

Octagon House Museum – Hudson, Wisconsin Photograph Collection



Overview

The photograph collection at the Octagon House Museum documents more than a century of life in Hudson and the St. Croix River Valley. These images capture the evolution of the town's homes, businesses, civic organizations, and community members from the mid-19th century through the 20th century. Formats include studio portraits, cabinet cards, school photographs, snapshots, postcards, and interior and exterior architectural views. Together, they provide a visual record of Hudson's growth, its people, and its changing built environment.

Featured Categories

1. Hudson Homes and Businesses
 - a. Main Street and Downtown Streetscapes
 - i. Images of storefronts, hotels, churches, and public buildings, often showing signage, transportation, and seasonal activity.
 - b. Private Homes
 - i. Exterior and interior photographs documenting architectural styles, renovations, and family life.
 - c. Businesses and Workspaces
 - i. Interiors and exteriors of local shops, factories, offices, and service establishments.
2. Portraits and People
 - a. Individual and Family Portraits
 - i. Studio portraits, cabinet cards, and snapshots.
 - b. School Class Photographs
 - i. Group portraits of students and teachers from Hudson schools, often labeled with class years and names.
 - c. Civic and Public Organizations
 - i. Images of women's clubs, fraternal organizations, church groups, and community associations.
 - d. Military Regiments and Veterans
 - i. Portraits and group photographs of local servicemembers, including regimental images and reunion photos.

Names, Individuals, Places

- Moffat Family
- Willcox Family

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- Hudson Women's Club
- Burkhardt Family
- Burkholder Family
- Phipps Family

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