Welcome!

This brochure is a self-guided walking tour of the University Neighborhood Historic District, also called the College Neighborhood. As Pocatello's least altered historic residential area, the neighborhood represents early 20th century city expansion and contains an eclectic collection of architectural styles and types popular during the period 1900 through 1942.

The character of the neighborhood, however, is defined by more than just the homes. Because of its proximity to Idaho State University, students and faculty from around the world live here. Poets, artists, novelists, musicians, chefs, academics, and others make up our diverse, multigenerational community. Our quiet streets lined with mature trees invite visitors to stroll, bike, and enjoy the charm of the College Neighborhood.

1. Colonial Revival (1940)

212 So. 12th - Merrill House

Symmetrical front, bowed windows, white clapboard siding, broken arch above the front door, attached garage which was popular by the 1940s

Designer: Salt Lake City architects Ware & McClenahan

2. Colonial/Cape Cod (1940)

234 So. 12th - Austin House

Square massing, shutters, fan ornament over the front door, small attached garage

Early owners: Lillian and Herbert Austin, manager of Tri-State Lumber

3. Dutch Colonial (1940)

248 So. 12th - Bryan House

Gambrel roof, shutters

Early owners: Pauline and Paul Bryan, vice-president of Guaranty Federal Savings and Loan



4. Tudoresque/Cape Cod (1936)

404 So. 11th - Healy House

Front-facing gable, rustic side-wall chimney, shutters, square massing

Early owners: Dorothy and W. Lyon Healy, a salesman for Bryan & Co. (real estate and insurance firm)

5. Bungalows (early 1920s)

1105, 1119 and 1123 East Whitman

Nearly identical row of bungalows with outset front porches, square porch posts, and exposed rafter ends

6. Tudoresque (1936)

350 So. 10th - Myers House

Asymmetrical front-facing gable and round-arched entry

Early owners: Edna and James M. Myers, assistant cashier at Idaho Bank and Trust Co.

7. Tudoresque (1938)

406 So. 9th - Steenson House

Frame with brick veneer, steep roof, broad side-wall chimney and flattened Gothic arches

Early owner: Nellie C. Steenson, pioneering woman legislator and lawyer in Kansas and Idaho whose story is told in her autobiography "The Jayhawkers."

8. Colonial Revival-Style Influence (ca. 1902-06)

355 So. 8th - Higson House

Eaves returns, front stoop with columns, moldings separating stories

Point of interest: Though it has been stuccoed and added to, the core of this house is one of the neighborhood's oldest, as visible in the steep early-20th century roofline

Early and long-time owners (until 1933): Rose and Alfred Higson, of Greene-Higson Plumbers and Steam Fitters

Neighborhood Businesses

ISU Credit Union

The Paperwork Place

The Grapevine

Mocha Madness

5th Street Bagelry

FedEx Office

Westside Players at The Warehouse

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Sports

Buddy's Italian Restaurant

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Walking tour guide

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Historic homes dating from ca. 1902 to 1940



9. Federal Revival (1918)

341 So. 7th - Servel House

Symmetrical brick facade, round-arched windows and dormers, entry portico with fluted Corinthian columns

Designers: Boyer and Rogers of Pocatello

Builders: Murphey Brothers of Boise

Point of interest: Since 1951 the home has served as the Idaho State University President's residence

Early owners: Julia and Xavier Servel, a sheep rancher

10. Prairie Style (ca. 1923)

354 So. 7th - Roberts House

One and one-half story stucco Prairie style house with ceiled overhanging eaves and bands of multi-paned windows creating strong horizontal lines

11. Dutch Colonial Style (ca. 1932-33)

405 So. 7th - Pinkerton House

One and one-half story house with distinctive gambrel roof, shingled siding and gable front

12. Prairie-Style Influence (ca. 1928)

406 So. 7th - Chase House

Wide overhanging enclosed eaves, decorative brickwork and terra corta

Early owners: Edith and Jesse Chase of Pocatello Auto Co.

13. Midwestern Foursquare (ca. 1912-14)

424 So. 7th - Bean House

Wide overhanging eaves with flat brackets, flared pyramidal roof, full front porch with square columns and attic dormer

Early and long-time owners (until 1933): Mary and Arthur Bean, vice-president of Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Pocatello mayor, and postmaster





14. Italian Renaissance Revival (1908-09)

488 So. 7th - Gittens House

Vertical massing, outset front window bay, thin porch columns and decorative brickwork around windows.

Point of interest: Among the neighborhood's earliest houses, this building's vertical massing and Italianate features are reminiscent of the mid-19th century.

Early and long-time owners (until 1955): Annie and George Gittens, who served many years as a county commissioner and also worked in farming and contracting.

15. Queen Anne (before 1915)

520 So. 7th - Campbell House

Decorative shingle siding in gables and asymmetrical plan

Point of interest: The style of this home, which is rare in Pocatello, suggests a very early date

Early owners: Bertha and Alex Campbell, an accountant, lived here from 1918 until 1935

16. Colonial|Georgian (ca. 1915-18)

544 So. 7th - McDonald House

Symmetrical Georgian facade with Ionic-columned portico

Early and long-time owners: Mildred and William Mc-Donald, vice-president of the Idaho Wholesale Grocery Co.

17. Colonial Revival (1916)

554 So. 7th - Hood House

Portico with Doric columns, bracketed hipped roof and dormers

Early owners: Mary and John Hood, president of the Hood-Van Engelen Company

18. Prairie-Style Influence (1923)

555 So. 7th - Petersen House

Widely overhanging enclosed eaves, heavy brackets and arched front window

Early owners: The Petersens of Petersen Furniture in

Old Town Pocatello

19. Prairie Style (ca. 1918-19)

630 So. 7th - Raaf House

One-story house with attic; modest imitation of the Prairie style

20. Bungalow (ca. 1918-19)

635 So. 7th - Gasser House

Frame bungalow with distinctive, extra-wide porch piers; stucco and faux half-timbered half story; multi-paned windows set in triptych pattern

21. Prairie Style (ca. 1915-18)

655 So. 7th -

Young House

Deeply overhanging enclosed eaves, shallow roof, horizontal bands created by windows and moldings and a matching garage built at the same time as the house

Point of interest: While it has not been confirmed as a Frank Lloyd Wright commission, the house is attributed to Wright and has many characteristics of his work from this period

Early owners: Lou Edith Mitchell Young, a pianist, and Joseph T. Young, produce buyer for Idaho Wholesale Grocery Co. (until 1925); long-time owners were Gladys and Ralph J. Comstock, president of First Security of Idaho (1934-56)



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