



Due to spooktacular demand, we created another haunted walking tour, this time in Browne's Addition! Please stay on the sidewalk and observe all laws and regulations while touring. For this tour you get to look at some of our city's oldest homes (and their ghostly residents). The legends are based on local stories, historic newspaper articles, and stories from Chet Caskey's books (which you can find at the library or Auntie's bookstore). Tour created by Vanessa Strange and Eva Silverstone, 2020. This customized map is also available via Google Maps (<https://bit.ly/35mCFaf>).

Rosauer's Parking Lot /Old Chinese Cemetery – There were over 500 Chinese immigrants in Spokane before the great fire of 1889, the majority had come for work on the railroads or in the mines. "Chinatown" in old Spokane was located at the approximate site of the carousel in Riverfront Park and in an area called Trent Alley (behind Boo Radley's) when the railroads pushed the Chinese population out of their first home in Spokane. The first Chinese cemetery known in Spokane was developed before Browne's Addition was even platted. The land is currently occupied by the Rosauers parking lot. When Browne's Addition was developed in the 1880s, no care was taken and the ground was moved around without regard for the buried. 19th Century Spokane newspaper articles exoticize Chinese culture, often using hostile terms and phrases that were unfortunately common at the time. Without proper burial and safe passage to the afterlife, Taoist and Buddhist practitioners warn of *di fu ling*, or hungry ghosts. To mitigate their suffering, rituals include offerings of food, symbolic money and ceremonial fires. The disturbance of this sacred ground may have hindered the safe passage of early Chinese residents, do these *di fu ling*, hungry ghosts, linger in this parking lot seeking redress for their grievances?

Patsy Clark Mansion (2208 W. 2nd) – Several ghosts haunt the Patsy Clark mansion. Built for the mining millionaire Patrick "Patsy" Clark by renowned architect Kirtland Cutter who was told to "spare no expense!", the mansion was completed in 1898 and the Clarks lived in it until their deaths in 1916 (Patrick) and 1926 (Mary). It is suspected that Mary is still there despite her death nearly a hundred years ago! She has been seen in the second-floor rooms in an area that was the children's room (now a women's lounge). Additionally, three mischievous entities haunt the basement, especially the wine cellar, where bottles have been mysteriously smashed - perhaps a commentary on their quality by former staff who were used to higher standards!

Couer d'Alene park was started in 1891 when A.M. Cannon and J.J. Browne each donated half of the land to the city for its first park. The park began to be improved with plantings, a pond, and a gazebo. However, the park almost met its demise in

1896 when vandals broke in during the winter and clogged the pond with debris, including cats which were found deceased in the pond! Listen on quiet nights to see if you can hear their meows.

The park has been the site of many festivals over the years. The Museum of Arts and Culture has held Artfest there numerous times with bands playing into the evenings. At these events, the presence of Spokane's own Tambourine Man was a given. He has since retired but occasionally his tambourine can still be heard in the park. Listen closely. How many lovers met in this park over the years? Were there hearts broken in this very park? Certainly, cat lovers are broken-hearted for the early cats of CDA Park!

Overlook Park – From here, you can see the ridge of Browne's Addition, and looking north this whole area is believed to be the site of burial grounds over hundreds of years. First Native American, then "Pioneer," Chinese and others. Scant records indicate care was not taken over the years. Walk north to get a sense of the land overlooking the edge and used for burials.

Ridge Condominiums / Site of old Chinese and Native American Cemetery – When Browne's Addition was first developed, the builders came across several graves in this area. They were suspected to be Chinese and Native American but were ignored and built on top of. The first Victorian mansion that was built on this site mysteriously burned to the ground shortly after it was completed. After that the William Cowles Mansion was built in this area (2602 2nd Ave). despite the presence of burial grounds. There is no evidence that the graves were ever properly moved.

Now the Ridge Condominiums occupy the space and residents of these condos have reported disturbances including moving objects and odd feelings. During construction in 1987, three skeletons were found!

Finch Mansion (2340 1st Ave) – Now apartments, so admire from afar. This amazing Georgian Revival mansion was designed and built by Kirtland Cutter for John Finch. Friends with Amasa Campbell down the road, the two made a fortune in mines and other businesses. Turned into apartments around the 1930s, the building has housed hundreds over the years. One unfortunate soul was a baby girl who fell from the third-floor porch in 1951.

The Campbell House (2316 1st Ave) – Perhaps the most famous house in Browne's Addition, you can tour this house as part of a visit to the Museum of Arts and Culture next door when they're open. The lady of the house, Grace Campbell, died in 1924, but has been seen on the staircase many times. Look for her and the amazing wallpaper the next time you visit. Be warned, we know of at least one docent who used to make up ghost stories for visitors!

Hussey-Borgeson Mansion of Four Sisters (2003 W. Riverside) – Keep a respectful distance from this beautifully restored 1887 mansion- the best view is from across the street anyway! The current owners say there's a friendly ghost living with them! Neighbors warned of Jennie's ghost, and they soon encountered Jennie's special green chair move about the room from day to day! An unexplained empty champagne glass marked with red lipstick also appeared out of nowhere. (Spokesman-Review June 20, 2003) Also known as the Hussey-Borgeson House as the house was first built for Warren and Libby Hussey, then went to the Borgeson family. Warren Hussey's fortune was made in mining and banking, but he lost it all after the Panic of 1893. It ended up being rented (1917) and later bought (1921) by Claus and Sophia Borgeson. Claus, a Swedish immigrant, owned a few businesses over the years. He and Sophia had four daughters, Selma, Gerda, Jennie, and Anna.

Call it Scandinavian frostiness or something else, but the family were said to be reclusive. The sisters never married and had no social life to speak of. In fact, they wouldn't even acknowledge each other's presence in the house. They stayed in their own rooms and never spoke to each other. The parents were upset by this and by the time the parents died, the sisters had lived in isolation for forty years. The family fortune continued to keep them comfortable, but they still rarely left the house. Their hate for each other got even worse, they even ate alone in their own rooms. In 1971, Jennie died on the grand staircase. The other three sisters did nothing and stepped over her body as they went up and down the stairs for two days! One of the housemaids couldn't take it any longer and called the coroner. Five years later, Selma died under similar circumstances, again unacknowledged by the remaining two sisters until a servant called for help. Here's where it gets really wild! The two sisters, Gerda and Anna suddenly came out of their shells! They were friendly and loving to each other, taking walks in the neighborhood and dining at restaurants, even taking a tour of Europe together. Strange indeed! Who knows what happened all those years? Autopsies were never performed. Gerda passed in 1990 and Anna in 1999. The only conflicting account about the constant isolation is from a newspaper report from 1949 that Anna was visiting friends in New York City after working as secretary to the president of an airplane manufacturer in Montreal for two years. (Spokesman-Review)

Loewenburg-Roberts Mansion (1923 W. 1st Ave) – Now a bed and breakfast and event venue, this 1889 mansion is one of the most unusual looking houses in Browne's Addition. Legend has it there are many ghosts haunting this place, though none of them scary- just knocks, sounds and faint apparitions. No one can know for sure who haunts the place, but there were tragic deaths of two of the Roberts sons. The first was an accidental drowning, and the second more gruesome. The young boy was walking along the iron fence, slipped, and was impaled on one of the speared ornaments. How awful!