

BRONZE LEGENDS IN DOWNTOWN MT. PLEASANT

The Bronze Legends project celebrates Mt. Pleasant’s heritage. One-of-a-kind bronze replicas are strategically displayed in locations where the original artifacts could easily been left behind and forgotten. While strolling the tree-lined streets of downtown you may stumble upon. . .

#	Name of Bronze Art	Photo	Location	Significance
1	Bamber House Keys		Town Center – corner of Main Street and Broadway <i>(Attached to the planter next to the flag pole)</i>	The Bamber House was the first hotel built in Mt. Pleasant in the 1880’s. While the building is no longer present the "room keys" are located in Town Center near the entrance to the former hotel.
2	Korean War Telegram		Town Center – corner of Main Street and Broadway. <i>(Attached to the bench at the Korean War Memorial)</i>	A telegram similar to those received by many families during World War II and the Korean War stating that their loved one had been hurt, captured or killed, sets on a bench near the Korean War Memorial monument, just as someone may have left it.
3	Grammar Book		Northeast corner of Main Street and Broadway. <i>(Attached to the curbside planter)</i>	An elementary school grammar book represents the first school in Mt. Pleasant in 1864 which was located in a log building near the intersection of Main and Broadway Streets.

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<p>4</p>	<p>M-20 Signs (2)</p>		<p>1.) 114 E Broadway and 2.) 200 E. Broadway</p> <p><i>(Attached to the lightpole and the building)</i></p>	<p>Two bronze M-20 highway signs, one in front of the Chamber of Commerce and one at the NW corner of Broadway and Court Street, were installed to commemorate Broadway Street's former designation as M-20.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Civil Defense Arm Band</p>		<p>120 E Broadway</p> <p><i>(Attached to the front of the building)</i></p>	<p>During World War II, the Civil Defense warden would stand atop this building (3 stories at the time) to observe "blackouts" and watch for enemy planes coming to bomb the oil refineries in Mt. Pleasant. The piece created is a Civil Defense warden's arm band draped over a flag holder.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Abstract of Title</p>		<p>128 E. Broadway</p> <p><i>(Attached to the front of the building)</i></p>	<p>This piece replicates the abstract for the city of Mt. Pleasant. The Isabella Abstract office was originally located on the second floor of this building.</p> <p><i>An abstract of title documents the condensed history of ownership interests in a particular parcel of real estate.</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Vernors Ginger Ale Bottle</p>		<p>201 E. Broadway</p> <p><i>(Located next to the building on the ground)</i></p>	<p>This original design, manufactured in Detroit, was sold at corner grocery stores bearing the "VGA" emblem and labeled "Genuine only when Crown cork has the above design in red."</p>

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8	Popcorn Box, Coca-Cola Bottle and Movie Tickets		<p>216 E. Broadway <i>(Attached to the curbside planter)</i></p>	<p>Set outside the Broadway Theatre, just as someone may have set down, then forgot to reclaim, is a bronze popcorn box, two 1939 movie tickets and a bottle of spilled Coca-Cola.</p>
9	Movie Handbill		<p>216 E. Broadway <i>(Attached to the front of the building)</i></p>	<p>This piece was designed to show the handbill advertising the "The Miracle Man," one of the first silent movies shown at the Broadway Theatre.</p>
10	Cane and Glasses		<p>Northeast corner of Main Street and Michigan Ave. <i>(Attached to the curbside planter)</i></p>	<p>Jim McGuire was a long-time Mt. Pleasant resident remembered for his walks through downtown with his hand made cane and sunglasses worn over his regular eyeglasses.</p>
11	Transport Truck Emblem		<p>123 S Main Street <i>(Attached to the front of the building)</i></p>	<p>Transport Trucks were manufactured in Mt. Pleasant at the end of the 1900's and early 1920's. Marty's Bar was formerly called the Transport Bar. This bronze reproduction is similar to the name plates on the old trucks.</p>

12	Key Fob, Coins, Pen and Credit Card		<p>102 S. Main</p> <p><i>(Attached to the night deposit box)</i></p>	<p>This key fob represents one that would have been used for depositing money into a night deposit. Each segment represents the year the bank's name change took place.</p>
13	Money Bag		<p>200 E Broadway</p> <p><i>(Located at the corner of the building)</i></p>	<p>This money bag stands where the original door lead into Isabella Bank and Trust, the oldest chartered bank in Mt. Pleasant, as if someone had dropped a bag of money. All the coins in the top of the bag are from the year the bank founded (1903) or earlier.</p>
14	Survey Transit		<p>River of Time</p> <p><i>(Corner of Main and Mosher)</i></p>	<p>Surveying is a requirement in the planning and execution of nearly every form of construction. This survey transit represents what would have been used when Mt. Pleasant was first surveyed and mapped.</p> <p><i>Check accuracy of your GPS with the coordinates on the back side of the concrete stump.</i></p>
15	Bronze Bear		<p>Nelson Park</p> <p><i>(Isabella Bank & Trust Centennial Gardens)</i></p>	<p>Dedicated as a memorial and humanitarian alternative to the live bears that resided at that very location for many years.</p>

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