Willamette Historic District WALKING TOUR



Historic Residences

1. 1683 Willamette Falls Dr.

Methodist Church. Built by volunteer labor in 1908 under the direction of Reverend Blackwell.

2. 1705 Willamette Falls Drive. This site was once an 1893 Victorian Commercial Building. Originally constructed as a home, but quickly converted to a store.

3. 1721-1741 Willamette Falls Drive.

1890s commercial building that was enclosed in a 1930s structure built by the Frenzels and known as Frenzel's Market.

4. 1785 Willamette Falls Drive.

Elligsen House, ca 1894. Also known as the Johnson Residence.

5. 1630 6th Avenue

1935 Sears Kit House. The Sears catalog used to sell pre-cut house kits that were delivered by rail. Assembly by a Sears crew was optional.

6. 1706 6th Avenue

1928 Bungalow Built by Charlie Frenzel.

7. 1818 6th Avenue

1900 Queen Anne Vernacular. Originally built for Greatgrandma Dollar. The Dollars were one of the early families in the area.

8. 1870 6th Avenue

1907 Bungalow owned by Frank Capen, of the Capen Shoe Factory.

9. 1611 6th Avenue

1911 Craftsman Bungalow built by Ed Gross. Ed and Laura's children were born here.

10. 1677 6th Avenue

1918 Craftsman Bungalow

11. 1819 6th Avenue

1902 Bungalow built for F.S. Howell. This home was an All-electric PGE Show Home in the 1920s.

12. 1831 6th Avenue

1904 Queen Anne Vernacular Sadie E. White house.

13. 1847 6th Avenue

1900 Queen Anne Vernacular. The Dorothy A. Losey House.

14. 1883 6th Avenue

1900 Queen Anne Vernacular. Known as the Kinney Residence. Kinney bought the lot in 1895 for a one-dollar gold coin.

15. 1782 5th Avenue

1920 Craftsman Bungalow

16. 1822 5th Avenue

1899 Queen Anne Stick, Charles A. Miller House. Sold to the Baker family. Later owner Edwin Woodworth was principal at Willamette School for many years.

17. 1649 5th Avenue

1924 Craftsman Bungalow

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18. 1697 5th Avenue

1920 Bungalow. Built by Bill Snidow, who once operated a pool hall on Willamette Falls Drive

19. 1723 5th Avenue

1910 Craftsman Bungalow

20. 1747 5th Avenue

1890 Worker's Cottage. Front half of cottage is original. Additions were built over a period of years.

21. 1724 4th Avenue

1903 Queen Anne Vernacular. Downey Residence.

22. 1798 4th Avenue

1895 Queen Anne Vernacular, Schmidt Residence. Mr. Shipley built this house.

23. 1862 4th Avenue

1897 Queen Anne Stick. Hurst Residence, named for T.S. Hurst. One of the area's earliest homes.

24. 1892 4th Avenue

1895 Queen Anne Stick. Olsen Residence. Built by Mr. Fields for O.F. Olsen. There is a story that Mr. Olsen was an officer of the local church who went to Salem Penitentiary for absconding with church funds.

25. 1745 4th Avenue

1920 Bungalow

26. 1769 4th Avenue

1915 Bungalow. This house has been repaired and additions built.

27. 1296 12th Street

1906 Queen Anne Vernacular. Built by Ernest Mass as temporary housing. At the site is an older stone foundation, possibly from the Albert Epperly house, ca 1859.



20th Century Architecture Tour

A. 1665 Willamette Falls Drive

1924 Craftsman Bungalow.

B. 1697 6th Avenue

1912 Bungalow built by Ed Gross for Smith and Ida Turner.

C. 1696 5th Avenue

1920 Bungalow

D. 1709 5th Avenue

1920 Bungalow, The W.S. Snidow house. Arts and Crafts bungalow built in the popular Oriental style of the period.

E. 1808 4th Ave.

1917 Bungalow, built for Ewalt Leisman, the "twin" house of location 'I' on this tour.

F. 1403 12th Street Willamette School.

The original Willamette School, built in 1896 on land donated by B. F. Baker, had an entrance facing 6th Avenue. Wooden fences were built to protect the children during recess from cattle that ran loose. Each child was allotted a small plot of land to raise a garden. In 1936, this school was torn down and a larger one built. It burned down in 1949 and the present school was built

G. 1883 5th Avenue

1921 Bungalow

H. 1790 5th Avenue

1913 Bungalow, the Wes Milliken Residence. Wes Milliken owned Buckles & Milliken, the first grocery store in Willamette.

I. 1674 5th Avenue

1917 Bungalow. This house was relocated in the early 1930s from where Willamette School sits today. It is the "twin" of location 'E' on this tour and was built for Martha Ream.

J. 1658 6th Avenue

1927 Bungalow, built for the Oldenstadts.



Early Architecture Styles Tour

K. 1817 Willamette Falls Drive

In 1915 the Leismans operated a general store here, using a team of horses for home delivery service. Mr. Ridder took over in 1919 and operated a post office in the back until 1955. About 1963 the Winkels took over. Now Lil' Cooperstown Restaurant.

L. 1492 13th Street

1897 Queen Anne Vernacular. Mass Residence, named for Ernest Mass, the county sheriff for 20 years. In 1925, tenants Dr. and Mrs. Silverman practiced medicine and ran a teahouse.

M. 1780 6th Avenue

1898 Queen Anne Stick, East Lake. Built for the Buckles. Elligsen purchased it in 1900. Only original remaining two-story horse barn is in back. Featured in Country Living Magazine, Oct. 1990.

N. 1731 6th Avenue

1895 Queen Anne Stick. Logan Residence. Longtime owner Minnie Gross bought this house from Harry Berdine in 1912.

O. 140 9 14th Street

1895 Queen Anne Vernacular. E.J. Maple House. Kitchen was added, replacing a closedin porch.

P. 1797 5th Avenue

1900 Italianate Transitional. Early resident Mildred Martin grew up in this house and also lived here after she married.

Q. 1831 5th Avenue

1895 Queen Anne Stick. Original owner was Joseph H. Ralston. His uncle Joseph R. Ralston was the director of Oregon Woolen Mills and signer of the petition for statehood. Frozen Assets was filmed here in 1991.

R. 1847 5th Avenue

1897 Queen Anne Stick. Walden Residence, named for Nicholas 0. Walden, who was instrumental in the early development and platting of Willamette. The house was later rented to Ellery Capen, owner of the Capen Shoe Co., located at Willamette Falls Drive and 12th Street.

S. 1872 5th Avenue

1898 Queen Anne Stick. I.W. Moser was the original owner.

T. 1882 5th Avenue

1895 Queen Anne Stick. G.A. Harding Residence. Original siding was shiplap.

U. 1892 6th Avenue

1905 Queen Anne Vernacular. Anne Downey House. Charles Boots, the foreman of the Capen Shoe Factory, owned this house.

V. 1830 6th Avenue

1895 Queen Anne stick. Known as the Jones-Fromong Residence. Andy Fromong, an early owner, lived here many years and was the Willamette trolley motorman. Andy's name is written in the sidewalk in front of the house.

