

The **Oneida County History Center** invites you to partake in our ***Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt*** this August! We have maps available for both Oneida County and the Utica area.

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You also acknowledge the risks involved in the Historical Selfie Scavenger Hunt. These include but are not limited to crossing streets (which we advise to be done at cross walks) and walking around unfamiliar neighborhoods (which we advise to be done with a parent or guardian). You must make every effort to obey safety precautions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

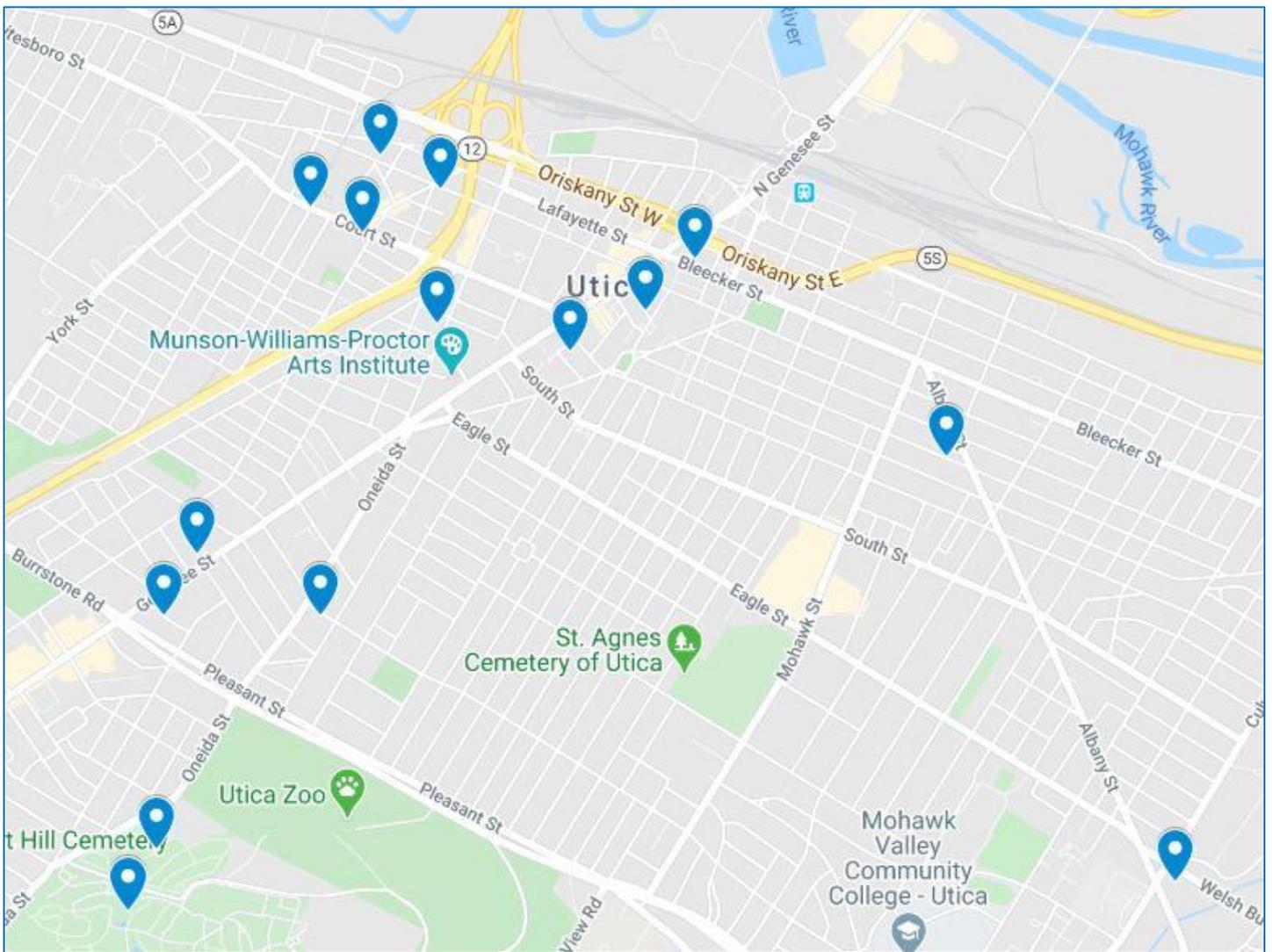
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UTICA MAP

Instructions: Follow the clues and take a selfie at the following historical sites, monuments, or markers on a camera or smartphone after learning about Utica's history! You must visit **all 15 locations**. Be sure to share your adventure by posting your photos on social media and don't forget to tag the History Center! Bring evidence of your journey through history to the Oneida County History Center by **4:00 pm on August 31, 2020** or contact rmclain@oneidacountyhistory.org to submit your evidence electronically. Upon completion all participants will be entered to win the grand prize gift basket, which will be awarded on September 1, 2020. Children 18 and under will receive a participation prize and the **first five** to complete the scavenger hunt will also receive a membership to the History Center and a fun gift.

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Follow the clues and visit all 15 locations by August 31st!

- 1.) This building was constructed in 1914 by the First Church of Christ, Science. Today it is home to the area's largest historical organization. The building still contains many original elements including stained glass windows, pews in the balcony, and massive Greek-revival columns. Snap a selfie with your favorite architectural feature.
- 2.) Started 42 years ago in 1978, this event began with just 800 participants. Today it attracts thousands from around the world and is celebrated throughout the community. This event was started by Earl Reed and is named after the family's heating business. Head to the finish line and take a selfie!
- 3.) Utica is home to the oldest, continually producing community theater in the state, which was started in the 1910s. It began as a small social and amusement club, and later presented hundreds of dramas, musicals, comedies, and original plays. The group moved to its current spot in 1999 after a fire destroyed its New Hartford location. Take a selfie with the drama masks.
- 4.) The Knights of Pythias was founded in 1864 by Deerfield native and Colgate alum Justice Rathbone. This international organization was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. Notable Pythians include presidents FDR, McKinley, and Harding. Take a photo of the monument that remembers the founder.
- 5.) The New York State Woman Suffrage Association (NYSWSA) 44th annual convention was held on October 15, 1912 in the chapel of this Utica church. The church was incorporated in 1819. Today services are held in both English and Karen languages. Snap a selfie with the steeple.
- 6.) Utica's youth have enjoyed this refreshing spot in T.R. Proctor Park since the 1940s thanks to the WPA. Famous Utica artist and sculptor Henry DiSpirito (1898-1995) helped with its construction when he worked as a mason. Take a photo at this spot.
- 7.) Utica's first Lutheran congregation, Zion Church, once met at this location. The church was started in 1842 by Rev. Andrew Wetze, a German immigrant who moved to CNY in 1832. A time capsule from the 1800s and the cornerstone of the church were found in 2018 during the construction of a new cultural center at this spot. Snap a selfie at this location.
- 8.) This street is named after the daughter of Rutger Bleeker Miller and a 2017 Historical Hall of Fame inductee. She was an avid writer in the early 1900s, contributing historical articles to Utica newspapers, and wrote *A Sketch of Old Utica*. Snap a selfie with the street sign!
- 9.) *The Liberty Press*, of one of Utica's abolitionist newspapers, was published in the 1830s by Wesley Bailey, who was also an underground railroad station master. His office was located in downtown Utica on this street, which is named for a prominent Irish immigrant family who helped build the city's first bank and St. John's Church. Snag a selfie with the street sign.

10.) This building was once home to a Utica educational institution that served the community for 120 years. Today, it houses the only resettlement agency for Oneida County where 15-plus languages are spoken and has resettled over 16,500 individuals from over 35 countries since opening in 1981. The services provided by this organization continue to stabilize the city's population and economy, and enhance the cultural fabric of our community. Snap a selfie with the Earth on the building.

11.) This mural is a recent addition to a park in Midtown Utica depicting historic and contemporary contributions and experiences from the area's African American citizens. The artwork represents one of Utica's contributions to the current national civil rights movement. Snap a selfie with your favorite part of the mural.

12.) The Utica Orphan Asylum, chartered in 1830, was once located here. The orphanage was replaced by houses built along a new residential street named in honor of philanthropist Charlotte _____, who was involved with the Female Society of Industry, an organization instrumental in founding the orphanage. Snap a selfie with the street sign.

13.) This tower, located not far from a brewery, was built by the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad in 1952 and was in use until 1987. Before automatic signals, the tower was used by the leverman or watchman to control street crossings and protect both vehicles and trains. Take your photo with the tower.

14.) Utica's Polish community expanded throughout much of the 20th century with Polish immigrants numbering 6,000 in 1940 and over 12,000 in 1970. Our area's rich Polish heritage is celebrated here, and is home to the Kopernik Memorial Association. Grab a pierogi, listen to some polka, or simply snap a selfie.

15.) Many nationally and locally recognized people are buried in this garden cemetery that was founded in 1850. Find the gravestones or memorials of US Supreme Court Justice Ward Hunt and Julia Seymore Conkling, founder of the Oneida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Snap a respectful photo of both.

Need help finding answers to your clues? Visit the Oneida County History Center, Oneida County Tourism, New York State Path Through History, or research online. *Children: Please ask an adult for assistance when searching online.

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