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Shiawassee lined with memories

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west corner of Farmington and Grand River was the early town hall. Built in 1876 at a cost of \$4,300, it is considered one of the finest, most attractive and authentic landmarks in the county. Johnson S. Prall was the builder-designer of the building which combines European Victorian and French Renaissance influences.

4) It's four blocks westward along Grand River to the Governor's Mansion. The graceful home set among tall trees was built in 1867 by the father of Fred Warner, governor of Michigan at the beginning of the century.

5) A block east of the mansion on the north side of Grand River there's a small street, Grace. Follow it north to Shiawassee and stop for a moment at 23910 Grace. The same family has lived in the home ever since it was built in 1874.

6) A left turn at Shiawassee will take you past the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jackson. Their home at 33629 Shiawassee is an example of early Greek Revival. It was built in the 1850s and has been maintained in original condition even to the siding.

7) A turn east and you're heading for the Wilbur Smedley home, 33613 Shiawassee. Very few alterations have been made to this farmhouse with Victorian and Colonial influences since it was built around 1880. Just east of the Smedley home, there are three more homes of historical interest.

8) The house at 33601 Shiawassee was built in 1845 and is a good example of

early American architecture. The second story is a later addition.

9) The Lee Peel home, 33646 Shiawassee, built in 1844, originally belonged to Dr. Alanson Hudson, a community physician. The Michigan Greek Revival architecture has been authentically restored by the present owner.

Peel, a Farmington High School teacher, is well known for the comprehensive history book he has written on Farmington.

10) The oldest home in Farmington, 33430 Shiawassee, was built by one of the community's founding fathers, the Power family, Quaker settlers in 1824.

11) The white First Baptist Church at the corner of Shiawassee and Farmington Road, is the second oldest Baptist Church in the state. The congregation celebrated its 153rd birthday this year.

12) Continuing east on Shiawassee, the next home of particular interest is the Arthur Leonard residence at 33309. It was built in 1841 and the Greek Revival influence is evident.

There are no nails in the rough hewn roof beams. They are supported by mortise. A well in the backyard, still useable, was a source of water for the early bucket brigades in the pre-fire hose days.

13) Shiawassee curves into Warner. Turn right at Warner and about a block down the street is the Roy Klepinger home at 23700. It was built about 1830 and remodeled in 1922.

14) Two blocks west on Oakland you're back on Farmington and within

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