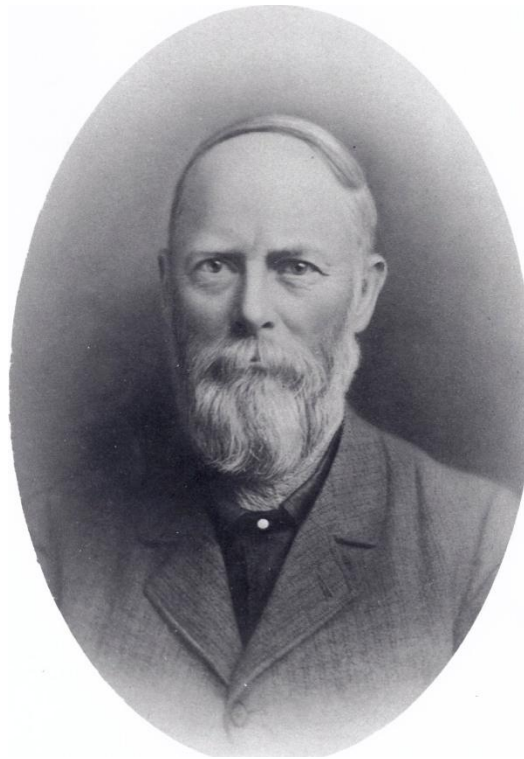




Fred and Julia Bowen House (NRHP 1996) 220 East Union Street, 1869.



Julia Busby Bowen, suffragist, church worker and civic leader.



Frederick Phelps Bowen.

Characterized by overhanging eaves ornamented by paired cut-out scroll brackets, the main block of this two story brick Italianate styled house features a wooden bay window with bracketed eaves and stone lintels. The best example of Italianate residential architecture in the city, this house was built for affluent local

merchant Frederick Phelps Bowen and his wife Julia Busby Bowen, a prominent suffragist and temperance proponent.

The house has a connection to the Civil War since Julia Busby and her first husband, S.N. Waite were in the south on business and were interred by the Confederate government. Mr. Waite escaped, joined the Union Army and ultimately died in Baltimore, Md. on March 27, 1865. Julia Waite was released and removed to Richland Center where her brother, Harry Busby, was sheriff.

It is the only private residence in Richland Center on the National Register of Historic Places. Historian Margaret Helen Scott in her book, "Say, "Ah," The Story of a Hundred Years of Medicine in Richland County, Wisconsin," describes the Bowen house as "the beautiful old brick Southern style house."

The property features one of the few intact carriage houses remaining in the city.

Another similarly styled house located far to the south of Richland Center is in Ringgold, Ga. Known as the Whitman House; it displays many of the same design features as the Bowen House. The house of handmade soft brick was built in 1863 by Mr. William L. Whitman, a prominent merchant of Ringgold. After the Battle of Ringgold in November of 1863, General U.S. Grant made his headquarters at the Whitman House. When he and his staff were leaving, Grant offered Mrs. Whitman pay for lodging in \$50 U.S. greenbacks which she refused and asked for Confederate money instead. General Grant is said to have remarked, "She certainly is not whipped yet," and his soldiers cheered her as they left. The Whitman family is said to have watched the fiercest part of the fight from upstairs window.



The Whitman House - Ringgold, Ga.

(Keep in mind the homes listed are private residences which are not open to the public. Please respect the occupants' privacy when viewing their homes from the sidewalk).



The Bowen carriage house was built sometime prior to 1915 and is listed on the Richland Center Register of Historic places. It is among the very few remaining stables/carriage houses in the city and the only one that has been restored.