

HENRY'S HERITAGE HIKE

Historical Downtown
Walking Tour

**Garland Landmark
Museum**



GARLAND
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HELPING HENRY



Look for these symbols throughout the book to see what Henry needs help with.



WRITE ABOUT IT



IMAGINE IT



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SEARCH FOR IT



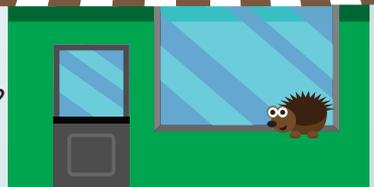
TALK ABOUT IT



LOOK FOR IT



Can you find the Hidden Henry's in the buildings around the square?



1. BIRTH OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE



Looking across the square towards the coffee shop

The original downtown businesses were made of wood and connected by wooden sidewalks with dirt streets.

In the beginning, the downtown business district had no central square but that would soon change.



Photo taken around 1891.

IMPACT OF THE FIRE OF 1899

On Thanksgiving Day in 1899, a fire burned down many buildings and homes in downtown Garland. Only three buildings were left on the square after the fire.

As a result of the empty space, the downtown square was born.



Photo of the square about six years after the fire.

Can you imagine what the square would look like full of wooden buildings?



2. EVOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC PLAZA



Looking across the square towards the coffee shop

In 1895, Garland's first bank opened, only to burn down four years later in the fire of 1899. In 1900, the bank built the Alamo style building shown on the site in the photo below.

By 1901, the square featured the Garland Hotel, a two story wood building. The building began as a school dormitory. The Garland Hotel was lost to a fire in 1932.

The square, composed of dirt, was used to park horses and buggies, as well as for Trade Days, where it was used for trading livestock.

Garland Hotel

Bank



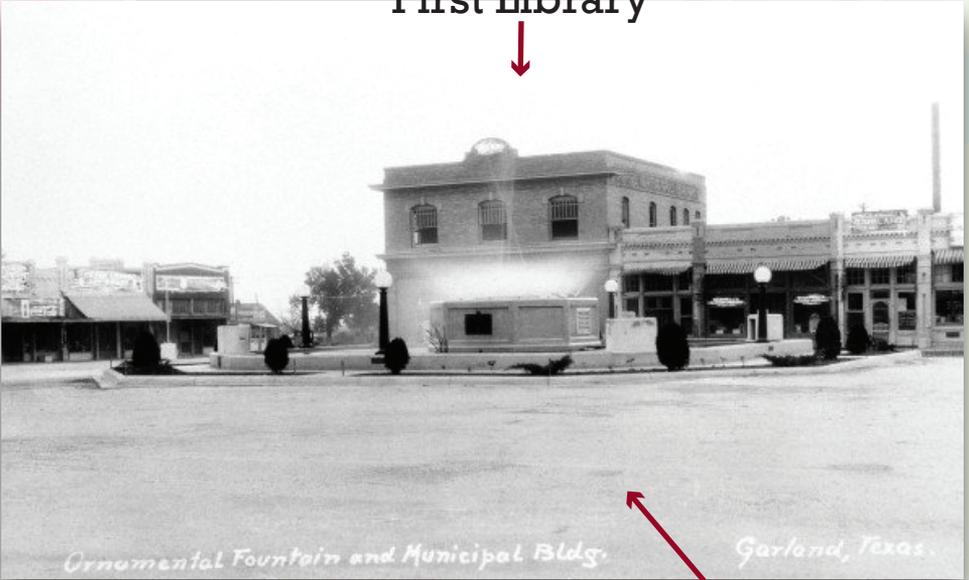
Photo of the square around 1906.

Dirt Square

By the 1920's, streets went from dirt to gravel and parking in the square was now used for cars instead of horses and buggies.

As shown below, by 1933, the square was paved, and a fountain with lighting and landscape was located in the center.

First Library



Paved Square

W. R. Nicholson bought the building for the first library. It was named the Nicholson Memorial Library in honor of his mother and brother who died in the 1927 tornado.

What building is missing from the above picture that you can see on page 6? What happened to it?



3. STATE STREET ON THE SQUARE



Built in 1918, 507 State Street had a concrete floor and may have been designed for a Harness and Tin Shop.

- Plumbing Supply Shop(1932) •
- Babcock Auto Supply •
- Event Venue(no roof due to fire) •

Built in 1901, this building housed the B.G. Clothing Store and at other times a General Store.

- Cannon Dry Goods(1932) •
- Intrinsic Brewery(2015) •



Built in 1901, this building housed a grocery store.

- Garland Cash Grocery(1932) •
- Books N Stuff • Rowlett Florist(2014) •

Built in 1900, it was divided into three parts and was the most elaborate building.

- H.W. Jones Hardware •
- Lyric Theatre •

(Garland's first movie theatre that we know of)



The earliest building on this site pre-dates 1918, but was destroyed in a fire.

- Hudson David Dry Goods Store(1918) •
- Plaza Theatre(1941) •

4. EAST SIDE OF THE SQUARE

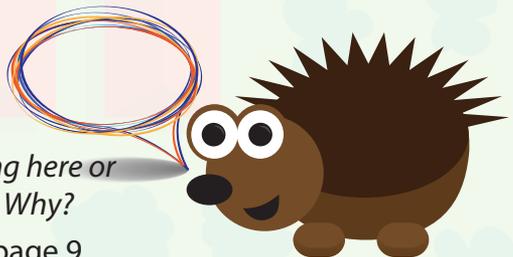
In the grassy area on the east side of the square, buildings were constructed between 1906 and 1912. These buildings once housed the following businesses:

- Restaurant
- Tailor
- Barber
- Post Office
- Crossman Insurance
- Drug Store
- Variety Store
- A&P Grocery (Garland's first national chain grocery)



Shown here around 1936, the A&P Grocery store remained open at this location through the mid 1950's.

Would you put a new building here or leave it as a grassy area? Why?



5. SIXTH STREET ON THE SQUARE



Standing in the middle of the square looking towards the coffee shop

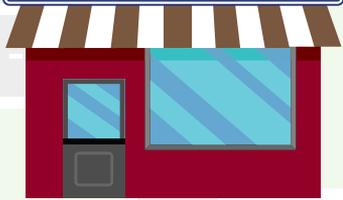
The west side may offer the closest picture of what the square may have looked like at the turn of the 19th century.

The three oldest remaining structures on the square can be found on the west side. Built around 1897, these two story buildings survived the fires of 1899 and 1902.



This photo of the west side of the square, taken in 1915, shows the square's three oldest remaining buildings, built around 1897.

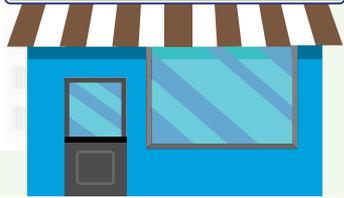
101 N. Sixth Street



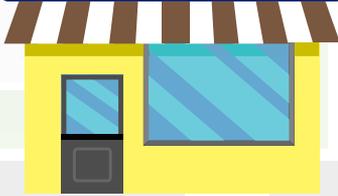
The southern most portion of this building was constructed in 1897 by the Knights of Pythius, a fraternal organization. The building next door was constructed by 1901 and in 1954 the two buildings were combined to make one large bank building.

Built in 1901, this building was one of the more ornate on the square. In 2010, after many renovations, the original details were reconstructed.

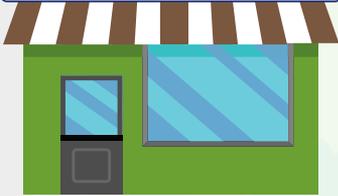
107 N. Sixth Street



113 N. Sixth Street



115 N. Sixth Street



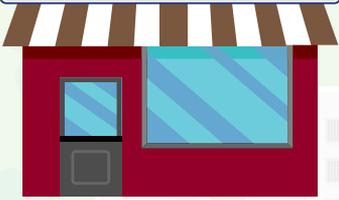
The Odd Fellows Building and the Mason's Building were both built for fraternal organizations.

What stores are here now?



6. MAIN STREET ON THE SQUARE

510 Main Street



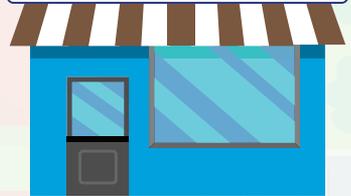
Built in 1915, 510 Main Street is one of the only buildings to have the original look. The building has included these different businesses over the years.

- Meat Market • Electric Motor Shop •
- Jones Bicycle & Lawnmower Shop •
- Garland Furniture •

Built in 1911, 520 Main Street was once taller and more elaborate. The building has included these different businesses over the years.

- Garland News • Payne Drug Store •
- Garland Furniture •

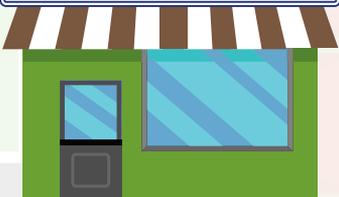
520 Main Street



Built in 1911, 524 Main Street housed the opera hall and auditorium on the second floor. The building has included these different businesses over the years.

- City Grocery • Drug Store •
- Baker Hardware • Baker Furniture •

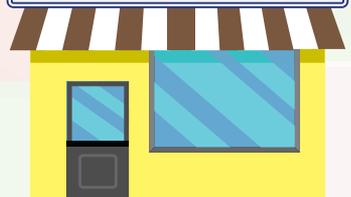
524 Main Street



Built in 1911, 528 Main Street has included these different businesses over the years.

- Garland Hardware Co. •
- Powell Mercantile •
- Levine's Department Store •
- Baker Furniture •

528 Main Street



MAIN STREET, THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE



Photo of the square around 1915. The shoppers were waiting in full dress at the Dollar Days drawing for a horse and buggy.

A fire broke out in 1902, which caused the destruction of four stores along the street. A smaller brick building was built to replace these in 1906. The building included these different businesses after the fire.

- Grocery Store • Warehouse • Undertaker •
- Roach Grocery Company • Baker Furniture •



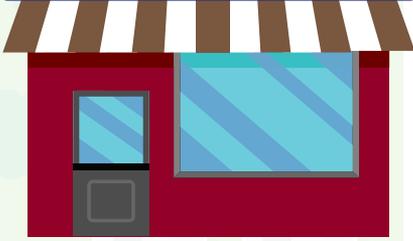
Can you see where the opera hall used to be in the picture? Where would it be today?

7. MAIN ST. OFF THE SQUARE



Looking across the street at Dos Banderas

THE FORD HOUSE 614 Main Street



“The Ford House” was opened around 1917. Along with the cars, the showroom was a hangout for local businessmen. The building later became a Chevrolet dealership. At one point, the cars drove to the second floor for service.

MORRISON’S GARAGE 620 MAIN STREET



Morrison’s Garage, shown above during the 1920s, is an example of the growing success of car related businesses in Garland. The building later became both Pontiac and Ford dealerships.

Can you imagine driving through these buildings?



8. REBUILDING THE SQUARE

The downtown square has been rebuilt many times through its history.

If you could design the square, what would it look like? Would there be a fountain? A stage? Games? Tables? What else?



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