



The Metivier Inn, conveniently located on historic Market Street on Mackinac Island, Michigan, was built by Louis Metivier as a private residence in 1877. Shortly after its 100th anniversary, the owners remodeled the inn keeping the original French and English influence.

This small lovely country inn offers bedrooms with private baths and efficiency apartments. Antiques and antique reproductions fill the guest rooms, equipped with private baths.

Guests are welcome to use our cozy living room with its quaint wood-burning stove as well as the spacious comfortable wicker-furnished front porch. Gourmet continental breakfast buffets are included in the room rates.

Metivier Inn is the perfect size for small conferences, wedding parties and reunions. We offer group accommodations and packages to meet your needs.

Metivier Inn regularly receives acclaim from the media. Recently AAA Michigan Living readers voted Metivier Inn one of the top B&Bs in the state and their favorite on Mackinac Island. Other publications recognizing Metivier Inn are *The New York Times*, *Conde Nast*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Detroit Free Press*, *Midwest Living* and *Country Inns*.

We look forward to hosting you on your next trip to Mackinac.

### **Rooms**

Metivier Inn offers charming guest rooms for your stay on Mackinac Island, each including air conditioning and private baths. The rooms are uniquely and tastefully decorated in a blend of English and French country style.

Most of our rooms are ideal for couples or solo travelers, as they contain one queen bed — either a four-poster bed, a canopy bed or a wicker bed.

We also offer two rooms each with a king bed, one room with two queen beds and an efficiency unit with a sofa sleeper.

For a romantic getaway or other special occasion, choose one of our graceful turret rooms or our elegant Jacuzzi room with its private furnished patio deck overlooking Grand Hotel's Jewel golf course.

Wireless Internet access (DSL) is available throughout the inn.

### Room categories:

Standard Rooms  
 Deluxe Rooms  
 Efficiency Suites  
 Grand Room



### Amenities

- private in-room baths
- air-conditioned rooms
- a gourmet breakfast buffet daily – including George's famous oatmeal
- coffee and teas available throughout the day
- two old-fashioned porches (front and side) with wicker
- a cozy fire in our quaint wood-burning stove in our living room on those cool spring and fall evenings
- an entertainment area with space for enjoying table games and flat screen television or for private meetings of 10-12 people
- an easily accessible bike rack
- luggage storage for early arrivals and late departures
- porters available to carry your luggage from the dock to Metivier Inn for a small gratuity

### **Rates**

Metivier Inn opened for the 2011 Season on May 12 and closes on October 22, 2011. Our rates range from \$110 to \$320 per night, depending on the room type and time of the season. These rates include the full delicious breakfast buffet. We often offer special rates for specific dates during the season. Please call 866-847-6234 for more information. Thank you for inquiring.

Check In-Out: Check in time is 3:00 p.m. and check out 11:00 a.m. Luggage can be stored for early arrivals and late departures.

Credit Cards: American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

Deposit Requirements: We require 75% of the total reservation cost to confirm your stay (single night stays will be charged in full for their one night at the time of booking).

Cancellation Policy: Our policy is to refund your deposit less a \$25.00 service charge, if we are notified at least 14 days prior to your reserved stay. Guests are responsible for their entire confirmed reservation dates in the event of no shows, late arrivals or early departures.

Pets: We are sorry we cannot accommodate pets.

Smoking: We are pleased to offer a non-smoking experience. Smoking areas are available on the porches.

## Groups

Metivier Inn is an great choice for your company retreat, family reunion, small workshop or other group function. Our conference room is an ideal location for private meetings of 10 to 15 people.

Flat screen TVs, VCRs, and banquet tables are available at no additional charge. We offer a fax/data line for guest use.

If you are getting married on the island, consider Metivier Inn for accommodating your wedding party and guests.

Plan your event midweek (any days Sunday through Thursday) in May or October, and take advantage of the following:

- Special low group room rates
- Wireless Internet access throughout the inn
- Free breakfast buffet
- Complimentary daily use of our conference room
- Luggage and equipment transportation to and from the ferry docks
- Luggage and equipment storage for early arrivals and late departures
- Free parking in Mackinaw City or St. Ignace
- Ferry discount coupon for each guest



## Gardens

Metivier Inn proudly maintains one of the most beautiful gardens on Mackinac Island. Photographers are often found capturing the harmonious color themes and unique layout of flowers along the front fence and surrounding the wicker appointed porch.

Diane Neyer, designer and keeper of the gardens, enjoys bringing a new look to the grounds each summer.

Enjoy the photos of our gardens on our website at [www.metivierinn.com](http://www.metivierinn.com) and imagine relaxing in our beautiful yard during your visit to Metivier Inn.

## Gift Certificates

Looking for a unique gift idea? Metivier Inn Gift Certificates are great for any occasion:

- Holidays
- Weddings
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Retirement
- Thank you for that special employee, teacher, or coach

Gift Certificates are available in any amount toward lodging, or we can assist you to create a custom Mackinac Island vacation package. For more information, please call us at 866-847-6234 or email [info@metivierinn.com](mailto:info@metivierinn.com). We'll be happy to help you create the perfect gift for the special person on your list.



## History

The name *Métivier* name is very old and appears to have been derived from the French word *métive* (harvest) and the Latin words *messis aestiva* (summer harvest).

### Before 1836

Jean François Métivier (son of Nicolas François Métivier) immigrates to the newly formed French province of Quebec, Canada.



### 1836-1839

Medard Métivier, third son of architect and builder, Louis Gideon Métivier, Sr., relocates to Mackinac Island from Montreal via Rochester, New York and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### 1844

Louis Gideon Métivier Jr. (born in Montreal around 1820) and his new bride, the former Sophia Granger (born in Acadia about 1826) book passage on a sailing vessel down the St. Lawrence River to the port city of Toronto on Lake Ontario. By horse drawn wagon, they travel north to Georgian Bay and sail into Lake Huron for the small landing at Mackinac Island. Soon thereafter, Louis Gideon becomes engaged in making barrels in which to store salted fish from the burgeoning commercial fishing industry.

### 1845

Louis Joseph Métivier is born to Louis Gideon and Sophia.

### 1846

Francis (François) Métivier, the eldest of the sons of Louis Gideon Métivier Sr., arrives at Mackinac with his wife Lucie. Nearing their seventies, Louis Gideon Sr. and his wife, Marie, arrive at Mackinac Island around 1847.

### 1847

Louis Gideon Métivier, Jr. moves to Cross Village, builds a log cabin home and operates a sawmill there until his return to Mackinac Island in about 1848.

### 1855

Louis Gideon Métivier, Jr. is employed by the Department of Labor to keep a lighthouse at Presque Isle. He stays there until 1861, when his wife, the former Sophia Granger, dies on September 27, at age thirty-five, leaving him a widower with three children.

Soon thereafter, Louis Gideon marries Mary Elizabeth McGulpin (twenty years his junior)

### 1864

Louis Joseph Métivier marries Elsie Gimmins of Cheboygan. Louis Joseph enlists and is wounded and hospitalized in

Clarysville, Maryland in September, then put on light duty until he is discharged on May 10, 1865.

### 1866

With a decline in demand for fish barrels, Louis Gideon Métivier decides Chicago, Illinois may provide more secure employment. Here in 1866 and 1868 a son, Joseph Francis, and a daughter, Mary Ann, are born.

Louis Joseph Métivier and Elsie have a son named Silas M. Métivier.

### 1870

Louis Gideon Métivier and his growing family locate permanently at Cross Village. In September of 1878, George William Métivier is born. There is record of Louis Gideon attending a township board meeting at Cross Village on May 2, 1877, representing the village as Justice of the Peace and town treasurer.

### 1877-present

Louis Joseph Métivier, Civil War veteran and son of Louis Gideon Jr. and Sophie purchases a Victorian-style home on Mackinac Island for seven hundred dollars. It is this house that will become the Métivier Inn some one hundred-five years later.

Elsie Métivier (née Gimmins) dies and Louis Joseph Métivier marries Josephine Lambert; they have at least six children.

Louis Joseph, thanks to his military service, is accepted into the Lighthouse Service. He serves 4 years as an assistant keeper at the Spectacle Reef Light in Lake Huron, about 10 miles south of Cheboygan. Then, he becomes keeper of the Upper Range Light in the St. Mary's River where he serves until his death in 1902 of a stroke.

Josephine was left with three children under 16 (the older children took care of themselves) and \$1000.00 from a Forester Insurance Policy which was used up paying off her husband's debts of \$290 and funeral expenses of \$100; \$600 of the remainder went for repairs on the house. Josephine moved into the summer kitchen, which was a two-story shed on the back of the house, and rented out the front. She received \$50.00 for renting furnished rooms.

As Josephine grew older, her children, who were scattered around and busy raising their own children, agreed that their unmarried sister Mary Sophia Métivier, in return for caring for their mother, would become the owner of the property when Josephine died. When Mary Sophia died, the property went to the youngest sister, Mabel. When Mabel died, her children received the home, which was rented out as living quarters for college-age hotel employees.

### **Contact Us**

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Metivier Inn is conveniently located on historic Market Street on Mackinac Island, Michigan one block from where the ferries arrive from Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.