



**Key:**  
**LPR** = Local Plaque Recipient  
**NR** = National Register  
**WHR** = Washington Heritage Register

☉ Only known Civic Center in WA  
 ☼ Historic Art Recognition Award  
 ◆ Addresses start at 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. & Main St. and go N/S - E/W from there.

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# City of Colville Washington Incorporated in 1890

## Local Historic Plaque Recipients Self-Guided Tour Brochure



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1. **215 S. Oak Street 1938 LPR**  
Stevens County Courthouse; this is the third documented location for the courthouse. The site contains a number of historical exhibits.
2. **195 S. Oak Street 1932 LPR**  
Colville Public Library "There is no way in which a community can more benefit itself than in the establishment of a library that shall be free to all citizens." (*William McKinley, Colville Examiner, 1910*)
3. **170 S. Oak Street 1937 LPR**  
Colville City Hall; Police Dept moved into building in 1979, after Fire Dept moved out.
4. **204 S. Oak Street 1938 LPR/WHR/NR**  
United States Post Office The first Post Office started at the site of the current Alpine Theater on Main Street. Some original woodwork and historic artwork is displayed inside.
5. **230 S. Main Street 1892 LPR/WHR/NR**  
Rickey Block/Barman's John Rickey; local merchant and active in politics. Barman's was blown up in 1892 to stop an adjoining fire, and then it was rebuilt.
6. **262 S. Main St 1903 LPR**  
Hall Building/Acorn Saloon & Feeding Station Was built for a confectionary store; at one time housed the Colville-Spokane Stage Line. John Acorn remodeled the building in 1989 and opened the saloon.
7. **226 S. Main Street 1903 LPR**  
Built by Samuel Douglas, first local attorney; probate judge. Used local marble from a quarry east of town. Also known as 'Skidmore Building.'
8. **200 S. Main Street 1937 LPR/WHR/NR**  
Collins Building Constructed by John Collins; has retail on ground level, office spaces above.
9. **173 S. Main Street 1907 LPR**  
Bank of Colville/Happy's Hallmark First local bank; now the local Hallmark store.
10. **126 S. Main Street LPR**  
1888: Rickey Building 1913: Wingham's Market  
This site was known as the "historic butcher shop" in the original building and the local market in the current one.
11. **115 S. Main Street LPR**  
1885: Wolff Building 1922: Bair Building  
Frances Wolff was the first town Marshall and built a hotel. H.O. Bair converted it to furniture store in 1911; demolished it in 1922 and rebuilt it for a new furniture store.
12. **151 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 1911 LPR/WHR/NR**  
IOOF Lodge (Oddfellows Lodge) and used for theatrical productions (aka "Opera House").
13. **466 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 1905 LPR/WHR/NR**  
Colville Flour Mills The mill processed local grains and produced flour.
14. **112 N. Main Street 1936 LPR**  
Alpine Theater Still an operational movie theater. Some remodeling has been done, but original Art Deco architecture was retained on the exterior.
15. **320 N. Main Street 1941 LPR**  
The original Safeway Store was opened at this location and was considered one of the most modern grocery stores in this part of the country at that time.
16. **408 N. Main Street 1899 LPR**  
Charles Mantz House Mr. Mantz was very active politically, serving as a lawyer, a prosecuting attorney, and a state senator.
17. **700 N. Wynne Street 1910 LPR/WHR/NR**  
Keller House/Museum Anna (Young) Keller; widow of J.H. Young of Republic-Colville Stage Line. Later married Louis Keller. ✧ A portion of the Leno Prestini Art Collection is on display inside the museum.
18. **103 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1934 LPR**  
American Legion, Frank Starr Post 47. This is the original building constructed in honor of Frank Starr, a local resident who was killed in action in WWI.
19. **145 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1907 LPR**  
Dr. W. Diffenbacher, local dentist and brother-in-law to Anna (Young) Keller of the Keller House.
20. **510 N. Maple Street 1918 LPR**  
Dr. O.F. Vinson House Local dentist
21. **462 N. Maple Street 1928 LPR**  
Lon Johnson House; served as Lt Governor for Washington and as a local judge. The grist mill stones displayed at the courthouse were donated by Judge & Mrs. Johnson.
22. **459 N. Maple Street 1890 LPR**  
E. M. Heifner; local hardware store owner.  
Underhill; local farmer.
23. **357 N. Elm Street 1890 LPR**  
R.E. Lee House Local businessman, politician, and community activist., Mr. Lee constructed the building at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue & Main, where R.E. Lee Shoes still exists.
24. **355 N. Maple Street 1890 LPR**  
J.M. Stevens House Mr. Stevens was the local drayman at the transfer and storage facility in Colville who was "intimately associated with almost every business man in Colville" (*Newspaper, 1912*). In 1915, Dr. Roy Wells bought the home and used it as a home/medical office.
25. **404 N. Maple Street 1900 LPR**  
M. A. Rodman House Mr. Rodman was a publisher for the local newspaper. It was originally built by the Hall brothers of the Silver King Mine for their sister, Minnie Setzer.
26. **443 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1916 LPR**  
Earl & Bertha Strong House Owned local variety store; Bertha-Graham Strong, daughter of Sheriff Bill Graham.
27. **449 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue 1904 LPR**  
M.R. Strong House Local blacksmith; parents of Earl Strong.
28. **458 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue 1906 LPR/WHR/NR**  
Colburn T. Winslow House Owned Winslow Lumber Company; largest in the region.
29. **512 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue 1900 LPR**  
Boyd House Local homesteader, Marian Boyd; later married Frank Daley.
30. **416 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 1899 LPR**  
James Stitzel House Local photographer, especially weddings. Newlyweds would go to his studio, which was by the courthouse, for photographs.
31. **453 E. Astor Avenue 1914 LPR**  
Warren B. Lane; purchased the R.E. Lee store in 1915; started Williams Lake Lumber and Lane & Bronson Lumber.
32. **1861 E. Hawthorne Ave 1893 LPR**  
Rusch Brothers Brick Yard (9<sup>th</sup> Tee at the Golf Course)  
This was the start of masonry construction in the area and the brick yard operated from 1893 to 1910.
33. **615 S. Cedar Street 1910 LPR**  
W. H. Bronson House Lumber, hardware, and Bronson International Implement Co.
34. **407 E. Birch Avenue 1882 LPR**  
J.U. Hofstetter House Considered the "Father of Colville" this is the site of the first home of John & Mary Hofstetter known to be within the Colville city limits. Their original home was next to their regionally-known brewery on Main Street and Birch Avenue, where the Town Center and Sun Rentals are now located.
35. **300 E. Birch Avenue 1897 LPR**  
DuPuis House DuPuis brothers owned Colville Meat Market. First brick residence in Colville, some original stained glass remains.
36. **369 S. Main Street 1952 LPR**  
The Smith Motel was built at the edge of downtown Colville by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Smith. They chose a simple, modern style, which was common for the post-WWII era.