



An Outline of Meadville's History

The Newcomers

Meadville, the county seat for Crawford County, was settled in 1788 by David Mead. Mead, in a party of ten men, arrived on May 12 to take up land awarded by the Pennsylvania Courts as compensation for land lost in the Wyoming Valley due to conflicting titles. This was the fourth and last move for the Mead family, who had moved from Connecticut into New York and then to the Wyoming Valley on Connecticut land grants, then to Sunbury following Iroquois raids during the Revolutionary War, and last to Meadville. He was 36 years old. With him were Cornelius Van Horn, Christopher Snyder, John Watson, Thomas Martin, James FitzRandolph, Thomas Grant and his brothers, Darius, John, and Joseph Mead.

The original inhabitants

Already living here with his extended family was Stripe Neck, an Iroquois Mohawk, in the Kerrtown area on the banks of French Creek. The Iroquois Seneca, under the leadership of Cornplanter, were determined to be good neighbors. Half Town and Wire Ears, Connaughta and his sons Flying Cloud, Standing Stone and Big Sun offered protection, warnings of hostile western Indian raids, and practical information to the new American settlers.

Beginning to grow

In 1789, the little settlement grew with the arrival of David Mead's father, Darius Sr., Frederic Baum, Robert FitzRandolph, Frederick Haymaker, William Gregg, Samuel Lord, John Wentworth and the families of all the settlers, and the first baby was born in Meadville.

Land was cleared and plowed, saw mills and grist mills were built, a stockade and blockhouse were built and western Indian raids survived, a school was opened, a militia company was formed by Ensign Van Horn. With the defeat of the western Indians at Fallen Timbers in Ohio, new settlers began arriving and by 1800, when the five counties of the northwest were created, a judicial district set in place and an Academy built for the education of the area's youth, 125 families were in place.

More would quickly arrive as the Holland Land Company, the Pennsylvania Population Company, the American Land Company and the Fields Claims attracted more settlers to the rich if remote lands.

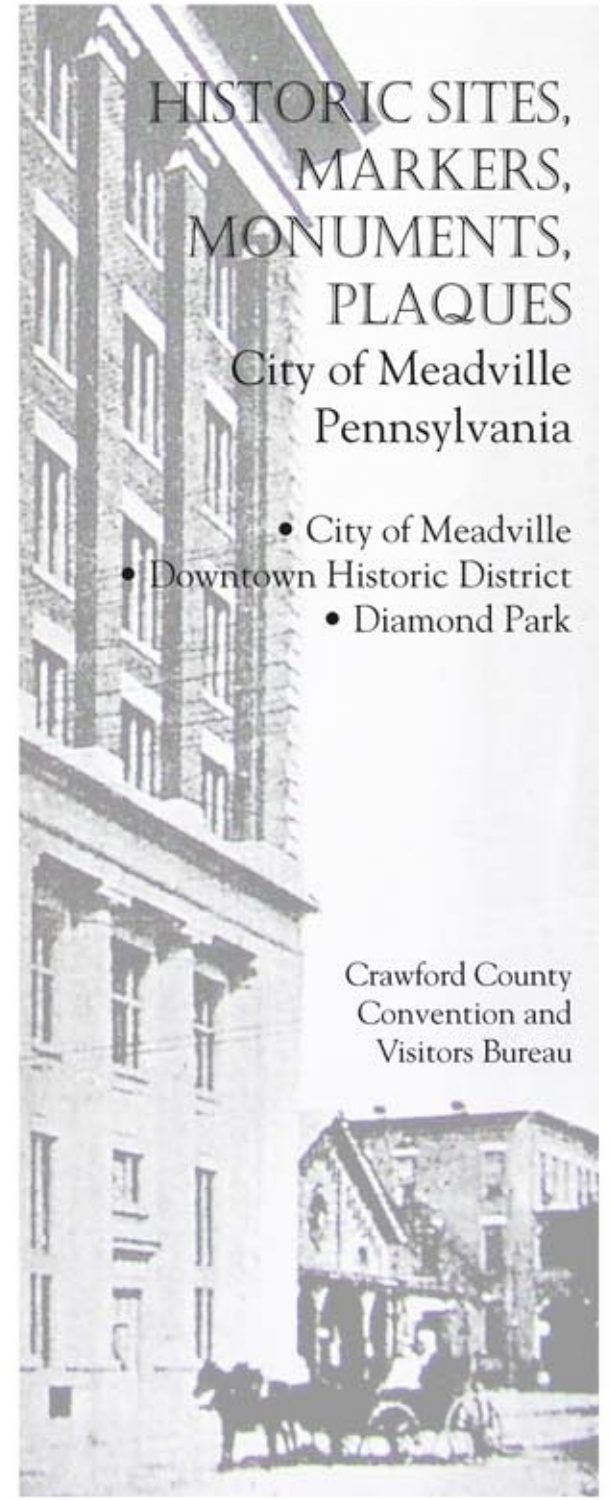
Remembering the Past

In the 200-plus years which have passed, the town has grown and prospered, and its citizens have conscientiously celebrated its anniversaries with markers and monuments to those who have contributed to its growth and success.

HISTORIC SITES, MARKERS, MONUMENTS, PLAQUES City of Meadville Pennsylvania

- City of Meadville
- Downtown Historic District
- Diamond Park

Crawford County
Convention and
Visitors Bureau



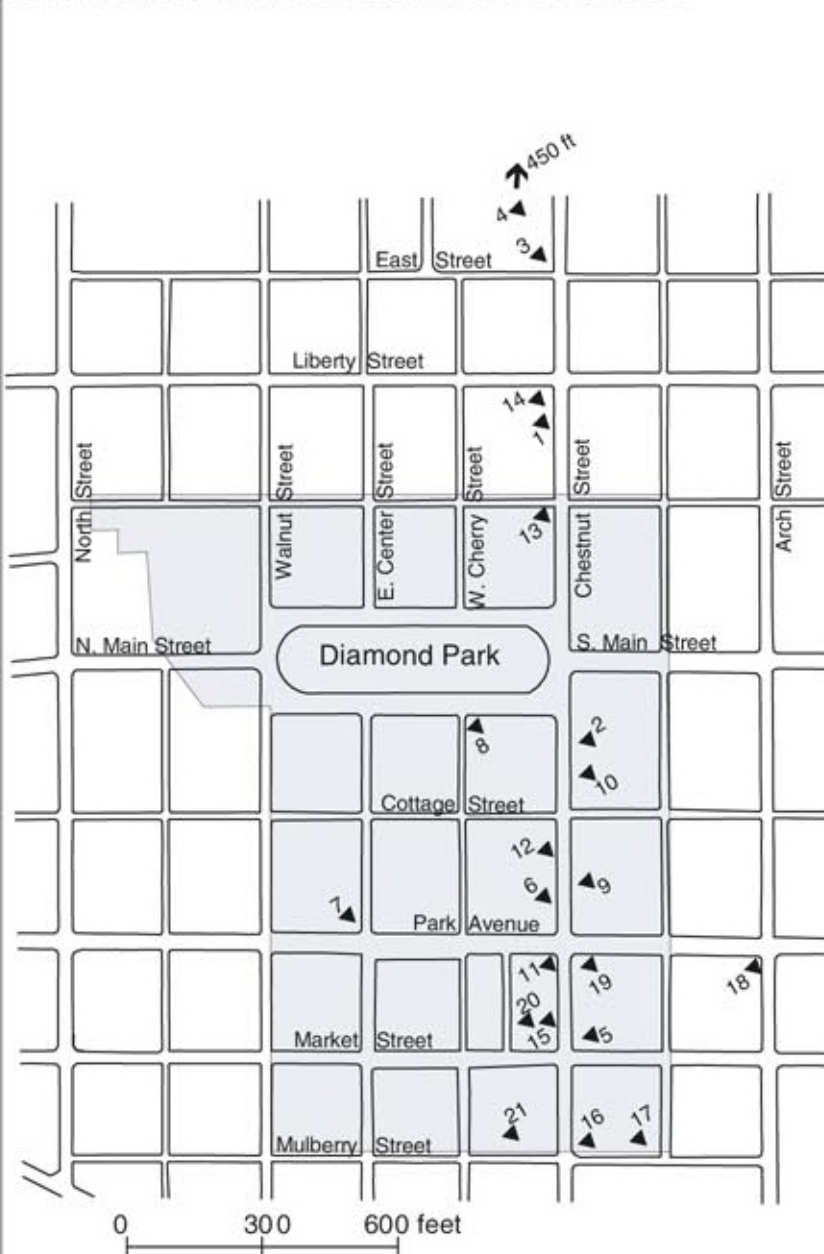
Old Friends are worth keeping

In celebration of Crawford County's 200th anniversary, a new program of building plaquing was begun. Titled the "Old Friends are worth keeping" after an 1980s National Trust for Historic Preservation program, buildings in and abutting our National Register Historic District were selected and reviewed for recognition. 19th and 20th century buildings, both commercial and residential were included. To date 21 markers are in place.

More than 100 markers of six different types are located on this map:

- ★ National Register for Historic Sites;
- ◆ The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Roadside Markers;
- The 1976 Crawford County Historical Society house markers;
- ▲ The Old Friends are Worth Keeping preservation plaques;
- Trail of History markers
- * Anniversary Celebration sites / plaques / monuments

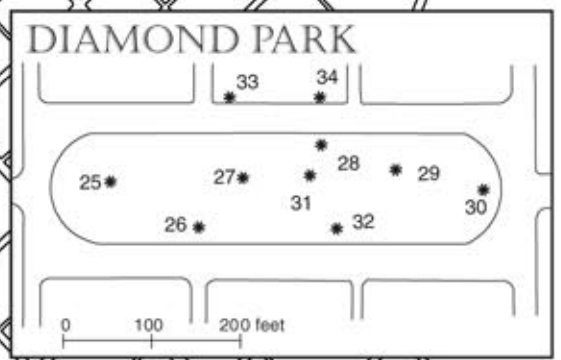
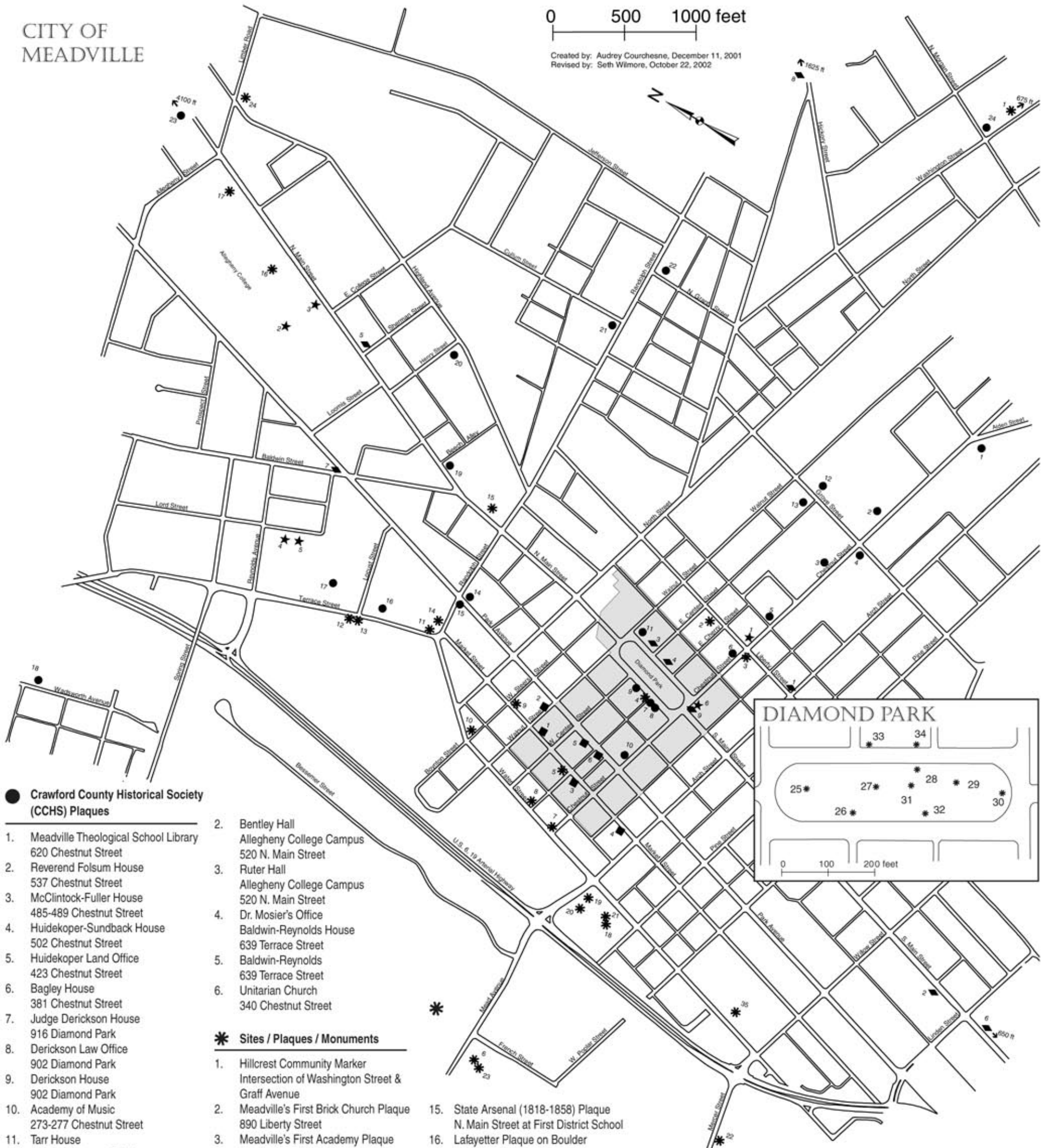
DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT



▲ Commemorative Plaques *Old Friends are Worth Keeping*

1. Michael Bagley House
381 Chestnut Street
2. Masonic Building
310 Chestnut Street
3. Huidekoper Land Office
423 Chestnut Street
4. McClintock Fuller House
485 Chestnut Street
5. Meridian Building
935 Market Street
6. Academy of Music
275 Chestnut Street
7. Central Station
875 Park Avenue
8. Judge Derickson House
916 Diamond Park
9. Spirella Factory #3
280 Chestnut Street
10. Federal Building
296 Chestnut Street
11. Meadville Woolen Mills Office
257 Chestnut Street
12. Knorr's Grocery
285 Chestnut Street
13. John McClosky House
363 Chestnut Street
14. Wilson Colter House
389 Chestnut Street
15. Eldred Building
245 Chestnut Street
16. Shryock Store
214 Chestnut Street
17. Shryock Apartments
941 Mulberry Street
18. Dr. David G. Snodgrass Building
970 Park Avenue
19. The Park Building
928 Park Avenue
20. Lyceum theater
246 Market Alley
21. Market House Plaza
911 Mulberry Street





● Crawford County Historical Society (CCHS) Plaques

1. Meadville Theological School Library
620 Chestnut Street
2. Reverend Folsom House
537 Chestnut Street
3. McClintock-Fuller House
485-489 Chestnut Street
4. Huidekoper-Sundback House
502 Chestnut Street
5. Huidekoper Land Office
423 Chestnut Street
6. Bagley House
381 Chestnut Street
7. Judge Derickson House
916 Diamond Park
8. Derickson Law Office
902 Diamond Park
9. Derickson House
902 Diamond Park
10. Academy of Music
273-277 Chestnut Street
11. Tarr House
869-873 Diamond Park
12. Huidekoper-Walker House
875 Grove Street
13. Judge Pierson Church House
872 Grove Street
14. Shaffer House
759 Park Avenue
15. Roueche House
762 Park Avenue
16. Boileau House
723 Terrace Street
17. A.C. Huidekoper House
681 Terrace Street
18. Wadsworth Church
140 Wadsworth Avenue
19. Smith House
677 N. Main Street
20. Samuel P. Bates House
628 Highland Avenue
21. Reverend Hamnet House
513 Randolph Street
22. Judge Lowrie House
572 Randolph Street
23. Emerick House
646 N. Main Street Extension
24. Ellis House
791 Washington Street

2. Bentley Hall
Allegheny College Campus
520 N. Main Street
3. Ruter Hall
Allegheny College Campus
520 N. Main Street
4. Dr. Mosier's Office
Baldwin-Reynolds House
639 Terrace Street
5. Baldwin-Reynolds
639 Terrace Street
6. Unitarian Church
340 Chestnut Street

*** Sites / Plaques / Monuments**

1. Hillcrest Community Marker
Intersection of Washington Street & Graff Avenue
2. Meadville's First Brick Church Plaque
890 Liberty Street
3. Meadville's First Academy Plaque
Intersection of Chestnut & Liberty streets
4. Plaques Commemorating the Site of: Crawford County's First Courthouse, The Founding of Allegheny College, & Creating a Chamber of Commerce
908 Diamond Park
5. David Dick's Home Plaque
900 Market Street
6. David Mead Log Cabin Replica
Bicentennial Park at French Street
7. Gibson's Tavern & Audubon's Visit Plaques
201 Chestnut Street
8. Crawford County's First Court Site Plaque
201 Chestnut Street
9. Roger Alden's home Plaque
901 Water Street
10. Blockhouse (1794) Site Plaque
831 Water Street
11. George Washington Memorial Oak Tree Plaque
Intersection of Terrace & Randolph Streets
12. French Creek Feeder Canal Site
Terrace Street north of Locust Street
13. George Washington's 1758 Trip Plaque
Intersection of Terrace & Locust Streets
14. David Mead's Home & Plaque
261-263 Randolph Street

15. State Arsenal (1818-1858) Plaque
N. Main Street at First District School
16. Lafayette Plaque on Boulder
Allegheny College Campus south of Prospect Street
17. International Order of Odd Fellows home Plaque
N. Main Street south of Allegheny Street
18. Roy Phillips Memorial Plaque
City Hall Grounds
19. The 1867 Firebell
City Hall Grounds
20. The Mohawk Indian, Stripeneck, Plaque
City Hall Grounds
21. Robert M. Power Sr. Memorial Plaque
City Hall Grounds
22. David Mead's 1788 Campsite Plaque
180 Mercer Street
23. Kenneth A. Beers Jr. Memorial Plaque
Bicentennial Park at French Street
24. H. Paul Way Memorial Plaque
Highland Avenue at Limber Road
25. Pioneer Statue (1888)
Diamond Park
26. Firemen's Memorial Statue (1916)
Diamond Park
27. Shippen Fountain
Diamond Park
28. All-Wars Memorial
Diamond Park
29. Colonel Crawford Boulder
Diamond Park
30. Civil War Soldier's Monument
Diamond Park
31. Dexter Bullen Memorial Gazebo
Diamond Park

32. Meadville's Bicentennial Time Capsule
Diamond Park
33. World War 1 Memorial
Courthouse Grounds
34. Veterans Killed in Action Memorial
Courthouse Grounds
35. Pomona Hall - Holland Towers
Water Street north of Willow Street

◆ PA Historical & Museum Commission Curbside Markers

1. Richard Henderson Marker
Intersection of Liberty Street & Arch Street
2. Desegregation of PA Schools Marker
S. Main Street at Second District School
3. Birthplace of the Direct Primary Marker
Diamond Park near Center Street
4. Crawford County Marker
Diamond Park near the Courthouse
5. Allegheny College Marker
N. Main & Sherman streets
6. City of Meadville Marker
S. Main Street between Linden Street & Clark Road

7. Baldwin-Reynolds House Marker
Baldwin & Mt. Hope streets
8. Bishop James M. Thoburn Marker
Pa #77, 1800 ft north of State Street intersection
9. Unitarian Church Marker
Intersection of S. Main Street & Chestnut Street

■ Crawford County Historical Society (CCHS) Curbside Markers
Trail of History markers

1. Keystone View Marker
Market Street near Walnut Street
2. Meadville Master Antenna Marker
Walnut Street near Park Avenue
3. Market House Marker
Market Street near Cherry Street
4. Mill Run Marker
Market Street near Arch Street
5. Library Hall Marker
Park Avenue near Cherry Street
6. Roddy Law Offices
Park Avenue at Cherry Street

★ Buildings Listed on the National Register

1. Judge Shippen House
403 Chestnut Street