldest on the block.

John wants to make his family's new home the finest painted lady in town, and he thinks her best days are ahead.

The Peters have every intention of painting their four-bedroom home 10 bright colors with names like stone rose (beige), orchid (purple), cosmic dust (a bright blue) and crushed berries (a flashy pink).

"I think black and white is so boring," Heather, 30, said.



*John Peters paints some of the fine detail on the front of his painted-lady house at 305 S. Maple Ave., Marshfield.*

The paint is slowly covering the faded moss-colored cedar shingles, giving the home a mismatched look.

But faithfully almost every day, John Peters, 32, climbs a ladder and scrapes off the three layers of old paint, pulls rusted nails and battles the elements.

The family of four bought the home a little more than a year ago, but had to contend with more than 100 years of wear and tear.

"When we first looked at the house, we knew it had potential," Heather said. "It definitely feels like an old house, but it's a very friendly house."

The Peters tried to place the house on the Municipal Register of Historic Places late last year, but were put on hold because of its exterior. They don't know exactly how the house looked when it was first built. The only known existing photo, showing a section of the front porch, was taken in the 1930s during a wedding anniversary party. But they plan to reapply when the refurbishing is done this fall.

"It's a labor of love," John said.

### **Everyday mysteries**

The home's interior blends Old World elegance and youthful exuberance. The front parlor looks like a antique dollhouse. A Victorian sofa, an old steamer trunk and a bookshelf full of black and white photographs fill the room.

Heather sprawls out on a love seat in the back parlor on a lazy Sunday morning, while the couple's two young boys, Andrew and Jordan, ages 7 and 9, chase each other into the kitchen, with its white, homemade cabinets. The room's rich maroon and gold walls silently tell of a colorful history, dating back to when Marshfield was a young railroad town.

Pieces of the past were hidden throughout the house. A shelf covered with paper was a sign for the E. F. Mechler Jeweler store. John even found sewing needles in the cracks of the floor in the

back parlor, because daughter Elizabeth Mechler was a seamstress. The needles could date back as far as the 1930s, the Peters think, but there isn't a way to tell.

Then there are the "strange happenings that take place in the home.

Blacky, one of family's three cats, always seemed to think someone was in one of the upstairs bedrooms - rumored to be the one where Elizabeth died - when it looked empty. While sanding the upstairs floor last summer, John felt an eerie presence of someone watching him, even though he was the only one in the house.

And no one has a reasonable explanation for two pictures taken in the upstairs hallway last October. John's camera refused to focus when photographing a wood stove, but he snapped three times anyway. When the roll was developed, a strange white smoke appeared. In one frame, a faint formation appears.

Suddenly, the Peters were faced with the prospect that their "labor of love" might indeed be haunted.

"Heather and I discussed it," John said, "and as long as blood doesn't come from the walls, we don't mind."

### **Unlocking the past**

John researched his home's past. He called city and county offices, found former owners and pored over old, handwritten census data. After hours in the library, the E. F. Mechler House's story could finally be told.

Widow Mary Reily built the home and ran a railroad boarding house. According to old U.S. Census records, a railroad conductor, a teacher, a traveling salesman, a servant girl and a physician all lived in the home at some point during that time.

In 1922, Marshfield's first jeweler, Edward F Mechler, bought the home with his wife Angela. Three generations of the Mechler family lived there until 1991. According to Mechler relatives, three family members died in the home: Edward in 1936, Angela in 1938 and their daughter Elizabeth in 1959.

"It was a comfortable home," Sally Berloit, 66, of Madison said. "It was kind of cozy and warm. It was a nice, safe haven when I had problems."

Berloit and her brother, Lloyd Mechler, 74, of Omaha, Neb., lived in the home with their parents and Aunt Elizabeth. Lloyd was 12 when the family moved in around 1940, and he said the home was a happy place with many warm memories.

As for the ghostly encounters, Lloyd's grandson Matthew told him about waking up in the middle of the night and seeing three old women standing at the foot of his bed. He later pointed two



*Heather and John Peters*

of them out in a family photo album as Elizabeth and Angela. Berloit 's husband, Gary, told her about hearing footsteps upstairs when he was alone in the house.

Other owners said nothing seemed out of the ordinary, and since John's strange photographs, the Peters haven't had any disturbances.

### **A rebirth**

Times have changed, but the memories haven't. Lloyd and his sister visited the home separately last summer. A sense of youth is how mingling with its old soul, but there are still some lasting reminders of the home's rich past.

Lloyd made copies of Edward and Angela's 1884 wedding photographs and other family heirlooms. They now hang proudly on the stairwell walls. The photos just seem to belong, Lloyd said.

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*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 4 May 2002, pgs. A1 & A2)*

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### **Grave sites adopted to honor Civil War veterans**

By Liz Welter, Marshfield News Herald

The availability of land and jobs attracted many Civil War veterans to Marshfield after the close of the war. Scattered throughout Hillside, Immanuel Lutheran and Gate of Heaven Cemetery are the graves of 64 veterans.

When the Marshfield Historic Preservation Association began an Adopt a Civil War Soldier campaign, John Peters, 305 S. Maple Ave., immediately knew whose grave site he would adopt.

"There's a connection to James Reily. It's kind of loose, but it's also a nice thing to do," Peters said.

Reily's wife, Mary, owned the land in 1893 and contracted the building of the house that now belongs to the Peters family.

About 20 of the graves have been adopted, and most people are motivated by the desire to contribute something to their community, said Shirley Mook, the association organizer.

"There's a woman who adopted three of the graves in the Catholic



*A new grave stone for Civil War veteran Miles Bigley is placed in front of his former grave marker, which was broken when a tree grew through the stone at Hillside Cemetery in Marshfield. (LAURA SCHMITT/MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD)*

part of the cemetery," Mook said.

For \$40, the person or family that adopts a grave receives a short biography of the veteran, directions to care for the stone marker and the site location.

Peters said the historical information about Reily in the packet was a fun surprise.

"They did a lot of work. They found his war record, and there was a photo copy of his obituary from the newspaper," Peters said.

Mook said the campaign is a good way to involve more people in a tradition that dates back to the Civil War.

"You know Memorial Day started as Decoration Day. That's something the (Grand Army of the Republic) did," Mook said.

The GAR was a fraternal organization of veterans from the Union Army who served during the war and began the tradition of honoring their fallen comrades.

Those who have adopted grave sites will participate in the city's Memorial Day event, which commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

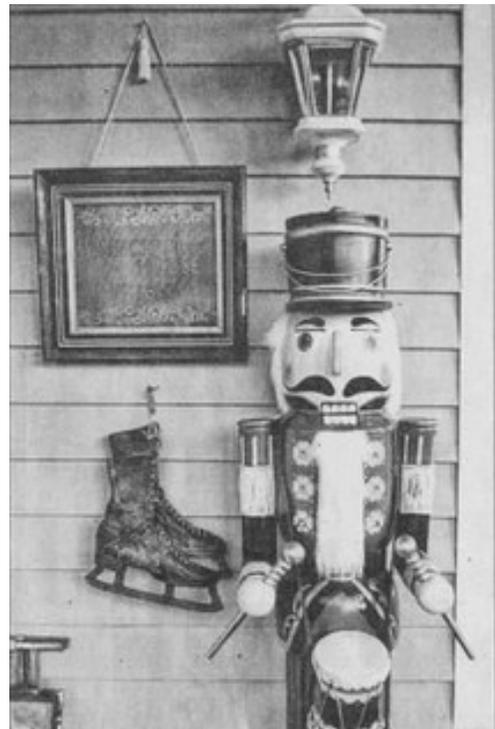
*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 24 May 2011, pg. 1)*

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### **Holiday home tour a first** Marshfield News-Herald

Marshfield News-Herald Altrusa of Marshfield is sponsoring its first Holiday Home Tour from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3. Five sites are featured on the

tour, and all are welcome to tour at your leisure and enjoy the locations in any order you would like. Carl and Fredericka Scott residence, 1002 W. Eighth St.: Carl and "Freddie" purchased their home in 2006, being only the second owner of the home. Clark Abbott built the home in 1937. The



*The home of John and Heather Peters will be featured on the Altrusa Holiday Home Tour. (PHOTOS BY LAURA SCHMITT/MARSHFIELD NEWS-HERALD)*

## **MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES**

- 10 A.M. Saturday - Place flags at veteran grave sites. Meet at Hillside Cemetery Chapel, 1110 N. St. Joseph Ave.
- 9:30 a.m. Monday - Memorial Day Parade begins at the corner of Chestnut Avenue and Blodgett Street, and ends at the entrance to Hillside Cemetery. The parade will be followed by a Memorial Day commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Children are asked to bring flowers to place on graves during the ceremony.
- 1 p.m. Monday - Memorial Day Ceremony at The Highground, W7031 Ridge Road, Neillsville.
- 3 p.m. Monday - Fun Run Motorcycle Ride Ceremony at The Highground.

additions of the dining room and master suite were made in 1945. Abbott celebrated his 100th birthday in his home. The Colonial Revival home is being renovated with the integrity of architecture and feel of the period. The home features all hardwood floors, crown moldings, and windows are original works of art.

\* John and Heather Peters home, 305 S. Maple Ave.: The Peters' home is an 1893 Historic Register - E.F. Mechler house built by Mary A. Reily in classic Queen Anne style. The home became the E.F. Mechler home in 1922. Mechler established one of Marshfield's first jewelry stores.

\* Eric and Stacey DeJarlais residence at 312 S. Cherry Ave.: The DeJarlais home was built in 1891 in classic Queen Anne style and is known in Marshfield as The Noll House. The Noll family

owned a hardware store downtown in one of the first buildings to be rebuilt after the great Marshfield fire.

\* Karen Reyes home at 403 Columbus Drive: This French Provincial home was built in 1964. The home is impeccably maintained and beautifully decorated for the holidays.

\* Marshfield Public Library, 211 E. Second St.

Refreshments will be served.

*(from the Marshfield News-Herald, 25 November 2011, pg. 5)*

For additional information on the home, check:

Property Records for the City of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin:

<http://assessordata.org/reports/6974634770026.pdf>

Wisconsin Historical Society's Architecture and Inventory:

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI128058>