

OLD BISBEE WALKING TOUR, MAIN STREET

1. Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Co. General Offices 5 Copper Queen Plaza 1897 H.G. Howe The first floor has English golden oak paneling. The second floor originally housed the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. The building was turned over to the city to be used as a museum in 1971.

2. Phelps Dodge Mercantile 2 Copper Queen Plaza Bisbee's first library originally occupied this site. The General Store was built in 1939 and is one of the last buildings erected in the downtown area. The Mercantile store offered food, clothing, and furniture. This is Del Webb's first commercial building.

3. Bank of Bisbee 1 Main St. The original 1901 bank was redesigned by Trost in 1906, enlarged and received the two marble columns and grand entry. Special features are the copper doors and the second floor passage to the adjoining building which housed offices for the bank. The bank was founded by several successful & influential Bisbee men.

4. Copper Queen Library 6 Main St. Built in 1905-06 as a library. The library which was originally across the street was the first public library in Arizona. The three story high arches are quite prominent. The ground floor is occupied by the post office, the second and third floors by the Bisbee Public Library.

5. Miners' and Merchants' Bank 7 Main St The bank was founded by Lem Shattuck and Joseph Muheim, two of Bisbee's most prominent citizens, in 1902. The bank moved to the 7 Main location built in 1904. About 1919 it was enlarged to include the two buildings beside it and the facade changed to its present style.

6. Copper Queen Dispensary 12 Main St Built in 1898 when small pox was a problem. The building was redesigned in 1907 by Hurst to better compliment the post office facade which is next to it. About 6" was added to the front to bring it in line with the Library building. The Bisbee Review has occupied the building since 1915.

7. Letson Block 20-26 Main St The two buildings are the oldest documented buildings on the street. Irish immigrant James Letson built the adobe building on the left in 1888 to house the Mansion House Hotel and the right building in 1894 for the Turf Saloon. The Casteneda and the first Goldwater store occupied this site before the buildings were rebuilt. The Bisbee Massacre of 1883 took place in front of the stores.

8. Johnson and Henniger Building 31-33 Main St Designed by Trost, the building was constructed with hydraulically pressed bricks imported from St. Louis. There bricks held up against the great fire of 1908. The Woolworth Store was the primary occupant. A large hall is on the third floor in the back. "Tea Dances" were held there on Friday afternoons.

9. Angius Building 38 Main St 1909 Hurst This building replaced the earlier Angius Hotel which withstood the 1908 fire, but late collapsed. JB Angius was a Serbian immigrant who made his fortune in Tombstone and then started businesses in Bisbee. Originally it housed the Angius Market, a high quality grocery and later the I.C. Penney Store.

10. The Fair Store 37-39 Main St This 1917 structure replaced the original Fair Store which was destroyed by fire in 1908. The rectangular glass blocks in the sidewalk served as skylights for the basement. The one story building on the left was the Jack Building, 1909. It held an early telegraph office and was designed to have a second story which was never built.

11. Elks Lodge 67 Main St 1910 Hurst The present building was constructed of steel, concrete and brick on the site of the original Elks Building which burned in the 1908 fire. The first floor housed a social club and the meetings were held in the large room on the second floor. There was a kitchen in the basement and a dumb waiter carried food to each of the floors. Each of the four floors has a ground floor opening. There is a large vault on the main floor.

12. Johnson Building 33-35 Main St 1909-1910 After being rebuilt after the first of 1908 it housed the Palace Livery Stable. An elevator (which still exists) was used to hoist the horse to the second floor stables.

13. Masonic Lodge 89 Main St 1910 Hurst When the Masons had to leave the mining company office they built the lodge on Main St. It is still in use by the Masons. It was built of concrete and brick costing \$22,000. An elevator serves the first and second floor. The meeting hall is on the second floor.

