

#### 4. Parrott Gun

Donated in 1908 by the Macomb Chapter of the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic). This was a type of rifled cannon invented by Robert P. Parrott. Cast in 1864.



#### 5. Gazebo

First gazebo built in 1911 as a bandstand. Present gazebo built by Kiwanis in 1982. Candidate Obama spoke here in 2004 during his Senate campaign.



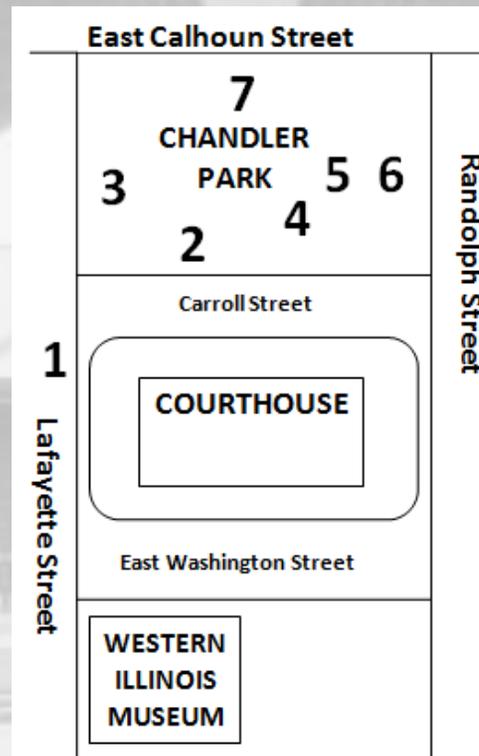
#### 6. Macomb and McDonough Monument

Donated in 1914 by Capt. Albert Eads, a Civil War veteran. McDonough and Macomb were heroes of the War of 1812.

McDonough County was set aside by the government as homesteads for veterans of the War of 1812.

**7. Chandler Park Arch** Built in 1929 by the citizens of Macomb to honor Chandler and his donation of the park to the city. Note the two plaques on either side of the archway. Chandler left a continuing legacy in the heart of the community. Later generations continue the tradition of donating trees, benches and park monuments.

#### Stops on the walking tour



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## Self-Guided Walking Tour

Walking in  
the footsteps  
of

C. V.  
Chandler



Devoted  
Citizen of  
Macomb



C.V. Chandler

## Who was Charles Vilasco (C.V.) Chandler?

### One of Macomb's most significant and influential citizens

Born in Macomb in 1843, died in 1934 and buried at Oakwood Cemetery

- Devoted Citizen
- Talented Businessman
- Donated Chandler Park to the City of Macomb

As a prosperous businessman, Chandler built and bought structures in downtown Macomb—helping the city he loved to grow and thrive.

Chandler had a huge impact on the city in the latter part of the 19th century. Not only did he build buildings, but he was also involved in many civic activities and worked to make Macomb a better place.

## 1. Chandler Opera House

124 North Lafayette St.

Currently the site of Ford Hopkins Drug Store, Fudge and Floral Creations, and The Forum.



### Opera House in the day of Chandler

Constructed in 1872 and owned by Chandler. The upper floor contained stage and seating for 800 people. Magnificent frescoes decorated the walls.

Travelling vaudeville shows, lectures, and music concerts were featured. It was the most elegant place in town and the center of community entertainment.

Chandler saw the need for a cultural venue and built this building to meet the needs of the city. In the late 1920s, a fire damaged the upper story and it was removed. Later, movies were shown here and the name changed to the Illinois Theater.

## 2. Chandler Park

This entire city block was donated by Chandler to the city of Macomb in 1893. Since that time, the park has served as a gateway entrance to Macomb, leading visitors from the train station, once the principal form of arrival, to the rest of the downtown square.



## 3. Civil War Memorial

First monument erected in the park. Donated by Chandler in 1899 in memory of his Civil War comrades. As a Civil War veteran himself, Chandler purchased the monument with his own personal war pension money.

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