

## Louis L'Amour's life in Jamestown

Louis L'Amour was born in Jamestown, ND on March 22, 1908. He was a vibrant boy with a thirst for knowledge. In Jamestown, he cultivated a well-rounded education outside the confines of the classroom.



Louis enjoyed many activities growing up close to the railroad and downtown Jamestown. He got to witness the circus arriving and unloading in town. He would box with his father and brothers in the LaMoore Veterinarian barn. He listened to stories of his great-grandfather Ambrose, who was scalped by Sioux Native Americans. He enjoyed tales of cowboys from his uncle Truman Dearborn, who was a well-known cowboy of the west.



At twelve years old, Louis gained his first job working at the Train Depot Telegraph office where he learned to type.

At the age of fifteen, Louis and his family left Jamestown. Louis went on many real adventures after he left including working as an able seaman, mine claim manager, boxing, and hobbing.

Even though he lived in Jamestown for a short time, it influenced his future and molded him as a person, readying him for many hard-labor jobs and his future writing career.

To learn more about Louis L'Amour and his time in Jamestown, as well as his professional career, visit the Alfred Dickey Public Library (stop 1 on this tour) and enjoy the Louis L'Amour exhibit.

All sites do not maintain the same hours. Enjoy the walking tour Wednesday - Friday, 10am-5pm to **tour** every site. The walking tour is always available to **view** every site.

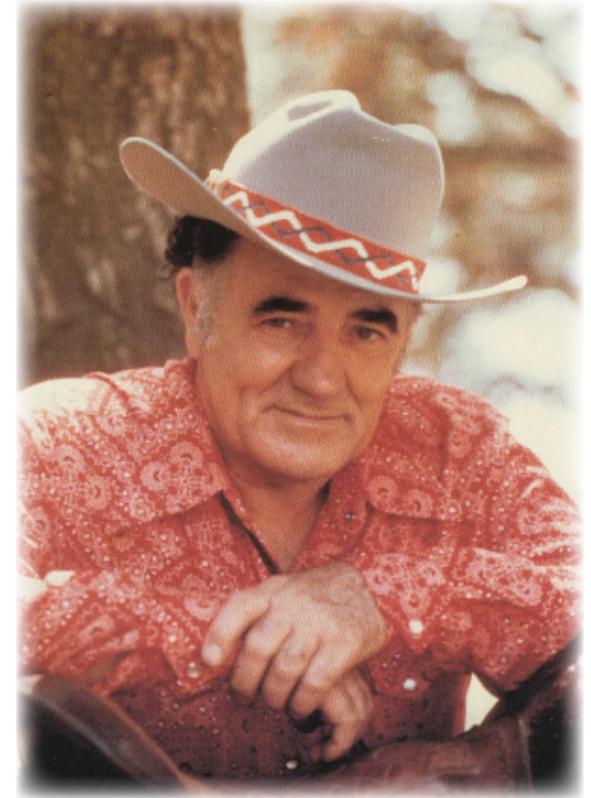


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# Louis L'Amour Walking Tour

Visit the sites and places of  
Louis L'Amour's youth.



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## 1 Alfred Dickey Public Library:

105 3rd ST SE

One of Louis's favorite places in Jamestown.

He spent many hours perusing the shelves and enjoying book after book. Louis's eldest sister, Edna, worked at the Library in the summers and was able to help Louis learn how best use it. Inside



is an exhibit depicting Louis's life in Jamestown, his family, and details his professional career. (30 minute self-guided tour)

## 2 Franklin School:

308 2nd ST SW

It is known that Louis spent years in the classroom in this historic building. He often would request new subjects to his teachers as he often had already read about the materials the teacher was covering. Today this building is used as offices, but has been restored to some of its original glory. It is open for self-guided tours during office hours. Upstairs, in the conference room, you'll find a letter written to the school from Louis. (20 minute self-guided tour)



## 3 Gladstone Inn:

111 2nd ST NE

A historic landmark in Jamestown. It was originally built in 1883, and considered one of the nicest hotels in the region. Sadly, it burned down in 1968. Louis L'Amour performed at the hotel as a child when he was a writer and actor for the Junior High Kid Comedians. It was rebuilt in 1972 and is still considered a premier hotel. (5 minutes)



## 4 Louis L'Amour Home Site:

113 3rd AVE SE

The land where Louis L'Amour once lived is now home to an electrical sub-station. Louis's family home was located here as well as his father's veterinary barn. This barn was well-known in Jamestown for its carousel horse sitting atop it. Many traveler's relied on it to tell them they had arrived in Jamestown. (15 minutes)



## 5 1883 Stutsman County Courthouse:

504 3rd AVE SE

Louis himself didn't spend too much time at the court house, but his father did. His father Louis Charles LaMoore served as county constable at the courthouse, as well as conducted his county and state veterinary business at his home site. In 2013 the State Historical Society of North Dakota began renovations on the building. It is now open for tours from Memorial Day – Labor Day, Wednesday-Sunday 10am-5pm. (30 minute self-guided tour)



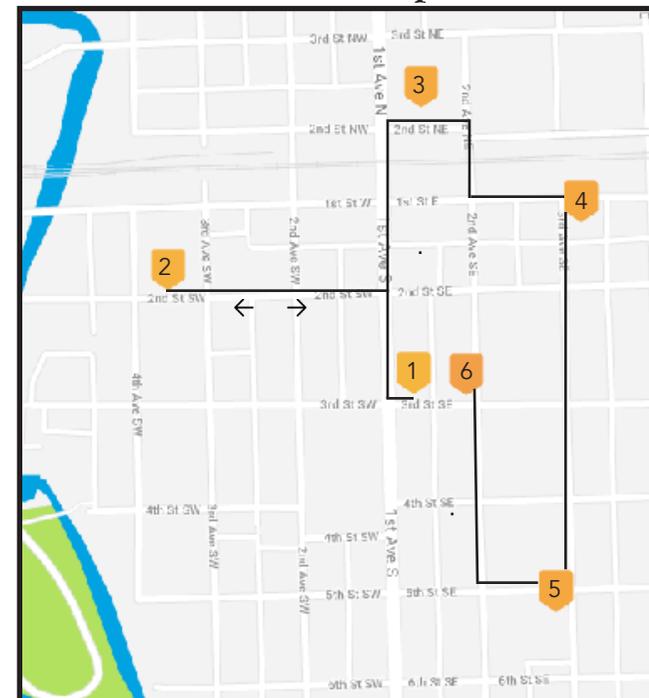
## 6 First United Methodist Church:

115 3rd ST SE (next to Alfred Dickey Library)

See the historic building where Louis and his family worshipped. Louis's parents were active members of the church. (Walk-by)



## Tour Map



## Walking Tour Distance and Time:

Stops	Distance	Time
1-2	0.3 miles	5 minutes
2-3	0.4 miles	8 minutes
3-4	0.2 miles	4 minutes
4-5	0.3 miles	7 minutes
5-6	0.3 miles	5 minutes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.5 miles</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>

Each stop will take a different amount of time.

If each stop is given adequate time, the total time for this walking tour is about 2-2.5 hours.