

The Historic Homes Walk Overview

The .87 mile historic homes walk takes you through the Salem Street Historic District. There are architectural descriptions of homes and churches in the guide. This route is the most handicapped/stroller friendly since there are no steps and most curbs have been adapted at designated street crossings

The Walk begins by traveling East on Main St. to the Big Chair. Cross Salem/Randolph Street then use the crosswalk and turn left to go North on Salem Street.

Continue on Salem to Leonard Street. Cross Leonard Street, then use the crosswalk at Leonard Street to cross to the other side of Salem Street.

115 Salem Street- J.T. Strickland Home, 1887

This Victorian home was built by Dr. Strickland for his family in 1887. In the 1950's it became the home of J.A. Green, President of the Telephone Company and son of J.C. Green, Mayor of Thomasville in 1911 and 1919-21, and founder of J.C. Green and Sons Funeral Home.

117 Salem Street- J.T. Strickland Home, 1887

This residence was also built by Dr. Strickland and has numerous special features of the Victorian Style.

121 Salem Street– Hoover Home, 1878

This stately home was built by Reverend John Lewis and replaces another family home built on this site in 1861 that was destroyed by fire. An unusual element of this house are the brick chimneys placed within the gable ends.

125 Salem Street- Kress Home, 1924

This home is one of only three examples in Thomasville of the "Airplane Bungalow" Style built in the 1920's. Built by L.A. Kress, a Lithuanian Jewish immigrant who came to America at the turn of the century. The Kress family owned and operated a popular clothing store at 34 West Main Street for many years.

201 Salem Street- The Crews Home, 1861

The Dutch facade was added in 1921 but parts of the home date to 1861. Baptist Minister Hezakiah Morton and his family lived in the home for almost thirty years, then in 1899 sold the home to J.M. Morris who ran a department store with his son, Arthur.

203 Salem Street- The Hite Home, 1927

Meade B. and Margaret Cates Hite came to Thomasville from Virginia and started Star Furniture Store. This house was designed by two Greensboro architects and constructed in 1927.

207 Salem Street- The Morris Home, 1920

Built by Arthur Morris, who was raised in the Crews Home, it was purchased by C.L. Harris, a wholesale grocer, and remained in his family until the 1960's.

211 Salem Street- The Peacock Home, 1909

Built by J.W. Peacock, local physician and City Councilman 1907-1909 and 1919-21, this house is unique in its form and materials. This is the only house in Davidson County with such extensive use of coursed and cut granite, delivered by horse drawn wagons when construction began in 1906. Representing the Victorian Eclectic period with influences from the Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque styles, distinctive features include the round turret with cone shaped roof, second level shingle siding, and decorative balustrade, bulls eye windows and arcaded front porch. The house became infamous when Dr. Peacock shot and killed Police Chief J.E. Taylor downtown during a Prohibition feud.

215 Salem Street- The Clark Home, 1915

At the corner of Salem and Leonard Streets, this is a charming example of a southern vernacular home.

301 Salem Street- The G. T. Cochrane Home, 1920

American Foursquare with weatherboard siding. The entrance retains its transom and sidelights, but a door on the second floor façade replaces an original window and the one-story porch has been altered with new posts.

6 Leonard Street- Tomlinson Home, 1910's

The two-story, frame, Craftsman-style house has weatherboard siding, a shallow front-gable roof with stepped brackets under the overhanging gable eaves, and exterior chimneys on the east and west elevation.

300 Salem Street- The Gordon Home, 1954

While this one-story, six-bay-wide, brick house has the detailing of a mid-twentieth-century Minimal Traditional style house, its low, elongated form is reflective of Ranch style houses.

210 Salem Street- The Blair Home, 1926

Built in 1926 for Jule and Elizabeth Blair, the Colonial Revival Style house is well designed, boasting two sitting rooms downstairs and two bedrooms with fireplaces upstairs.

208 Salem Street- The Lyles Home, 1924

This impressive Dutch Colonial Style home is identified by the gambrel roof and flared eaves. Built in 1924 for the George W. Lyles family, the home contains several unique interior features including a built in pantry with glass doors and original bath fixtures.

Salem Street– The Thompson Home, 1947

Built by Robert W. Thompson, Sr. who served on the City Council from 1977-81 and was a founding member of the Thomasville Lions Club, this post WWII home has a unique octagon and broken pediment crown above the door.

202 Salem Street- The Blair Home, 1917

This two-story Greek Revival with three ranked façade and centered entrance was built by and home to Mrs. Blair, later Mrs. T.L. Conrad.

200 Salem Street– Cecil Property, 1910

This is just one of many homes built in the early 1900's by local contractor, Schyler Cecil. An interesting hipped-roof design with projecting gable on one side and bay window are complemented by the first level wrap around porch.

118 Salem Street– Heidelberg United Church of Christ, 1954

This impressive structure on Salem Street was erected 1954, and in 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church united and formed the present day United Church of Christ. The “rose window” at the rear of the balcony is a 12-petal design.

116 Salem Street- Heidelberg Parsonage, 1957

Replacing a large two story home built in 1858 that was home to one of Thomasville's first families, the Whitakers, the parsonage for Heidelberg United Church of Christ is a Colonial Revival home which parallels the church in brick and bond pattern.

112 Salem Street- E.L. Webb Home, 1920

The home was built by E.L. Webb, owner of the Thomasville Drug Store. He and his family lived here until the 1950s. The next owner was Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Ragan, owner of Ragan Knitting Mills.

108 Salem St.– St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1949

A group of Thomasville women organized the church and this beautiful Gothic structure was begun September 25, 1949. Distinctive interior features are imported stained glass windows from Germany and an altar carved of white oak. Today it's the Citadel of Faith Christian Fellowship Church.