

DOWNTOWN LOWELL HISTORIC DISTRICT

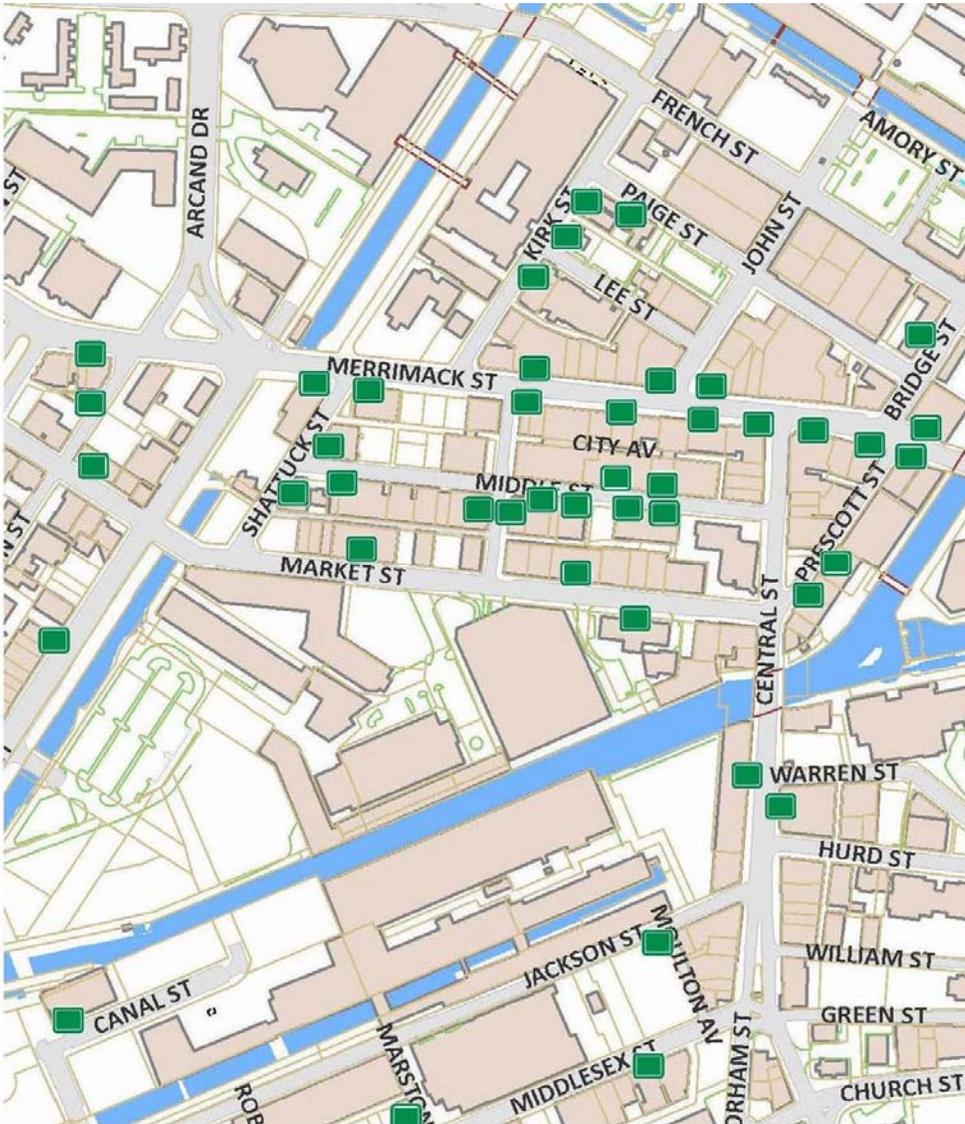
Building Markers

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Discover the stories behind downtown's many historic buildings with the Lowell Historic Board's new building marker program. A total of 44 markers have been installed with more planned in the future throughout the Downtown Lowell Historic District.

Bon Marche Building
1874-1927

Before suburban shopping malls began springing up in the mid-20th century, downtown anchor department stores like the Bon Marche sold almost every product a family needed. This store consisted of four inter connected buildings built in various Victorian styles fronting on Merrimack and Kirk streets. In 1950, Jack Kerouac held a book signing here launching his first novel, *The Town in the City*. A Jordan Marsh department store operated here until 1991 and the complex was rehabilitated in 1995.

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The Lowell Historic Board is the City of Lowell's
historic preservation agency.

