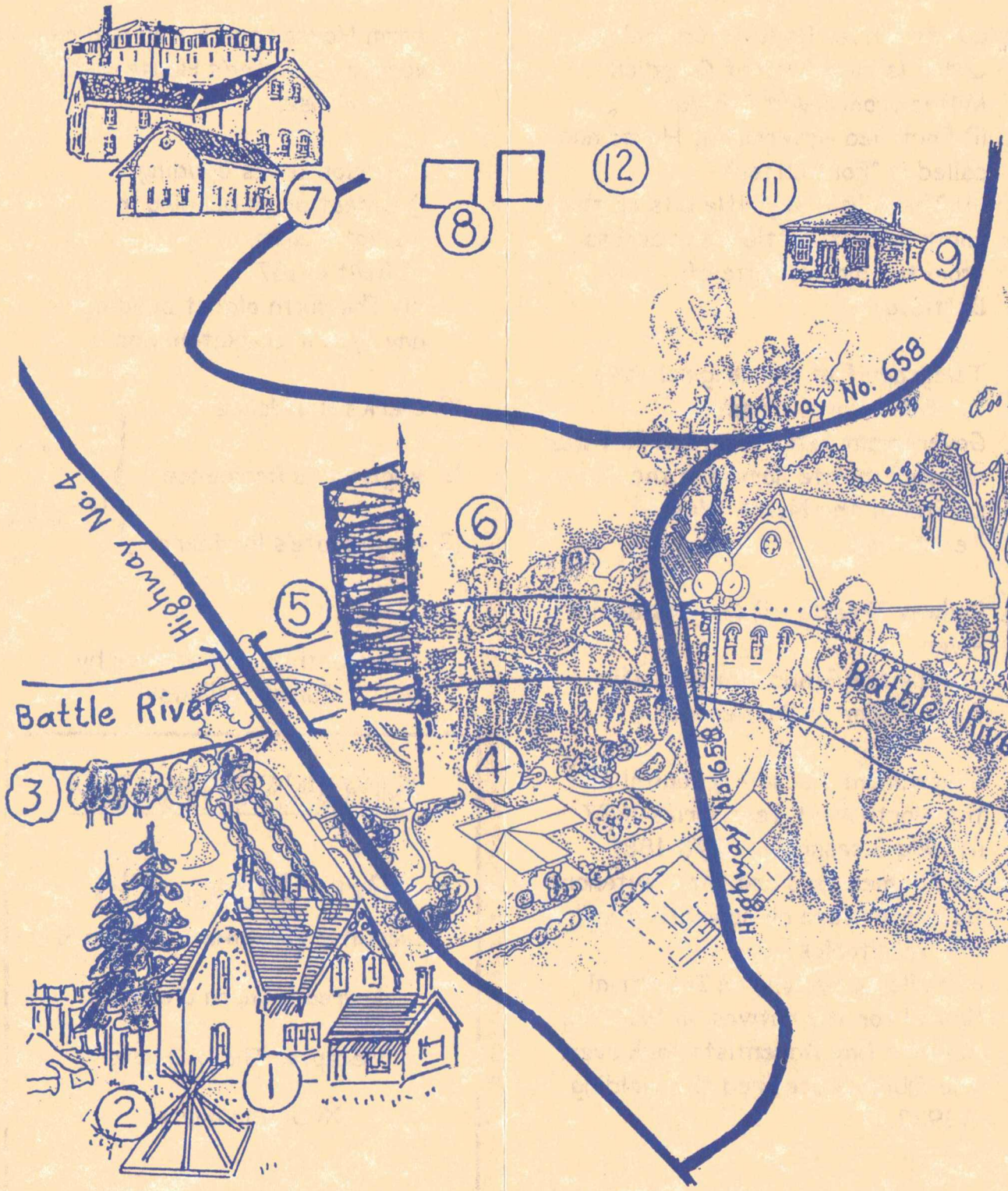


# BATTLEFORD

Historic

# Walking Tour



# Battle River Settlement



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1. Fort Battleford is located next to the Town of Battleford, Sask.
  - i) Fort Battleford is a National Historic Site.
  - ii) The fort is near the junction of the Battle and North Saskatchewan Rivers.
  - iii) The fort was established by the North West Mounted Police (NWMP) in 1876 to affirm the Government of Canada's presence in the North West Territories.
  - iv) During the North West Rebellion more than 500 people found shelter within the make-shift stockade of Fort Battleford.
  - v) Fort Battleford was in existence from 1876 to 1924.
  
2. Indian Mass Grave - i) Eight Indian prisoners were tried for murder during the North West Rebellion of 1885.
  - ii) The Indians were executed within the fort's stockade.
  
3. The Springs - According to Indian legend the springs had a warlike history dating back over a century. Three great Indian nations, the Blackfoot, the Plains Cree and the Assiniboine were constantly seeking dominance over what is now the Battleford area.

4. Colonel Otter Park - i) Colonel Otter led a column of Canadian Militia from Swift Current.
  - ii) Fortified Government House and called it "Fort Otter"
  - iii) The militia dug rifle pits on the north side of Battle River across from the old townsite of Battleford.
  
5. Telegraph Flat - i) Original name for Battleford, Dominion Government felt Telegraph Flat was not appropriate name for the Capital of the North West Territories.
  
6. Railway Trestle - i) Crosses Battle River.
  - ii) Was the Grand Trunk Pacific from Biggar to Battleford.
  
7. Government House - i) Capital of the North West Territories 1877
  - ii) Held 3 sessions - 1878-1881
  - iii) Six members and the Lieutenant Governor, were all appointed, ran the Territories
  - iv) Building became an Industrial School for the natives, in 1916 the Seventh Day Adventists took over. The Oblates acquired the building in 1932.

8. Farm Houses purchased and converted to Sister's House and St. Jude House.
  
9. Dominion Lands Building -
  - i) Oldest brick building in Saskatchewan.
  - ii) Built in 1877
  - iii) The sixth oldest building of any type in Saskatchewan.
  
10. Clerk's Residence
11. Registrar's Residence
12. Magistrate's Residence

(i) interim identification  
(ii) long term reconstruction

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