

DOWNTOWN BAKERSFIELD'S PAST



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BAKERSFIELD**
CALIFORNIA
THE SOUND OF *Something Better*

16. VINCENT'S, PADRE GARAGE 1930

1723 18th Street - Mission Revival originally designed as a six-story building, the garage was built for the Padre Hotel.

17. PORTERFIELD HOTEL 1911

1715 18th Street - Plastered structure which is a unique type of architecture for Bakersfield.

18. AMY HOLDROYD HOUSE 1937

1822 17th Street - Several Spanish Colonial Revival houses were built in Bakersfield in the 1910's and 1930's, though very few in the downtown area.

19. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1913

1705 H Street - The cornerstone from the original 1913 building remains in the current building completed in 1955 after the 1952 earthquake. Church's roots trace back to 1889.

20. BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN 1926; 1936 (NR, HM)

1707 Eye Street - Italian Renaissance Revival. Alfred Harrell, the newspaper's publisher from 1897 to 1946, was well respected locally, state- and nation-wide.

21. KERN CO. HALL OF RECORDS 1908; 1940

1655 Chester Avenue - Originally constructed in a Beaux Arts Architectural Style, the architecture was altered in 1939-40 into a PWA Moderne style.

22. HABERFELDE BUILDING 1927-29

1706 Chester Avenue - A five-level, Sullivan-esque structure constructed of masonry reinforced steel.

23. SILL BUILDING 1939

1500 18th Street - Art Moderne style, three-level building constructed of reinforced concrete and steel.

24. SPENCER HOUSE 1890 (BR)

1321 N Street - Queen Anne/Eastlake architecture. Previously located at the corner of 14th and Chester when it was bought by Mr. Henry Spencer from Ella Stark Stone and moved to its present location in 1928.

25. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 1931 (NR)

1200 Truxtun Avenue - The only religious structure of its era to survive the 1952 earthquake. It is also one of the few downtown buildings to remain relatively unaltered over the ensuing years.

26. FRANK MUNZER HOUSE 1930 (BR)

1701 F Street - One of the finest examples of early Craftsman architecture in the city. Constructed for Frank G. Munzer, Office Superintendent for the Kern County Land Company and a partner in the Breckenridge Lumber Company.

27. GUILD HOUSE 1908 (BR)

1905 18th Street - One of the finest examples of early Craftsman architecture. Guild House features gourmet luncheons, Monday-Friday, September-June.

28. BAKERSFIELD WOMANS CLUB 1920-21 (BR)

2030 - 18th Street - The club is the oldest Kern County cultural club for women.

29. CHINA ALLEY (BR)

Between 21st & 22nd, L & M Streets - The neighborhood containing China Alley was once the center of Bakersfield's first China town. In the late 1800's approximately 3,000 Chinese circulated around China Alley during the construction of the railroads.

30. COL. THOMAS BAKER MEMORIAL (CHL, HM)

1501 Truxtun Avenue - In 1863 Col. Baker, friend to all travelers, came here to found 'Baker's Field.' Statue and marker are located in front of the Bakersfield City Hall South.

31. GARCES CIRCLE (CHL, HM)

In median on Chester Avenue at Golden State Avenue. In honor of the first European settler to enter this region.

32. SITE OF ALPHONSE WEILL RESIDENCE (HM)

1631 17th Street - Alphonse and Henrietta Weill's house was considered "modern" for its day because of the high ceilings, long hallway, and indoor plumbing. The Weill family donated the house to the Kern County Museum in 1950.

33. SITE OF ARLINGTON HOUSE (HM)

1620 Chester Avenue - Rebuilt to three stories after fire of 1889. Redesigned in 1916 to two-story business and store building.

34. SITE OF LAST HOME OF ALEXIS GODEY (CHL)

414 19th Street, Central Park - Alexis Godey was a guide for John C. Frémont's expedition through the Kern area in 1843-44.

35. SITE OF KERN RIVER FLOUR MILLS (HM)

700 Truxtun Avenue - These mills, in use until the 1952 earthquake, were the inspiration for the name Mill Creek

36. SITE OF WEILL'S DEPARTMENT STORE

1412 19th Street - One of Bakersfield's first department stores.

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1. BAKERSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT 1939

2120 H Street – PWA Modern replaced an aging 1904 two-level red brick fire station.

2. FOX THEATER 1930 (BR)

2001 H Street – Spanish Colonial Revival with a tall clock and bell tower designed in the atmospheric style. Mediterranean village auditorium with electric stars.

3. JASTRO HOUSE 1875 (NR)

1811 20th Street – Gothic Victorian Cottage house of Henry Jastro, head of the Kern County Land Company & Chairman of the Kern County Board of Supervisors for 24 years.

4. STANDARD OIL BUILDING 1917; 1921 (NR, BR, HM)

1800 19th Street – Late Second Renaissance Revival, it was constructed in two sections in 1917 and 1921.

5. KERN COUNTY LAND COMPANY 1893 (NR, HM)

1712 19th Street – Second Renaissance Revival. Four years after it was founded, the Kern County Land Company built this building to demonstrate its “faith in the future” of Bakersfield.

6. TEGELER HOTEL 1914

1908 H Street – Originally four levels, with a basement café and a roof that was later converted to a garden. A fifth floor was added and then removed after the 1952 earthquake.

7. HAYDEN BUILDING 1915 (NR, BR)

1622 19th Street – Second Renaissance Revival brick structure was the Continental Hotel.

8. OLD BANK OF AMERICA 1930 (HM)

1931 Chester Avenue – PWA Modern with some Egyptian Revival features, now Stars Dinner Theater.

9. HOPKINS BUILDING 1904

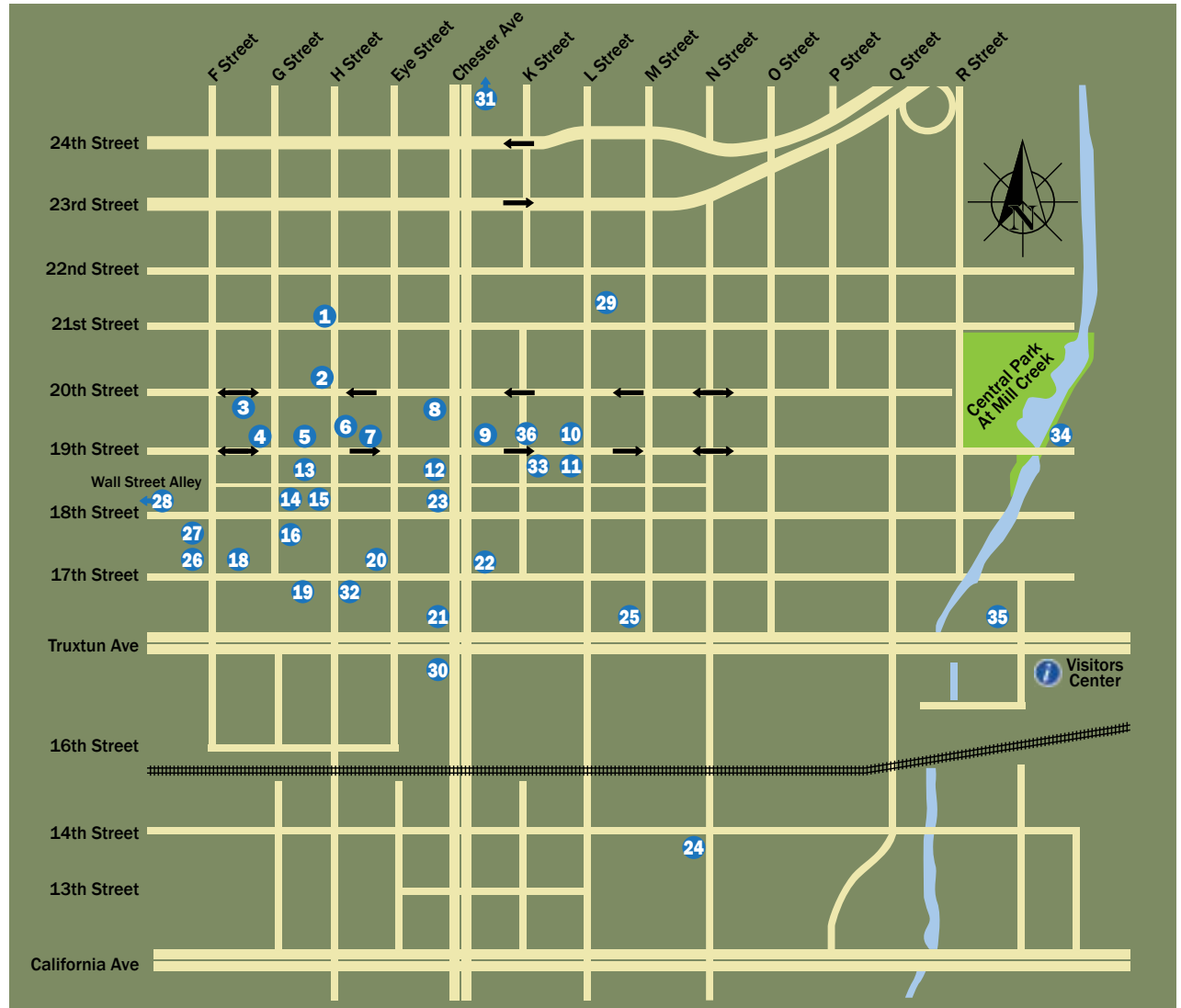
1916 Chester Avenue – Former site of the original Hockheimer & Co., reconstructed in 1919 after a fire gutted the building.

10. WOOLWORTH 1939

1400 19th Street – Art Modern rounded-corner with vertical cement panels; previously Owl Drug Store.

11. KRESS BUILDING 1931

1401 19th Street – Bakersfield’s best example of Art Deco constructed of reinforced steel and masonry.



12. FISH BUILDING 1938 (HM)

1831 Chester Avenue - PWA Moderne, Ribbon Style made of reinforced concrete and steel with a deep basement. Site of Livermore and Chester Store, the first business establishment in Bakersfield.

13. NILE THEATER 1906; 1938

1721 19th Street - Art Deco/Art Moderne was the Bakersfield Opera House in 1906.

14. POST OFFICE, FEDERAL BUILDING 1925

1730 18th Street - Mission architecture constructed of masonry and concrete, reinforced with steel, was the official federal government center for many years.

15. PADRE HOTEL 1928

1813 H Street - Mixture of architectural styles, predominantly Spanish Colonial Revival. The hotel was originally constructed with 198-guest rooms, it reopened in 2010.