

Circle J Cafe, 241 SW G St

Constructed as the JM Chiles Grocery in 1906, this building has been a meat market and a tavern throughout most of its history. It has had a façade renovation, including the addition of stained glass windows. This building has been housed by Restaurant 241, the Brown Derby and Corral Tavern in the past.

Bohemian Bar & Bistro, 233 SW G St

Previously known as Grandma's Attic and Mouse House Gifts, this building was built in 1894 by an Edwin Alonzo Wade. Mr. Wade moved to Grants Pass in 1870, settling on a homestead in the Fruitdale area of Grants Pass. Wade passed away in 1917, with the funeral held upstairs in his building.

Grants Pass Museum of Art, 229 SW G St

This 1904 structure is known as the Harmon/Kesterson Building. It was sold to George Harvey Kesterson in 1905. In the past, it was the home of Star Seed and Grocery and Chet's Garden Center. The Grants Pass Museum of Art purchased the property in 2000 and renovated it to house art, renting the lower level to the Art Mall of Southern Oregon, now known as Langford Gallery. A few artists in this building have experienced a harmless resident ghost; a woman who seems to be looking for something.

Black Horse Boutique, 211 SW G St

Known as the Kessler/Harper & Son, this building was erected in 1900. Mr. Geyer purchased this building in 1901. It was only one story until 1907, when he purchased it and remodeled it to make it a two story building. Until 1920, a grocery store resided here. After that, it became Harper and Sons Building Contractors until the 1950's, when the owner used it for his electric service building.



Oregon Outpost, 147 SW G St

Called the Kienlen-Harbeck Building, this structure was built in 1900 and served as the Oregon Hotel. Mr. H. Walters operated his first saloon out of the motel, the Oregon Saloon. After 1903, this was known as Germania. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was formerly the home of Cat & the Fiddle Children's Store and Gift Shop.

Norris Shoes & Boots, 133 SW G St

Known as the Joseph L. Scott building, this building was erected in 1894. It originally accommodated three businesses in one structure and still does. A music store, grocery and more have been located in this building throughout time. The building was renovated in mid-1900 and the store fronts were covered. In an attempt to later restore the building to its' original historical look, current owner John Norris renovated once again in 1999. He removed boarded up glass fronts, finding parts of the original glass windows which were broken and needed replacement. It is the current home to Norris Shoes, Tierra del Sol and Primrose Lane.

Never A Bum Steer, 125 SW G St

This building, the Dixon Dry Goods Building, was constructed soon after the January 1894 fire that destroyed nearly the entire block of G Street. David Dixon and his son Edward operated a dry goods and clothing store in the building until 1911. From 1911 to 1913, the building housed a jewelry store with a boarding house upstairs. In 1913, it was leased to a Herbert Smith who relocated his variety store there. In 1923, Smith purchased the building from Mrs. Dixon and continued operation of his variety store until 1970. The building housed a senior's craft cooperative from 1970 until 1994, when it was bought by Robert MacLaron of Williams, who moved his retail business "Never a Bum Steer" into the building from a separate location on G Street. In 1994, the interior and exterior were both renovated to more accurately portray the building's original appearance.

Laughing Clam, 121 SW G St

Known as the John Schmidt Cigar Store, this storefront was built in 1894. Schmidt passed away in 1904, leaving the business to his son. Historically it has been known as the Pastime Cigar Store and the Pastime Tavern.

Blind George's Newsstand, 117 SW G St

This storefront, known as the Hansen Brothers building, was constructed after the G Street fire of 1894. This building originally had two rooms with a third room, a barber shop, added on later. Established in 1922, Blind George's Newsstand is famous in the area for its magazines, pocket books and candy. Now in its 5th location, Blind George's is also home to world famous popcorn.

Fiona Bean, 111 SW G St

The original wooden building in this location burned to the ground during the 1894 fire. The current brick building was constructed in 1895. E.E. Redfield's Jewelry Store was the first occupant in the east wing of the newly constructed building followed by Hansen's Cigar and Confection Store, Wilson and Roper Cigar Shop, the Electric Theater, Smoke Shop, Sam's Place and Stovepipe Antiques. A 90-year-old mahogany bar (a replica from an old 6th street saloon) is still at home in this building.

Violet Continued, 224 SW 6th St

Known as the Sherer-Judson Building, it was constructed in 1889 and is the oldest surviving building in the downtown historic district. The large two-story brick building was originally designed for two separate businesses on the ground level: a hardware store and a drugstore. The building has also housed Blackburn House Hotel, Blackburn Opera House and the Bijou Theater. Now on the National Historic Registry, this building completed renovations in 2002. Beginning in 1987, this building housed Blue Moon Antiques for many years.

Sunshine Natural Foods, 128 SW H St

This two-story brick building, the Rogue River Tin Shop Building, was built in 1900. It originally housed a tin shop for one of the oldest businesses in Grants Pass. The "Bull Durham Owl Cigar" ghost sign on the west side of the building is the largest surviving original advertising mural in Grants Pass. Since 1991, this building has been home to Sunshine Natural Foods, a grocery store and café.

RCC Firehouse Gallery, 214 SW 4th St

This building, known as the Grants Pass City Hall, housed the city hall, jail and fire station for 63 years. Built in 1912, the building was restored to its present splendor in 1987. It is the current home to Rogue Community College's Small Business Development Center and Firehouse Gallery.

Rogue Theatre, 143 SE H St

This theatre, built in 1937, opened its doors on November 9th, 1938 with a premier showing of "There Goes My Heart." It continued operation until the year 2000 when it was renovated and converted into a performance art center. It continues to hold live music and other performances.

Rosso's Trattoria, 225 SE 6th St

Built in 1900, this building was a joint effort by J.G. Schallhorn and C.E. Harmon, since they owned adjoining lots. Harmon owned the southern half of the building, which was originally one storefront, but was later divided into two. It was used as a furniture store and briefly as a clothing store. The upstairs was primarily used for offices. In recent years, the downstairs has been used for various retail stores and the upper floor is a loft apartment. The façade is scheduled to be removed and the original Victorian façade was renovated in the summer of 2002. The renovation, along with the Schallhorn portion of the building, will complete another joint effort on this building - almost 102 years after the first.

Chuck King Jewelers, 221 SE 6th St

Finished in 1900, this building is known as the C.E. Harmon Building. It has been a saloon, restaurant, drug store and dress shop. Renovations were completed in 2002 by the current owner, Chuck King Jewelers.

G Street Bar & Grill, 125 SE G St

Known as the Owl Club and Billiard Parlor, this building was erected in 1903. The Owl Club was originally owned and managed by a legacy of Grants Pass baseball celebrities Jud Pernol (Detroit Tigers) and Ken Williams (Saint Louis Browns). Their reign lasted from 1920 to 1960, making the Owl Club one of the longest-running businesses in Grants Pass. The Owl Club was still in operation until approximately 2002, when it was converted to the G Street Supper Club for several years.

Pour Authority / Cigar Cave, 208 NW 6th St

This building is known as the First National Bank of Southern Oregon. Built in 1890, Bi-Rite Pharmacy was located here from 1962 until 1990. The building façade was completely renovated in 1984. The side of the building, facing F Street, contains a mural depicting the same corner in the early 1900's. It has been known as the Old Town Marketplace. It became home to several quaint shops, a café and mail house.

Off the Map Tattoo, 214 NW 6th St

Built in the late 1800's, the Wild West building served as the White House Grocery from 1900 until 1917. With its yellow-orange paint job (now green), it was one of the longest operating Rexall Drugstores in the west. The building underwent renovation in 1997 was the home of Wild West Mercantile.

Taekwondo, 218 NW 6th St

This building was originally constructed by Arthur Conklin in memory of his beloved father in 1909. It initially housed Bishop Clothing, which sold wool goods from the Pendleton Mills of Oregon. Black tiles were placed on the building in 1911 by W.B.B. Sherman, a local realtor at the time. This building is the current home to Taekwondo, a martial arts studio.

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