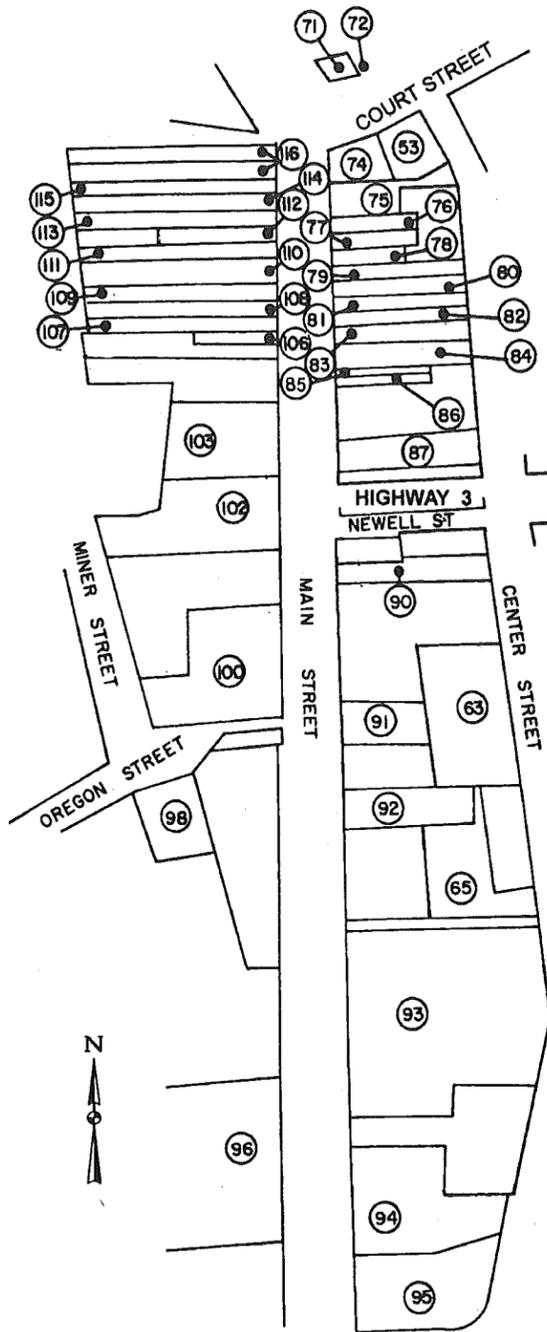


# HISTORIC DISTRICT



- 77 CLIFFORD BUILDING.** It is possible that this is at least the fourth building on this site, fires having destroyed at least two of the previous buildings. In 1854 John Adams, a watchmaker, was located here. In 1857 Richard Clifford was the owner. Since the 1860's the building has been divided into two parts which have been leased out to different businesses over the years.
- 78 HOCKER BUILDING.** Henry Hocker built this building in 1854-55. It was one of a group of brick buildings built on Main Street following a fire that destroyed much of this part of town. Mr. Hocker established his mercantile business here.
- 79 CLIFFORD HALL.** This brick building was built by Richard Clifford in 1855. The second floor served as a meeting room for several lodge groups since 1859: the Oddfellows, the Sons of Temperance, the Good Templars, and the Native Sons of the Golden West.
- 80 WEAVERVILLE DRUG STORE.** This building has housed a drug store ever since it was built in 1855. The first business was the drugstore of D.W. Anderson. It has been known as the Weaverville Drug Store since 1862.
- 81 EDGEcombe BUILDING.** Prior to an 1853 fire which destroyed several buildings on Main Street, the American Hotel occupied this lot and the adjacent lot to the south. James Edgecombe purchased the north lot in 1856 and erected a fireproof brick building here.
- 82 MAGNOLIA BUILDING.** The first floor of this building was erected in 1855 for Mary Kopka. The first use for the building may have been for S. G. Kreider's Magnolia Bowling Alleys. Over the years the lower floor has been a saloon, a clothing store, a restaurant, and telephone company office. The upper floor was added in 1856. In 1859 the Masonic Lodge purchased the second floor and the property began a 108 year period under dual ownership.
- 83 NEW YORK SALOON.** One of the earliest businesses on this lot was Michael and John Farrell's New York Saloon which was operating here in 1856. The original building was destroyed in 1859. Fires in 1863 and 1873 again took their toll on the buildings erected here. The property has primarily been used for saloons, namely The Gem, the Elite, and, most recently, The New York Saloon.
- 84 NEW YORK HOTEL.** A hotel was first built on this site in 1854 for James Morris and Barney Brady. Fires in 1859 and again in 1863 caused the building to be twice rebuilt. The present building was constructed in 1864. The hotel served as the official Weaverville Stage Stop for many years. The building underwent major remodeling in 1931 which drastically changed its appearance.
- 85 CARR BUILDING.** This brick building was built in 1856 by Carr and Frost and leased to James Hamilton as a saloon and billiard parlor. It remained a saloon under various ownerships until the turn of the century. In 1917 it became the Trinity County Library, which was relocated to its present quarters northwest of the Court House in Dec., 1989.
- 86 SHAVING SALOON.** The first known reference to this site is to Issac Dixon's Humboldt Shaving Saloon in 1854. The fires of 1859 and 1863 caused the building to be twice rebuilt. It has seen various usages over the years but for about on hundred years it was most often in use as a shaving saloon or barber shop.

- 87 COMSTOCK AND MARTIN.** A two-story brick building was built on this lot in 1854 for Comstock and Martin, general merchandise agents. After the fire of 1863 a one-story structure was built to replace it. It served as a general store for about thirty years.
- 90 OLD FIRE HOUSE.** This is a rare Chinese rammed earth adobe building. It was built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as the Chinese answer to Weaverville's fires. The Weaverville Volunteer Fire Dept. began using the building in 1906.
- 91 PACIFIC BREWERY.** The brick portion of this building dates back to 1854-55 when it was built by Frederick Walter as a brewery. John Meckel bought the brewery in 1883. It continued operation as the Meckel Brothers Brewery until prohibition stopped brewing operations in 1917. The present wooden wing is a recent replacement of an older wooden structure which burned in 1950.
- 92 MAR GUOY.** Built in 1896, this building was located at the southern edge of Chinatown and was the home of the Mar Guoy family. It is two rammed earth buildings, one behind the other. It probably was a store with the living quarters behind. After extensive remodeling the building served as a mortuary and now a gift shop.
- 93 JACKSON.** The Reverend A.T. Jackson, a carpenter as well as a minister, built this house for his family in 1893. This place, including the out-buildings, is typical of many early Weaverville homes. House, woodshed, barn, pigeon loft, chicken house, and orchard accommodated every family need. It is now the Highland Art Center.
- 94 TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.** Built in 1891, it is almost a replica of the 1881 church which burned in 1890. Protestant churches of 1855 and 1870 were also destroyed by fire. The parsonage to the left was built in 1902.
- 95 WHITMORE.** The 1890 fire also burned a house at this location. John Whitmore purchased the land in 1892 and in 1895 A.T. Jackson built this house for him.
- 96 J. JAKE JACKSON MUSEUM COMPLEX**
- 98 JOSS HOUSE.** This oldest continuously used Chinese Temple in California is now a State Park.
- 100 CHINATOWN SITE.** At the turn of the century Chinatown occupied much of the area on both sides of Main Street between the museum and the Trinity Theater. The Chinese lived in crowded conditions in tiny shacks or hovels. Fires frequently broke out, burning much of the town. The last disastrous fire destroyed most of Chinatown in 1905. It was not rebuilt as most Chinese left the county at this time.
- 102 DR. DAVID B. FIELD'S HOME AND OFFICE.** This home survived the Chinatown fire of 1905. It was built for Dr. Fields as his home and office. To the rear of the lot is the barn which housed his horse and buggy.
- 103 TOURTELLOTTE HOME.** It is not known when this house was built, but it was purchased in 1898 by the Tourtelotte family. The wood building behind the hair salon was part of the original property.
- 106 F.W. BLAKE BANK.** At one time an awning covered the sidewalk of this brick building which was built in 1856 by Moss, Mabie and Co. for the F.W. Blake Bank and Wells Fargo Express. From about 1909 to 1934 it was headquarters for the Trinity National Forest.

- 107 SOLOMON BUILDING.** This building was built by A. Solomon in 1854. For many years it was used as a bank. The Greenhood and Newbauer Bank, the Trinity County Bank, and the Bank of America have all occupied this building.
- 108 FAGG BUILDING.** R.A. Fagg erected this building in 1854. The City Drug Store was one of the first businesses to occupy this site. Since then there have been a variety of uses.
- 109 BUCK AND COLE.** Groceries were sold on this site for over 100 years. In 1852 F.A. Buck and John Cole had a general provisions store here. The present brick building was constructed in 1856. Detlef Hansen and his heirs owned the lower floor from 1868 until 1980. The Ryan family operated it as Ryan's Store for over 50 years. The Oddfellows have owned the second floor since 1862. The exterior of the building remains nearly the same as it was in 1860 when the spiral staircase was added.
- 110 JUNKANS BUILDING.** This is a building that really isn't a building. It was created in 1890 when Henry Junkans closed in the space between the buildings on either side of it to use as warehouse space for his adjacent business.
- 111 TINNIN BUILDING.** W.J. Tinnin built this brick building in 1856 as a hardware and tin shop. The front remains as it was when first constructed and is a fine example of fireproof brick buildings built in the 1850's.
- 112 MINT SALOON.** Louis Timmerman had a furniture and cabinet shop on this site for many years. Twice the shavings in his carpentry shop caught fire and his building was destroyed. After the second fire in 1890 Timmerman did not rebuild but sold to S.J. Turner who erected this building which housed the Mint Saloon until prohibition.
- 113 ADAMS EXPRESS.** There have been several buildings with many uses on this lot. One of the earliest housed the Adams and Company Express. In 1887 this building was destroyed by the fire which started in Timmerman's carpentry shop next door. The present building was constructed immediately following that fire.
- 114 EDER BUILDING.** This was the first of the fireproof brick buildings constructed in Weaverville. It was constructed by D.M. Eder in 1854. It had various uses in its early days, but in 1895 Blake and Reed acquired it for their "gents" furnishings department of their general supply store.
- 115 RHODES AND WHITNEY BANK.** A bank and exchange office for Rhodes and Whitney first occupied this building. By 1867 there was a dry goods and clothing business here. Blake and Reed added this building to their general store next door in 1895 to house their grocery department. This use was continued by the Weaverville Supply Company which became the successor to Blake and Reed in 1901.
- 116 McCAIN AND COMPANY.** A hardware and general merchandise business was started on this site by James McCain and Thomas Gallagher in 1852. They built 2 adjacent buildings on the lots in 1854. General merchandise and hardware businesses run by various owners occupied the buildings on these 2 lots for the next 142 years. Weaverville Supply Company was succeeded by Morris Hardware in 1945. The property was remodeled several times. In 1999 it was remodeled as Courthouse Square.

# walking tour of historic Weaverville



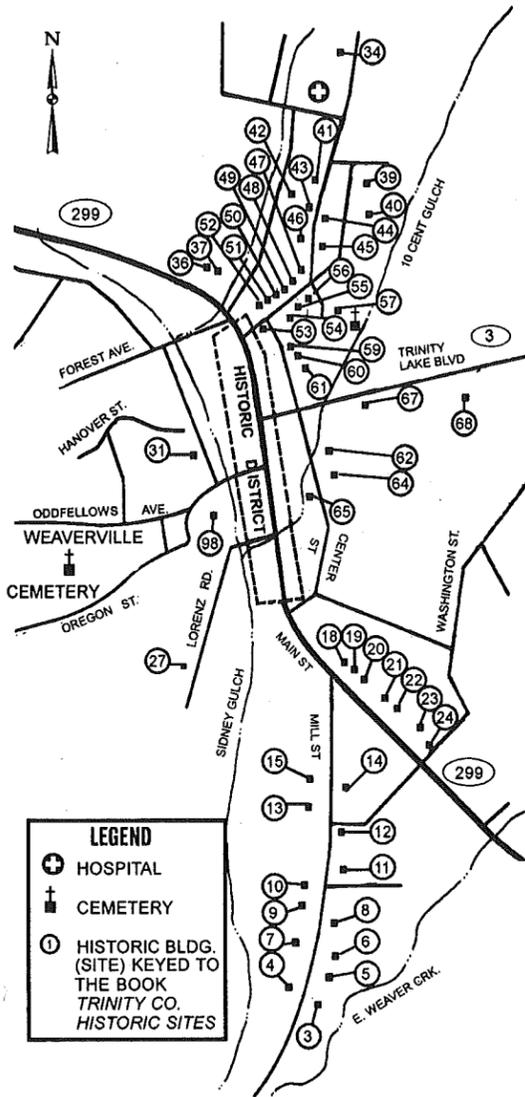
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# WEAVERVILLE'S oldest section



- 3 **JOHNSON.** This was originally a one-story, 3-room structure built sometime before 1900. The main road into Weaverville passed by the house with the wide area in front being used as a turn-around.
- 4 **LEGAGNEUR.** This house was probably built in the 1860's and occupied by Madam Marie Legagneur until her death in 1891. The house was extensively remodeled in 1957 with extensions on the north and south sides and to the back.
- 5 **McNAMARA.** This house was built in 1900 by Tom McNamara, an excellent carpenter and cabinet maker, who also helped build the nearby house at 1017 Mill Street. Both houses have shed roof dormers which are known as McNamara trademarks.
- 6 **NEUSSE.** This house, built in the 1870's by Neusse, is better known as the Jackson House. Jackson was County Treasurer, author and founder of the Trinity County Historical Society.
- 7 **WEINHEIMER.** This house was built about 1870 by a Mr. Guthrie but was the home of the Henry Weinheimer family for many years.
- 8 **GRAY.** The original house on this lot was owned by George and Sarah Drake who homesteaded the land in 1871. After several changes in ownership it was acquired by Herbert Gray, a partner in the Trinity County Bank. The house burned in 1905 and was quickly rebuilt. It is the only well-preserved shingle style house in town.
- 9 **FLAGG.** The exterior of this house, built by Jacob Flagg in 1876, remains virtually unchanged and is a good example of the homes which once lined Mill Street. A white picket fence and the original large lot add substantially to the character of the house.
- 10 **CONDON.** This house was built by the Wilson family in 1896. The Condon family, operators of Weaverville's Empire Hotel, acquired the house in 1908 and made this their home for many years, giving it its historic name.
- 11 **LOWDEN.** This house is intimately connected with the history of Trinity County as it was built by William Spencer Lowden, one of the most important of Trinity County's pioneers. The house has an old-time formality and elegance which sets it apart from others on the street.
- 12 **LOWDEN OFFICE.** This building was built in 1895 to be the survey and abstract office of William S. Lowden, the founder of Trinity County's road system.
- 13 **OSGOOD.** This house dates back to the 1870's. Although it has been partially altered, it retains its original size and shape.
- 14 **HAGELMAN.** This house was built about 1870 by Johnny Hagelman, a blacksmith. Its appearance has been appreciably changed, especially at the front.
- 15 **CLEMENT.** William Clement purchased this lot following the destruction by fire of the original house occupying this site. In 1914 he moved this house onto it from the Day Ranch several miles outside of town. The house was built about 1890.
- 18 **GREENWELL.** This very old house is essentially unaltered and a fine example of pioneer style architecture. It is estimated to have been built in the early 1860's for V.S. Ranier. Its historic name is from the Ernest A. Greenwell family who lived here at the turn of the century.

- 19 **R.L. CARTER.** Construction of this house is estimated to have been during the 1870's or 1880's. For years it was the home of R.L. Carter who was county clerk, auditor and recorder for 42 years.
- 20 **ARMENTROUT.** This house was built in 1878 by the Armentrouts, a well known mining and farming family. It remained in the family for nearly a century.
- 21 **COLBERT.** This house was at one time the home of John Colbert. It was built in the 1860's and retains most of its original construction details. The locust trees at the front were planted between 1871 and 1875 and once lined both sides of the street.
- 22 **JACK HALL.** Built in 1876 by Jack Hall, this house was purchased by the Morris Augustus Brady family shortly after 1900.
- 23 **HOCKER.** This house was built in 1859 by Henry Hocker who was a prominent Weaverville merchant. It was later owned by James Bartlett, Superior Court Judge, noted local author, geographer, and historian. It is presently known as the Hocker-Bartlett House.
- 24 **TINNIN.** This house, built in the 1850's is rumored to be the oldest house in Weaverville. It is still in excellent unaltered condition. It was the home of Fred Hafley, and it served as the first headquarters of the Trinity National Forest.
- 27 **SAM LEE.** (aka Lee Ranch House). Sam Lee built this house in 1918 on land that was originally part of the Lorenz ranch. He was the first generation of the only pioneer Chinese family still living in Trinity County. The house is now home to the Trinity County Arts Council.
- 31 **CALIFORNIA.** Owned by Frankie Hanover Davis, this house was built by John Whitmore in the 1890's as a rental.
- 34 **EDGCOMBE.** Constructed in the 1850's at the site of the current count library, this house was moved to its present location on Hospital property.
- 36 **RYAN.** This two-story house was built by D.E. Ryan in 1924 and is a good example of the architecture of the 1920's.
- 37 **LAUTENSCHLAGER.** This house was originally built in the 1870's on land now occupied by the Forest Service buildings across the street. It was moved to its present location in 1930.
- 39 **W.W. YOUNG.** This house was built in 1900 by William Ware Young, owner of the Weaverville Waterworks. It is constructed of redwood lumber which had to be transported by boat down the coast to San Francisco from Eureka, then up the Sacramento River to Red Bluff before it could be loaded on freight wagons for the overland journey to Weaverville.
- 40 **WOODBURY.** First known as the Issac Woodbury house, this house was built in the 1850's or 1860's. Since it has been extensively remodeled it is not easily identified as a "vintage" house.
- 42 **DAVIS BARNs.** These barns were built by Dave Davis about 1900 on the back of his lot. They are typical of the small barns that went with many Weaverville homes at the turn of the century.

- 43 **ED TODD.** Built in 1880, this house was the home of M.F. Griffin. In 1888 it was purchased by Eliza Todd, who later gave it to her son, Ed, as a wedding present.
- 44 **GOETZE.** This house was built in 1897 for H.W. Goetze, using lumber which was hauled to Weaverville by oxen from a sawmill he operated near Buckhorn Mountain along Highway 299. The home remained in the Goetze family for over 83 years.
- 45 **SCHALL.** Louis Schall built this house in 1875. Since then it has been the home of many well-known Trinity County families.
- 46 **CATON.** It's not known who built this house but it was purchased by Antone Caton from the McDonald Family in 1917.
- 47 **RUDY JUNKANS.** This house was probably built in the 1870's. The original owner is not known but among the early occupants was the Rudy Junkans family. For many years it was also the home of Superior Court Judge C.A. Paulsen.
- 48 **CHADBOURNE.** Clarissa Chadbourne received the patent to this land in 1877. The house was probably built soon after. It was renovated in 1927 when Sheriff G.H. Bergin was the owner.
- 49 **COLBERT.** One of the early owners of this 1856 house was the Colbert family. The narrow width of this house in proportion to its height is a predominant feature of the building.
- 50 **BLAKE.** Dr. H.M. Chauncey was the first owner of this house, built about 1862. Many additions have been made including the carriage house which has been attached to the back of the building.
- 51 **OBERDEENER.** It is presumed that this house dates from the early 1860's as it is known that the Oberdeener family was living in a house on this lot in 1868.
- 52 **PAULSEN-MARSHALL.** This home was purchased unfinished by Paulsen in 1886 and is an example of Greek Revival style architecture. The back extension was added in 1970 by Agnes and Robert Marshall, who have owned the home and lived here since 1935.
- 53 **UNITED STATES BAKERY.** This building was built in 1873, replacing an earlier structure which had been destroyed by fire. The United States Bakery was in business on this site from 1856 until 1885.
- 54 **HALL.** District Attorney Daniel J. Hall built this house in 1901. Two subsequent owners were also attorneys.
- 55 **BOWIE.** This house was built by County Sheriff James Bowie in 1897 following a fire which destroyed all of the houses on the south side of Court Street.
- 56 **BLACH-BLANEY.** John Whitmore built this house in 1897 for the Balch Family. The giant Sequoia tree in the yard was planted in the 1920's by the Trinity National Forest supervisor E.V. Jotter who was living here at that time. Since 1922 the home has been owned by members of the John Blaney Family.
- 57 **CATHOLIC CHURCH.** At least four Catholic churches have occupied this site. The first building was built 1853. The present building was built in 1924 after the previous building was destroyed by fire. The adjacent cemetery dates back to 1851.

- 59 **BARNICKEL.** Construction of this house is estimated to have occurred in the 1880's. It was considered to be one of the most fashionable in town at the turn of the century. John Jacob Barnickel was a druggist who, with his son, ran the Weaverville Drug Store for 58 years.
- 60 **LOUIS TODD.** This house was probably built between 1875 and 1880 and is historically known as the Louis Todd House.
- 61 **ABRAHMS.** This house was built in 1878 for Issac Abrahms and, because it has not been modernized, it is a good example of a pioneer style dwelling in a typical 1870 Trinity County neighborhood.
- 62 **MECKEL.** John Meckel, proprietor of the famous Pacific Brewery, was the first owner of this house which is estimated to have been built in the 1880's.
- 64 **HENRY JUNKANS.** This house was built in the 1860's or 1870's and belonged to Henry Junkans. The building is architecturally significant in age and detail.
- 65 **MECKEL BUILDING.** This house, although built in 1901, has not been altered. The first owners were the Meckel brothers.
- 67 **IRISH HALL.** In 1865 Michael Mulligan built a building here for the Finian Brotherhood, forerunner of the Irish Republican Army. The building has been totally reconstructed.
- 68 **SITE OF THE CHINESE TONG WAR - 1854**

## "HISTORIC DISTRICT" -map overleaf-

- 71 **COURTHOUSE.** This building, first used as a store, office building and hotel, was built in 1856-57 for Henry Hocker. In 1865 it was purchased by the County for \$9000 to be used as a Courthouse. Remodeling took place in 1935 following the routing of Highway 299 past the side of the building. In 1976 it again was remodeled. It remains one of the oldest courthouses in the state of California.
- 72 **SITE OF WEAVERVILLE'S FIRST CABIN - 1850**
- 74 **BANDSTAND.** Built in 1901, with funds from public subscription for the Ladies Eltapome Band which flourished around the turn of the century.
- 75 **EMPIRE HOTEL.** Condon's Saloon started business at this site in 1861 and two years later became the Empire Hotel. In 1873 it was rebuilt following a fire that burned most of upper Main Street. The hotel suffered fire damage again in 1880, 1881 and 1890. When A.J. Fetzer was owner in 1916 the name was changed to the Weaverville Hotel.
- 76 **NONPAREIL.** A.W. McLean used this building as a confectionery in the 1890's. It was again a candy store, the Nonpareil, in 1903. With the addition of a soda fountain in 1913, Henry Young began nearly sixty years as proprietor of Young's Confectionery. It was remodeled to an office in 1998.