

Popeye Character Trail Statues To Date

1. Popeye – 1977 – Segar Park
2. Wimpy – 2006 – Gazebo Next to Popeye Museum
3. Olive Oyl, Swee'Pea & Eugene the Jeep 2007 – Randolph County Courthouse
4. Bluto – 2008 – Buena Vista Bank corner
5. Castor Oyl & Bernice the Whiffle Hen - 2009 – Memorial Hospital
6. Sea Hag & Bernard the Vulture – 2010 – Walmart
7. Cole Oyl – 2011 – Chester Public Library

Popeye® Character Trail Map

Statue placements numbered

Future Proposed Statues:

Alice the Goon
 Poopdeck Pappy
 Professor Watasnozzle
 Rough House
 Popeye's Nephews
 and others

2012



Chester, Illinois

Home of

Popeye®

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Elzie Crisler Segar was born Dec. 8, 1894, in Chester, IL. From an early age, he wanted to be a cartoonist. He worked at the Chester Opera House in 1906 where silent motion pictures were shown. He took a mail order cartoon course before moving to

Chicago and then broke into comics. His creation of "Thimble Theater" (1919) was his crowning glory. It featured the Oyl family - Cole, Nana, Olive, Castor, and Olive's beau Ham Gravy. In 1929, Segar introduced Popeye into the strip. Popeye soon became the star character as Olive's beau. Elzie Segar died in 1938. His Popeye cartoon is still a world favorite.



Popeye – (1929) Popeye is a strong, hardworking, quick tempered sailorman. "I yam, what I yam!" His heart of gold and love for Olive Oyl and Spinach lead to his many adventures. He was inspired by Frank "Rocky" Fiegel, a local man.

Olive Oyl – (1919) Olive is Popeye's lanky love who is easily smitten with her sailorman. She is impressed by anyone with "edumacation and ettiket". She was modeled after Dora Paskel, a lean local storekeeper.



Wimpy – (1931) J. Wellington Wimpy is a rotund hamburger - loving Moocher who is known to say, "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today". He was modeled after Bill Schuchert, Elzie Segar's boss at the Chester Opera House.



Swee'Pea – (1933) Swee'Pea was first sent to Popeye by express for safe keeping. Later, he was left on Popeye's doorstep for protection. He soon became Popeye's "adoptid infink" who could talk, fight, but didn't walk.



Bluto – (1932) Bluto is a monstrous man who is always competing for Olive Oyl's love. He and Popeye are constantly fighting over things.



Castor Oyl – (1919) Castor is a brother to Olive Oyl. He wanted to promote Popeye as a "sprise-fighter" in the early "Thimble Theater" cartoons. Castor needed a sailor for his ship and thus Popeye began his Ocean - going adventures.



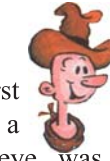
Cole Oyl – (1919) Cole Oyl is Olive's father. Cole is a member of the original "Thimble Theater" with Nana, Castor, Olive, and Olive's boyfriend Ham Gravy.



Nana Oyl – (1919) Nana Oyl is Olive's mother. She only appeared in the early "Thimble Theater" with her family. She is short and passed her shortness to her son, Castor.



Ham Gravy – (1919) Ham Gravy is Olive's first boyfriend in the "Thimble Theater". For a decade, he was Olive's beau. When Popeye was introduced, Ham Gravy was history.



Bernice the Whiffle Hen – (1928) Bernice is a curious bird who brings good luck to its owner. Castor Oyl and Ham Gravy think the hen will bring them luck on Dice Island.



Sea Hag – (1929) "The last true witch on earth" is Popeye's number one true enemy. She is the oldest of his adversaries.



Bernard – (1930's) Bernard, the chief Vulture, is Sea Hag's helper. Sea Hag's magic flute prompts Bernard to perform her evil deeds.



Alice the Goon – (1934) Alice arrived with a frightening appearance as a slave to Sea Hag. Public protests by readers brought a change to Alice. She returned and in time became Swee'Pea's babysitter.



Eugene the Jeep – (1936) A magical animal with charm and personality was given to Olive Oyl by her Uncle Ben. Jeep, as he is known, is the ruler of Jeep Island. He is often called on for his special magical talents.



Poopdeck Pappy – (1936) Poopdeck Pappy, Popeye's father, is rough, ornery and dishonest. He lacks respect for the law and is constantly scheming.



Prof. O. G. Watasnozzle – (1960's) Professor is a short, bearded, be-speckled man who wears a cap and gown. He is a brilliant scientist and mad inventor.



Rough House – (1932) Rough House has the best eating and meeting place in town, the "Rough House Café". The café's specialty is hamburgers. Rough House is the target of many of Wimpy's schemes.



Nephews – (1940's) The four cartoon creations: Pipeye, Peepeye, Poopeye and Pupeye are Popeye's mischievous nephews.

Chester the Dog – (1996 - 1997) Hy Eisman, the current Popeye illustrator, created the cartoon dog in tribute to Segar's hometown.

King Blozo - (1960's) King Blozo is the ruler of Upper Spinachovia Island. It is believed that Swee'Pea is the Rightful Crown Prince. King Blozo plans to get Swee'Pea but the plans are foiled by Popeye.



Patcheye the Pirate – (1963) Patcheye is a pirate who Popeye defeats.

Popeye Picnic – The Annual Popeye Picnic is held in September the weekend following Labor Day. The 3-day event is filled with attractions and entertainment for all ages and many of them are Free! Popeye Picnic events may include a 5K run, 5K competitive walk, 1.5K fun run, Parade, carnival rides, crafts, food and game vendors, petting zoo, inflatables, Popeye Film Festival, Olive Oyl's Café, Popeye Fan Club events, smorgasbord, model plane show, volleyball tournament, cartoon sketching, Sacred Concert, pet show, and new things each year! Outdoor musical entertainment includes popular bands, local performers and dances. Colorful picnic t-shirts are sold displaying the new theme for each Popeye Picnic. A new Popeye Character Trail statue has been unveiled annually since 2006. Visit the Popeye Picnic website for details of the annual fun-filled weekend!

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POPEYE CHARACTER TRAIL

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Current Statues

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| 1 Popeye | Chester Bridge | 1977 |
| 2 Wimpy | Gazebo Park | 2006 |
| 3 Olive/Swee'Pea/Jeep | Randolph Co. Courthouse | 2007 |
| 4 Bluto | Buena Vista Bank | 2008 |
| 5 Castor Oyl/Whiffle Hen | Memorial Hospital | 2009 |
| 6 Sea Hag/Bernard | Wal-Mart | 2010 |
| 7 Cole Oyl | Chester Public Library | 2011 |
| 8 Alice the Goon | Chester Center | 2012 |

Proposed Statues

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| 9 Poopdeck Pappy | Cohen Complex | 2013 |
| 10 Prof. Watasnozzle | Chester High School | 2014 |
| 11 RoughHouse | Reid's Harvest House | 2015 |
| 12 Nephews | Chester Grade School | 2016 |
| 13 Chester the Dog | Chester Fire Department | 2017 |
| 14 King Blozo | Municipal Building | 2018 |
| 15 Patcheye the Pirate | Mississippi Riverfront | 2019 |
| 16 Elzie Segar Bust | Birthplace-Old Plank Rd. | 2020 |

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