

For this walk, we note the year a historic site was built, known occupants up to the 1930s and interesting facts about their lives.

We begin at the historic Richmond School. Although the campus is much enlarged, it retains the original historic building. Founded in 1912, it has served the families of this neighborhood for over a hundred years.

North of Mill Street, 379 Richmond (1908) was the home of James M. Burgess and wife Doris G. He was the Assistant State Supt. for Public Instruction.

Return to Mill Street, walk west to 23rd and turn north.

365 23rd Street (1926) was probably built by Henry A. Gille, the first owner. He died about 10 years later, but his widow, Rosa lived there until 1953. The house had two owners in the next few years, but in 1957 was purchased by “Augie” Koenig who lived there with his family for the next 45 years. His Rainbow Construction was active in the relocation of many historic Salem landmarks, including Piety Hill, where their neighbor, Luella Charlton, had grown up. During those years, the Koenig family had a close friendship with Luella. Even today, many favorite family stories recall events as the three Koenig daughters grew up next door to this vivacious lady of three centuries.

345 23rd Street (1927) was the home of E. Carl Charlton and wife Luella Patton Charlton. During her 109 years, Luella lived in only two houses. She was born in the three-storied, cupola-crowned mansion built in 1872 across the street from the Capitol by her great-grandfather, Edwin Cooke. That mansion was destroyed by the State in 1937 for the construction of the State Library. Her second home was this one, built in 1927 by Luella and her husband, where she lived for 80 years. Luella was a great resource for local historians. She had shared more than a century of Salem memories when she died on December 23, 2007.

Back on Mill Street continue west to 22nd Street.

4. South of Mill Street is 420 22nd Street (1880), the home of Rosa Stockton. She was the daughter of David and Susan Waters, divorced wife of Lewis Stockton, and mother of Philip. 1930 census states her mother and son to be Indian (Pit River).

5. North of Mill Street at 398 22nd Street (1895) was home of Clarence Van Patten, a carpenter who became a prominent local building contractor. He constructed many of the historic buildings in present-day downtown Salem including early structures of the Salem Hospital, the Vicks Building and the

Elsinore Theatre.

6. 396 21st Street (1904) was home to Alba J. Barham and his wife Laura M. His occupation in various census records indicate he had been a farmer, carpenter and real estate agent. Various members of the family, at different addresses, work at Olson Florist.

7. 2093 Mill Street (1893) was acquired by Mrs. Martha J. Atwood and the house was built for her in 1893. Mrs. Atwood's daughter, Linnie, married A. A. Lee in the new house in 1894. The residence was sold to George and Ida Eyre in 1904. It remained in the Eyre family until sold by the daughter, Mary Eyre, in 1996. Mary was a well-known Salem teacher whose long life was documented in a video now at Willamette Heritage Center.

8. 420 20th Street is first referenced in the 1909 City Directory. Alexander Potter, at this address, identifies him as a carpenter. His widow, Helen remained in the house until at least 1931. In 2006, the house underwent extensive restoration. With its recent enhanced landscaping and towering trees, it is a handsome residential apartment site.

9. 396 19th Street has had three owners. The first may have been Lewis Rush, recorded as a cattle driver. The most prominent was the Browning family (Rosa and Fred) who made this their home and headquarters of the very popular traveling carnival, The Browning Amusement Company, begun in 1909 with a merry-go-round set up near his bakery on Commercial Street. Newspaper articles describe the many attractions performing at county fairs and rodeos. Rosa died in 1937, but her family continued the ever-growing business until 1965.

10 308 19th Street (1910) Arthur R Bernard and his wife Edna C. lived here. He was a Engineer at Terminal Ice and Cold Storage Company. In the summer of 2022, as we constructed this walking tour, the corner lot of this property was decorated with an abundance of flowering plants.

Continue north on 19th Street to Ferry Street as you pass a green-painted church building.

11 219 19th Knight Memorial Church (1926) On February 17, 1926 a Congregational church meeting discussed constructing the present building on the corner of 19th and Ferry Street to replace an older structure. The congregation voted to name the new church Knight Memorial in honor of an outstanding citizen of Salem who served this church, city and state. In 2005 the church membership had dwindled to the point that the church structures could no longer be supported financially. The buildings were sold to the Korean Church of Salem.

12 185 19th street (1915) was home of Stela Culver, bailiff of the Circuit Court. A 1968 obituary for Richard Stillwell shows him at this address. He had served as the manager of the Salem office of Social Security Administration.

13 Walk east to Mill Race Park Because water power of Mill Creek was important to the early development of Salem, the early pioneers built a dam at this site in 1864 to divert this energy to practical uses. This created a new watercourse, south of the original stream. Today this Mill Race flows through Mission Mill Museum, Willamette University and so on to join Pringle Creek and the Willamette River.

14 2090 Ferry (1910) Charles Vick may have been the first owner. He also constructed the historic Vick Building downtown on Trade Street. He is noted for being the first motorist to cross the Center Street bridge in 1918, driving a Ford tractor, to the applause of hundreds of bystanders.

15 212 21st (1901) Bert Zelinski, son of Charles Zelinski, pioneer farmer of Hazel Green, lived here. It is a prime example of master carpenter craftsmanship for even the most modest homes built in this neighborhood.

Turn south (to your left)

16 200 22nd street (1885) Jesse Hays may have been the original owner. By 1934 it was home to Patrick Harrington, wife Elsie and Patrick Jr., Grace, Mariam.

Cross the street

17 239 22nd Street (1900) Ruth Youngblood died here in 1928. Leaving her husband Alfred, a railway worker, and two young children. By 1934 he is living here with wife Gladys M. and is foreman at Bonesteele Motor Company.

Continue south

18 295 22nd street: (1901) Thomas Maplethorpe, a cousin of George Eyre, for 65 years a shoemaker on State Street, lived here. Born in England, he came to America in 1881 and to Salem in 1885. His wife, Sophia Widner, died in 1936 after celebrating the Golden Anniversary of their marriage. His 1940 death notice in the local newspaper referred to the 83 year old widower as a "Pioneer Cobbler".

At Trade Street, turn left and walk to Richmond Street, glance to the north.

19 280 Richmond Avenue (1905) was home of Robert M. Gatke and wife Estelle S. In 1934 he was Associate Professor, WU. He became President of the university and author of *Chronicles of Willamette*.

Walk south on Richmond and you return to Richmond School.