

BY THE CANAL



Canal District Walking Tour



2. St. John's Church and Rectory, Temple Street, Select #2 - This mid-19th-century Greek Revival style church was built by the first Roman Catholic parish in central Massachusetts. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Extended version - Worcester's First Catholic Priest and College of the Holy Cross



3. John T. Cahill House, 42 Green Street, Select #3 - This building was once a grand mansion completed in 1852 as the home of an Irish-born railroad contractor.
Extended version - Irish Community Leader, Tobias Boland



4. 91 Green Street, Select #4 - Hear about some of the notable bands that have played in clubs at this site and put this building on the "map."



5. Father Matthew Hall (White Eagle Building), 116-120 Green Street, Select #5 - Originally home to an Irish temperance society, this building is now owned by a Polish social club.
Extended version - Irish Temperance Societies



6. Ash Street School, 4 Ash Street, Select #6 - Built in 1850, this is the second oldest surviving school building in Worcester.
Extended version - Early Childhood Home of Poet Laureate, Stanley Kunitz



7. Crompton Loom Works, 132-142 Green Street, Select #7 - This factory was built in 1860 for the manufacture of textiles and looms. It is one of the oldest surviving factory buildings in Worcester.
Extended version - Homes of George Crompton and Playwright S.N. Behrman



1. Union Station, Washington Square, Select #1 - This grand Beaux Arts Classical-style train station was built in 1911 and is one of Worcester's most imposing buildings.
Extended version - Brief History



11. Heywood Boot & Shoe Company, Wachusett Building, 68-80 Winter Street, Select #11 - This factory was built in 1879 for the Heywood Boot & Shoe Company. Boot and shoe manufacturing was Worcester's third largest industry.
Extended version - Harding and Winter Street Manufacturing District



10. 82-88 Winter Street, Select #10 - Built around 1898, this building has housed a variety of businesses. One of the first was Worcester Stained Glass Works, upstairs at No. 88.
Extended version - Anarchist Emma Goldman and Ice Cream



9. J.H. & G.M. Walker Shoe Company, 28 Water Street, Select #9 - This factory was built for the J.H. & G.M. Walker Shoe Company in 1870. This company is considered to be the "Father" of most of Worcester's 23 other late-19th century boot and shoe manufacturers.



8. W.H. Hill Envelope Company, 48 Water Street, Select #8 - This factory was built for the W.H. Hill Envelope Company in 1890. Envelopes were Worcester's second largest industry. This building can be viewed from both the Water Street side and the Harding Street side, where the loading docks were.

