



**GROUT
MUSEUM
DISTRICT**

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BACKGROUNDER

Established in 1932, opened in 1956, the Grout Museum District is named for Henry W. Grout, a prominent Waterloo resident, financier, and state legislator who loved to travel, collect reminders of the places he visited and share his finds with children in the community. By the time of his death, Grout had collected more than 2,000 objects. His Will created an endowment and named trustees to care for his collection into the future.

The Grout Museum District is a private, not-for-profit entity, and has grown into a regional and national cornerstone of history, culture and the sciences. Its mission is to provide a better understanding of the world, and the Cedar Valley, by collecting, preserving and interpreting history, and illustrating scientific principles.

The district is accredited by the American Association of Museums. It consists of the Grout Museum of History & Science, Bluedorn Science Imaginarium, Rensselaer Russell House Museum, the Snowden House, and the new Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. The expansion honors the service and sacrifice of all Iowa veterans, from the Civil War to the present.

The Grout Museum District features permanent and temporary exhibits, as well as acclaimed educational opportunities that involve students from Waterloo, Cedar Falls, and surrounding communities within a 75-mile radius. Programs include group tours and historic excursions, student outreach and much more.



Touch It.

See It.

Feel It.

Bluedorn Science Imaginarium • Grout Museum of History & Science • Rensselaer Russell House Museum
Snowden House • Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum