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# HISTORY

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## FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

405 TELFAIR STREET  
DUBLIN, GA 31021  
478-272-1377

*Open by appointment for tours*

Capture a glimpse into the child that became a legend of the Civil Rights movement. Established in 1867, First African Baptist Church is the oldest African-American Church in Dublin. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his first public speech at First African Baptist Church on April 17, 1944 at the age of 14. Entitled "The Negro and the Constitution," the speech detailed the struggle for true equality, ending with the quote, "My heart throbs anew in the hope that inspired by the example of Lincoln, imbued with the spirit of Christ, they will cast down the last barrier to perfect freedom. And I, with my brother of blackest hue possessing at last my rightful heritage and holding my head erect, may stand beside the Saxon — a Negro — and yet a man!"



FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE OLD POST OFFICE

ALTERRA NETWORKS  
130 E. MADISON STREET  
DUBLIN, GA 31021  
478-272-6569

[www.oldpostofficedublin.com](http://www.oldpostofficedublin.com)  
*Monday-Friday 9 am-3 pm*

Winner of the 2013 Marguerite Williams Award by The Georgia Trust for Excellence in Restoration, The Old Post Office is owned by Jeff Davis, IV. Mr. Davis's fascination with the building began when he was just 5 years old, and years later, in December 2011, Davis realized his dream, and acquired the Old Post Office. Aided by original blueprints and 1,500 pages of century-old correspondence from the National Archives, Davis and his team met the restoration challenge, restoring and replacing original fixtures and removing added walls, including a second story courtroom added during Prohibition.

Davis has moved his Information Technology contracting firm, Alterra Networks, to The Old Post Office. A colocation center is housed in the 4,500 square-foot basement. Colocation centers are secure facilities with backup power generators and

massive cooling systems that house hardware and software systems for clients.

"To have the Old Post Office look like 1912 upstairs and 2112 downstairs is amazing," says Davis. "We've just been very blessed... there is no place else I'd rather be." Davis invites the public to tour The Old Post Office to experience why such buildings "stand as examples of what we should like to see done by the cities and by the citizens themselves." - Franklin Mac Veagh, Secretary of the Treasury, 1909-1913

**DUBLIN- LAURENS HERITAGE CENTER**  
OCONEE REGIONAL LIBRARY  
801 BELLEVUE AVENUE  
DUBLIN, GEORGIA 31021  
478-272-5710

[www.ocrl.org/index.pl/dublin-laurens\\_heritage\\_center.html](http://www.ocrl.org/index.pl/dublin-laurens_heritage_center.html)  
*Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 7 pm*  
*Saturday, 10 am-2 pm*

Housed in the Laurens County Library, the Dublin-Laurens Heritage Center collects, preserves and makes accessible genealogical and historical information. The Heritage Center has grown significantly in the recent years to a beautiful area that holds an increasingly impressive collection with an unrushed, relaxing

atmosphere. The Dublin-Laurens Heritage Center offers internet access, interlibrary loan services and research assistance. Write-in requests are filled for a fee. The Heritage Center also provides workshops and programs designed to build knowledge in using the resources of the Heritage Center.

**DUBLIN CARNEGIE**  
314 ACADEMY AVENUE  
DUBLIN, GA 31021  
478-272-2560

[www.dublincarnegie.com](http://www.dublincarnegie.com)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Dublin's Carnegie Library was constructed in 1904. Andrew Carnegie funded \$10,000 towards the construction of Dublin's Carnegie Library with the condition that the City of Dublin provide at least \$1,000 annually to the library and the community match Carnegie's \$10,000 gift. Hal M. Stanley, a prominent public servant and member of the board of education, led the effort to convince the city to accept Carnegie's gift. This iconic building served as a library and museum until reimagined in 2014 as an art gallery, Downtown Visitors Center, and event venue.





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