

CCHS' MINI WALKING TOUR

Make your walk on High Street to and from the Chester County Historical Society an enjoyable one! Here are some points of historical interest along the way you should not miss!

1. 119 N. High St – Built in 1830, it is now the West Chester Business Improvement District (BID). It is famously known as Rogues' Row (Lawyers Row). This was also the first location of the First Church of Christ, Scientist (1902 – 1910), until it moved to its present location north of CCHS.
2. Across the street from the BID office is the location of Philadelphia Inquirer offices. This was originally the Warner Theater, which opened in 1930. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970.
3. At the corner of Gay and High Streets is the Green Tree Building. It was originally built in 1787 as the Green Tree Hotel and Tavern. It was replaced in 1930 by the current building which now houses luxury apartments.
4. At 13 N. High Street, the Thomas U. Walter bank building stands on the left hand side. Walter was one of the most prominent architects in West Chester in the 1800's.
5. Across the street is the Chester County Courthouse, built and designed by Walter in 1846. It is one of the largest surviving West Chester Buildings.
6. The Old Glory Statue on the Courthouse grounds was dedicated on Memorial Day 1915 to honor civilians from Chester County who fought in the Civil War.
7. The drinking fountain on the corner of Market and High Streets next to the statue was donated in 1869 by John and Mary Hickman to the citizens of West Chester with the intention of representing community.
8. On the southwest corner of Market and High Street stands the "F & M Building," or Farmers and Mechanics Building. It was constructed in 1907 and is known to be West Chester's first "skyscraper." The roof of the building was used in World War II as a lookout station for enemy planes.
9. Across from the Bicentennial garage are two buildings. At 11-13 S. High Street is the Buckwalter Building, constructed in 1893 for West Chester's lead bank and real estate developer, Henry Brinton. This is also listed on the National Register.
10. Next to the Buckwalter Building, at 15 S. High Street is Barnaby's of America. Built in 1912, the building was the original sight for the old Borough Hall. Before Barnaby's took over around 2006, the building belonged to the Turks Head Tavern, named after the original county seat.

See the original Turks Head Sign at CCHS

Weekday visitors between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. can find open meters at the Church and Chestnut Street lot or at the Market and Walnut Street lot or the Gay and Walnut Street lot. Free parking at all meters and lots is available weeknights after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. Alternative parking information can be found at, the [BID \(www.westchesterbid.com\)](http://www.westchesterbid.com) website. There is plenty of metered parking on the streets surrounding CCHS, and don't forget, we make change for the meters! All information from this mini-tour was taken from the book *West Chester: Six*

Walking Tours, by Bruce E. Mowday. The book can be purchased at the Chester County Historical Society.