

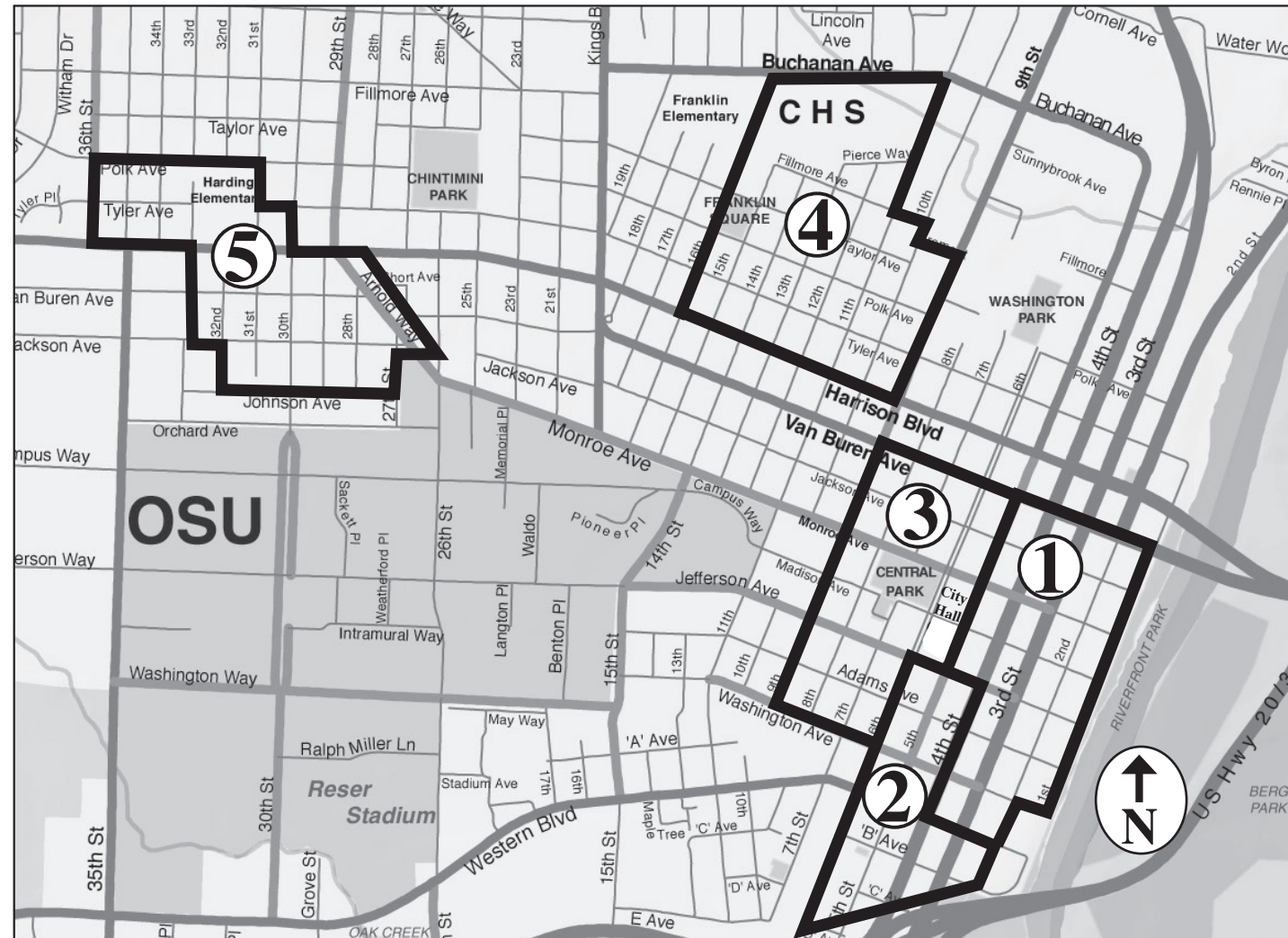
A Walking Tour of the SIDEWALKS of Corvallis



Historic Sidewalk Markers 1906-1937

This tour is a guide for the location of over 25 sidewalk markers found in five neighborhoods.

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Concrete sidewalks first appeared in Corvallis in 1906 starting on Second St. from Monroe to Madison Avenue and in 1910 from Monroe to Adams. During the next three decades some twenty plus contractors were employed to lay sidewalks and pave streets in emerging residential and commercial districts. As each sidewalk section was completed contractors would mark their finished work with an embossing stamp with their name and the date. Over 150 markers have been found and identified and many more may yet be discovered and recorded. Today the city protects the historic stamps. Whenever damaged sidewalks are replaced or repaired the markers are saved and returned to their original locations.

Nine other historic walking tour brochures are available at Visit Corvallis in the Chamber of Commerce building at 420 NW 2nd Street.

You can record the stamps by photographing, drawing or taking a rubbing with paper. Hold the tracing paper over the front of the marker. Rub over the entire paper with the side of sharpened end of the pencil, or peel a crayon and rub it on its side over the paper. Roll your paper up carefully so you don't crease it or smudge the tracing.

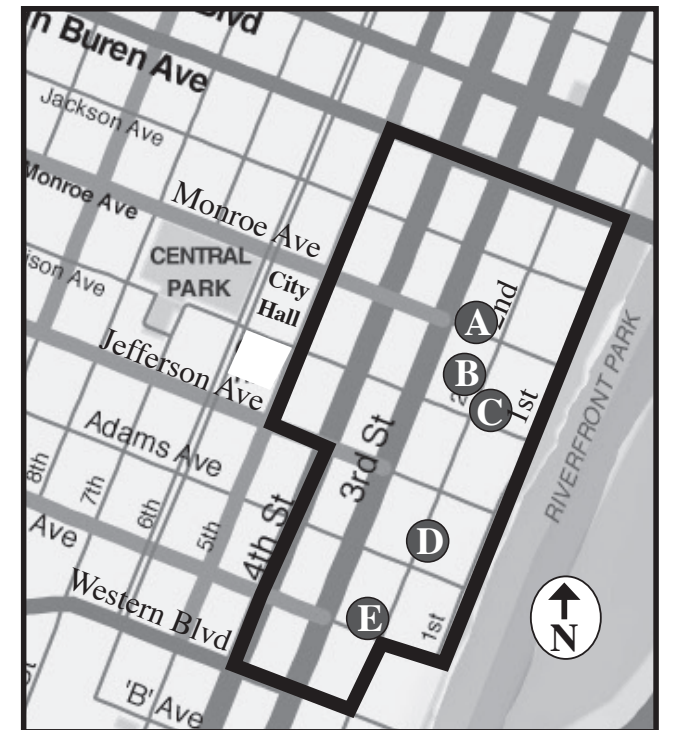
Please don't use sharp objects for cleaning away debris from stamps.



Take care watching for foot traffic on the sidewalks and bike and vehicle traffic on the streets when you go on your search for the stamps.

1 DOWNTOWN		
Location on map	CONTRACTOR	DATE
A	Metal Curb at corner of alley between 2 nd & 3 rd Streets on Monroe 1890 (south side)	
B	J.H. 1906 (first marker, 140 SW 2 nd st., W. side)	
C	C. Hodes Rifle (137 SW 2 nd St., pressed in concrete, east side)	1895
D	Concrete Const. Co. (saved) (2 nd st., NE Corner @ Adams Ave.)	1912
E	WS Burnap (500 SW 2 nd St., SW corner of Beanery)	1917

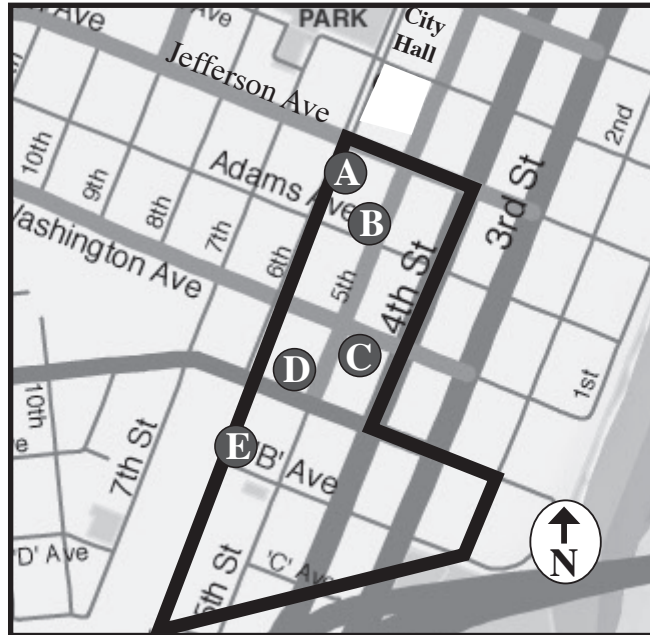
Letters indicate location of sidewalk markers



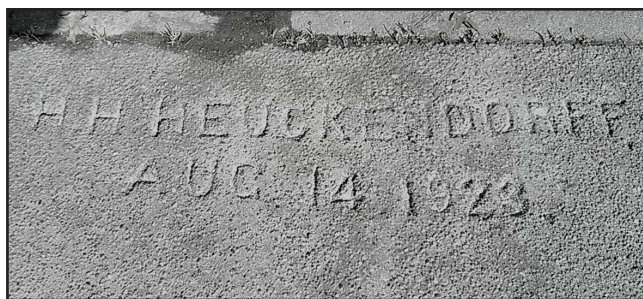
Find the city's oldest sidewalk marker dated 1906. At 137 SW 2nd is a faded stamp of a rifle. It helped advertise Hodes Gun Shop located there in the early 20th century. Eight iron horse rings can be found on the west side curb between Washington and Adams Streets on 2nd. A metal curb is located between 2nd and 3rd streets on Monroe on the south side at the alley entrance.

2 AVERY HELM

Location on map	CONTRACTOR	DATE
A	Corvallis Concrete Co (329 SW 6 th St., east side)	5.9.1923
B	Reiter & Brown (340 SW 5 th St., facing Adams St., NW corner)	9.13.1927
C	W L Read (519 SW 5 th St., east side)	11.15.1917
D	HH Heuckendorff (515 SW 5 th St., NW corner)	Aug.14. 1923
E	W L Read (553 SW B st., NE corner, broken concrete)	4.20.1915

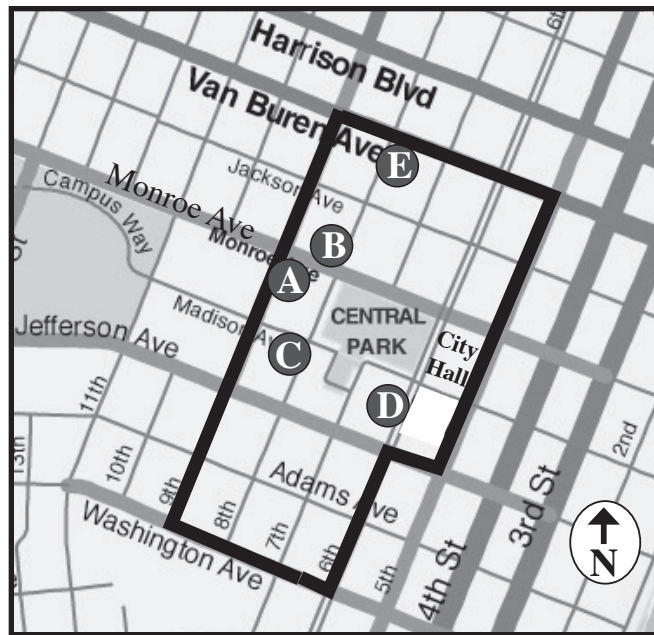


This neighborhood is part of the Avery Helm National Historic District designated in 2000. It is part of the Joseph C. Avery land claim filed in 1845. It includes nine full blocks and ten partial blocks of historic homes dating from 1876 into the 1930's. There is a walking tour brochure for this district.



3 CENTRAL PARK

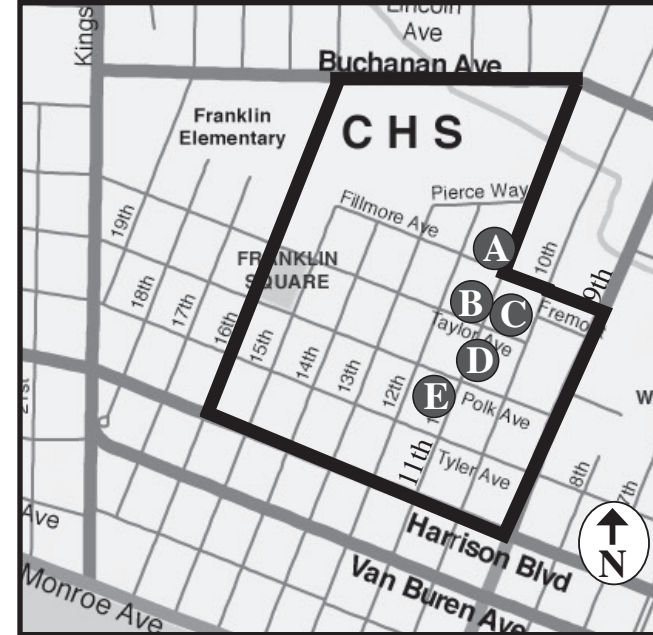
Location on map	CONTRACTOR	DATE
A	Corvallis Concrete Co. (SE corner, Monroe & Ninth St.)	5.16.24
B	Levi Mellon Contractor (4 makers, 813 NW Monroe Ave)	(No date)
C	W L Read (in oval, 810 SW Madison, SW corner)	1913
D	Mellon & Gendron Contractors (602 SW Madison Ave., west side at side of church)	1909
E	John Thornton (in oval, 239, NW 8 th St., SE corner)	1911



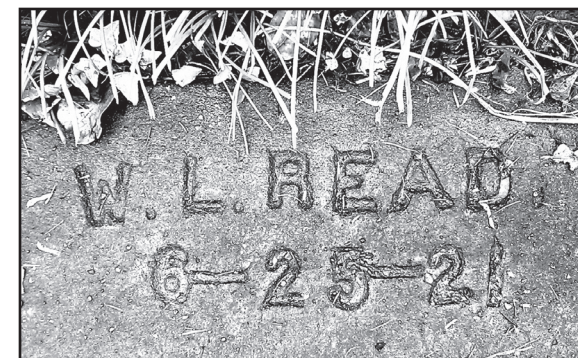
This neighborhood was built around Central Park which was the original site of the first elementary school and high school in Corvallis. Three churches surrounded the park and one, today's Arts Center, was a transplant in 1961. The original Corvallis-Benton County Library was built in its current location in 1931. Building expansions occurred in 1965 and 1992. There are two walking tour brochures for this neighborhood.

4 FRANKLIN SQUARE

Location on map	CONTRACTOR	DATE
A	H H Heuckendorff (saved) (803 NW 11 th St., NE corner)	June.7.1920
B	W L Read (saved, 704 NW 11 th St., NW corner)	6.25.21
C	Corvallis Concrete Co (1081 NW Taylor St., near driveway)	10.23
D	Heuckendorff & Isaack (635 NW 11 th St., near fence)	Nov. 18.1929
E	Heckert & Son (NW Tyler & 11 th St., NW corner)	8.27.23

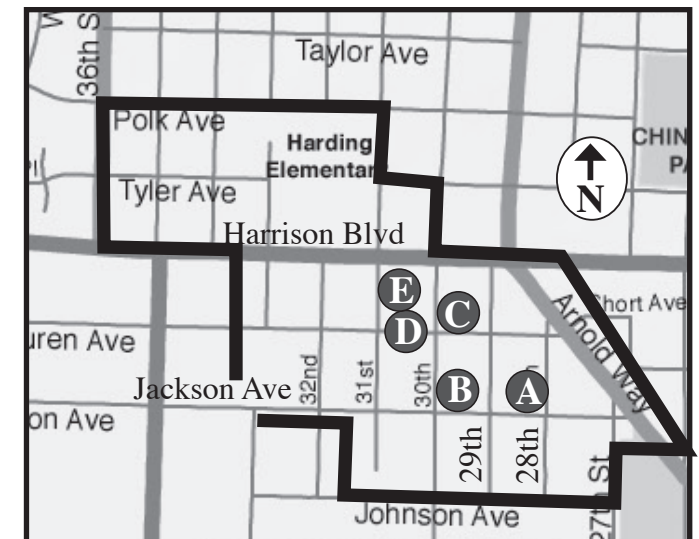


Corvallis's first city park was established in 1889 and the name "Franklin Square" was designated by the City Council. The park has some of the area's oldest and varied tree species. There are three walking tour brochures for the surrounding neighborhood including an historic tree tour.



5 COLLEGE HILL

Location on map	CONTRACTOR	DATE
A	WS Burnap (212 NW 28 th St., Mid block)	1914
B	HH Heuckendorff (206 NW 30 th St., NW corner)	April.14.1923
C	HH Heuckendorff (303 NW 30 th St., NE corner)	April.29.1921
D	Van Buren Ave. (between 30 th & 31 st Streets marked with date & time concrete work completed, middle of block)	6-7-26 1 PM / 7-14-26 2 PM 6-7-26 2:30 / 7-14-26 6:30 PM 7-16-26 11 AM
E	HHH & WI (last marker, 345 31 st ., SE corner)	August.11.1937



The College Hill neighborhood was designated a National Historic District in 2002. The same people who built Oregon State College developed the neighborhood including many professors, administrators, other employees and students. The integrity of the neighborhood is a testament to the struggle to preserve the area by several generations of residents. There is a walking tour brochure for this district. The only known street stamp in the city is on Van Buren between 30th and 31st streets.