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Using Historical Maps to Make our Past Come Alive

You are Here: Mapping Early Phoenix – a new exhibit to explore this year at Heritage Square, opening September 1st.

PHOENIX – If you can find your way downtown to Heritage Square, using your favorite map app on your phone, driving past parking garages and modern skyscrapers, you'll

find Heritage Square. And if you take the time to stop by one of the smaller houses on the Square – the Stevens-Haustgen Bungalow – you will find an exhibit where no GPS is necessary.

In partnership with the Maricopa County Recorders Office, and with help from a grant from APS,



Heritage Square is presenting <u>You are Here: Mapping Early Phoenix.</u> Visitors will get to see Phoenix transition from a rough-around-the-edges town that was almost called, "Punkinville" (yikes!), to a well planned city, "full of growth and promise". With maps of early Phoenix, photos of corresponding neighborhoods, and other documents (like the attached 1897 warrantee deed, where the Rossons sell their house to the Goldberg family), they will see how diverse communities sprang up, and how the city changed over time.

With those early maps and documents, and with Phoenix's most famous map, created by C. J Dyer in 1885 (and pictured above), we hope to highlight the importance of community involvement over the years, and how recorded documents help support the diversity of voices in our community.

More Information:

Exhibition Title: <u>You are Here: Mapping Early Phoenix</u> Location: Stevens-Haustgen Bungalow at Heritage Square

This exhibition is presented in Stevens-Haustgen Bungalow, and is free to the

public.

Hours: This exhibit is open during the Rosson House Museum's regular hours (find

those at heritagesquarephx.org)

Dates: The exhibition runs from September 1, 2018 to Summer 2019

Admission: Free

Information: heritagesquarePHX.org

Telephone: (602) 262-5070 (Museum Visitors Center & Ticket Office)

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About Rosson House Museum

The Rosson House Museum is a fully restored 1895 Queen Anne Victorian house museum, interpreting the history of Phoenix and Territorial Arizona. Tours of the house include all living areas and offer visitors a glimpse into the lifestyles of early Phoenix families. Admission to the Rosson House Museum is by guided tour only. All tours last approximately 60 minutes. The maximum number of people per tour is 12. Groups of 8 or more require reservations.

About Heritage Square

Heritage Square is a striking reminder of the city's vibrant Victorian past. Located on Block 14 of the original townsite of Phoenix, the Square dates back to the late 1800s, and the restored Rosson House Museum is its crowning jewel. Heritage Square is operated in conjunction by the Heritage Square Foundation (a 501c-3 non-profit organization) and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and is owned by the City of Phoenix.

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