

11. THE SHELLING OF CARLISLE

At the sandstone columned "Old" Cumberland County Courthouse (circa 1846) is the marker noting Carlisle's brush with the Civil War. Several buildings in town still show the damage done when invading Confederate forces shelled the town. Note the chipped stone pillar and window ledge of the Courthouse both dated July 1, 1863, the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

12. THE OLD LIVERY STABLE

Near the front entrance to the borough parking garage is the Wayside Marker for the Old Livery Stable where for more than 25 years horses and mules were leased and housed and all types of transportation could be arranged for townspeople, farmers and visitors alike.

13. THE CARLISLE THEATRE

Located in the middle of the first block of W. High St., this lovely old art deco theatre was saved from the wrecking ball and now houses a performing arts center and showcases foreign and independent films.

14. CENTENARY BUILDING

Once a church, today this newly renovated building contains modern apartments and a busy retail space.

15. THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE DICKINSON COLLEGE

In the hedge that surrounds the President's House is the Wayside Marker describing the genesis of the Dickinson School of Law which had its origins in the cellar of this beautiful and stately home.

16. OLD WEST

Dickinson College was chartered in 1783 and Old West is the earliest existing campus building. The first floor of Old West is open to visitors when the College is in session and contains information on the history of the building.

17. BELLAIRE HOUSE

The Bellaire House, with its double curving stairway, was built in 1845 as a private residence. Today the gracious former mansion contains offices and a popular Thai restaurant.

18. THE CARLISLE TRAIN STATIONS

This Wayside Marker commemorates the High Street train and its stations. Try to imagine the excitement of huge steam engines regularly traveling up and down High Street bringing goods and passengers to these historic crossroads.

19. THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HAMILTON LIBRARY, AND MUSEUM

The Society's holdings of books, documents, photographs, and artifacts cover the rich history of Carlisle and Cumberland County. Be sure to visit the second floor state-of-the-art museum.

20. RICHARDSON HOUSE*

At the corner of N. Pitt and W. Louthier Street at 101 W. Louthier St. was the home of prosperous African-American Cyrus Richardson and his family. After Mr. Richardson's death his wife and daughters lived on in the house which came to be called the "Misses Richardsons' Cozy Corner". It was later the home of noted artist Ruth A. Anderson.

*Proposed

21. THE LINCOLN CEMETERY

The pathway at the eastern edge of Memorial Park will take you to the site of an historic African-American Cemetery. Additional markers on this site were placed by members of Carlisle's African-American community to commemorate their history.

22. UNION FIRE STATION

Located on W. Louthier St., Union Fire Station is the home of one of the oldest fire companies in the nation. Be sure to visit the Fire Museum inside.

23. LeTORT SPRING RUN

The LeTort Spring Run's history is richly intertwined with the growth of Carlisle. From the first settler's cabin in the 1700s to its fame today as a renowned fly-fishing stream attracting visitors from around the globe, the LeTort has been a quiet part of Carlisle's heritage.

In 2004,
the Historic Carlisle, Inc.
Wayside Marker Project
was honored by the White House when
Carlisle was designated a
Preserve America Community



Historic Carlisle, Inc. is a non-profit corporation. Its mission is to recognize and promote the history of Carlisle and Cumberland County. This mission is accomplished through annual presentations and celebrations, educational programs, and the installation of wayside markers. For more information, or to become a member, please write to: Historic Carlisle, Inc., P.O. Box 1211, Carlisle, PA 17013-1211.



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WALKING TOUR OF CARLISLE'S WAYSIDE MARKERS



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THE HISTORIC CARLISLE, INC. WAYSIDE MARKER PROJECT

The Borough of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania was founded in 1751. Throughout the colonial period, Carlisle was the major jumping-off point for travel west to the Ohio Valley. It was George Washington's choice for his army's first arsenal and school. Carlisle was also home to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, a school for American Indians, of which Olympic champion Jim Thorpe is an alumnus. The location of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School now houses the U. S. Army War College. Carlisle is also home to Dickinson College which was chartered at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783 – the first college to be chartered after the Treaty of Paris.

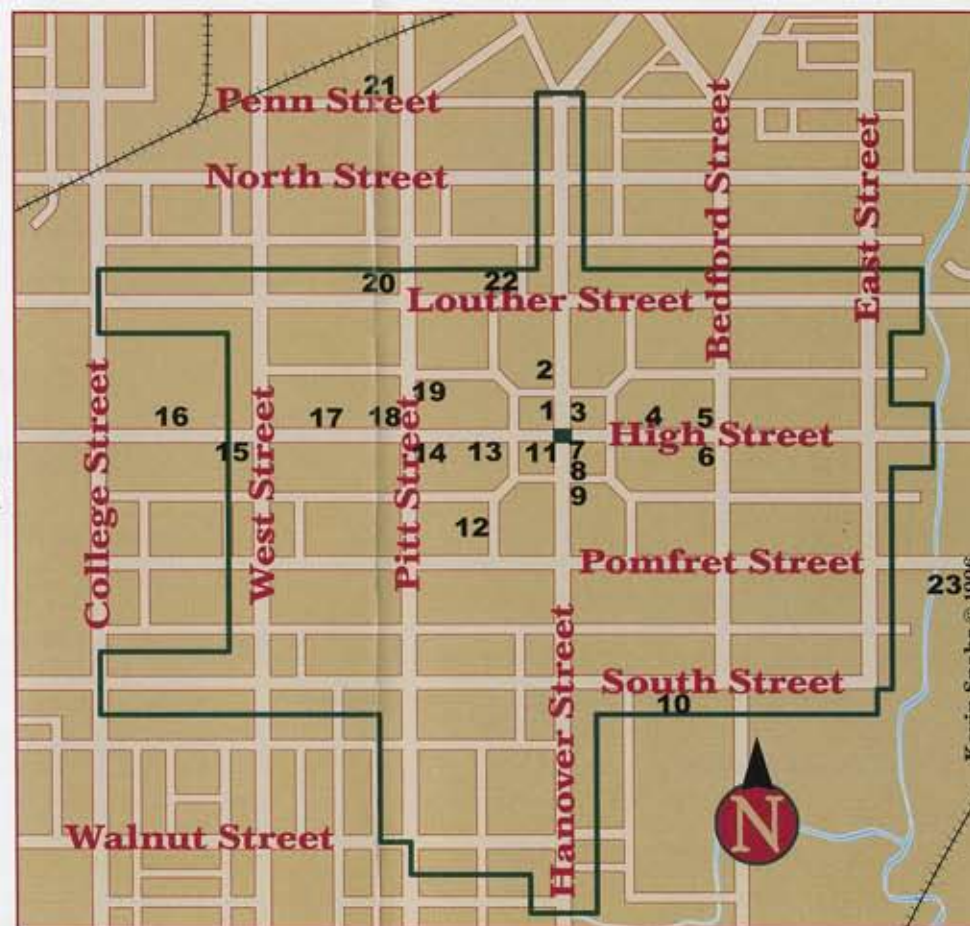
In 1994, Historic Carlisle Celebration, Inc. (now called Historic Carlisle, Inc.) was formed to promote Carlisle's history through education and awareness. In 2002, Historic Carlisle, Inc. and the Borough of Carlisle partnered to initiate the Carlisle Wayside Marker Project using interpretive signage to honor and preserve Carlisle's rich historical past for the enjoyment and education of Carlisle's residents and visitors alike. The Wayside Markers tell the story of Carlisle's people, buildings, and historic sites and events.

This brochure will assist you on a self-guided walking tour of the Wayside Markers through the streets and byways of Carlisle's Historic District and beyond. Please use crosswalks and watch for traffic as you learn more about the history of Carlisle.

THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE HISTORIC DISTRICT FOUNDED 1751

The Historic District is indicated by a Bold Green Line.

The Square is indicated by the green box.



1. RETURN OF THE CAPTIVES

In 1764, British General Henry Bouquet arranged for the return of a number of settlers who had been held captive by American Indians during the French and Indian War. A marker on the Square near the First Presbyterian Church commemorates the settlers arrival in Carlisle.

2. EPHRAIM BLAINE HOUSE

This imposing late 18th century brick house was built by Colonel Ephraim Blaine. Wander down the sidewalk along the right side of the building to see the limestone rear portion which was once a popular Revolutionary-era tavern. The Ephraim Blaine House was restored in 2004 by owners John and Louise Broujos.

3. 1753 CARLISLE INDIAN CONFERENCE

In front of St. John's Episcopal Church on the Square is a marker describing Benjamin Franklin's 1753 visit to Carlisle to meet with representatives of several American Indian tribes.

4. FREDERICK DOUGLASS VISITS CARLISLE

Renowned abolitionist Frederick Douglass visited Carlisle on three occasions. During his visit in 1872, Douglass stopped for the night at the Bentz House, now called the Wellington.

5. THE OLD JAIL

One block away from the Square, at the corner of E. High and N. Bedford streets, is the Old Jail which was built in 1855 and remained in use as the Cumberland County Prison until the 1980s. Today the building houses county offices.

6. DUNCAN-STILES HOUSE

This imposing, three-story, Philadelphia-style residence was built in 1815 as a wedding gift for Stephen Duncan and his bride Margaretta Stiles. It is notable for its large oval parlor, curving staircase, and beautiful interior woodwork.

7. MARKET HOUSE SQUARE

Near the front steps of the "New" (circa 1962) Cumberland County Courthouse is a marker describing the history of Carlisle's market houses. The Penn Charter establishing Carlisle designated this corner of the Square as the site for commerce and it was the location for decades of the town's farmers market. The last market house was razed in 1952.

8. THE McCLINTOCK RIOT

Located just beyond the front steps of the New Courthouse is the marker commemorating an 1847 riot which followed the release from jail of three escaped slaves from Maryland. When the slaves were returned to their former owners, townspeople initiated a melee and helped two of the fugitives to hide and eventually make their way to freedom.

9. COLONEL ROBERT MAGAW

Just across Liberty Ave. at 3 S. Hanover Street is the site of Revolutionary War hero Robert Magaw's home.

10. THE OLD GRAVEYARD

A little past Cemetery Ave. and inside the entry gate is the Wayside Marker for Carlisle's Old Graveyard. Take time to wander quietly through this historic graveyard. Please remember that the gravestones in this burial ground are old and extremely fragile. It is important that you do not disturb the stones and monuments by standing, walking, sitting or leaning on them.

