



This **Bowling Green History Scavenger Hunt** is designed for any age! Each question corresponds to one of the 16 historical signs in downtown Bowling Green. Turn in using this paper form or complete on-line.

**Instructions:**

- Visit each historical sign in downtown Bowling Green.
- Read the information on the sign.
- Answer the questions for each sign.
- Have fun learning about our town's history!



**Historic Main Street**

*(Sign at the signalized crosswalk in front of Juniper on S Main st)*

**1. What styles of buildings can you see on Main Street? Name two.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What year was the County Seat moved from Perrysburg to Bowling Green? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Changing Face of S Main St**

*(Sign at the signalized crosswalk in front of Ben's on S Main St)*

**3. What type of performances were held in the old buildings on South Main Street? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. What was the name of the original department store housed in the building where Juniper, Waddington Jewelers, and apartments are located at?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Commerce & Finance in Old BG**

*(Sign near Qdoba, 129 S Main St)*

**5. What is the name of the doctor featured on this sign, who helped bring the County Seat and County Fair to Bowling Green? (The house he built and lived in still standing at and whose house is still standing at 416 W Wooster St, a former hospital). Answer: \_\_\_\_\_**

**6. What is the name of the building which features a pair of cattleheads? Answer \_\_\_\_\_**

**BG's Interurban & Rail Lines**

*(Sign at the southeast corner of Main & Wooster St, near Chase Bank)*

**7. What year was the first stream railroad, Bowling Green Railroad Company, started? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_**

**8. What year did interurban end, which was an electric railroad line that ran north/south and east/west?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Echoes of the Past: Prospect and Wooster**

*(Sign at the southeast corner of S Prospect St & E Wooster St, in front of CVS)*

9. What church (actually two different church buildings) occupied the northwest corner of E. Wooster and N. Prospect Streets (site of today's Circle K) from 1872 until 1968? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What was the name of the hotel destroyed by a fire in 1979, which was located at the northeast corner of E. Wooster and N. Prospect Streets (site of today's Market Square building)? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vanished Gathering Places**

*(Sign at the northeast corner of N Prospect St & E Wooster St, in front of Market Square)*

11. Name the building, which is no longer standing, where the 1st classes for Bowling Green Normal School (now Bowling Green State University) were held in 1914. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name an early settler of Bowling Gree, who also has a road named after him, featured on this sign. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Court Street Connections**

*(Sign at the northeast corner of N Prospect St & E Court St, across from the Courthouse)*

13. What historic church is located at the northeast corner of East Court and North Summit Streets? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

14. From the mid-1920's to early 1950's many couples visited Bowling Green, many from Michigan, to do what? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wood County Courthouse & Jail**

*(Sign at the northwest corner of N Summit St & E Court St, in front of the Courthouse)*

15. When was the Wood County Courthouse built? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Name 1 thing featured on 1 of the 2 murals inside of the Courthouse? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entertainment for the Decades**

*(Sign near Sam B's at 146 N Main St)*

17. What is the name of the old theater on North Main Street? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

18. What is the name of the family band, who would perform weekly at the Four Corners, State Fairs, and later owned a music store on East Wooster Street? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Serving the Citizens of BG**

*(Sign in front and between the City Administrative Services Building, 305 N Main St, and the Wood County District Public Library, 251 N Main St)*

**19. What was the first use of the building that once stood North Church Street behind the City Administrative Services Building on North Main Street?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**20. What was the façade of the City Building originally built and used for, which was maintained during the process of constructing a new City Building in 2023?**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Changing Face of N Main St**

*(Sign near Loonar Station at 163 N Main St)*

**21. Name 1 of the 2 downtown buildings remaining, which survived two devastating downtown fires in 1887 and 1888.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Name the festival that used to be downtown in the 1930's, celebrating a local product associated with the H.J. Heinz Company (which had a location in Bowling Green, but burned down in 1940).**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Four Corners**

*(Sign at the southwest corner of S Main St & W Wooster St, near Elite on Main)*

**23. Who built the Exchange Bank Building in 1871? This person also built 408 W Wooster St as his home, which is now Dunn Funeral Home.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**24. Name 1 famous guest who stayed at the Millikin Hotel.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Legacy of Public Services**

*(Sign at the southeast corner of S Church St and W Wooster St, in front of the Police Division at 175 W Wooster St)*

**31. What have some old churches been turned into? Give two examples.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**32. Although this building no longer is used as church, name the oldest standing church in Bowling Green, which was built in 1880.**

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Schools**

*(at the Wooster Green, 215 W Wooster St)*

27. What used to be where Wooster Green is now?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

28. What year was South Main School built, the only remaining early elementary school building which is closed and currently vacant? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Boom Town**

*(at the Wooster Green, 215 W Wooster St)*

29. Name the 2 discoveries that caused Bowling Green to grow quickly in the past (hence, the nickname "Boom Town"). Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

30. Name 1 of the 4 historic houses featured on this sign. Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide your information to be entered into the drawing for 4 chances to win Downtown Dollars!**

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The location of each sign can be found on this map:

<https://www.bgohio.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4879/Bowling-Green-Historical-Interpretive-Signage-Flyer?bidId=>

You can turn in your completed scavenger hunt at the **Wood County District Public Library (251 North Main Street)**, **City of Bowling Green Administrative Services Building (305 North Main Street)**, the **Four Corners Center (217 South Church Street)**, or email to [planning@bgohio.gov](mailto:planning@bgohio.gov) by **Monday, June 1, 2026** for your chance to win Downtown Dollars!