

**Elston Grove
Historical
District**

Elston Grove Historic District



History of... and changes to

- Half of the district was made up of the combined Elston and Lane families and estates.
- Elston's property had originally extended farther east, but after the railroad came through, in 1853, the land east of present-day Elston Avenue was sold.
- During the early years of Crawfordsville, and until the population and industrial boom of the 1880s, the neighborhood was sparsely populated, with only about 15 of the grandest houses occupying large lots and scattered through the area that business and civic leaders built and owned
- Elston Grove continued as a exclusive community even in 1900 when it was incorporated into the city Crawfordsville. The most prominent styles of houses are Italianate, Queen Anne, and Colonial Revival.
- The Elstons resisted development of their land, and only three other houses, of sons and daughters were allowed to be built.

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- After the death of Isaac Elston I in 1867, part of the estate was used by the public as a park known as Elston's Grove, which was located east of the house.
- As the city outgrew the original plat, pressure was exerted to develop the estate.
- Elston Avenue was built in the mid-1870s.
- Meadow Street (now Vernon Court), located on the west side of the estate, was built between E. Main and E. Pike in 1878.
- Plum Street (now Wallace Avenue) was extended north through the estate, probably about 1890.
- Pike Street was extended through the estate in 1918.

Methodist Church



Henry and
Joanna Elston
Lane's Home





Isaac and Maria Aiken Elston's Home



Clarence and Ella Poston's Home

The Snyder House



Half-Timber
House





Octagonal Pillar Poston Home

Lew Wallace Study



Willson
School



Isaac Jr and
Sarah Mills
Elston Home



I G and
Josephine
Poston
Home



Irwin Agnew
and Annie
Detchon
Home

