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Urbana's

Most Important Buildings

Urbana's 100 Most Significant Buildings List Finalized

The results are in. Using your nominations, the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission has finalized a list of the 100 Most Significant Buildings in Urbana. The buildings range from a modest cottage built around 1850 to a house with an uncanny likeness to a UFO built in 1954 for a jazz musician; from a bungalow that was ordered out of a Sears catalogue circa 1920 to the mansions of some of Urbana's founding fathers. The list includes many of the historic buildings in our downtown—the library, the county courthouse, and many of the buildings on the 100-block of West Main Street—as well as many of the impressive fraternities and sororities that were typically built prior to World War II in eclectic styles and designed by well-known architects.



c. 1850
Gothic Revival Cottage



1954
John Garvey Residence



c. 1920
Sears House, "The Osborne"



c. 1878 built for Urbana
founding father Matt Busey



1918
Urbana Free Library



1898 Champaign
County Courthouse



1927
Knowlton-Bennett Drugstore



1925
Sigma Nu Fraternity

The next step for this project is to write a narrative for each property on the list. The narratives will be different for each building, but will include historical information as well as an architectural description. City planning staff will be sending letters to the owners of the 100 buildings asking if they have any information that might help the City with this research, such as historic photos, original blueprints, or information about prior owners. This information will then be available to the public on the City of Urbana's website and in a printed brochure. This project was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

For more information on Urbana's 100 Most Significant Buildings and to see the full list, visit www.urbanaininois.us/100Most or contact Rebecca Bird at (217) 384-2440 or rbird@urbanaininois.us.

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▲ Urbana Senior High School, 1002 S. Race Street

Designed by Joseph Royer in the Jacobean architectural style



▲ Hindsley House, 1 Montclair Street

Designed for Dr. Mark Hindsley, Director of Bands at UI from 1948-1970

◀ 605 S. Main Street

circa 1890

Queen Anne architectural style with Stick influences



▶ 1117 W. Oregon St.
Built in 1920 in the Mission architectural style.



◀ Buena Vista Court
1 through 8



▲ 607 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
◀ 510 W. High Street
Built in 1910 in the Arts & Crafts style



▲ 309 W. Michigan Avenue
Built in 1925 in the Mediterranean architectural style



▲ 512 W. Nevada Street
Built in 1925 in the Georgian Revival architectural style. The garage of this house has the original garage doors.



◀ 803 W. Main Street
Built in 1904 for a State Senator

▼ Tiernan's Hall,
115 W. Main Street
Built in 1871 with façade designed
by Joseph Royer in 1913



▲ 307 W. Oregon Street

▶ 801 W. Oregon Street



◀ Leal School,
312 W. Oregon St.

Designed by Joseph Royer in 1936
in the Art Deco style



▲ Alfred W. Allen Residence, 1802 Pleasant Circle
 Designed in 1957 by architect Jack Baker in the contemporary style



▲ 605 W. Oregon Street

▼ 512 W. Nevada Street



▲ 301 W. Oregon Street

▼ 910 N. Broadway Avenue





▲ 305 W. Oregon Street

◀ Ernest T. Robbins Residence,
804 W. Pennsylvania Avenue



▲ President's House, Florida Avenue



▲ 1806 Pleasant Circle

▶ Urbana Post Office, 202 S. Broadway Avenue





▲ Texaco Service Station, 900 S. Race Street



▲ Yohlon Salome Lindley Residence, 401 S. Race Street



▲ 402 S. Race Street



◀ The Station Theater, 223 N. Broadway Avenue



▲ 504 W. Elm Street

▶ First United Methodist Church, 304 S. Race Street

▼ St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 710 W. Main Street



▲ 804 W. Main Street



▲ 805 W. Michigan Avenue



▲ Courier Cafe, 111 N. Race Street



▲ Kirby's Firestone Dealer,
303 W. Main Street

▶ Cannan Baptist Church,
402 W. Main Street

▼ Lindley House,
312 W. Green Street



▲ Cinema Gallery, 120-124 W. Main Street

▶ Griggs House, 505 W. Main Street





▲ Sutton House,
502 W. Elm Street
Local landmark

◀ Hieronymus House,
710 W. Pennsylvania Ave
A Joseph Royer house



▲ Wahl Residence,
510 W. Main Street

▲ Marriot Residence,
506 W. Main Street

◀ 102—106 W. Main St.
Built circa 1880 in the
Italianate style.





▲ 807 S Lincoln Avenue
circa 1927

▶ 102 W Iowa Street,
Built in 1937 in the Art Moderne architectural style



▲ Mumford House,
1403 W Loredo Taft Drive
Constructed in 1870 as a model farmhouse for the University's experimental farm, Mumford House is the oldest building on campus.



◀ Champaign County
Courthouse ,
101 E Main St.
Built in 1898 in the
Romandwque Revival style,
designed by Joseph Royer.

▼ 601 West High Street
circa 1875



▲ 401 West High Street
circa 1880



◀ 406 West Illinois Street
circa 1925

▼ Luther Residence,
507 West Main Street
Built in 1880 in the Gothic Revival architectural style



▲ 501 West Green Street
1894 Queen Anne and Stick styles





▲ Wesley Foundation,
1203 West Green Street
Dedicated in 1921 and modeled closely on
Christ Church College at Oxford Univer-
sity in England where founder John
Wesley received his education.

► Ricker House,
612 West Green Street

▼ Boyden House,
404 West Illinois Street
Home of Urbana Mayor Ezekiel Boyden
and the only documented building in Ur-
bana that Abraham Lincoln visited. It was
designated a local landmark in 2011.



▲ Carlson Residence,
201 West High Street
1850



▲ 110 South Grover Street
This is a Lustron House. The Lustron House was an innovative solution to the post-WWII housing crisis. Many thought the porcelain enamel clad wonder would be the General Motors of the housing industry, but only 2,680 were built.

◀ The Urbana Free Library, 210 W Green Street
1905 designed by Royer

▼ 209 W. Green Street
1899 Queen Anne and Classical Revival styles

▼ Urbana Unitarian Universalist Church, 309 W. Green Street





▲ University Laboratory High School
1212 West Springfield Avenue

► Weber House,
607 East Main Street
circa 1875



▼ William Park Residence,
311 West Elm Street
1856 Colonial Revival

▼ 210 West Florida Avenue
circa 1935 Cape Cod





▲ Delmont Court Apartments,
Located between Broadway Avenue & Race Street
and Vermont & Delaware Avenues.

▶ 307 West Elm Street

▼ 801 West Delaware Avenue
circa 1928 Tudor Revival architectural style



▼ 1105 South Douglas Avenue
circa 1931 Tudor Revival architectural style



▲ 601 West Delaware Avenue
circa 1933 French Revival

▶ 702 West Delaware Avenue
1932 Tudor Revival

▼ 209 West Delaware Avenue
1931 Designed by R. Howard Zook



▼ 715 West Delaware Avenue

▼ 706 South Coler Avenue





▲ 701 North Coler Avenue
circa 1920 Sears House, “The Osborne”



◀ 206 Cedar Street
1872



▲ 1306 South Carle Avenue
circa 1927



◀ 402 South Coler Avenue
1940 Cape Cod



▲ John Garvey Residence,
2016 Burlison Drive
Built in 1954 by noted architect Bruce Goff in the Contemporary style.



▼ Ella Danelly Cottage,
701 South Busey Avenue
Built in 1921 by Joseph Royer for his mother-in-law.



▲ 708 South Busey Avenue
circa 1920 Prairie style

◀ Carle Park
Established in 1909

▼ Halberstadt House,
104 North Central Avenue





▲ Stevens House,
301 West Indiana Avenue
Published in “Authentic Small Homes from the Twenties”, the 1925 Stevens House was “designed for stucco and half timber, and recalls both the informality of an English cottage and the dignity of a manor house.”

◀ 411 West Indiana Avenue
Built circa 1917 Prairie style

▼ 805 West Illinois Street
circa 1880 Queen Anne



▼ Erlanger Residence,
303 West Indiana Avenue
Designed in 1964 by noted architect Jack Baker





▲ 806 West Pennsylvania Avenue
1925 Tudor Revival



◀ Channing Murray Foundation,
1209 West Oregon Street
1920

▼ Knowlton-Bennett Drugstore,
135 West Main Street

▼ 136 West Main Street

