



12. 1003 Brown Street

The Palmquist home was built circa 1906. This Queen Anne cottage has two porches which feature turned spindle posts and post brackets in the Stick-Eastlake style architecture. Beautiful ornamentation can be found on the gables in the front of the house and on the two story bay window. The Palmquist family is warmly remembered today. Two of the brothers operated an implement store on Meade Avenue, and their sister Laura taught voice and piano lessons in the parlor of this home.



13. 961 Brown Street

Built 1906



14. St. Mathew's Episcopal Church and Vicarage

317 7th Street and 1228 Sheridan Ave



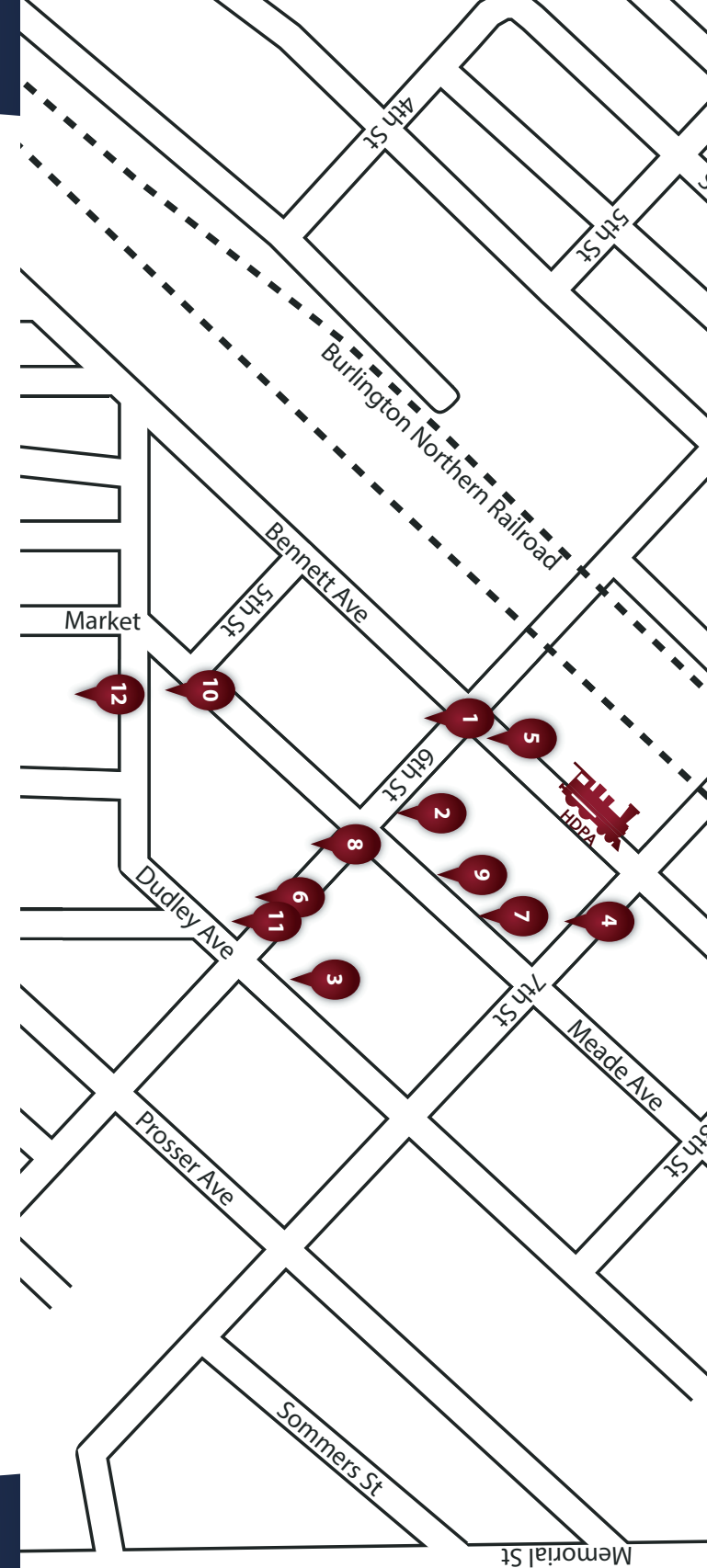
Prosser Historical Home Tour

Colonel William Farrand Prosser and his wife, Flora Thorton Prosser, staked their homestead claim on the north banks of the Yakima River in 1882. Homesteaders continued to settle in the area, and in 1899 the city of Prosser was incorporated.

Prosser became the seat of Benton County in 1905, when the state created the county from parts of Yakima and Klickitat counties. The Courthouse, which is located on Dudley Avenue, was built in 1926. It was designated a National Historical Site in 1976, during America's Bicentennial and fifty years after its construction.

This self-guided Historical Home Tour features fourteen homes and two churches of Prosser pioneers. These homes and churches were built between 1899 and 1907 and exhibit the diverse architectural styles of the time. You will see variations of Queen Anne, Stick Eastlake, Dutch and Colonial Revival, as well as craftsman bungalows. Please limit your observations from the streets or sidewalks and respect the privacy of the individuals who live in these homes.

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1. 1131 Prosser Avenue
Built 1914



2. Prosser United Methodist Church
824 6th Street



3. 1019 Sixth Street
The Harry Fisk Home, built in 1907, is an excellent example of Prosser Stone. This stone came from a quarry located at the base of the Horse Heaven Hills, and although it is a soft clay stone, it was used to construct several buildings. This charming Dutch Colonial Revival home features a bay window on the main floor with dormer windows directly above it, and a gambrel roof. Like other older homes, many of the windows in this house still have stained glass panes.



4. 1071 Spokane Avenue
This lovely Queen Anne Tower cottage was built circa 1905 by Frank Nessly. The first occupant was George Oakes, proprietor of Oakes Meat Market. In 1914 another prominent businessman, M.L. Minter, who owned the Prosser Hotel purchased the home. Unique features of this home include a gently rolled roof and decorative shingles which emphasize the oval window under the front eave. Uniquely tapered columns adorn the porch, and a witches cap tops the tower on the east side of the house.



5. 831 Guernsey Street
This Dutch Colonial Revival house was built in 1899 by Thorpe and Emma Roberts. This uniquely attractive home features a gambrel roof with decorative shingles, a porch with colonial style columns, and small multi-paned stained glass windows. The interior has the original woodwork and columns between the entryway and living room. Thorpe Roberts was a prominent businessman in early Prosser who raised sheep and wheat, as well as owned the livery stable.



6. 1019 Park Avenue
Built 1902



7. 711 Main Street
Built 1892



8. 615 and 611 Court Street
Emma F. Mahan came to Prosser just after the turn of the century and built these Queen Anne / Stick-Eastlake style homes. The Mahans owned the Montana Restaurant on Meade Avenue and built the family home in 1905 at 615 Court. The front view of this house shows three gables, one above the other. The diamond window is emphasized by decorative shingles and ornamentation. In 1907, Emma had the second house built for her son Bert, who later served as Benton County Sheriff. This house also features three gables, one above the other. Unique to this house are the small circular tower caps in all of the peaks around the house.



9. 818 Court Street
This craftsman bungalow, like most of the houses on Court Street, exemplifies a very popular style of architecture in Prosser. Built in 1902, this house has unique wood work around the doors and windows, and under the eaves. Another interesting feature is the wood shingles in the upper sections, the wide vertical wood in the middle section, and the narrow horizontal wood on the lower section. This home was built by one of Prosser's pioneers, C.W. Nessly.



10. 840 Court Street
Built 1905



11. 1003 Court Street
Built 1900