Cary History Hunt

CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

This History Hunt was developed for Cary's sesquicentennial celebration in 2021. It is being included in a series of tours that celebrate Cary's past, present and future by guiding participants to many significant and interesting places throughout town. Share your experiences and photos on social media using **#Cary150Tours**. Visit **www.cary150.org** to learn more about Cary's 150th anniversary celebration, find other tours, share your stories and see what else is happening in 2021 and beyond!

Please be mindful of when schools or churches might be in session and be respectful of private property. Businesses and public places might be open for you to visit, but many locations are on private property, so please remain on the sidewalk when visiting them. Please adhere to appropriate COVID-19 guidelines during your adventure.

Cary's History

The earliest known inhabitants of present-day Wake County were Tuscarora Native Americans. Around 1790, John Bradford operated an "Ordinary", or inn, and the community was known as Bradford's Ordinary. About 1871, Allison Francis "Frank" Page and his wife Catherine Raboteau Page built a hotel to serve railroad passengers (now the Page-Walker Arts & History Center). In 1871, the Town was incorporated and named for Samuel Fenton Cary of Ohio, whom Frank Page admired. Cary began as a small farming community and remained that way until about 50 years ago when RTP was created. Today, Cary is a thriving community with more than 170,000 residents.

How well do you know the historical places of downtown Cary?

The images that follow capture details of historic properties that define the Cary we know and love. We challenge you to find them and record the building name or address.

Everything pictured on page 2 can be found somewhere along the dotted lines. If you're unsure about any of the properties, you can find the answers at **www.cary150.org/past/tours.**

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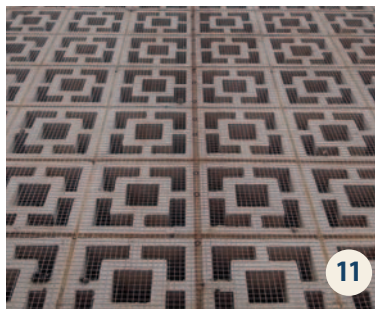**Building name or address**

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This History Hunt includes several highlights of Cary's rich history, but it represents only a portion of a much larger story. The original material for this activity was developed by the Town of Cary's Historic Preservation Commission, a seven-member volunteer board appointed by Town Council. The commission's responsibilities include maintaining an inventory of properties that have historical, architectural and/or cultural significance, as well as nominating and recommending to Town Council properties eligible to be future Cary Historic Landmarks.