“14th Street Overlay” by Wesley Heiss and Marek Walzcak. Installed in 2013 along 14th St. in Downtown Denver.

“14th Street Overlay” is a civic artwork occupying 12 blocks of 14th street between Market Street and Colfax Avenue in Downtown Denver. The work consists of 23 individual cast metal sculptures, optical components, and mounting foundations. Each piece has been specifically designed to align with its selected site in order to tell a story of the place.

Along with the physical presence of the pieces, viewers can visit www.14thst.org to find information about each site and its relevant story. Each element also includes a stainless steel QR code tag. As a whole, “14th Street Overlay” was designed to act as a sort of treasure hunt for pedestrians along the street.

What can you learn about Denver’s history and sense of place through this artwork and corresponding website?