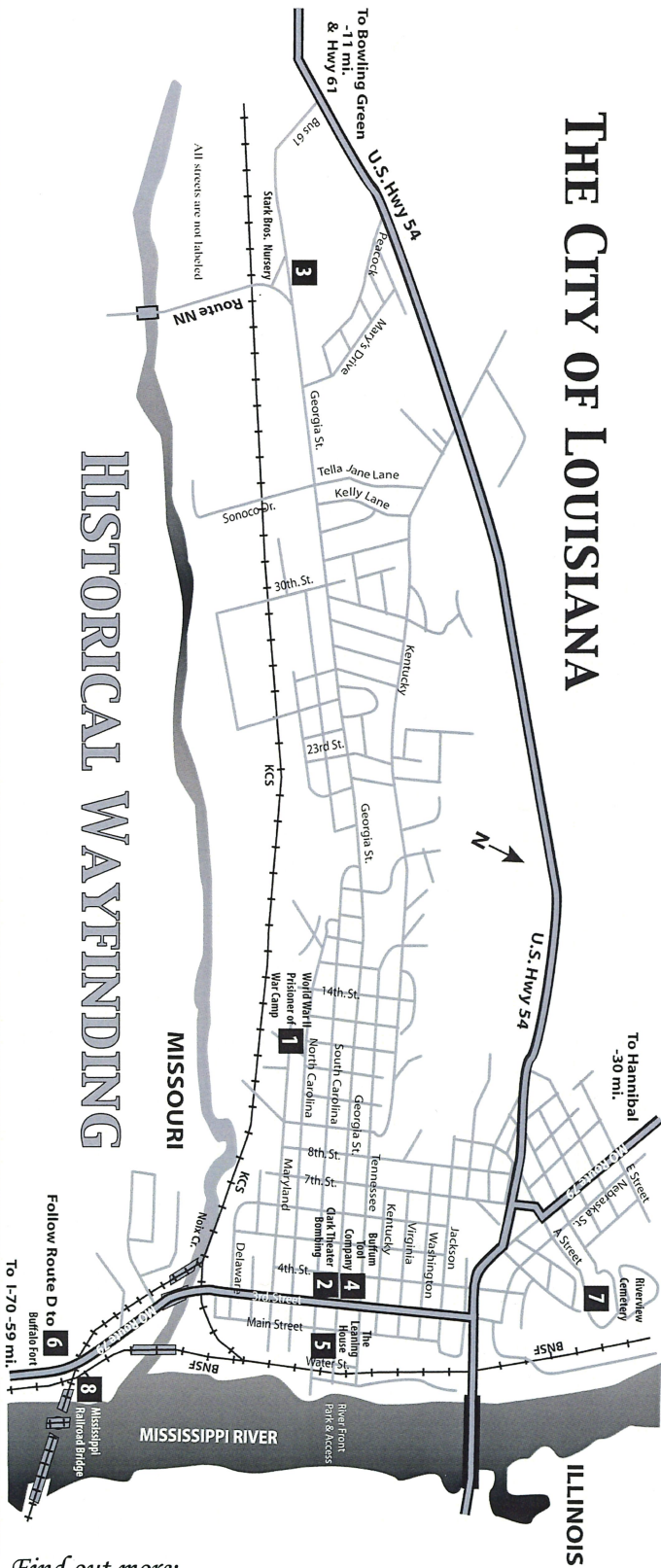


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1 World War II Prison of War Camp 1300 Block of North Carolina Street

During World War II the United States placed a German POW camp on the South side of town. What many imagined such a camp would be like was not what was in town. The prisoners would go to movies and work for local businesses. Many prisoners stayed in Louisiana following the war, especially if they found a love interest.

2 Clark Theater Bombing 316 Georgia Street



The Clark Theater had been open no more than a few days in May of 1931 when disaster struck. Late in the evening an explosion

was heard in the downtown area. Everyone knew something had happened on the 300 block of Georgia street. All the windows along the block were blown out but it was the Clark Theater that had sustained the most damage. As the days go by evidence leans towards a bomb. But who did it? No one was ever charged with the crime. Rumors of who did it are still talked about today with most fingers pointing to the mafia!

3 Stark Bros. Nursery 3310 Georgia Street

It's not every day that you see a business that is older than the city it resides in but that is true of Stark Bros. Nursery and Orchard. Founded in 1816 by James Hart Stark the company grafted scions brought from Kentucky and grafted them onto native crabapple trees. From this humble beginning grew Stark Brothers Nurseries and Orchards Company. Not many people know that Stark Bros' was the first to mass produce the Red Delicious and Golden Delicious apples!

4 Buffum Tool Company 119 N 4th Street

In 1900, the Buffum Tool Company had no idea that their logo would be the companies demise. Everything was going great for the company until World War II, the rise of Nazi Germany and their use of the swastika, which, unfortunately was also the logo for the Tool Company. The Buffums saw the symbol for the ancient meaning of luck and prosperity but that meaning changing when the war began. Many believe that the company sales rapidly declined due to people believing that the tool company was pro Nazi. The company closed it's doors in 1940.

5 The Leaning House South 100 Block of Georgia Street

Ok, so it wasn't so much a "leaning" house but rather an optical illusion. The Leaning House was actually a saloon and eventually a cafe for people of color.



It was an optical illusion due to the fact that the house was actually built level but the road slants at an angle. The house was featured in National Geographic in the 1940's.

6 Buffalo Fort Route D one mile South of Route 79

In 1811 the first settlers moved into the area and lived in the first fort built in the County, Buffalo Fort. The fort was built to protect settlers from the Sauk and Fox Tribes during the War of 1812. Those living in the fort were under constant fear of Indian attacks and continuously sought military aid. In 1814 the military escorted the settlers out of the fort and back to St. Louis to ensure their safety. Before leaving, the fort was partially destroyed. A plaque now stands where the fort was to honor those first settlers in the Louisiana area.

7 Riverview Cemetery Nebraska Street



The resting place of Louisiana's most influential people, Riverview Cemetery is located on the North side of Louisiana and is home to former Governors and business leaders alike.

The cemetery dates back to 1813 and includes notable public figures such as former Missouri Governor Loyd Stark, and Indiana's second Governor Radcliff Boon. It is unknown how many people are actually buried in the cemetery due to a fire at the cemetery office in the early 1900's but believed to be above 14,000. This is also home to arguably the best views in all of NE Missouri.

8 Mississippi Railroad Bridge Route 79 just South of Louisiana

One of the first six bridges built across the Mississippi, the railroad bridge was built in 1873 at the cost of \$685,000. Today, the trust swing bridge is one of only two swing bridges remaining on the Mississippi River. The bridge is 2,053 feet long and sits 16 feet above the water. It was rebuilt in 1893 and again in 1945 and is currently owned by the Kansas City Southern Railroad.