

## *A Look Back in Time*

*Located at 6027 Seventh Avenue, the Thiers House is a contributing structure in the Library Park Historic District, a National Register District. The house was designated as a landmark on December 5, 1994. In addition to being a contributing structure, the property reflects the City's architectural history. The house is a fine example of the Queen Anne architecture popular in the late nineteenth century.*

*The Thiers House was built in 1893 for Louis Thiers, a noted photographer in Kenosha and Chicago. This two and one-half story Queen Anne house features clapboard siding, a hipped and gabled roof, and a polygonal turret with a tent roof at the northwest corner. Window openings are many and varied. The house has a veranda that wraps around the northwest corner of the house. The veranda has been altered by replacement wrought iron posts and enclosure of the north end into a second front entrance. The house also has a broad front gable and a fine coursed stone foundation. The architect is unknown.*

*Louis Milton Thiers was born on July 8, 1858 in Kenosha. The Thiers family is of French origin. He was educated in Kenosha schools, went to high school and attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for a short time, but soon took up the study of photography in Kenosha instead. After a year's work in Kenosha, he went to Chicago and for five years worked in the studio of Max Platz, one of the leading photographers there. An interval of a year followed during which he was in the office of N. R. Allen's Sons' tannery, and then began his connection with the Scotford Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of brass novelties. Mr. Thiers was secretary and treasurer of the*



*company until 1891, in which because of ill health, he was obliged to resign. A year's travel in Europe restored his strength, and on his return, he became bookkeeper for the Kenosha Novelty Company for a while. In 1896, he turned his attention again to photography and, as a junior member of the firm of Hollister & Thiers, opened a studio in Kenosha. This association with Mr. E. H. Hollister continued for six years, but in 1902, Mr. Thiers sold out his interest and thereafter had been engaged in looking after some land interests in Kenosha county and in Minnesota.*

*June 5, 1888, witnessed the union of Louis M. Thiers to Miss Mary Elizabeth Lamb Stanbridge. They had one adopted daughter, Natalie Elizabeth.*

*This beautiful house is an excellent illustration of the Queen Anne style of architecture. The house has been well maintained and deserving of the recognition as a contributing structure within a historic district. We invite you to drive by this and the three other Victorian homes within the Library Park Historic District.*