

IT'S HISTORY IS RICH IN LORE & ROMANCE

WICKENBURG, ARIZONA

Experience The Old West Out Wickenburg Way

ESTABLISHED IN 1863

THE LAND WITHOUT WINTER
THE WICKENBURG, ARIZONA PLEDGE

Wickenburg Heritage Guide



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1. The Santa Fe Depot - 1895 NHR

This station was acquired by the Town of Wickenburg from the Santa Fe Railroad in 1984. It was restored and dedicated as the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce in 1987. The Chamber maintains the Depot as Wickenburg's Official Visitor's Center.



2. Teacher with Luggage

Standing near train after disembarking. Adjacent the Chamber of Commerce on Frontier Street.



3. Railroad Engine No. 761 and Drover Caboose

A.T. and Santa Fe Railroad Engine No. 761 is one of the workhorses of the main line built in 1890. The 1900 Series Southern Pacific Drover Caboose was purchased by the Wellik Foundation in June 2003. The railroad line behind the Chamber of Commerce is called the "Peavine Line", and built in 1893 from Phoenix to Prescott.

4. Old Brick Post Office - 1930

Before the time of the covered sidewalks a single window served the people arriving on horseback to get their mail. This may have been the forerunner of the drive in window. Now home to Pour Jo Coffee.

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5. Jones Pharmacy - 1918

The Wickenburg Drug Company first occupied this building at the corner of Apache and Frontier Streets and was followed by Jones' Pharmacy. This building with its molded cement blocks housed Valley National Bank / Bank One from 1946-1995. Now home to Optimal Hormones Medical, LLC.

6. Hyder's Livery Stable - 1890

This rock wall building was used as a livery stable until the 1920s. The building behind the stable and those facing Tegner Street were all built by Mr. Charles Hyder and still stand behind their modern fronts. As cars replaced horses, the livery stable and the corner building became a garage and dealership. Note the angle of the corner building's entrance where there were gas pumps. The building which now houses several stores on Tegner Street was originally a blacksmith shop: see red brick wall at rear.



7. Upton House - 1920

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Built by one of Wickenburg's prominent families, Mr. and Mrs. George Upton. They lived here with their family. Later their son Eugene and his wife resided here until the late 40s. Note the leaf designed block walls that were manufactured locally.



8. Community Church - 1907

In 1907 a small 1 room frame building was constructed on land donated by Mr. Farnsworth (Apache St & Jefferson St). A new Manse was completed in 1929, with the final remodel being conducted in 1939 in which a new steeple was added in addition to painting the building white. The little white church is now home to the Faith Baptist Church.



9. Hotel Owner

African American Business Woman Elizabeth Smith is outside the Vernetta Hotel. Located at corner of Frontier Street and Yavapai Street at the Hassayampa Building.

10. Hassayampa Building - 1905 NHR



The Vernetta Hotel was originally a hotel specifically built to serve overnight railroad passengers and early day tourists to the Wickenburg area and Castle Hot Springs. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, a black businesswoman from the East, contracted one of Arizona's finest architects at the time, Mr. James Creighton, to design and build the hotel. The building was heated by nine fireplaces, has a community kitchen and an outdoor barbecue area. Now known as the Hassayampa Building, it contains offices for several small businesses.

11. Helm Barber Shop - 1910

A real need in the Old West among the miners and ranch hands was provided in this barber and bath shop. Now home to Buttermilk and Honey Bakeshop.



12. Desert Caballeros Western Museum

A visit to Wickenburg is not complete without a tour of this museum. Reopened in December of 1975 after disastrous fire in 1972, it is known as one of the finest museums in Arizona. Special exhibit rooms, street scenes and an outstanding collection of Western art are featured.



13. Thanks for the Rain

A beautiful park and pavilion are now adjacent to the museum and features a larger-than-life sized stature "Thanks For the Rain" by Joe Beeler. The park, opened in 1988, is dedicated to the many volunteers who make the museum possible.

14 & 15. Felon & Jail Tree

The Jail Tree is a 200-year-old mesquite tree that once served as the town jail. From 1863 to 1890 outlaws were chained to this tree - escapees were unknown.

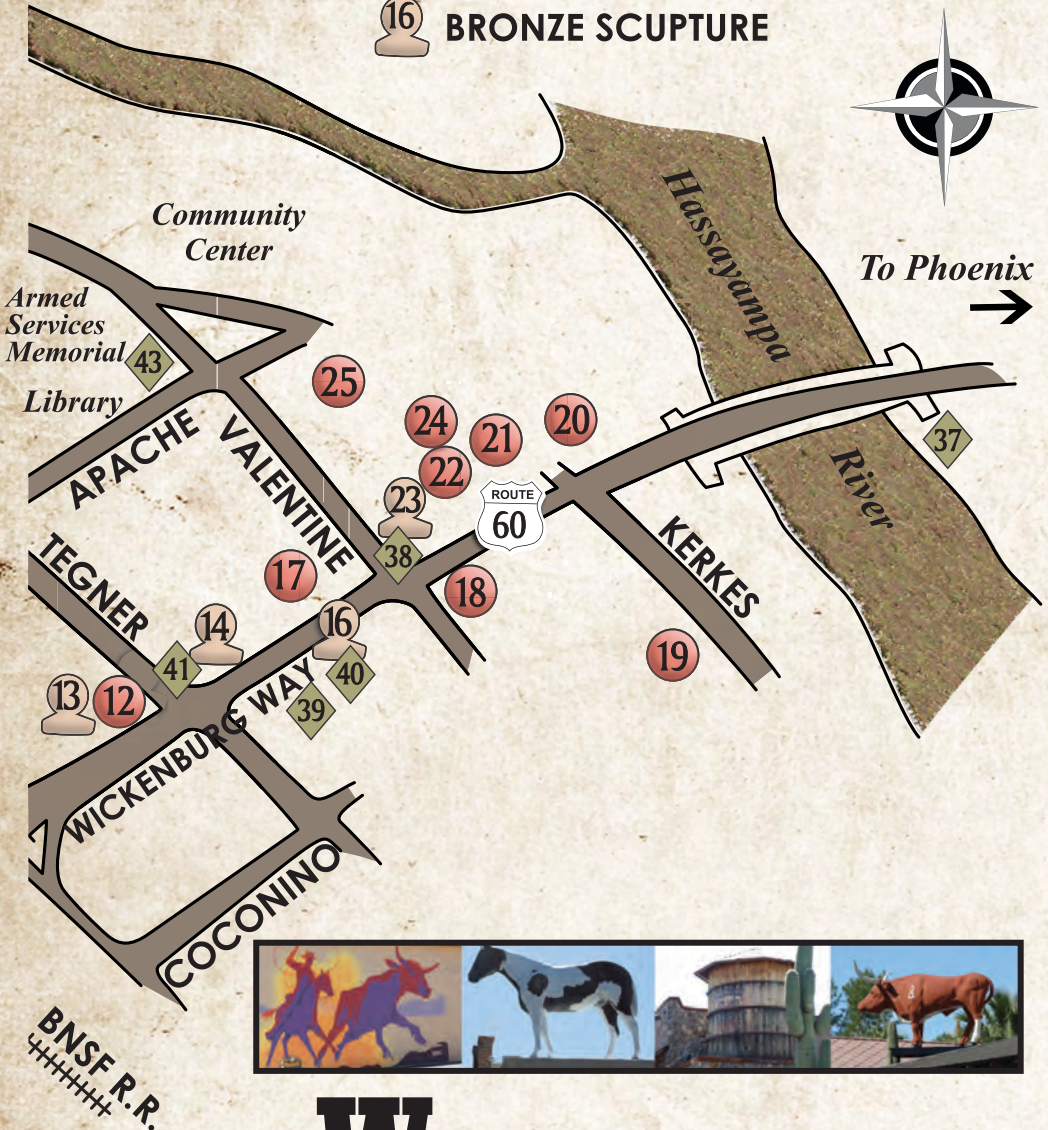




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16. W.W. Bass House

This house, located at the entrance of the complex called "The Mecca," was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bass. Mr. Bass was one of Arizona's pioneer photographers.

17. Cowboy and Dance Hall Girl

Located south side of US 60 (Wickenburg Way) front entry to Rancho Bar-7 Lounge.



18. Pastime Pool Hall - 1893

A few doors past Best Western Rancho Grande Motel is a store which was the Tollman Grocery and then the Pastime Pool Hall as late as World War II. 'Twas said that a continual card game was in progress 24 hours a day.' Looking up you can see the stepped roofline that follows the exact pattern of the original building. Home to Bedoian's Bakery & Bistro.

19. Orosco and Kerkes House - 1860s NHR

The house was occupied by Fernando Orosco, a Hispanic pioneer. From 1922 until 1942, it was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kerkes and family. Kerkes Street was named in honor of their son Tommy who was killed in World War II.



20. Old Wishing Well "Those who drink of the Hassayampa waters will never tell the truth again."

As you stand before the Wishing Well, take a moment and look down Wickenburg Way. At the turn of the century you would be standing on the site of the telegraph office and to your left, at the bridge entrance, would be the site of the Miner's Exchange Building. On each side of these buildings would be trails leading down to the river. The first bridge was not erected until 1913. In front of you, you would be looking at an area called "The Plaza," with the Hotel Baxter standing where the office of the Best Western Rancho Grande Motel is now located. Beyond, on both sides of the street were adobe and frame buildings, homes and businesses, most still stand behind present day face-lifts.



21. Texas Hotel - 1895

It was moved from a mining area to this location circa 1904. Owned and operated by Everett and Myrtle Coxwell, the hotel had a restaurant on the street floor and eight rental units upstairs. Rooms were \$1.50 a night or you could sleep on the beds on the screened porch for fifty cents. M3 Companies restored the building in 2007. Now home to Antique & Artisans Emporium.

22. Etter General Store - 1864

Adjacent to the Gold Nugget Restaurant stands a large double-peaked adobe building to which a wooden front has been added.

23. Vaquero

7 generations of early Hispanic families still reside in Wickenburg. The Hispanic cowboys and their families were instrumental in developing Wickenburg's rich culture.



24. Trinidad House - 1863

Built by the Trinidad family. It served as a temporary military post, a stage stop, and later a store. As you leave note the upper floor of the Texas Hotel.



25. Ocampo House - 1921

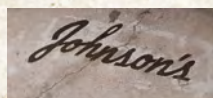
This residence was built by Marcella Ocampo, local business woman and a member of one of Wickenburg's early pioneer Hispanic families.

26. Henry Cowell - General Merchandise 1896/1897

Noted as the first brick house in Wickenburg, the General Merchandise building was owned and operated by Wickenburg's first Mayor Henry Cowell. All that remains of the original building is now the back wall of what is now known as the 'Johnson's building'. Newspaper clippings indicate that the Johnson's moved the Johnson's Department Store into the building in October of 1946. The following year a second story was built giving the building an additional 3,250 sf. Johnson's Department store provided for the Wickenburg Community until closing its doors in 2015. The building will soon become home to the Vulture Peak Brew House.



Photo by: DCWM Archives



27. Everett Bowman

World Champion All Around Cowboy, Charles Everett Bowman was born July 12, 1899 in Hope, New Mexico. He was instrumental in organizing the Rodeo Cowboy's Association, today the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association or PRCA, and was elected to the Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1977. The sculpture is by Clyde "Ross" Morgan.



28. Henry Wickenburg

Town namesake Henry Wickenburg discovered the Vulture Mine where over \$30 million in gold has been dug from the ground. He was the prospector and farmer who sold or donated much of the land where Wickenburg is now located. He was born in Holsterhausen, Essen, Germany. Clyde "Ross" Morgan created the bust.

29. Miner Leading Donkey

Located on the west side of North Tegner Street in front of Serape Bleu. This bronze depicts the importance of early mining in the area.



30. Villa House - 1890

The home of one of Wickenburg's Hispanic pioneer families. The sketch shows the original copper tile roof and double-thick adobe brick walls. SW Corner of Tegner Street and Yavapai Street. Now home to Rusty Rooster.



31. Old Town Hall and Jail - 1909

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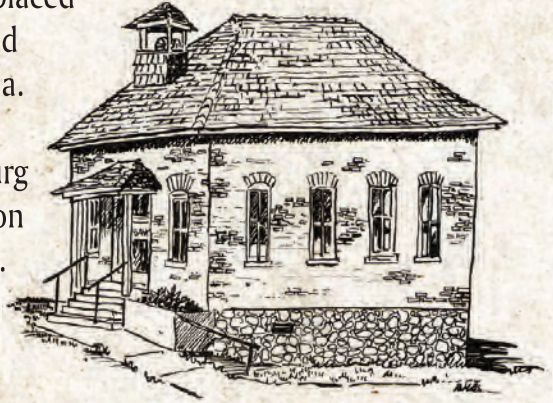
This brick building has served many purposes: a county building, city hall, jail, fireman's hall, and senior citizen center. The jail bars have been removed.

(Adjacent to Town of Wickenburg Complex)



32. Garcia School - 1905 NHR

This red brick schoolhouse replaced the wooden school on this land donated by Don Ygnacio Garcia. It was restored and opened as a bank in 1984. The Wickenburg Children's Cultural Organization inherited the building in 2003.



33. Santa Fe Section House - 1925 NHR

During this era the railroad was divided into sections. The foreman and the workers who maintained the tracks in these sections were provided lodging. This was the section foreman's home for the area. Located on North Frontier Street.

34. Henry Wickenburg Historic House

Henry Wickenburg built and lived in a few places within the Wickenburg area, the last home built was in 1903 and is located at 225 S. Washington St. It's now known as the Wickenburg - Boetto house.



35. Henry Wickenburg Historic Pioneer Cemetery

Henry's final resting place is amongst 6 other pioneers in the Wickenburg Pioneer Cemetery located off Howard Court and Adams St. Both the Wickenburg-Boetto House and Pioneer Cemetery are owned solely by the Wickenburg Historical Preservation Society. Tours of the House are available by appointment, by calling 928-684-5603.



36. Wickenburg Massacre

The Wickenburg Massacre is one of the most notorious crimes of the Wild West. A stagecoach with (7) seven men and one woman left Wickenburg bound for California on November 5th, 1871, within an hour of its departure the stagecoach was attacked, and six passengers were dead. One man and one woman the only survivors. The mystery of 'who did it', remains. The first reports indicated that it was the Yavapai, then it was suggested that it was Mexican banditos and other theories suggest that the two survivors where to blame.



37. Wishing Well/Bridge Mural

Planted from our roots, Blooming into our future.

By the Wickenburg Youth Commission

Located on the west walls at the entrance to the walking bridge.



38. Discover Historic Wickenburg Mural

Depicts how earlier pioneers arrived in Wickenburg (by foot, by horse, by wagon or stage and then by train).

Artist: Kim Polomka

Located on the east side of the Historic Wickenburg Saguaro Theatre.



39. Miners Mural

Mural pays homage to Wickenburg's mining heritage and the Historic Vulture Mine.

Artist: Kim Polomka

Located on the east side wall of the Rancho Bar 7 Restaurant.

40. Team Ropers Mural

Wickenburg is known as the Team Roping Capital of the World.

Artist: Kim Polomka

Located on the west side wall of the Rancho Bar 7 Restaurant.



41. Welcome to Wickenburg Mural

Pays homage to
Wickenburg Cowgirls.
Artist: Kim Polomka

Located on the south
side wall of the Desert
Caballeros Western Museum's
'Ranch Dressing' retail store.



42. Train Mural

Mural depicts Engine #761
which is located on Frontier St.
Artist: B. Lewis



Located on the west
side wall of the Wickenburg
Public Library.

43. Ranching Mural

Mural is dedicated in
memory of Abigail Garcia.
Artist: Tamara Thomas

Located on the west
side wall of the
Gun Store.





If you get weary there are benches and water fountains at the Chamber of Commerce, Little Red Schoolhouse, Library Park and Town Hall. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce. We hope you enjoy your historic day "Out Wickenburg Way."

Sketches by Rose Mary Goodson, Congress Arizona.

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