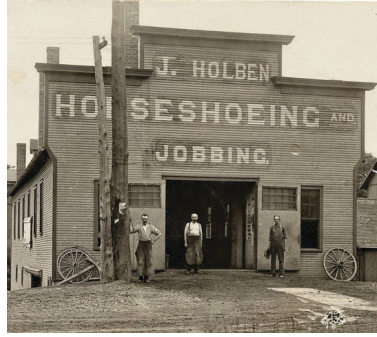


South Town District History Walking Tour

J. Holben Horseshoeing & Jobbing 108 E. Smith Rd.

From 1879-1915, “Jabe” Holben operated this shop and employed four to six blacksmiths. The structure was rebuilt after a fire in 1905.

Holben buried a horseshoe in the sidewalk to mark the shop. In 2018, Andre Goe reset the original 130-year-old horseshoe in a concrete pad at the GetGo station. It’s still there today!



In 1920, the Gibbs brothers purchased the property and the neighboring lot for his Gibbs Motor Co. showroom, where they sold Oldsmobile and Chevrolet brands until 1956. In 1971, Friendly Shell constructed a filling station there where GetGo Gas Station is today.



Hickox Planing Mill 301 S. Court St.

This site served as the Hickox Planing Mill from 1848-1894 due to its location along Champion Creek. After the railroad was constructed, the



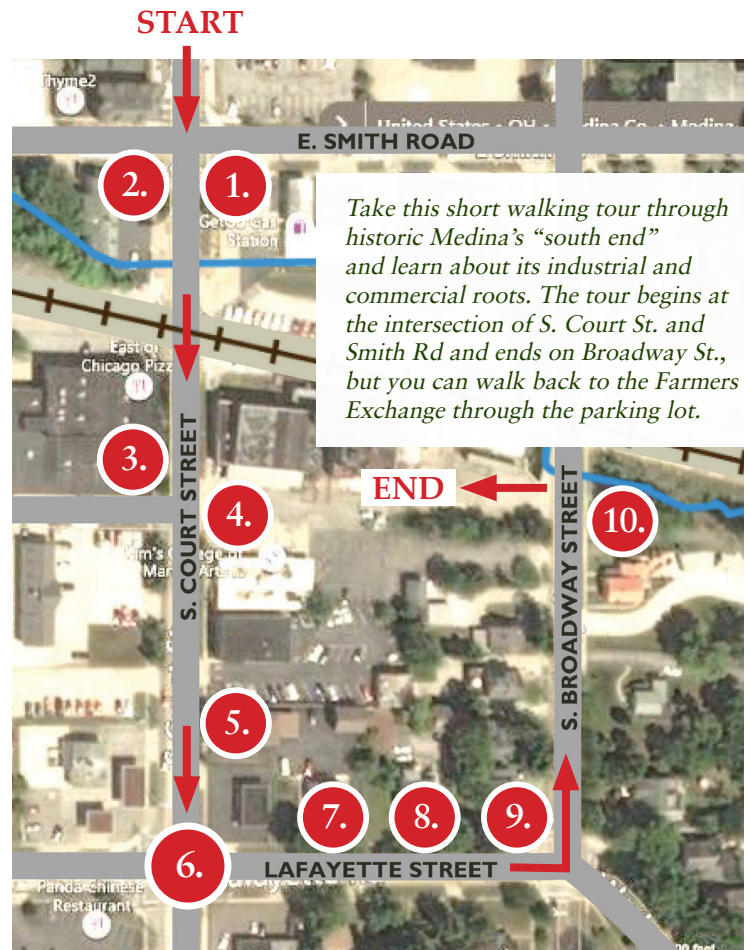
Hickox brothers sold it to Medina Marble and Granite Works. The site became a Standard Oil filling station until 1981, when Busy Bee Muffler purchased the property and still operates today.

B.H. Wood Co. 321-325 S. Court St.

In 1904, B. H. Wood built this flour and feed store. The building was sold to the Farmers Exchange in 1918, when they erected a large garage to service automobiles.



In 1923, the site was used for the first Medina Auto Show. Fire destroyed the building in 1937 and was replaced with the current brick structure. In 1998, the garages were razed and replaced with the present Granary Row buildings.



Take this short walking tour through historic Medina’s “south end” and learn about its industrial and commercial roots. The tour begins at the intersection of S. Court St. and Smith Rd and ends on Broadway St., but you can walk back to the Farmers Exchange through the parking lot.

Farmers Exchange Co. 320-322 S. Court St.

The Medina Farmers Exchange Co. first opened in 1905. For over a century, it functioned as a center of agricultural commerce for the region, serving as a market for grain and crops from local and regional farms.



The original wooden structures was destroyed by fire in 1915 and again in 1935. Following the second fire, the company constructed the concrete and brick structure that remains today. The four-story



fortress included a grain elevator, silos and a storefront with large windows. In 2018, the building was restored to its late 1950s appearance and is included on the National Register of Historic Places.

Albert Snyder House 420 S. Court St.

In 1927, Albert Indoe built this home for Farmers Exchange president, Albert Snyder, who wanted to live adjacent to his business. In 1944, a fire badly damaged the residence, requiring extensive repairs. In 1981, the property was rezoned to commercial use and is owned by Ralph McAllister.



South Town District History Walking Tour

Four Corners: S. Court St. & Lafayette Rd.

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In the 1940s, South Town transitioned from an industrial center to a haven for the automobile. Where there were once residential homes, this intersection became the site of four gas stations – Sunoco, Humble, Sinclair, and Atlantic. By the 1980s, the southern corners were transformed into shopping plazas.

Marathon Gas Station: 429 S Court St.

The Griesinger House, built in 1904, was razed in 1961 to build Moyer's Sunoco Service Station which operated until 1966, then became Wade's Marathon Gas Station until 1969, then Lloyd's Marathon Gas Station (pictured) until 2009.

Marathon is the only remaining station on the "four corners" today.



Gowe Plaza: 530 S. Court St.

In 1963, the 1903 Hartman House was razed and the Humble Gas Station was constructed which operated until 1966, becoming Humble/Esso until 1974, then Standard Exxon until 1978 when the property was purchased and replaced with the current commercial plaza that includes Panda Restaurant and Frosted Cake Shoppe among others.



Ohio Valley Pizza Co.: 426 S. Court St.

In 1935, Sinclair Gas Station purchased the 1900 Johnson House property and operated until 1968 when it was sold and converted to a commercial building now the home of Ohio Valley Pizza Co.



Papa John's/Astro Computers: 500-502 S. Court St.

The site was home to the Medina Methodist-Episcopal Church from 1836 to 1859, then sold as lots. The Griesinger House was built in 1886. In 1960, the house was razed to build Lloyd's Atlantic Service Station that operated until 1969, then was converted to a commercial building today.



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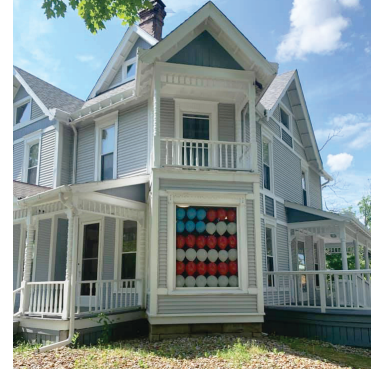
McClure House: 109 Lafayette St.

This charming Cape Cod-style home was built in 1927 as a private residence. It has been used commercially since 2001 and is currently owned by Ralph McAllister.

Anderson House: 119 Lafayette St.

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William Anderson acquired this property in 1891, and built this architecturally notable Victorian home. The Longacre family resided in the home from 1913-1957. Like many other homes in the area, it was eventually converted to commercial use and is now home to Bubbles & Bows.



9.

Longacre House: 129 Lafayette St.

Built in 1903 by Dawson Longacre, this building typifies the American Foursquare homes of the Arts & Crafts period with square form and front-porch pillars. The house remained residential until Dr. Burian, a physician and surgeon, established his office on the first floor in 1978. Parnell Insurance acquired the building in 2004.



10.

Whipple House: 406 S. Broadway St.

Originally outside the City limits, this Greek Revival home is today one of the oldest in the City, dating to around 1857. The home remained a residence until the Weatherly Stamp Co. set up shop in 1972. The property now operates as Spokes I Coffee Shop and is the access point to the Champion Creek Trail.

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