

## ABOUT ONTARIO HERITAGE:

Ontario Heritage is a nonprofit advocacy organization whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote the historical environment and cultural heritage of our Model Colony.

Ontario Heritage, originally the Ontario Historic Landmarks Society, has been in existence since the 1970's. Ontario Heritage works diligently to raise the awareness of Ontario's historic places by notifying its members and the general public regarding historic preservation issues. If you want to be notified of current issues, send an email with your name to [info@ontarioheritage.org](mailto:info@ontarioheritage.org).

Ontario Heritage has also worked closely with the City of Ontario to ensure the protection of our historic places. We continue to support the designation of our historic neighborhoods as Historic Districts, and the implementation of a mitigation fee for the demolition of an historic resource.

Ontario Heritage is run by its volunteer Board of Directors. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and running of the annual home tours and other special events that may be held during the year.

We cordially invite you to become a member of Ontario Heritage. Dues support many of our projects and programs and help further the cause of historic preservation.



Protecting, Preserving and Promoting Our Model Colony

### Neighborhood Walking Guide

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## Ontario Heritage Presents: College Park Historic District Neighborhood Walking Guide



## History of College Park



Built in 1884, the Avenue Boarding House provided housing for nearby construction workers. The house was moved from its original location to the College Park Historic District in 1923. Beverly Cleary, a children's author, resided at the Avenue Boarding House while attending Chaffey Junior College. Cleary wrote about the Avenue Boarding House in her book "The Luckiest Girl."

Historic Local Landmark No. 9  
Avenue Boarding House

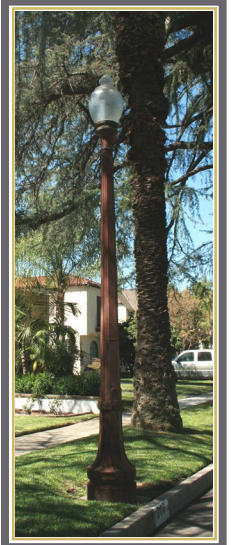
Lydia Belle Ford subdivided the College Park tract into 48 lots on September 11, 1914. The original tract was from Euclid Avenue to Columbia Avenue, and Fourth Street to Princeton Street.

Mr. E.A. Parkford and Mr. C.B. Ford of the Parkford Realty Company were the main promoters of the neighborhood and advertised in several newspapers throughout the United States. The College Park tract was one of, if not the first, subdivision to have underground telephone, water, gas and electrical lines, ornamental street lighting, and streets and alleys that were paved and curbed. Southern California Edison records do not show any earlier housing tracts with such improvements in Southern California.

Several building restrictions applied to the tract, including a minimum cost of \$3,500 for homes on Euclid

Avenue and \$2,000 for the other homes in the tract. Other restrictions in the tract included: strict standards on livestock, 30 foot front yard setbacks and prohibition of businesses in the neighborhood.

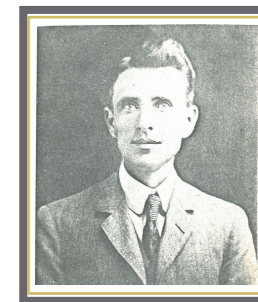
The College Park neighborhood has been altered very little since the 1920s when most of the homes were built. Several early residents were leaders in the agricultural field, including C.C. Graber, founder of the Graber Olive House, which is Ontario's oldest business, and Benton Ballou, who was the original owner of what today is Hofer Ranch.



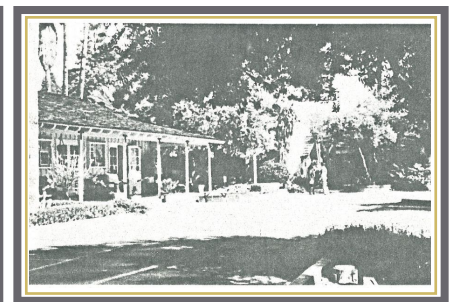
Ornamental Street Lighting

Many prominent people throughout Ontario's History lived in the College Park tract, but the neighborhood was best known for the amount of teachers that lived there. The District also contains what is most likely the last three concrete irrigation standpipes that the Chaffey Brothers installed to carry water to the agricultural lots of the Ontario irrigation Colony.

The homes in College Park are an eclectic collection of architectural styles making this neighborhood truly unique. The Ontario City Council designated College Park as a Local Historic District on July 18, 2000.



Clifford C. Graber,  
ca. 1890's



The Graber Olive House



**1 The Graber Olive House- 315 East Fourth Street, WOOD FRAME FARM-** The C.C. Graber Co. is Ontario's oldest business, dating to 1894. Mr. Graber ran the olive canning business and Mrs. Graber typed labels and handled mail order sales.

**2 Irrigation Pipes- 318-330 East Fourth Street-** Three original irrigation pipes from the Ontario Irrigation Colony, the pipes are also part of the Graber property.

**3 The Clifford C. Graber House- 301 East Fourth Street, CRAFTSMAN-** Built by Clifford C. Graber in 1907 for his new wife Georgia Bell Noe.



**4 The W.N. Graber House- 1136 North Columbia Avenue, RANCH-** This house was built in 1938. W.N. (Bill) Graber, owner of the Old Ranchers Canning Company, resided in this house in the 1940's and 1950's.



**5 The F.F. Palmer House- 1158 North Columbia Avenue, CRAFTSMAN-** Mr. Frank F. and Mrs. Grace G. Palmer lived in this house from 1930-1969. Mr. Palmer taught English at Chaffey Junior College where Beverly Cleary was a student of his. Mrs. Palmer was the head of the Continuation Department at Chaffey High School. This home was built in 1905 before the subdivision.



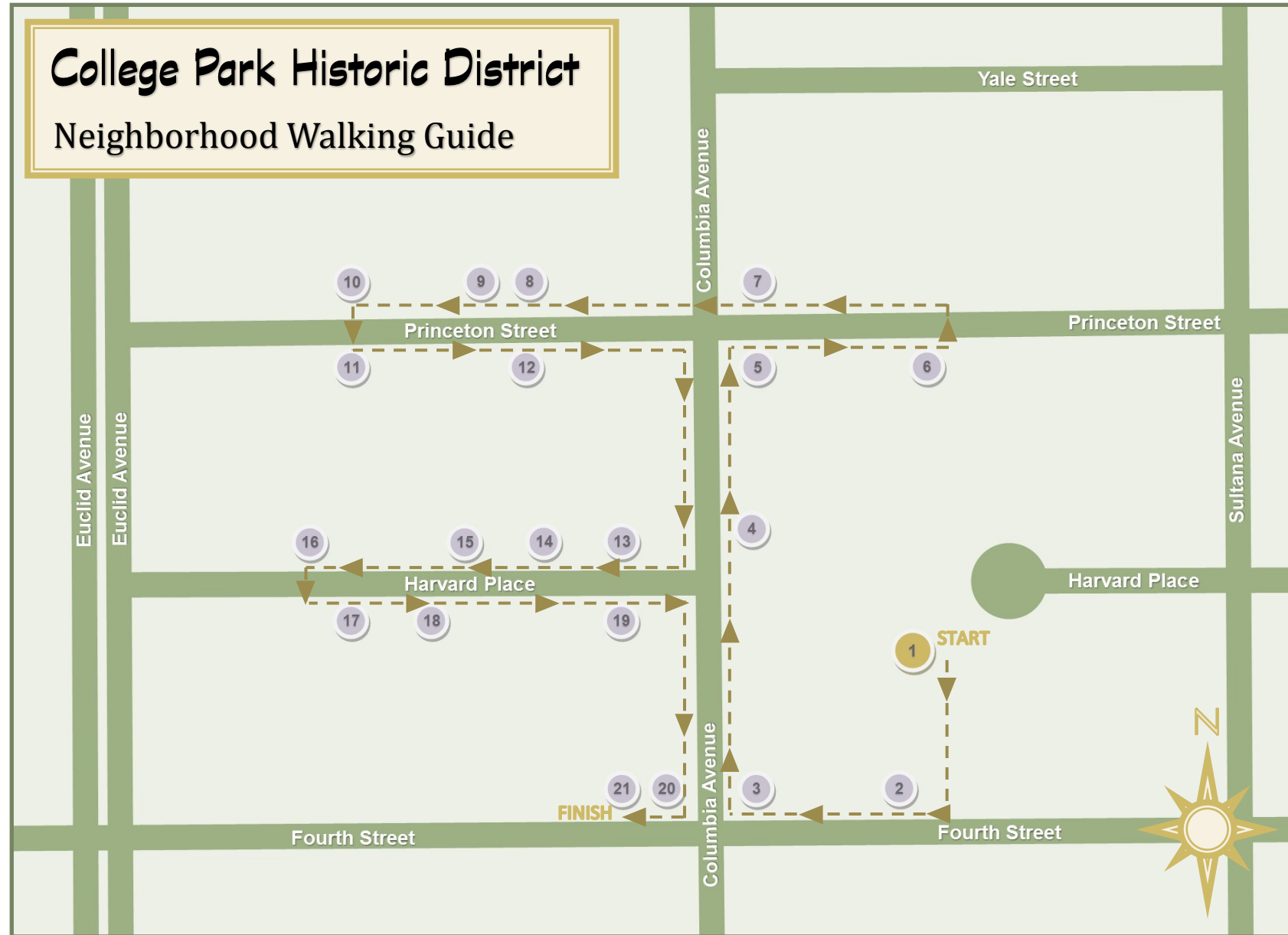
**6 The Avenue Boarding House- 328 East Princeton Street, COLONIAL REVIVAL-** One of the oldest buildings in Ontario, the main unit was originally built at 208 N. Euclid Avenue in 1884. Fred H. Clapp, a swim instructor at Chaffey, moved it to this location in 1923.



**7 The W.E. Baier House- 303 East Princeton Street, MONTEREY-** J. Dewey Harnish, a very prominent local architect, designed the house in 1939. W.E. Baier was the original owner. Mr. Baier was head chemist for Exchange Orange Products and was a director of research at Sunkist for 44 years.

**8 The Edred Drew House- 209 East Princeton Street, FRENCH ECLECTIC-** Edred and Blanche Drew built this house designed by Randall Duell in 1932. The Drew family ran Drew Carriage, one of the oldest family-owned businesses in Ontario, since 1928.

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**9 The Hugh Crawford House- 205 East Princeton Street, PROVINCIAL REVIVAL-** Hugh and Florence Crawford built this house in 1928. They owned extensive acreage in Alta Loma and Riverside.

**10 The Benton Ballou House- 119 East Princeton Street, PRAIRIE-** Built in 1920 for Benton Ballou, an early Ontario pioneer who had extensive holdings in peach orchards and owned the patent on a peach pitting machine.



**11 The Wesley Henzie House- 120 East Princeton Street, COLONIAL REVIVAL-** Wesley and Margarette Henzie built this house in 1920 only to lose it in the Great Depression in 1932.

**12 The N.L. Mitchell House- 206 East Princeton Street, MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL-** N.L. and Jessie Mitchell built this house in 1923. He was quite prominent in the early development of Ontario. He opened Ontario's first citrus packing plant. He also owned Carlsbad Caverns, exploiting its bat guano, before it became a national park.



**13 The Alexander Stewart House- 219 East Harvard Place, VERNACULAR WOOD FRAME-** Lydia B. Ford, the original owner of the College Park tract, had this house built in 1922 for Alexander Stewart.

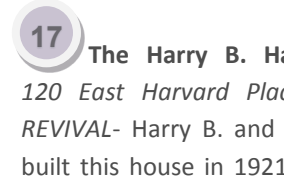
**14 The E.V. Wiseman House- 211 East Harvard Place, COLONIAL REVIVAL-** E.V. and B.M. Wiseman built this house in 1921. He was a math teacher.



**15 The Second Russel D. Dysart House- 203 East Harvard Place, MINIMAL TRADITIONAL-** Russell and Winifred Dysart lived at 134 East Princeton until they had this house built in 1950. Mr. Dysart was a geology teacher at Chaffey Junior College.



**16 The Ethel M. Murphy House- 117 East Harvard Place, RANCH-** This is one of the earliest California Ranch houses in Southern California. It was built for Ethel Murphy in 1937.



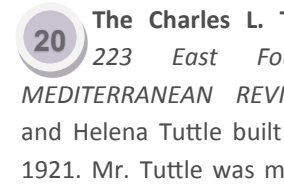
**17 The Harry B. Harlow House- 120 East Harvard Place, COLONIAL REVIVAL-** Harry B. and Grace Harlow built this house in 1921 and were its sole occupants through 1951.



**18 The Archie D. Mitchell House- 126 East Harvard Place, SPANISH COLONIAL-** Archie D. and Frieda G. Mitchell had this house built in 1921 and lived in it at least through 1951. Mr. Mitchell was a prominent local lawyer and judge.



**19 The Esther Anderson House- 220 East Harvard Place, MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL-** Karl and Helen Kaiser had this house built in 1937, having owned the property since 1926. Esther Anderson, a teacher friend of Karl's at Chaffey, bought the house in 1943.



**20 The Charles L. Tuttle House- 223 East Fourth Street, MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL-** Charles and Helena Tuttle built this house in 1921. Mr. Tuttle was manager of the Ontario and Upland Telephone Co.



**21 The Tuttle Dance Studio- 219 East Fourth Street, VERNACULAR WOOD FRAME-** Built in 1928, Mrs. Helena K.S. Tuttle originally used this house as a dance studio.

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