

#15: 164 E. Main (Dayton Fitness Center)

Criss Furniture Building — Circa 1895

This streamlined concrete building with a stucco finish was constructed on the site of the original Weinhard Theater, which burned for the third and last time in 1916.

#16: 166 E. Main (Dayton Chamber of Commerce)

Wooten Building — Circa 1895



This small building with flanking cast-iron columns, transom windows and brick paneling was at one time part of the Dayton Mercantile. The original display windows have been replaced.

#17: 176 E. Main (Elk Drug) — 1947

This stucco over brick structure was rebuilt in the Moderne style as a car dealership and gas station on the site of an early mercantile store. The building was remodeled in 1997, but retains the original grooved in the upper façade.

#18: 200 E. Main (Broughton Land Company)

Broughton Building Circa — 1880

Early fire insurance maps show a building here in 1884 but local lore says it was here as early as 1877, making this the oldest brick build in town. The storefront was remodeled in the 1930's.

#19: 214 E. Main (Vacant)

Burdette's Building — 1898

This building has been a furniture store, a variety store, pool hall and barber shop. The columns and storefront detailing are intact although the windows have been replaced. Inside is an early wooden back bar, counter and built-in refrigerator.

#20: 230 E. Main (Vacant)

Engle Building — 1887

The storefront has the original parapet with pediment. Flanking pilasters and transom windows are intact. Businesses have been bakery and confectionery, general merchandise, and TV store.

#21: 236 E. Main (Vacant)

Goddard-McGee — 1887

This building served as a barber shop and bath until 1909. From 1918 to 1974, a jewelry store occupied this location. Flanking iron columns and stucco over brick façade appear in old photos.

#22: 238 E. Main (Vacant)

Wallace Building — 1895

An unusual building built for Wallace Abstract (and insurance) who did business here until the 1960's. Original wood framed windows with a segmental-arched transom and an entrance with granite steps are still intact. An ornate pediment has been removed from the top of the parapet.

#23: 242 E. Main (Rey's Road & EmBee Hair Space)

Hanan Building — 1889

This building has housed hardware, general merchandise, drug, barber and billiards businesses. The storefront has been recently renovated, but the upper façade is intact.



#24: 250-254 E. Main (Blue Mtn. Realtors & Vacant)

Aeils-Bauers Building — 1900

Early store fronts with original vents and interior skylights were uncovered in 2003. This building reflects early 1900's while the realty shows a 1940's façade.

#25: 258 E. Main (Weinhard Café)

Chandler's Meat Market — 1900

An early photo of Chandler's Market, showing two sets of tall double doors folded open to a recessed entry with a second set of doors, was used as a guide for the 2003 façade reconstruction.



#26: 344 E. Main (Liberty Theater) — 1921

This stucco clad brick was remodeled in the 1930's and again in the 1940's. The original theater operated until 1964. The restoration in 2000 returned the ticket booth and marquee to a 1940's configuration.

#27: 350-352 E. Main (Gravis Law & Patton & Associates)

Hubbard Coffee Co. — 1906

This distinctive one-story brick has the original corbelled cornice, decorative brick panels, large multi-paned transom windows, and cast-iron columns. Outer columns of rusticated concrete set off this recently renovated façade.

#28: 358 E. Main (Vacant)

Columbia Chronicle — 1908

With a faint suggestion of Romanesque Revival architecture, this building has a street façade of rusticated concrete block. A recessed entrance with granite steps and the original name of the newspaper on the upper façade makes this building stand out.

#29: 362 E. Main (Carolyn's Café & Suffield Furniture)

Suffield Furniture — 1950

This spare single story building with stucco finish has a suspended canopy and an angular recessed entry. The building was originally a two-story stuccoed, art deco, but a fire in 1900 gutted the building. One of the oldest signs of Dayton remains on this building, with an approximate age of 70 years old, circa 1930.

DAYTON HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING TOUR



COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE 1887

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THE DOWNTOWN DAYTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT WAS PLACED ON
THE STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES IN 1999.

This district includes 29 buildings within a four block area. The nomination was compiled by the Washington State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation and the Dayton Historic Preservation Commission. Contributing buildings have a bronze plaque with historical name and date, and are listed in this leaflet, some with historic interior features.

~ Begin this walking tour at the Columbia County Courthouse, proceed west on Main Street 2 1/2 blocks. Tour continues on south side of Main Street and returns east to Third Street. ~



**#1: 341 E. Main
Columbia County
Courthouse — 1887**

The courthouse was designed by Dayton architect W.H. Burrows. This two and one half story stucco brick Italianate building is topped with

a 22-foot lantern and bell cast Mansard roof with iron cresting. Distinctive features include rusticated base, quoins, paired segmental arch windows, and pediment statuary. This oldest working courthouse in Washington State was listed on the National Register in 1975. A major restoration project was completed in 1993, and ongoing maintenance ensures the historic integrity of the courthouse is preserved.

**#2: 309-311 E. Main (Col. Co. Commissioner & Azure
Mtn.) Dantzsch Building — 1888**

The Dantzsch Building is a two-story brick structure with segmental arched, second-story windows. A stucco finish has been applied. An Italianate cornice, which was removed prior to 1950, has been replaced, as well as the 1888 storefront.

**#3: 112 N. Second (Vacant)
Day Building — 1935**

The Day Building was built for Dr. W.W. Day, the third generation of pioneer Dayton physicians. The Mission Revival style, single-story stuccoed office building has simple wood detail and Spanish tile parapet. It has served continuously as a medical clinic.



**#4: 222 E. Commercial
Dayton Historic Depot — 1881**

The Dayton Depot, originally built on the west side of the Touchet River, was moved to this site in 1899. This two-story, Stick-Eastlake-style building with a cross gable roof housed the station master living quarters upstairs. Note the prominent bracket detailing decorative bargeboards in the gables, original siding, windows and doors. The interior spaces are intact and include high ceilings, beaded board walls, and wainscoting. The oldest surviving train station in Washington State was built by the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company and later purchased by the Union Pacific Railway. The Depot was listed on the National Register in 1974.

**#5: 247 E. Main (St. Vincent de Paul)
Weinhard Block — 1898**

This is a single-story masonry building with recessed parapet panels and buff brick facing. The original transom windows are restored and the storefront configuration is intact. The building originally extended to the corner of Second and Main. Built for Jacob Weinhard and known historically as the Weinhard Block, it is attributed to John Mash, architect and contractor.

**#6: 245 E. Main (VS Antiques)
Monnett & Hamilton Hardware — 1910**

This is a single-story masonry building with buff brick facing, recessed parapet panels, transom windows and storefront configurations intact. Designed by John Nash to match the building next door, it was occupied by Monnett & Hamilton Hardware for over 60 years.

**#7: 229-235 E. Main (Weinhard Hotel)
Weinhard Building — 1890**

The Weinhard Building is a two-story brick building with distinctive brick coursing and corbelling at the upper story level. In 1963 one half of the building burned and is now the parking lot for the hotel. German immigrant Jacob Weinhard came to Dayton in 1880 and established Jacob Weinhard's Brewery, now demolished. He operated the Weinhard saloon and billiard hall on the ground floor. Over the years there have been several restaurants, a Safeway store and a drug store in the ground floor.



**#8: 217-225 E. Main (Locally Nourished & Wenaha
Gallery) Guernsey-Sturdevant Building — 1882**
The Guernsey-Sturdevant Building is a two-story, Italianate style, brick masonry structure with an elaborate wood cornice, formal window surrounds, and intact cast-iron columns. The wood cornice and storefronts were renovated in 1992 and the building was listed on the National Register in 1993.

**#9: 211 E. Main (Vacant—Under Renovation)
Adams and Bruce — 1882**
This two-story brick masonry building is adorned by five round-arched windows on the second story. This building once extended to the corner of First and Main.

**#10: 112 N. First (Ray's Barber Shop)
Dr. Van Patten's Office — 1909**

This is a stuccoed brick building with narrow, segmental arched windows and doors. Note the original lettering on the door.

**#11: 179 E. Main (Dingles Hardware)
Budde Building Circa — 1930**

The original 1885 building burned down and was rebuilt in 1930. Using the original exterior walls, the building was rebuilt with the present storefront, double recessed entries and large display windows. A full width span of vertical transom windows are arranged on both the front and on the side of the structure.

**#12: 171 E. Main (Dingles Hardware)
Dusenberry & Stencil Building — 1875**

This two-story brick building with Italianate detailing was designed by Dayton architect W.H. Burrows and built for Dusenberry and Stencil, early Dayton merchants. With cast-iron columns and multi-paned second story sash windows, it was touted as the first modern brick structure in Dayton.

**#13: 159 E. Main (Vacant)
Robinson Saddle Shop Circa — 1900**

This brick building has ornate corbelled brickwork along stepped parapet. Robinson Harness and Saddle Shop occupied the building from 1907 to 1940.

Safely cross the street to continue the tour.



**#14: 151-153 E. Main
(Inland Cellular)
Dr. C. H. Day Building
— 1906**

The original double recessed store entrance was restored using the intact right side as a pattern. Corner pilaster, transom, and brick work were in place. Built as two units for offices, shops, and barbershops.