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## ITALIANATE (1850 - 1870)

One of the finest examples of the Italianate Style to be found in Orleans County is this Medina Sandstone Italian Villa owned by Jessie and Alan J. Werner Jr., on West Center Street in Medina. Older Medinans will remember this as the Luther Home. The large massive boxlike proportions, wide bracketed overhang, arched windows and dominating tower are typical features of buildings in this style. The large front porch however, is a later 20th Century addition. Surely this residence also give testimony to the Quarrying Industry which was once so important to our local economy. This mode of architecture with its Mediterranean origins was popularly used for homes and business blocks alike as will be observed in our villages. During the last year the Medina Historical Society has undertaken its own architectural survey of noteworthy homes in Medina. Mrs. Ceil White, village historian and Mr. Edsel Grinnel, the two people most involved in that survey, have found that Italian Villas are one of Medina's most notable architectural forms. In fact, one can find more Italianate architecture in Medina than any other community in Orleans County. Best wishes to Ceil, Ed and the Medina Historical Society for continued success in their preservation work.