

DENTON SQUARE SCAVENGER HUNT

Find the answer to the questions on the right using the picture clues from locations all around the Denton square. Then, use the highlighted letters to unscramble the answer to the question at the end of the hunt!

Hint: Start your hunt in the center of the square and progress in a clockwise pattern! You may have to check the view from both the center square and across the street along shop windows!



This is the century clock tower cost \$1200 in 1897 from Nels Johnson in Michigan. It has 4 dials and is 5'3" in diameter. It was converted to electric power in 1939

Where is this clock located?

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Dedicated in 1996, the Denton County all-war memorial pays honor to all the soldiers who have given for their nation in a time of war.

What is the last war listed on this memorial?

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This building has been part of two great fires in Denton - the "great fire of 1860" and again in 1994, which mostly leveled the 1880 building. Today, it has been restored and occupies a beautiful corner next to an open space.

Name this building:

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Built as an Opera House in the 1880s, it was known as the Texas Theater in the 1940s. Inside, find the original murals including one of an elephant by the Eiffel Tower!

What is this building known as now?

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The first county seat of Denton was Pinckneyville. Before permanently being called Denton in 1850, Denton was called what?

In 1848, what we now know as Denton was called what?

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This building was built in 1882 as a general store and has also been a grocery store, an ice cream shop, and an auto parts store. It even housed a domino parlor upstairs! Restored in 1976 after a fire, it now houses apartments and a law office.

Name this building:

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The historical marker here notes the place where the University of North Texas first originated, with classes in the top two floors and a hardware store downstairs. UNT was first called the "Texas Normal College" and the current store (no longer three stories!) has been on this lot since 1962.

Name the store:

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This store contains the oldest elevator in Denton, still worked on a rope and pulley system. People say the elevator was used to haul dead bodies upstairs to be embalmed. You can't see the elevator from outside this shoeless store.

Name this store:

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The Independent Order of Odd Fellows have a Denton Cemetery named after them. Buried there is B.F Paschall, who came to Denton in 1870 and opened a grocery store where the Paschall building is today. The Odd Fellows believe that friendship, love and truth are the basic guidelines to live by.

What day of the week do the Odd Fellows Meet?

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This building sits on the grounds of what used to be the Lacy Hotel. Around 1870, the infamous outlaw Sam Bass handled horses in the stables of the Lacy House Hotel which spread out over an acre to give traveling cowboys and ranchers a place to leave their herds and get a good night sleep.

These days, the Lacy House Hotel is the home of :

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This building was built from the bricks that once made the courthouse that burned down in 1895 because of a fire started by lightning. Guests paid \$1.50 for tickets when it opened in 1900. It closed in 1913 when motion pictures came to Denton.

What is the name of this store now?

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This building was one of the first in Denton to be made of stone. Since there were so many fires on the square, salt was put between the walls of the building to protect it from the fires. It is said they poured water on the salt between the walls and it saved this building from fire!

Today, the walls, which are now salt-free, are home to a place called:

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Being home to Puckett Grocery Store, Fultz News Agency, a café, and a trendy boutique have given this building something to sing about! Especially since it burned completely in 1890 and suffered fire damage again in 1942.

What store is this now?

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Some people think Miss Maynie Thorton haunts this place - perhaps because her check from 1897 for \$2.70 hangs on the wall - with her name misspelled!

What building is this?

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Today, this antique shop looks nothing like the Hardware store opened in 1885 by two brothers, Robert and Adolph. It was home to the longest continually operating business on the Denton square until it closed in 2001. You can see boxes that these brothers used at their store in the courthouse museum.

What was the brothers' last name, which also the hardware store's namesake?

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Ice first came to Denton in 1874. This old fashioned store uses ice and a 1937 Emery Thompson machine, along with 14% butterfat cream, to create 91 (and still counting) cool flavors made fresh on site!

Name this old fashioned store:

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Erected in 1918 by the Daughters of the Confederacy, there are two water fountains, one on each side, which no longer work. In a time of national segregation, the two fountains were designated for different ethnicities. There have been unsuccessful attempts to have this memorial removed.

The Confederate Soldiers Memorial was dedicated on what date?

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This is the site of the third burial of John Denton in 1901. This pioneer preacher and lawyer never actually lived in Denton. He was killed in a battle with the Keechi Indian tribe in 1841.

How was John Denton when he died?

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(To add some 'mystery to your history' and learn more about John Denton, be sure to check out the Ghosts of Denton tour!)

Now, using the yellow letters from all the clues above, unscramble the word to answer this question:

Iron bridges were built in Denton County beginning in the 1880s due to the first large population boom. Iron bridges served as symbols of progress and brought stature to the community since they represented economic and cultural success and fortune. Today, these iron giants signify the important history of Denton County and one has even been registered on the National and Texas State Historic Register.

How many Historic Iron Bridges are there in Denton County?

