



# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



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*On the first day of Christmas my museum gave to me...  
an ornament with Oswego his-tor-ee!*

- ★ Each day December 26-January 6, a unique Oswego-themed ornament from the museum's collection was revealed.
- ★ The ornaments were issued as a fundraiser for the Oswego Chamber of Commerce and highlighted a unique location, landmark, or property within the community.





Day 1



## Little White School Museum

The ornament featuring the historic **Little White School Museum** located at the intersection of Polk & Jackson is today's featured ornament. Built as a church, then used as a school, today the building serves as a community museum sharing the rich history of Oswegoland.



Day 2



## The Brick Block

The ornament depicting the Union Block, more commonly known by locals as the **Brick Block**, is today's feature. Located on Main Street and originally built of wood structures, the block was destroyed by a devastating fire, rebuilt in brick, and still stands today.





Day 3



## Church of the Good Shepherd

Today's feature pays homage to the **Church of the Good Shepherd** located at the intersection of Washington and Madison Streets. The building boasts beautifully detailed stained glass and an extensive history within the community.



Day 4



## Oswego Fire Station

Current home to the Oswego Cyclery and Oswego Brewing Company, the building served as the location of **Oswego's Fire Station** from 1953-2009 as seen on this commemorative ornament from 2009.



Day 5



## Oswego Veterans Memorial

Adjacent to the Oswego Public Library at Main & Jefferson, today's feature is the **Oswego Veterans Memorial** dedicated to all those who have served in the United States armed forces.





Day 6



## Oswego Police Department

The 50th Anniversary of the **Oswego Police Department** celebrated on this ornament depicts its location from 1991-2018. The new state-of-the-art headquarters on Woolley Road opened in October 2018.





Day 7



## Oswego Grain Elevator

The **Oswego Grain Elevator** dates to 1914 and was once a key destination for the area's crops. Still standing today, take a drive, walk, run, or bike through town for a peek into this structure from Oswego's past.



Day 8



## Schickler Building

Built in 1900 by Oswego businessman John Schickler, the **Schickler Building** housed a grocery, general store, and saloon. The building still stands today at the southwest corner of Main and Washington streets.



Day 9



## Judson House

Although no longer standing, the **Judson House**, an early fixture on South Main Street, was built by Lewis B. Judson who along with Levi F. Arnold platted and founded the village of Hudson – later to become Oswego – in 1835.





Day 10



Dairy  
Hut

A must visit destination for many in the area, the **Dairy Hut** served up ice cream and summer fun on South Main Street where it stood for over 57 years.



Day 11



## Turtle Rock

Situated on the banks of the Fox River, **Turtle Rock**, which earned the moniker from turtles sunning themselves on a boulder in the River, has been home to an ice house, dairy, cheese factory, tea room, and private residence.



Day 12



## Little White School Museum

Our final reveal brings us full circle to the **Little White School Museum** which welcomes visitors to explore the rich history of Oswegoland, experience innovative programs, and discover something new, fun, and exciting every day!



# Happy New Year!



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