

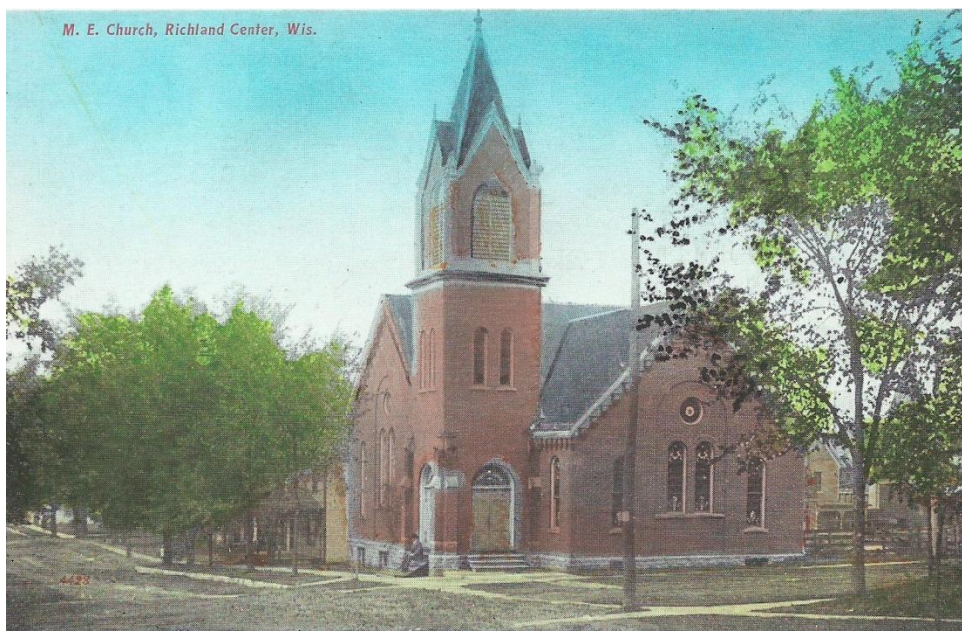


First Methodist Episcopal Church, 258 East Mill Street - 1898.

This Romanesque Revival influenced brick church displays semi-circular arched windows and door openings, arcaded corbel tables along the eaves, and a square pyramidal roofed entrance tower. The Romanesque Revival style was widely used for churches, and was quite popular for university campuses in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, especially in the United States and Canada. Popular features of these revival buildings are round arches, semi-circular arches on windows and belt courses.

Having purchased a lot on the corner of Mill and Park in 1867, the Methodist erected their church in 1872. A vestibule was added to the church and interior remodeling completed in 1883. The church underwent major remodeling which reached completion in 1898. The main section of the church was turned, a wing added to the east, the basement enlarged, a choir loft built, and a brick veneer added.

Early on, during the pitched battle between the “wet’s” and the “dry’s,” the pastor of the church gave a scorching denunciation of liquor in his sermon. Consequently, there was a charge of dynamite set off which blew a hole in the church foundation.





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