



Adin Randall House

526 Menomonie Street
1862, Upright and Wing



Adin Randall, one of Eau Claire's first settlers and boosters, enthusiastically promoted the community's advantages as a lumber center. This typically modest 1860s house was built near his small sash and door factory and planning mill, located on the Chippewa River at the foot of Ninth Avenue.

Randall operated an early ferry across the Chippewa River, providing a link with settlers in the downtown area. Along with other lumbermen, he developed the natural log storage facility available in Half Moon Lake. To simplify the channeling of logs, Randall invented the sheer boom, a remarkable device that used the force of the river to divert logs into Half Moon Lake, drastically cutting losses during floods. Old pilings from the boom can be seen behind Hobb's Ice Arena when the river is low.