



★ Visitor's Center

1. Site of the Second Universalist Church, birthplace of *The Lowell Offering*, later a vaudeville theatre with dance acts.
2. Site of Lowell Manufacturing's 1848 Weave Mill, where the 1848 Blow Out ball was held. Thousands attended.
3. Lynch's Ale & Porter Depot had dance halls upstairs. The structure was later incorporated into the Father John Bldg.
4. The Market House once held multiple dance band offices, as well as the Police Court where 1914's Tango Trial took place.
5. Mathews Hall, at 97 Central, was in the New Mansur Bldg.
6. Site of French's Confectionery at 37 Central. Above the bakery, French's hall often hosted dancing in the mid-1800s.
7. Hibbard's Orchestra & American Band had their office at 52 Central. Joe Hibbard was a fixture at local balls for decades.
8. The Shattuck building (a.k.a. Burbank Bldg.) once stood here on Prescott. The top floor had a dance hall in the 1890s
9. The Howe Building was at one time home to Hibernian Hall.
10. The top floor of the Fairburn, or Runels Building, housed Prescott Hall, patronized by generations of dancers.
11. The B.F. Keith Vaudeville Theater, with plenty of dance acts, formerly fronted on Bridge Street, just behind the Fairburn.
12. A streetcar waiting room in the Simpson Block once served legions of dancers on their way to Lakeview Park's ballroom.
13. Page's Clock was *the* spot to meet before heading to a dance.
14. The Hildreth building replaced the Museum Building, home to Central Hall. The Museum began as the Freewill Baptist Church, built with funds donated by the Mill Girls.
15. The Pollard Building had four stories when it was erected in 1898. Lovely Colonial Hall upstairs was lost in a 1927 fire.
16. The Mechanic Phalanx Armory was on Middle near Palmer. The Phalanx regularly sponsored dances, including one to celebrate the Armory's opening.
17. Even the Burke Temperance Institute hosted dances in their fourth floor hall. The hall today is locked and in poor repair.
18. The eastern end of the Bon Marché, known as the Railroad Bank section, was built in 1873 by Nichols and Hutchins, caterers, and housed both their store front and a dance hall.
19. The Welles Building once offered Welles Hall for dancing.
20. Saint Joseph's Church also held dances early in the 1900s.
21. Old City Hall doubled as a dance hall in the 1830s.
22. Site of the Urban Block, where spacious Urban Hall, plus multiple smaller halls, were available for dance events.
23. Brooks & Davis' Quadrille Band had their office in the Wentworth Block in the 1860s.
24. Site of Huntington Hall, which was above the Boston & Lowell Depot. It housed Lowell's biggest balls for fifty years.
25. Mechanics Hall, an oft-used space in the old Mechanics building, held dance lessons and balls for almost a century.
26. Site of Merrimack House and many early balls.
27. Site of the Associate building, whose top floors held a huge hall for dancing. It was gutted by fire in 1924.