

SILK-STOCKING

ROW:

GUIDED WALKING TOUR

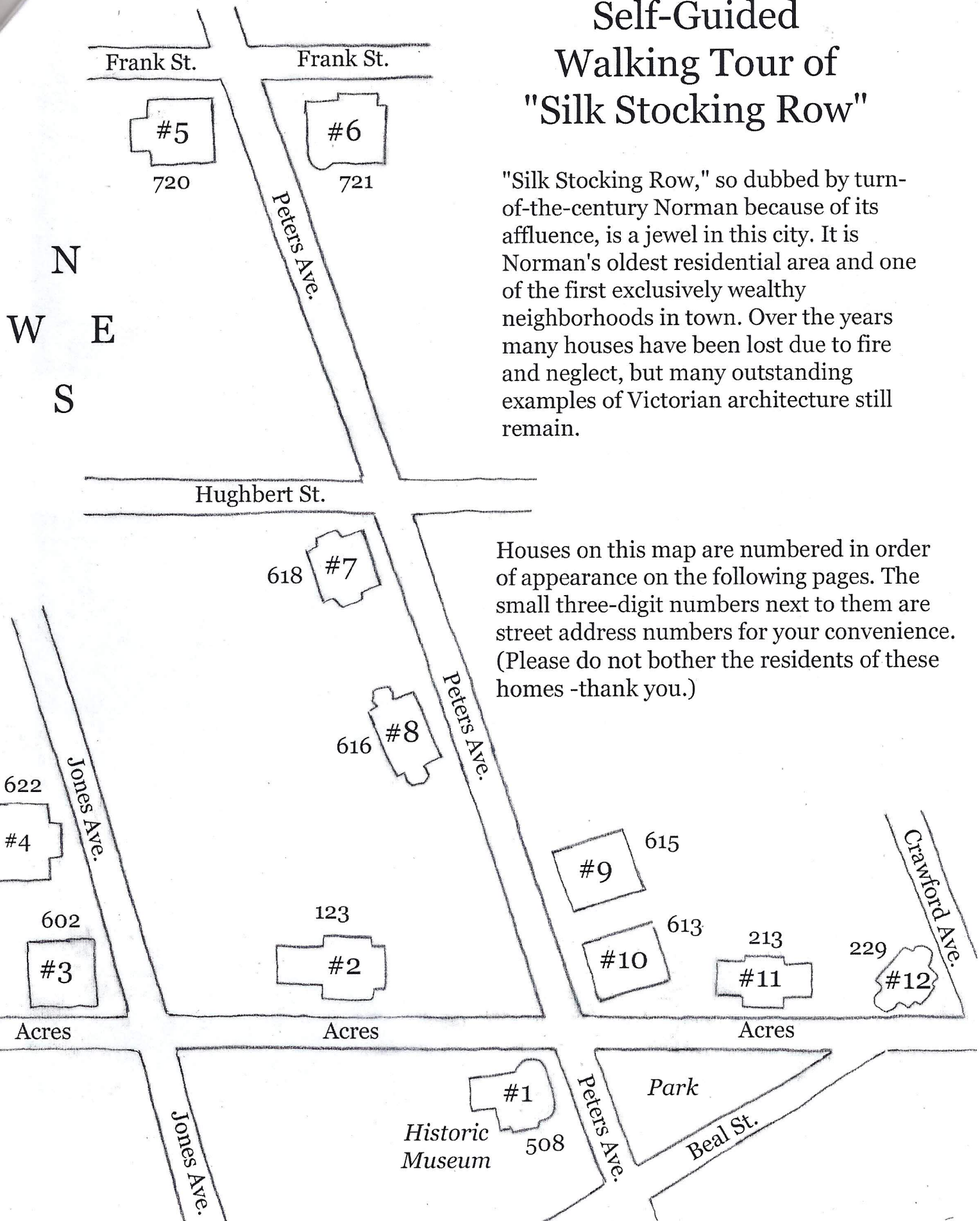
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Self-Guided Walking Tour of "Silk Stocking Row"

"Silk Stocking Row," so dubbed by turn-of-the-century Norman because of its affluence, is a jewel in this city. It is Norman's oldest residential area and one of the first exclusively wealthy neighborhoods in town. Over the years many houses have been lost due to fire and neglect, but many outstanding examples of Victorian architecture still remain.

Houses on this map are numbered in order of appearance on the following pages. The small three-digit numbers next to them are street address numbers for your convenience. (Please do not bother the residents of these homes -thank you.)



1. 508 North Peters
Moore-Lindsay House
Queen Anne



This house was built in 1899 by the Moore family who later moved to Oklahoma City. In 1908, they sold it to Harry and Daisy Lindsay and their family lived in the home generationally until the 1960s. The house was purchased in 1973 by the city of Norman to be used as a historical museum. This lovely Victorian has carved northern oak inside, stained glass, gingerbread trim, and the original fireplaces, door hardware and downstairs light fixtures.

2. 123 Acres
Acers (Acres) House
Farm Style/Folk Victorian



This house was the original Acers home built in the 1890s. It used to sit on the corner of Acres and Peters, but was moved to build a new home for the family (129 Acres). The street was named after the family, but over the years it has been misspelled. The house is currently under restoration.

3. 602 North Jones
DeBerry House
Folk Victorian



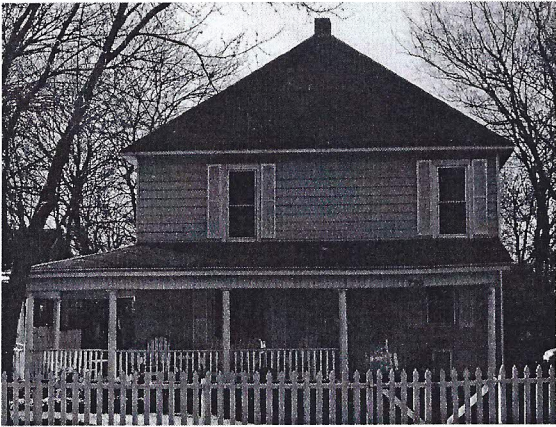
This very peculiar round house was built in 1912. Most of its history is unknown, but the family that occupied it the longest were the DeBerrys. They lived there from 1943 to the 1970s. The house has recently been divided into apartments.

4. 622 North Jones
Seawell-Franing House
Georgian/Folk Victorian



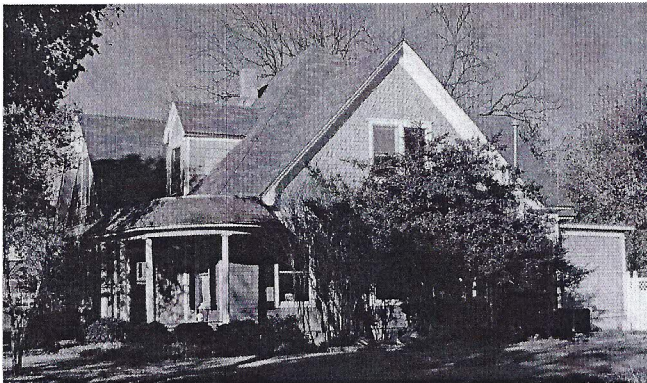
On the west side of Jones is a large showy house that was built around 1891. The Seawell (pronounced "Suel") family was the first family to live in this home and they owned one of the nicest opera houses in early-day Norman. Mr. Seawell later sold the home and opera house to John Franing in 1903. The Franings resided here until after the first world war. It is now used as apartments.

5. 720 North Peters
Botsford House
Farm Style



At 720 Peters is one of the homes built by the Botsford family in 1902. Not much is known about its history, but it was remodeled and restored in the 1970s.

6. 721 North Peters
Holland House
Queen Anne



This house was built by the E.A. Foster family in 1904 and sold to the J.R. Holland family in 1905. The Hollands lived there generationally until very recently when Blanche and Mildred Holland passed away. This is probably the longest occupation of the same family in one home in Norman. It is in the process of being restored. (This picture is of the side of the house facing south.)

7. 618 North Peters
Marquart House
Shingle Style



This barn-like house was built by A.C. and Martha Phelps at the turn-of-the-century. A.C. was an early-day businessman whose daughter, Flora Mae, married Dr. D.W. Griffin, of the state hospital. After the Phelps family the Marquart family lived here. Mr. Marquart was a postmaster. His daughter, Miss Vida, lived in the home until her death in the 1960s.

8. 616 North Peters
Rucker House
Queen Anne



This home was built by Will Hayes at the turn-of-the-century. A well-known merchant, W.N. Rucker, lived there until the L.E. Sitlington family bought it in 1914. Their daughters lived here for most of the last part of the 20th century.

9. 615 North Peters
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Prairie Style



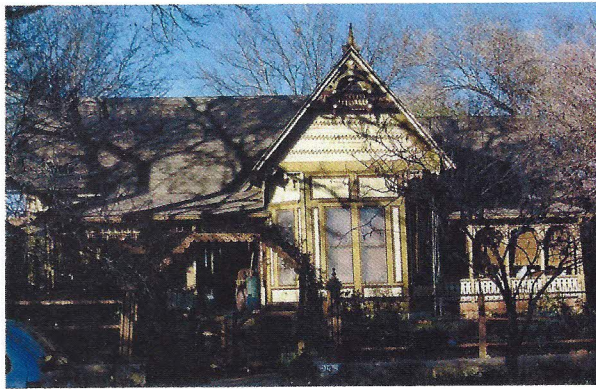
The lot this house sits on originally belonged to Hugh Jones, who helped to develop this neighborhood. It then belonged to Miss Vida Marquart. She lived at 618 Peters and rented out this home. The house was built in the 1920s and moved to its present location a little later from the countryside. It features pocket doors and carved tiger oak.

10. 613 North Peters
Williams House
Craftsman



This home was built by the owners of 213 Acres, the Ben Williams family. They moved 213 one lot east to build a newer and more modern craftsman style house in 1916. They gave 213 its current address and used its previous Peters address as the number for their new house. (Peters Avenue was the "must-have" location for a house in this neighborhood.) (The south side of this home is shown.)

11. 213 Acres
Richardson-Jimerson House
Eastlake Victorian



This lovingly restored home was built in 1892 by W.C. Richardson of the T.L. Richardson lumber company. It used to face the Acers home when they sat on their original corner lots. The Richardson and Acers families were in direct competition with each other in the lumber business, so they decided to compete while building their homes too. It was later moved (see above). The McKinzey family has lived here since the early 1970s.

12. 229 Acres
Phelps House
Queen Anne



This house with its symmetrical towers was built by the E.A. Foster family. Daisy Lindsay's parents, James T. and Sallie Phelps, lived here so they could be close to thier daughter at 508 North Peters. Now it is a private residence with owners who wish to keep it in its original condition.