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Museums and Historical Places in the Bartlesville Area



Frank Phillip's Home

- Frank Phillips had it built from 1907 to 1909.
- The home was remolded in the 1930's to give the citizens of Bartlesville work to do during the Depression.
- It has two hidden compartments to hide from kidnappers.
- The home was given to the State Historical Society on Frank's birthday in 1973. It became part of the Frank Phillips Foundation in 2017.



Price Tower

- World famous Frank Lloyd Wright designed and built Price Tower.
- H. C. Price had it built and in 1956 it was completed.
- They called it, "The Tree That Escaped the Crowded Forest."
- It has 19 floors and is the only skyscraper
 Wright ever built.



Old Carnegie Library

- Bartlesville's first library in its own building opened in March of 1913. They had a reading room (Library) on Second Street in a Millinery Store before it was built.
- The Tuesday Club received money from the Carnegie Foundation to build the library.
 The Carnegie Foundation helped build libraries around the United States.
- Now it is the office of Kane, Kane, Kane & Roark.



La Quinta

- H. V. Foster built it as his home in the 1930's.
- It was Foster's way of helping the people in the area get work during the Great Depression.
- The design is Spanish Mission.
- In 1941 it became the American Boy Military Academy.
- From 1959 it was several Christian Colleges and is now the Oklahoma Wesleyan University.



Johnstone-Keeler Store

- A replica of the original Johnstone-Keeler Store was built in honor of the Bartlesville Centennial.
- The original store opened in 1884 at the north end of Delaware Avenue on the south side of the Caney River.
- It was the beginning of the south side development that became Bartlesville.
- The owners, George B. Keeler and William Johnstone had worked for Jake Bartles.



Dewey Hotel

- Jacob Bartles built the hotel in 1899 when he moved his store to his wheat field, so he could be close to the railroad. That was the beginning of Dewey.
- The museum with the Victorian exterior and interior architecture and decorations, lets you get a glimpse of what it would have been like in early statehood.
- It is owned and operated by the Washington County Historical Society.



Tom Mix Museum

- Tom Mix was Hollywood's first Western
 Megastar. He was in close to 300 movies from
 1909 to 1935. He was a marshal in Dewey.
- The Museum is located where the Jacob Bartles Store stood before it burned down.
- It is owned and Operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society.
- The exhibits are Tom Mix's personal collection of memorabilia from a lifetime as a soldier, cowboy, pioneer, Dewey, OK Lawman, Wild West Showman and movie star.



City Hall & Bartlesville Area History Museum

- The luxurious hotel opened 1913 as the Maire Hotel and later became the Burlingame Hotel.
- In 1970 Phillips bought and used it for some offices. It was called the Phillips Annex.
- Then in 1991 the City of Bartlesville bought the building and it became the City Hall.
- The fifth floor has the Museum which tells the history of the Bartlesville area.



Old Washington County Courthouse

- The courthouse was built in 1913 and was used as the county courthouse until 1973.
- It had a large lighted sign saying "Washington County" on top of the building.
- The address is Third and Delaware.
- Now it is called "First Court Place" with a variety of business.



Old Railroad Depot

- It was the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Depot (AT&SF).
- The first depot was built and the train arrived in 1899.
- They built the present depot in 1909.
- In 1984 the Phillips Petroleum Company made it available to the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce.



Train Engine and Caboose

- The "940" AT&SF Railway steamer and coal car is over 100 years old.
- The City of Bartlesville bought it for \$1 to save it from the scrap heap.
- It was moved to the Old Railroad Depot in 2009.
- The old caboose was placed at the depot in 2011.



Johnstone-Sare Building

- William Johnstone built the Johnstone building in 1910.
- It started as Bartlesville Model Clothiers and later became May Brothers.
- May Brothers was recognized as the business that had stayed in the same place with the same owner the longest in Oklahoma.
- The building burnt in 2009 and has been restored by the Sare Family. It houses several new businesses, including Hideaway Pizza.

Memorial Bridge, Bartlesville, Okla.



7th Street Memorial Bridge

- It was built to honor the World War 1 veterans.
- The bridge was dedicated on May 24, 1925.
- The location of the bridge is 7th and Comanche.
- Additionally, a tree was planted along Silver Lake Road for each veteran. The trees died in the Dutch Elm disease epidemic in the 1960's.



Johnstone Park

- Nellie Johnstone Oil Well
- Jacob Bartles Mill
- Fire fighting cannon
- Hulah Depot
- Kiddie Park



The Nellie Johnstone

- It was the first commercial oil well in Indian Territory.
- The Nellie Johnstone #1 gushed on March 25, 1897 at a depth of 1,303 feet. For many years everyone believed it happened on April 15, 1897
- The land was leased from Nellie Johnstone's Allotment.
- Due to lack of transportation, the well was capped until the railroad was developed.
- There have been several replicas over time.



Kiddie Park

- It was established in 1947 by a group of civic clubs, organizations and Parent-Teacher Associations.
- Located in Johnstone Park, it has 18 rides.
- Rides were 5 cents each at the beginning now most rides are 1 ticket at \$.75 a ticket.



Woolaroc

- The name means wood, lake and rock.
- Woolaroc was established in 1925 as a working ranch and wildlife preserve.
- In 1926 Frank and Jane Phillips built a Lodge where they held many parties and had numerous famous guest.
- They hold a Cow Thieves and Outlaws Reunion every year.
- They built a world class Museum with one of the finest Western and Indian art collections in the world.





Prairie Song

- This recreated 1800s pioneer village museum takes you back in time.
- The village features a two-story saloon, Scudder Schoolhouse, Wildwood Chapel, homestead cabin, rock jail house, post office, trading post, covered bridge and much more!
- Kenneth and Marilyn Tate created the village.
- It is located on the Moore Ranch.



Phillip Petroleum Co. Museum

- It opened May of 2007 as a Centennial gift to the city of Bartlesville.
- The story of the Phillips Company is told.
- There are many exhibits such as the 1914 Pusher Plane, Phillips' breakthrough discovery that helped make the Hula Hoop craze possible, and part of the Anna Anderson No. 1.
- The building was opened in 1964 and was the home of the First National Bank.
- It is only open by appointment.



Wall of Honor

- Washington Park Mall is the location of the Wall of Honor.
- It recognizes and honors veterans and current military personnel for the bravery and sacrifices they've made to preserve our country's freedom.
- The jet is from the Vietnam era.