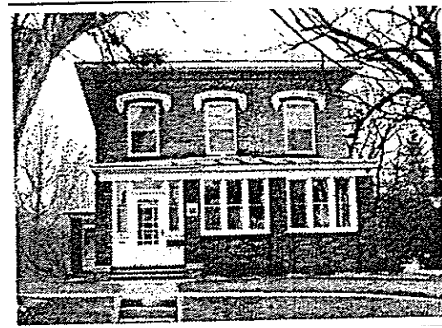




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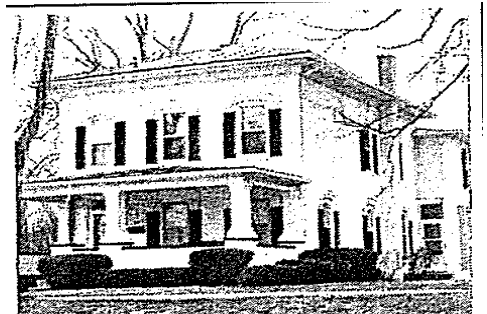
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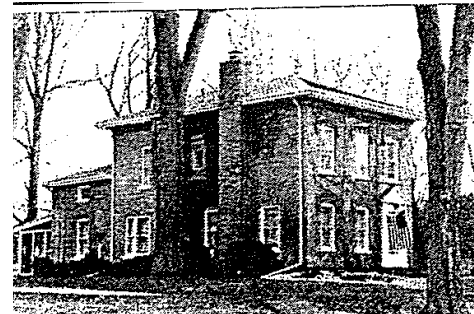
**#2: 306 Union Street**



**#6: 610 North Union Street**



**#3: 132 West Lytle Street**



**#7: 627 North Union Street**

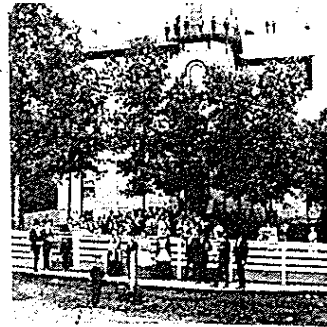


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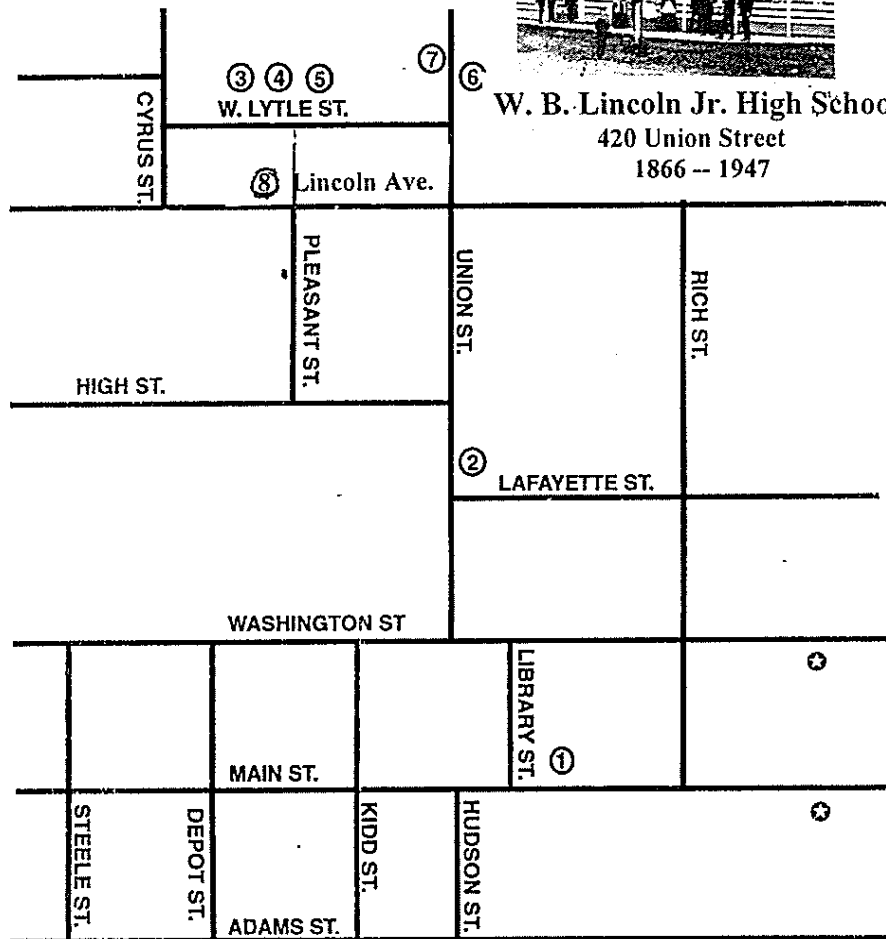


**#8: 142 West Lincoln Ave.**

## Walking Tour Map



W. B. Lincoln Jr. High School  
420 Union Street  
1866 -- 1947



★ Footnote: The homes at 223 E. Washington St. and 225 E. Main St. appear to have been influenced by Capt. Mills, but offer no historical data on the builder.

- M. Webster

## An Italianate Treasure

### A Walking Tour of the Homes of Captain Lucius Mills

During the Civil War, the duties of Captain Mills and the First Regiment of Engineers and Mechanics consisted of constructing pontoon bridges across rivers to enable transportation of soldiers and equipment. Then, as soon as the Regiment crossed, the bridges were destroyed or dismantled.

Back in Ionia, in 1866, Captain Mills began building on a more permanent basis, with his structures still standing today.

Many of the homes pictured here bear his signature, a row of bricks set at a 45 degree segmental arch pictured above, capping each window.

His own home, now the Union Hill Bed & Breakfast, and the Hall Fowler Memorial Library / Ionia Community Library, which was the first use of Ionia Sandstone, are both considered to be masterpieces.

His lengthy deafness, incurred by cannon fire during the Civil War, contributed to his death at age 71 in 1906. He was struck by a train while walking near the tracks.