

Dr. Willella Howe–Waffle House

The Dr. Howe–Waffle House and Medical Museum, located at 120 Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA., was the home and medical office of Dr. Willella Howe–Waffle, the first woman doctor in Santa Ana. She travelled many miles by horse and carriage to attend to her patients and also delivered babies at this location. She was known as a very generous and loving person, as well as a dedicated physician.

She and her husband, Dr. Alvin Howe, took two years to build this ornate Victorian house, moving in with their two young daughters in 1889. In 1897, after divorcing Dr. Howe, she married Edson Waffle and had an active medical practice up to the day she died, at age 74, in 1924.

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