



**Grand Opening and Open House
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Commemorative Program**

Program

Welcome

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**3 Houses on B Street designed by
noted architect Stanley Smith and built in 1927**
(Photo courtesy of Whitman County Historical Society)



Stanley A. Smith chaired the W.S.C. Department of Architecture from 1923 to 1956 and designed many buildings on campus including Hollingberry Fieldhouse, Bohler Gym, Steam Plant, Smith Gym, Wilmer-Davis Hall and White Hall. His private architectural business, Smith and Rounds, also designed local residences during the 1920s.

The College Hill Historic District features a number of Smith-designed residences in the then-popular Tudor Revival style--this cluster of three among them. From left to right are: the Steele House (Elizabethan Tudor), the Drucker House (Cottage Tudor), and the Culver House (Eclectic Style with Tudor Revival elements). The Drucker House remains a private residence, while the Steele and Culver Houses are now WSU Culture and Heritage Houses, open as part of today's Festivities.

935 B Street
The Johnson House
1933

This one-and-a-half story Transitional Tudor Style residence was built for Claudius Osborne and Mary W. Johnson. It features typical Tudor elements such as a round arch doorway, semi-hexagonal bay window, clipped side gable, and stucco half-timbering.

Claudius came to W.S.C. in 1928 to chair the newly formed Department of History and Political Science. **Johnson Tower**, which currently houses WSU's Department of Political Science, is named in his honor. Johnson served as Vice-President of the American Political Science Association in 1958 and retired from the faculty in 1960.

Recently purchased and restored by WSU, this historic residence is the new location of the **Talmadge Anderson Heritage House**. Heritage House was originally founded by Talmadge Anderson in 1975 to facilitate cultural and educational enlightenment at WSU. It has since that time occupied several locations on campus. Professor Anderson also established the **Western Journal of Black Studies** in 1977.

The purpose of all 3 **Culture and Heritage Houses** is to create a gathering space for University personnel and the community that enhances cultural understanding and inclusion. This house is dedicated to preserving and promoting learning and appreciation of African American history through books, films, and artifacts. It features a comfortable learning environment, academic offices, and a state of the art training room.

**955 B Street
The Steele House
1927**

This two-and-a-half story Elizabethan Tudor Style residence was designed by **Stanley Smith** for **William C. Kruegel**, who was Chief Accountant for W.S.C. Kruegel sold the house to B.L. and Vesta Steele in 1928. Steele was head of the Physics Department from 1910 until his death in 1931. Vesta Steele kept the house until 1943.

The exterior of the residence features cladding in a combination of smooth and rough brick, a semi-elliptical entrance, and two end chimneys. The interior architectural and decorative elements work well with the building's current use as **Casa Latina**, a gathering place where WSU students, alumni, faculty, and staff can expand on their cultural knowledge of the Chicano/a-Latino/a community. Like the other **Culture and Heritage Houses**, this residence will feature displays of artwork and collections of books and films significant to the culture.

Two upstairs bedrooms can accommodate visiting Chicano/a-Latino/a scholars and lecturers, while the main floor houses a large gathering area and academic office space. The basement of Casa Latina is a private residence occupied by the caretaker of all three Cultural and Heritage Houses and is not open to the public.

**975 B Street
The Culver House
Circa 1927**

This two-and-a-half story Eclectic residence was designed by **Stanley Smith** and built for Harold E. and Helen B. Culver. The house features sweeping grounds, several round arched entrances, and exceptionally large rooms.

Harold received his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Chicago and was hired to serve as head of the Geology Department at W.S.C. in 1925. He remained in that position until 1947 and retired in 1950. Helen B. Culver earned a degree in art from Columbia University and helped to establish the Art Department at University of Washington. After Helen's death in 1955, Harold married Joan M. Currey of Ipswich, England in 1960. Joan Culver occupied the residence until it was purchased by WSU.

The newest of the WSU **Culture and Heritage Houses**, this residence is the home of **Native American Culture and Heritage House** and is dedicated to learning and appreciation of the culture.

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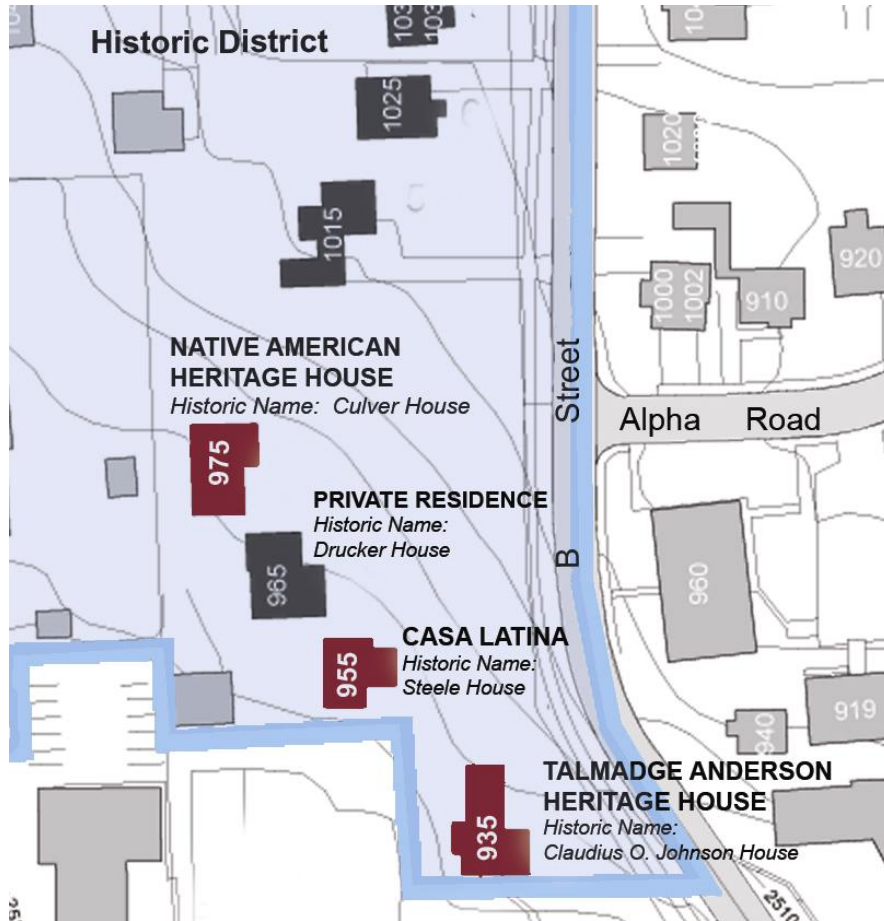
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Map of Open Houses



Welcome! The three historic residences shown in CRIMSON are OPEN as part of this event. The private residence at 965 B Street (shown in GRAY) is not a part of today's event. Thank you for treating all the residences and their occupants with respect!

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