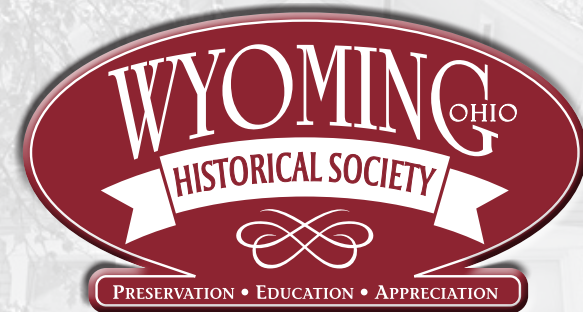
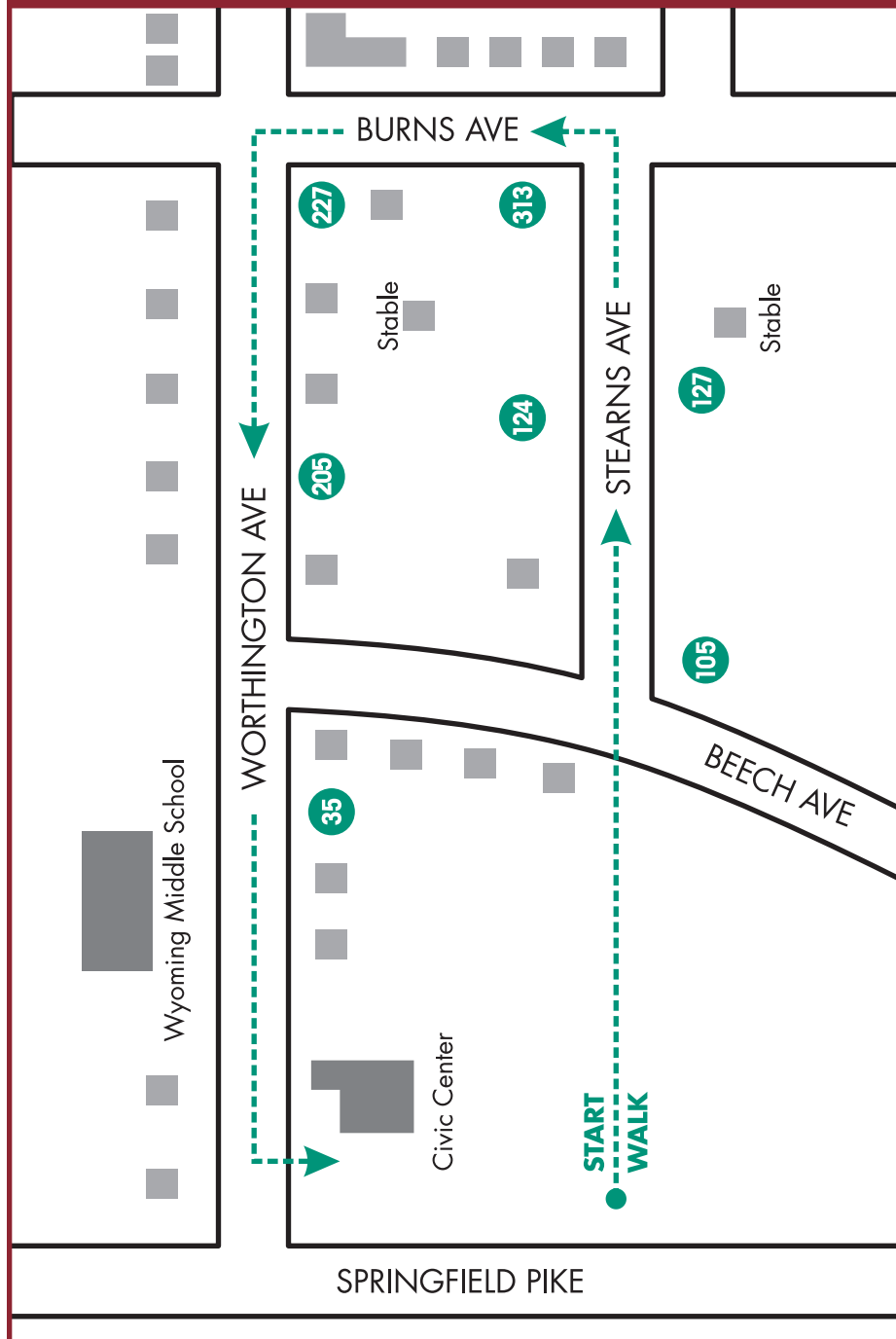


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ENJOY A HALF-MILE
WALKING LOOP TOUR
OF HISTORIC WYOMING
HOUSES & TREES



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THE SHORT WALK: WYOMING'S HISTORICAL HOUSES AND TREES

As you follow the half-mile loop walk, you will learn some of the stories that come together to form the history of this beautiful area we affectionately call Wyoming.

Begin your tour on the south side (back) of the Civic Center (see map). Take the sidewalk boulevard east into the residential area. You will quickly reach the intersection of Beech and Stearns Avenues, continue across the street to Stearns Avenue. Directly across the street, there is a Tulip Poplar. Early Ohio pioneers favored this tree for its straight timber. Behind this tree, at number 105, is a large three-story Colonial Revival house resting on a spacious lawn.

Continue walking along Stearns Avenue toward Burns Avenue. When you get to number 124, notice the coffin windows in this white 1870 Greek Revival house.

Across the street is number 127, an 1875 Victorian Italianate. In front, there is a hitching post and behind it is a functional horse and carriage barn.

Turn left when you reach Burns Avenue and walk north toward Worthington Avenue. The canopy of majestic American Elm trees that once shaded this thoroughfare are now gone, although recently a variety of replacement trees have been planted on both sides of the avenue. Some fine day shade will once more cover this street and walkways.

By the elegant three-story red brick High Style Italianate on the hill facing Burns Avenue stands a 250-year-old Scarlet Oak. The main house, number 313, was built in 1869 by G.G. Palmer, owner of the lucrative flour mill in Lockland, located beside the old Miami and Erie Canal. Today, southbound I-75 occupies the original canal right-of-way.

Continue along Burns Avenue until you reach the corner

of Burns and Worthington Avenues. Pause a moment. Only a few steps from here, Walt Disney Studios filmed a portion of the movie, *A Mom for Christmas*, in 1986. Farther east on Worthington Avenue, the Lockland-Wyoming Railroad Depot once stood. In 1851, this station began serving the captains of industry with a 30-minute commute to Cincinnati. Soon houses, schools, and churches were replacing farms and forests.

Follow Worthington Avenue west back to the Wyoming Civic Center. Along this pleasant promenade of Victorian houses are a variety of mature trees – Maple, Beech, Oak, Linden, Dogwood, Magnolia, and yes, a Flowering Catalpa. Forests of Oak, Maple and Beech were the predominant trees when the Shawnee and Miami Nations hunted this lush valley 300 years ago.

At number 227 lived John W. Hartwell, Vice President of the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton (CH&D) Railroad known today as the CSX Railroad. At number 205, the Honorable Judge Hudson Harmon built this 1880 Victorian house. He was the Mayor of Wyoming, U.S. Attorney General and Governor of Ohio. The house at number 35 was built in 1861 by R.H. Andrew, one of the men who started the Swedenborgian Church in Cincinnati. Johnny Appleseed was a member of this sect.

Outside the Wyoming Civic Center just past the clump of Birch plantings is a World War I monument facing Springfield Pike. This bronze figure depicts a returning soldier who contributed to the victory in Europe and is now looking forward to a better future.

Let us give thanks to the visionary leaders from 1874 to the present for their wisdom and care of this beautiful residential setting.