



There are more than 100 memorial trees on campus, although many are not labeled. The late Abe Rosenbloom '34 donated more than 70 trees to the campus, each dedicated to a Grinnellian or a public personage. There are also memorial groves on campus. They include one just northeast of the Forum, dedicated in 1983 to Sue Berne Bonine by the class of '58, the Peace Grove just northwest of Burling Library dedicated in June 1991 by the class of '70, and a grove just north of the Harris Center honoring Joseph Rosenfield, class of '25 and long-time board member.



A few mature trees exist on campus with recorded planting dates, and some have been dated by counting annual rings. Three trees are known to have been planted by President Ben Bradley during his tenure from 1902 to 1905. Two of these the Fine Arts Center baldcypress and the ginkgo along the walk east of Goodnow are alive and well. A thriving Chinese chestnut just east of Goodnow was planted in 1915 by botany professor Henry Conard. A cottonwood cut down in 1993 yielded 124 annual rings, indicating a pre-cyclone planting date of 1869. Two other cottonwoods one, the largest tree on campus, located in front of Haines Hall, and the other cottonwood near Cowles are thought to be at least as old.



As we celebrate Grinnell's Sesquicentennial in 1996, we can walk among dozens of trees that were mature at the time of the 1946 Centennial and view several that have marked their own centennials.

