

1 Heslin House



Susan C. Dunbar, widow of John William Dunbar, was born in Illinois in 1848. She and her husband farmed in the Fairview Area. Mrs. Dunbar had the Western Farmhouse built for her in 1892. She was unable to pay her mortgage and John Patrick Heslin took over the house in 1894.

5 Smith Presbyterian Church



When Hannah Stone Smith platted the Fairview town site from her large land holdings in 1889, she donated one half acre of land east of Fairview Avenue for the construction of a Presbyterian church as a memorial to her husband, Hiram "Red Shirt" Smith. Hiram Smith was an early Portland merchant, and he and Hannah were engaged in land speculation in eastern Multnomah County. In 1890, the Presbyterian Alliance of Portland, with a \$1,000 cash donation from Hannah Smith, endeavored to start a Presbyterian Church in Fairview.

6 Smith Presbyterian Church Manse



The Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church purchased this 1890 Queen Anne vernacular house from its owner, Mr. Fred Albers, for \$1,400 in 1922. The Church borrowed \$400 from the Portland Presbytery and the remaining \$1000 from the Home Missions Board. The manse was improved by the church in 1937, and again in 1949, when it was sold. The profits were used to build a new manse. Between 1922 and 1949, the manse housed the local Presbyterian clergy. The Rev. Mr. E.R.D. Hollensted, a former Danish sailor, and his family were the first to occupy the Manse.

2 Fairview City Jail



In 1915, E.A Whitney was elected mayor of Fairview on an anti-vice platform; chief among the planks of his platform was the construction of a city jail. It is likely that demand for the jail had more to do with local boosterism and civic pride than the rampant crime and disorder. Fairview, a "dry town" due to restrictive covenants placed on the deeds of all lots in the townsite prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages, had little need to incarcerate lawbreakers. The jail's first inmate arrived on September 12, 1916. Very few prisoners were housed in the jail.

3 Fairview's First City Hall



In 1912, the Fairview City Council planned a City Hall to be built on what was known as the "Flat-Iron Block", now known as Handy Park. This Land was part of the original E.R. Scott Donation Land Claim and was later owned by Albert L. Stone, who donated it to the City.

4 Fairview Elementary School



Fairview Elementary school was built in 1945 to replace an obsolete 1890 school building, locating on the site of the current school playground. Designed in the Spanish Revival style by architect F.M. Stokes and constructed by C.E Stockton, the school was once more evocative of the style, but its characteristic red tile roof has been replaced with composition shingles.

7 Fairview Methodist Episcopal Church



Fairview's earliest Euro-American established the community's first church in 1853, at a meeting in a home of Emsley R. Scott. The growing population necessitated a church to minister to the spiritual needs of the community and to serve as a educational facility for local children. In 1869, the growing congregation erected a church building at the corner of Sandy Road and Fairview Avenue.

8 Fairview Grange Hall



The Grange movement, formally known as the Patrons of Husbandry, began in 1867. An organization dedicated to the political and social advancement of farmers, the Grange movement had strong roots in the South and the Trans-Mississippi West. Nationally, the grange was devoted to seeking government control over the railroads, which were seen as impoverishing farmers through their high shipping rates; and to promote cooperative buying and selling of merchandise and produce. By the 1890s, the Grange had been eclipsed politically by the Populist movement, and the number of Granges in Oregon declined. By the early 1900s, however, there was a resurgence in the Grange, as a chiefly social, rather than political, movement. On March 2, 1904, Fairview -area residents organized Fairview Grange #334. For years, the group was a key social force in the community; sponsoring dances, ice cream socials, candy pulls, fundraisers, and exhibits at the Multnomah County Fair in Gresham.



- Start of Half Mile Historic Walk
- Historic Site Location
- No sidewalk proceed with caution
- Street
- Half Mile Historic Walk

