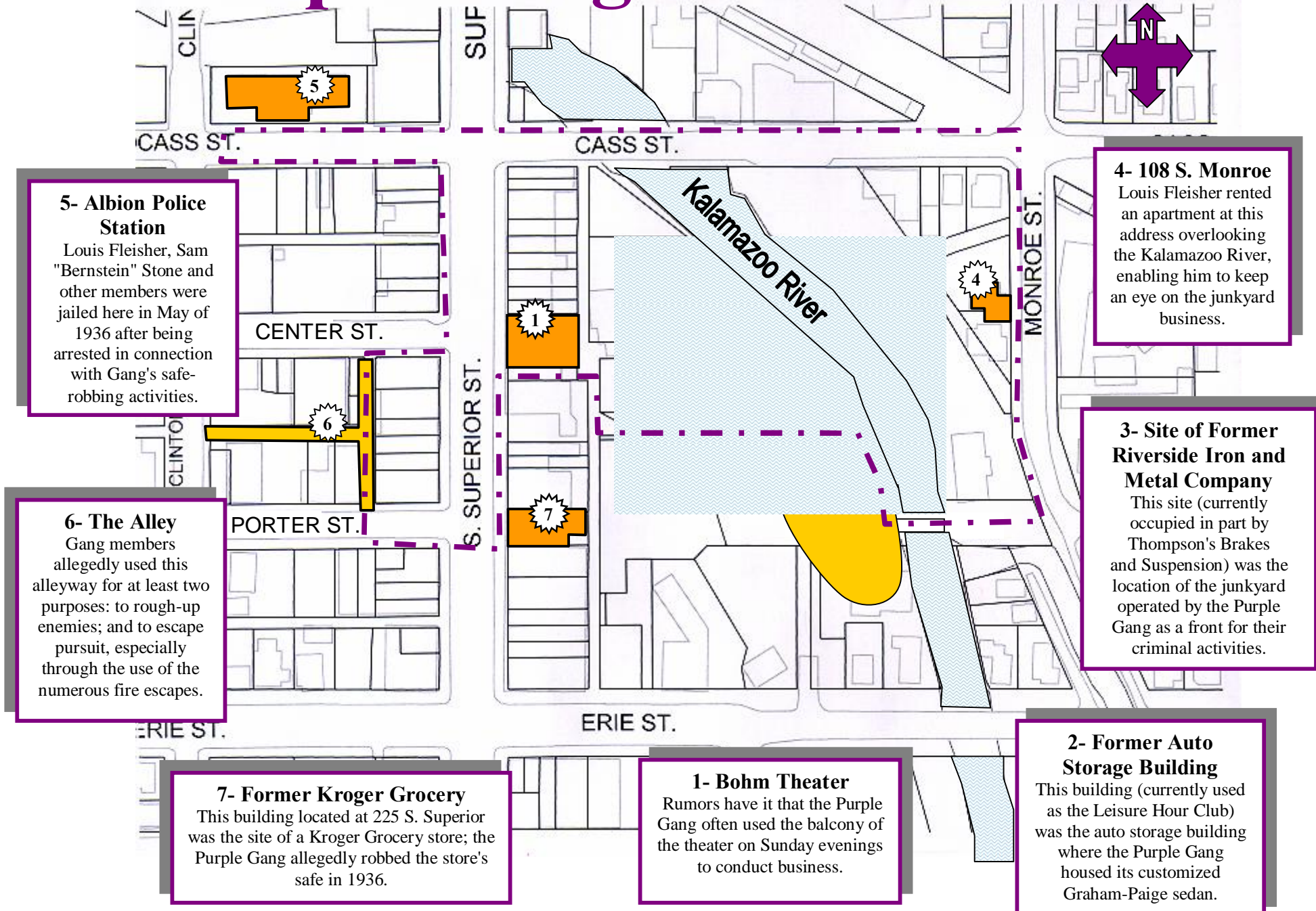


The Purple Gang

Historic Walking Tour in Albion Michigan



5- Albion Police Station

Louis Fleisher, Sam "Bernstein" Stone and other members were jailed here in May of 1936 after being arrested in connection with Gang's safe-robbing activities.

6- The Alley

Gang members allegedly used this alleyway for at least two purposes: to rough-up enemies; and to escape pursuit, especially through the use of the numerous fire escapes.

7- Former Kroger Grocery

This building located at 225 S. Superior was the site of a Kroger Grocery store; the Purple Gang allegedly robbed the store's safe in 1936.

1- Bohm Theater

Rumors have it that the Purple Gang often used the balcony of the theater on Sunday evenings to conduct business.

2- Former Auto Storage Building

This building (currently used as the Leisure Hour Club) was the auto storage building where the Purple Gang housed its customized Graham-Paige sedan.

3- Site of Former Riverside Iron and Metal Company

This site (currently occupied in part by Thompson's Brakes and Suspension) was the location of the junkyard operated by the Purple Gang as a front for their criminal activities.

4- 108 S. Monroe

Louis Fleisher rented an apartment at this address overlooking the Kalamazoo River, enabling him to keep an eye on the junkyard business.