Charles Lindbergh is best known for known as an international hero for completing the first solo, nonstop flight between New York City and Paris in 1927. In addition to being a skilled aviator, Lindbergh was also an amateur scientist, inventor, and leader in the early conservation movement. The son of C.A. Lindbergh, lawyer and Congressman, and Evangeline L.L. Lindbergh, chemistry teacher, Lindbergh was raised Little Falls, MN, on a farm on the western banks of the Mississippi River. As you tour Little Falls, imagine the Lindbergh family living here between 1885 and 1920. Experience the changes and progress this family made in the city and listen to the voices of an era gone by, paving the way for one of America’s most famous sons.

1 » Charles A. Lindbergh House and Museum
Charles Lindbergh’s childhood home is located at 1620 Lindbergh Drive S. The famous aviator lived in Minnesota between five-weeks-old and eighteen. Guided tours of the fully furnished home highlight stories of Lindbergh’s whole life. Now operated by the Minnesota Historical Society, is open between Memorial Weekend and Labor Day, as well as by appointment. For more details visit www.mnhs.org/Lindbergh or call 320.616.5421.

2 » Charles A. Lindbergh State Park
The Charles A. Lindbergh State Park is located across the street from the Lindbergh Home and is comprised of over 400 acres, 93 of which are from the original Lindbergh farm. A home which was occupied by tenant farmers is still standing on the property, and various signs throughout the park document not only Lindbergh points of interest, but also natural and historical points as well. The park has camping facilities, hiking and skiing trails, and picnic grounds. Daily or annual park permits are required to enter the state park. Call (320) 616-2525 for more information.

3 » Hotel site
The Buckman Hotel, at the corner of 1st Ave. S.E. and 1st St. E., was the hotel the Lindberghs stayed at while their second house was being built in 1905. The original Buckman burned down and was rebuilt on the same site. This building has been restored and is now used as senior congregate living.

4 » Site of Evangeline Lodge Land Lindbergh’s first residence in Little Falls
The Antlers Hotel, where C.A. and Evangeline Lodge Land, Charles’ mother, were living when they met in 1900, was located on the corner of 2nd St. W. and Broadway W. is now Lindbergh Drive and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is on the site where the Antlers Hotel stood.

5 » Charles A. Lindbergh’s high school
The former Little Falls High School building was located at 109 2nd Ave. N.E. Charles briefly attended school here in 1915 and returned for his senior year in 1917. Due to the outbreak of WWI, in midwinter, the school district offered full academic credit to boys who would leave school to take over their family farms for the war effort; Charles took advantage of this offer. He graduated on June 5, 1918. (It is rumored that Charles once drove through the first floor hallway of this school on his motorcycle.) The building was torn down in 2008 and is currently an empty lot.

6 » Lindbergh cemetery plot
C.A.’s first wife, Mary LaFond Lindbergh, their middle daughter Edith and their oldest daughter Lillian Roberts are all buried together in Oakland Cemetery. This cemetery is located south of Little Falls on 4th St. S.E. on the left (north) side of the road just past the Highway 10 overpass. The main entrance is the second entrance to the cemetery and the Lindbergh plot is just south of this main road on Lindbergh Street, between the Calhouns, the Rothwells and the Lindgrens. Mary’s stone is a long, flat stone with a raised cross stretching the length of it; Edith is buried to the left of her and Lillian is buried to the right. Oakland Cemetery is open from sunrise to sunset. (320) 632-3792.

7 » Law Office of C.A. Lindbergh 1892
C.A. Lindbergh and his brother, Frank A. Lindbergh, had law offices in many different locations in Little Falls over the years. Their first location was in the Butler Block on the corner of 1st St. E. and Broadway. This building is now US Bank, formerly First National Bank, of which C.A. was an original shareholder and a member of the board of directors.

8 » Law Office of C.A. Lindbergh 1907
The second building that C.A. and Frank Lindbergh had law offices in was the Kiewel building in downtown Little Falls. This building, which currently houses Fallsnet, is located at the corner of Broadway E. and Kidder Street.

9 » Law Office of C.A. Lindbergh 1916
C.A.’s law office was located in Martin Engstrom’s hardware/department store at 109 Broadway W. This building is gone now, but it was located in the space between the West Side Bar and the brick warehouse with the murals painted on it. Martin Engstrom was a friend and mentor to Charles Jr.

10 » Lindbergh Block
105 Broadway E. was the location of the Lindbergh Block, a building that C.A. Lindbergh built in 1893. The building burnt and was rebuilt as a shoe store and has now been annexed in by US Bank.
11 - C.A. Lindbergh business dealings

C.A. was on the board of directors of the German American National Bank, which is located on the SW corner of Broadway E. and 1st St. E. The building is now law offices. (Note: The German American National Bank was changed to the American National Bank upon American entrance into WWI — you can still see on the side of the building – where the word “German” was cemented out.

12 - Lindbergh Family Homes

The house that C.A. and his first wife, Mary LaFond Lindbergh, lived in during their marriage is located at 608 Broadway E. and is still standing at that location, about three blocks west of Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School. This is a private residence and not open to the public. In the 1890’s, all of the Lindberghs and Lindbergh-in-laws lived in this same area. August and Louisa Lindbergh, C.A.’s parents, and Frank, C.A.’s brother, lived at 105 7th St. E.; Juno Lindbergh Butler, C.A.’s sister and her husband, W.A. Butler, lived at 603 Broadway E; this house is a private residence and still stands today; Linda Lindbergh Seal, C.A.’s sister and her husband, Joseph Seal (who, as superintendent of schools, introduced new chemistry teacher Evangeline Land to widower C.A. Lindbergh in 1900), lived at 709 1st Ave. N.E.; and Moses and Harriet LaFond, C.A.’s father- and mother-in-law who he had originally boarded with when he first moved to Little Falls in the mid-1880’s, lived at 412 2nd Ave. N.E. Only C.A. and Juno’s homes stand today. Additional information on Lindbergh Sites in Long Prairie, Melrose and Crosby, Minnesota can be obtained at the ...