

COTTAGE GROVE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR

811 Main Street
Bartell Hotel
(1911-22)



(Photo courtesy of Cottage Grove Historical Society)

Construction of the Bartell Hotel (renamed Cottage Grove Hotel) began in 1911 by Cottage Grove building contractor, William “Billy” Cooper. The land was originally part of the William Shield’s Addition, one of the earliest subdivisions in the community. The Cottage Grove Post Office operated out of the west bay of the hotel building from 1911 until 1912, when the Rees-Wallace Store began operation in its place. The 1912 Sanborn map also indicates that the armory was once housed in this building for a brief period of time.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Bartell leased the hotel from Billy Cooper in 1923, which is when the hotel became known as the Bartell Hotel. Their dining room was well known for its exceptional food as the Bartell’s had additionally owned the Wolf Creek Fur and Game Farm--provided fresh fish and game to hotel patrons.

Find the complete tour at
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