

A RICH HERITAGE *of Greensboro*



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A Historic Walking Tour



The Copelan-Evans House

Walking *Tour*

1. Happy Times

208 West Broad Street

Built in 1824, this home became a college dormitory for the Greensboro Female College in 1824. The school was rumored to have Louisa Mae Alcott, the renowned author of *Little Women*, as a teacher at the school.

2. Copelan-Evans House

209 West Broad Street

This many gabled Queen Anne house was completed in 1885 by E.A. Copelan who co-founded the Mary Leila Cotton Mill. Copelan descendants lived here until 1983. It has been lovingly restored and the home to several families in recent years.

3. Spinks-Kanitra House

201 West Greene Street *(pictured on front cover)*

Built prior to 1846, the property was purchased by the Mary Leila Cotton Mill to house the mill managers. The home was renovated in 2007 to house The Potted Geranium Tea Parlor and Gifts. The tea parlor is rated as one of the top tea rooms in Georgia, and owner Laura Kanitra is famous for her scones. For more information, please visit www.thepottedgeranium.com.

4. The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

303 North Main Street

Built in 1868, the design of the church is considered to be Carpenter Gothic, featuring the unusual curved roof and intricate beam-work of that style. To achieve the vertical emphasis of the Gothic style, the distinctive "board and batten" construction technique was used. The window behind the altar is intricately mullioned handmade stained glass which is original to the building.

This is the oldest church in downtown Greensboro.

5. Greene County Courthouse

113 North Main Street

Still serving the public, this courthouse is the third oldest in the state of Georgia. It was built in 1849 in Greek Revival structure. The courthouse is known for the third floor being built and owned by the San Marino Lodge, a local chapter of the Freemasons of Georgia. The Masons kept ownership of the third floor until 1997.

6. The Old Gaol

East Greene Street

Believed to be the oldest standing masonry jail structure in the state, the building has remained virtually unchanged since its completion in 1807. The gallows and trap door still remain where prisoners were dropped to their death. The jail with its two foot thick granite blocks was patterned after the Bastille in Paris. It was used until 1895.



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The Old Gaol

7. L.L. Wyatt Jail

North East Street

This 1895 jail is named for the legendary Sheriff, Loy Lee Wyatt, who enforced the laws in Greene County for fifty-two years until his death in 1977. In 1925, L.L. Wyatt began his law enforcement career as a Greene County policeman who waged a "one-man war" against the making of illegal corn whiskey. Prior to his arrival, moonshine production was considered the leading industry in Greene County, and its product was enjoyed in all of the finest hotels of Atlanta. After having rid the county of its moonshiners, Wyatt ran for the Office of Sheriff in 1940 defeating the incumbent. He served as sheriff until he died in 1977. At the time of his death he was the longest standing Sheriff in the State, with thirty-seven years of service.

8. "The Big Store"

103 South Main Street

Built in 1858, "The Big Store" was purchased by J.H. McCommons whose store was the largest in between Atlanta and Augusta. The slogan the store kept was "We sell everything from the cradle to the grave." During the Civil War, the store was used as a hospital for Confederate soldiers. "The Big Store" still stands with many local tales—including Oscar, the famous unknown man. Please listen to our podcast for more information.

9. Greensboro Post Office

115 South Main Street

The building, circa 1936, contains two of the last remaining Works Progress Administration (WPA) murals in the United Postal System. The murals, painted in 1938 by a WPA artist, depicts the burning of Greensborough in 1787 and picking cotton in the 1930's.

10. Goodwin Manor

306 South Main Street

H.D. Goodwin purchased the property in 1908 and moved a one story house by ox-cart to the location. The Goodwin family has resided in the house for many years. Around the turn of the century, the house was renovated with the Greek Revival style. It currently serves as a bed and breakfast as well as an events facility. For more information, please visit www.goodwinmanor.com.

11. Weaver-Terleckyj House

303 South Main Street

In 1824, the home was built by the Weaver family. The lovely home has been extensively renovated to the current Neo-Georgian style with end porches. The Weaver-Terleckyj house has been host to a tea for First Lady Barbara Bush. The late owner, Roman Terleckyi, has provided much support to the community through his director position with the Oconee Performing Arts Society and his vision for Festival Hall located on Main Street. Prior to joining our community, he worked at the Kennedy Center and at The Washington National Opera as production director.