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### Continue your walk through local history by visiting:

**The Cottage Grove Museum**, 207 N. H St.

**The Cottage Grove Genealogy Soc.**, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

**Cottage Grove Historical Soc.**, 308 S. 10th St.

**Bohemia Gold Mining Museum**, 308 S. 10th St.

**The Oregon Aviation Historical Soc.**, 2475 Jim Wright Way.



# COTTAGE GROVE

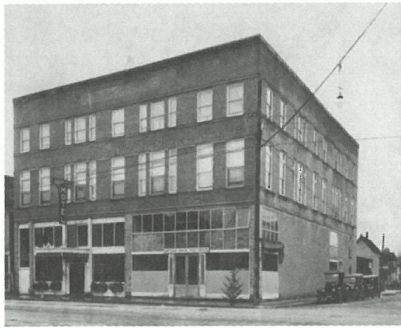
## HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

# WALKING TOUR

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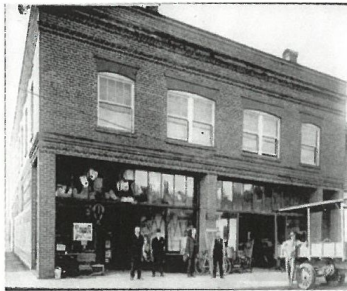


**1. 811 Main Street (Bartell Hotel, 1911-22).**

Construction of the Bartell Hotel (Cottage Grove Hotel) was begun in 1911. Silent film star, Buster Keaton stayed here in 1926 while filming his greatest silent film, *The General*.

**2. 733-37 Main Street (Stewart Building, 1907).**

The Stewart Building was constructed in 1907 by Clint Stewart. Designed by prominent architect John Hunzicker, it initially held offices upstairs for a lumber company, Justice of the Peace and a surgeon's office.



**3. All-America City Square, 7th & Main Streets.**

Opal Whiteley Mural by artists Connie Huston and Howard Tharpe. Cottage Grove Hose Tower replica designed by local architect Marston H. Morgan.



**4. 628 Washington Street (Cottage Grove Armory).**

Built in 1931 to house the National Guard in Cottage Grove, the Armory is listed both as a primary contributing structure as well as having an individual listing. It is an exemplary example of 1930s Art Deco style.



**5. 637 Main Street (Burkholder-Woods Building, 1908).**

Designed by J. Hunzicker, this building's bricks came from the local brickyard of C.H. Wallace. Wallace was a local minister and brickmaker arriving early to the settlement of Cottage Grove. Wallace's brickyard was located in an area of Cottage Grove where Hidden Valley Golf Course is today.

**6. 615-25 Main Street (Phillips-Wiser Building, 1910-12).**

This building at 615 Main was built for Frank Phillips ca. 1910. It originally served as a drug store operated by James Benson. The west side (Wiser Bldg., 1912) housed Petersen's Department store as well as other variety stores until the 1970s when it was purchased by Homestead Furniture.



**7. 603-07 Main Street (Bank Building, 1907).**

The Bank Building was completed in 1907 and replaced the older Bank of Cottage Grove. It represented a period of prosperity for Cottage Grove at the time because many prominent members of the business community were associated with the bank.



**8. 28 S. 6th Street (Old City Hall Building, 1927).**



Constructed to symbolize city government, this neoclassical building was designed by John Hunzicker. The city council held their first meeting on February 14, 1927. The building was originally constructed to house city offices, jail, fire department and a library.

**9. 537 Main Street (First National Bank Building, 1911).**

This building signifies the growth and prosperity of Cottage Grove after the turn of the 20th Century. In 1911, the bank you see here was constructed and bragged that assets over \$25,000.00 were stored in its safe.



**10. 513-19 Main Street (Lawson Building, 1909).**



The Lawson Building was completed in 1909 and housed three different businesses: Thornton's Confectionery, Vogue Millinery and Johnson and Co. Grocery. Early businessmen such as lawyers, engineers and contractors occupied the second story office spaces. In the 1950s, the Moose Lodge remodeled the upstairs and this became their meeting hall and community gathering place.

**11. 501 Main Street (Hemenway Building, 1907).**

Originally built as a two-story brick commercial structure, this building housed W.A. Hemenway's Mercantile here between 1907 and 1910.

The first Chamber of Commerce known as the Cottage Grove Commercial Club was located on the second floor from 1910 to 1918. Unfortunately, the upstairs portion of the building burned in 1957.





**12. 401 Main Street (Bank of Cottage Grove, 1906).**

This building was built in 1906 to house the Bank of Cottage Grove. This was one of the first two-story brick buildings constructed on the east side of the river. Its assets were transferred to the Bank Building on Main street in 1907 to provide for more spacious accommodations for Cottage Grove banking operations.



**13. 319-21 Main Street (I.O.O.F. Hall, 1926).**

The International Order of Odd Fellows Hall was built during 1926-27. This structure is one of two three-story buildings in the Historic District. The renaissance detailing on the façade is unique for Cottage Grove and it is the only building in town designed in this style.



- 14. Pioneer Bridge Dedication Plaque.**
- 15. Veteran's War Memorial.**
- 16. Applegate Trail Interpretive Center.**
- 17. Centennial Covered Bridge, 1987.**



**18. 504 Main Street (Arcade Theater Building, 1912-13).**



Originally a two-story building built in 1913, a fire destroyed the top story in 1963. In 1913 the west section housed the Coffman Cigar store with the Arcade Theater on the east side. The bricks were supplied from C.H. Wallace's brickyard.

**19. 510 Main Street (Quality Market, 1908).** Originally opened as Bartels Meat Market in 1908. No photo available.

**20. 514-18 Main Street (Allison Building, 1902).**

This building is one of the oldest buildings in the downtown and one of two remaining wood-framed buildings. The east side was originally a jeweler's while the west side has remained a barber/hairstyling business continually for over 120 years.



**21. 522 Main Street (Stewart-Porter Building, 1907).**

Built by Clint Stewart and the Porter Brothers in 1907, this is another building designed by John Hunzicker. The upstairs was the Crawford Hotel in the 1930's and later gained a reputation as being a brothel.



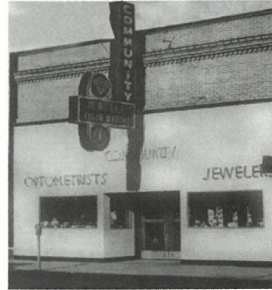
**23. 602-06 Main Street (Wheeler-Veach Building, 1900).**

Built around 1900, this is one of the oldest brick buildings in Cottage Grove. Its bricks were made at the local C.H. Wallace brickyard that operated before 1900. The building served many purposes over time. It once housed the Moose Lodge, a Safeway store and Knickerbocker's Variety Store.



**24. 612 Main Street (Simeral/Vanderburg Building, 1912).**

Constructed in 1912, this initially housed the Simeral and Vanderburg Furniture store. In 1948 the store was remodeled with the existing façade and has operated as a jeweler since that time under different business names including Ware's, Apland's and Britz Jewelers.



**25. 702 Main Street (Helena Saloon, ca. 1893).**

Built prior to 1893, this is the oldest commercial building downtown. Although its original use is unknown, the building housed the Helena Saloon for a period of time and is remembered as the Helena Saloon Building today. This is one of two remaining wood frame buildings on Main Street.



**26. 722-26 Main Street (Hart Building, 1926).**

This two-story building was constructed in 1926 by Harry Hart, a local druggist who opened the New Era Drug Store here. In 1938, the Assembly of God church purchased the building and completely remodeled the exterior and most of the interior. The new facade was built in Art Deco style.



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# WELCOME TO A WALK DOWN COTTAGE GROVE'S HISTORIC MAIN STREET

Welcome to a walk down Cottage Grove's historic Main Street!

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Cottage Grove Downtown Commercial Historic District is the most intact collection of early twentieth century buildings that remain in Lane County, Oregon. Our downtown area has been a primary business center in south Lane County for over 100 years. We hope you enjoy its history and "small town" charm.

Buildings in the downtown historic district have housed area merchants, crafts people, professionals, business offices, public entertainment, meeting halls, city government, lodging, transport and travel facilities since the 1880's.

Noted Lane County architect John Hunzicker designed many of the buildings. Building brick and lumber are almost entirely locally made and the buildings are the work of local contractors.

The Downtown Commercial Historic District was the focal point for local farming and Bohemia mining activities, and served as a regional headquarters for a substantial wood products industry. Main Street still functions as a center of commerce and supports numerous small business enterprises today.



A close-up of the Opal Whiteley Mural in All America City Square on the corner of 7th and Main Streets.

