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Above: Fred Pabst mansion 3112 West Highland Blvd., before the porte cochere was added in 1904. (Courtesy of Milwaukee County Historical Society)

Hillbourn Town

Milwaukee Historic Buildings Tour

A self-guided driving tour of historic buildings in the West End neighborhood

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, ELCA, 2812 W. Wisconsin Ave. (1887) Architect: George B. Ferry; Engineer: William H. Howie. The cornerstone was laid on June 11, 1887, and the church was dedicated on September 7, 1888. The original structure was a small frame building, with an addition attached in 1895. In 1917 the church was enlarged and an addition was built to the south, replacing the original frame building. The church now has a large rectangular shape, with a steeply pitched roof and ornate stonework on the exterior.

The Wisconsin Avenue School, 3708 W. Wisconsin Ave. (1923) Architect: Van P. Eschaffel. The original school was built on this site in 1879 and was known on the 16th Street School #2. It was razed and replaced in 1920 with the present larger facility, a handsome Jacobean Revival style building designed by architect Van P. Eschaffel. The entrance tower is decorated by its porch with hip roof, ornamental cornice, heavy turned wooden brackets, and elaborate stucco work.