

NEMAHA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Nemaha County Courthouse was constructed in 1899 in the center of Courthouse Square. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The building was constructed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, with heavy rusticated stone, large arched doorways, corner towers, and a prominent hipped roof. It stands three stories tall in the center of the square.



On July 13, 2012, the City of Auburn created the Historic Preservation Commission, which would have principal responsibility for matters of historic preservation of the City. On October 8, 2012, the Commission became a Certified Local Government (CLG).

July 14, 2014, the Auburn Historic District was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

On November 10, 2014, the Auburn Historic District was officially designated as a Local Landmark in the City of Auburn.



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HISTORIC DISTRICT TOUR



DOWNTOWN COMMERCE

The commercial district contains one-part and two-part commercial block buildings. The ground floor level was used for public functions such as retail, restaurants, hotel lobby, etc. and the upper level was used more for private functions such as residences, offices and meeting rooms.

The New Opera House - building was constructed in 1890 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "The façade of the New Opera House is typical of Nebraska opera houses built in the 1890's. For a town the size of Auburn, with a more limited income base than larger cities, the façade is quite elaborate." The ground level was used for retail and the upper level was the Opera House.

Looking down the street you will notice the different styles of architecture which includes High Victorian, Italianate and Art Deco.



CHURCHES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Built in 1905 is an example of the Late Gothic Revival style.



CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Church of Christ was constructed in 1912 in a Late Greek Revival style.



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

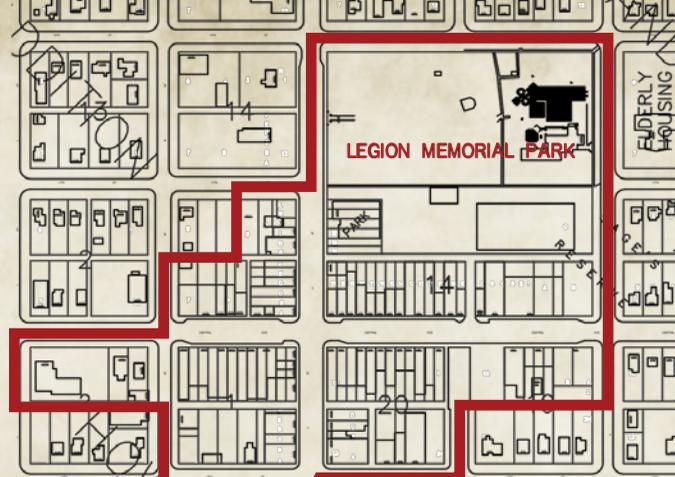
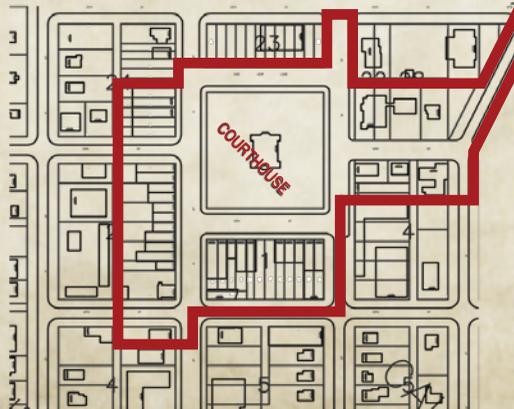
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HISTORY OF AUBURN

Auburn was created in 1882 through the merger of two adjacent, competing railroad towns. Sheridan, initially established in the 1860's, was threatened with abandonment in 1881 when the Burlington & Missouri Railroad (B&M) bypassed the existing town to build its own town, Calvert, only one mile to the south. The survival of towns during this era was dependent on the railroads. Sheridan, with the help of politician Church Howe and businessman Charles Nixon, attracted the Missouri Pacific Railroad (M&P) who built their depot less than a year later on the north side of Sheridan. Sheridan and Calvert subsequently merged in order to gain support for the acquisition of the Nemaha County seat. As a compromise, Courthouse Square was situated halfway between the two towns. Starting in the mid-1880's, with two depots and the County seat, Auburn began to grow in a regional center for commerce.

There are five (5) structures currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Nemaha County Courthouse, the First United Presbyterian Church, the New Opera House, the Auburn United States Post Office and the Legion Memorial Park.



POST OFFICE

U.S. Post Office is located along Courthouse Avenue. The one-story, five-bay red brick Georgian Revival style building, constructed in 1936-1937, is an excellent, well-preserved example of a Class C or D small post office built from standardized plans in the 1930's. Contained within is a mural entitled "Threshing", commissioned by the Treasury Department's Section of Fine Arts program and painted in 1938. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



LEGION PARK

Legion Memorial Park was established in 1883. This resource is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Land for the park was set aside in 1883 by Auburn's founders, Church Howe and Charles Nixon. It remained an open natural space and still is a popular space to hold large gatherings. In 1929, the city purchased the land for the park and renamed it "American Legion Memorial Park" in 1930. During the late 1930's, the City received WPA funding to build the band shell, playground, picnic shelter, and the arched entrance.



Democrat presidential candidate Sen. Robert F. Kennedy came to Auburn Friday May 10, 1968 and drew a crowd estimated at about 2,000 people in the Legion Memorial Park, where he spoke briefly.