

# Kirksville Historic Preservation Commission

The KHPC recommends policies and ordinance changes to Planning & Zoning that affect landmarks or historic districts in the City of Kirksville. To date, 12 Historic Landmarks have been nominated and approved within the City.

## KHPC Meetings

Regular meetings take place every quarter (January, April, July, and October) on the 1st Wednesday of the month, and start at 4pm. Special Meetings can be held during other months as needed.

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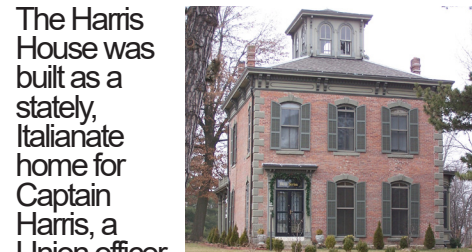
# Historic Places To Explore



★★ Grim Building  
113 E. Washington

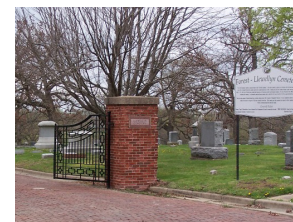
Though more than 100 years old, the Grim Building continues to fulfill its original purpose as a commercial building.

This beautiful and unusual building was constructed in 1905 by prominent local doctors Ezra and Edward Grim.



★★ Cpt. Thomas C. Harris House  
101 E. Burton

The Harris House was built as a stately, Italianate home for Captain Harris, a Union officer in the Civil War, in 1875. From 1895 to 2007, the house was owned by the Dr. Albert Parrish family. After being restored, the house is a private residence.



★ Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery  
201 N. Centennial

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The Adair County Historical Society's building was originally constructed in 1916 as the meeting place for the Kirksville Sojourners Club. The Sojourners Club, first organized in 1897, is the oldest women's club in Kirksville. Today, the historical society uses the building to house its collection of Kirksville and Adair County artifacts.



★★ Adair County Historical Society  
211 S. Elson



★ Evans House  
1003 E. Illinois

Property records date back to 1847, with the home being built between 1886 and 1900. A few high-profile residents

owned the home after it was built. Griffith Evans, a corporal with the Union during the Civil War, bought the property in 1899. William Frank, a former Kirksville City Attorney and Missouri Supreme Court Justice, also lived there. The Mikel family bought the home in 1988 and restored it. The Evans House is the most recent addition to Local Landmark list, joining in 2022.



★★ Trinity Episcopal Church  
124 N. Mulanix

This Gothic-inspired building was constructed for the Trinity Episcopal Church in 1916.

- ★ Local Historic Landmark
- ★ Building on National Register of Historic Places

Built in 1923, the Travelers Hotel served as a hotel until 2007. The hotel was an important feature in the social scene of Kirksville until the 1980s. Currently, the building operates as downtown apartments.



★ **Travelers Hotel**  
301 W. Washington



★ **The Journal Printing Company Building**  
119 S. Elson

In 1905, this structure was built to house the printing shop of the Journal Printing Company. The company remained in this building

until 1979; the Kirksville Daily Express was printed there until the 1930s. The building's facade was renovated over the course of 2022 and 2023.

The First Presbyterian Church was constructed in 1922-1923 and designed by local architect, Irwin Dunbar. The property was placed on the National Register in 2016 and was later included as the 10th City of Kirksville local landmark in 2017. The church is a local example of late 19th and 20th Century Tudor and Jacobean Revival styles.



★ ★ **First Presbyterian Church**  
201 S. High



★ **Masonic Temple**  
217 E. Harrison

Built in 1930, the Masonic Temple is the most architecturally unique building in Kirksville. This Great Depression era building was constructed in the Egyptian Revival style, and is the only one of its kind in the city. This building is still used by various Masonic bodies.



★ **Kirksville City Hall**  
201 S. Franklin

In 1905, the current City Hall was built to be Kirksville's Post Office. In 1962, the Post Office changed buildings and this became City Hall.

Building began in this district in 1883. As the only historic district in Kirksville, this area contains wonderful examples of historic architecture, such as Art Deco and Romanesque Revival. A notable building in this district is Pickler's Famous, a Local Historic Landmark.



★ **Courthouse Square Historic District**  
100 Block of W. Harrison



★ **CB&Q Railroad Depot**  
904 N. Elson

Built before 1906, this railroad depot is one of the only two depots left in Adair County. The depot served as Kirksville's main location for railroad transportation.

Built in at least 1875 – but likely earlier – the McGovern House is one of the oldest residences in Kirksville. It is currently in the process of being restored by its owners.



★ **McGovern House**  
415 E. Washington

The present courthouse was constructed in 1898. The courthouse has several carved Grotesque faces located near the steps; see if you can spot them! The courthouse received substantial renovations from 2021 to 2023.



★ **Adair County Courthouse**  
106 W. Washington



★ ★ **Pickler's Famous**  
114 W. Washington

Pickler's Famous was built in 1887. Samuel Pickler was a prominent businessman and leader in the mid-to-late 1800s. He

operated the successful mercantile shop for many years. Pickler served in several elected positions, such as Adair County School Commissioner, Mayor of Kirksville and a four-term representative in the Missouri House. The building was restored in the 2000s and still carries the branding of Pickler's Famous.

Completed in 1925, the Sanborn Smith House was home to Dr. E. Sanborn Smith, who served as a doctor in World War I before moving to Kirksville. Until recently, the house remained in the family.



★ **Dr. E. Sanborn Smith House**  
111 E. Patterson



★ **Spencer Selby House**  
316 N. Franklin

The Spencer Selby house was built in 1875 by John J. Spencer. One of the oldest homes in Kirksville, this house has a unique history. It was converted into a coffee house and a jazz club in the 1980s. Today, the Spencer Selby house is a rental property for residential use.

