

# 'NORTH MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT' WALKING TOUR



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## The Tours



Historic Mt. Pleasant, Tenn was established in 1824. It was primarily a farming community in Maury County. It wasn't until phosphate, brown rock, was discovered in 1896 that the city became a boomtown. Population in 1890 was 466 and by 1900, it had exploded to 2,000. Today, it's approximately 5,000.

It wasn't until the discovery of phosphate, that many of the homes and commercial buildings were built to accommodate the influx of people and the needs of the community. Several mining companies began to set up businesses to get in on the mining craze. By 1911, there were 15 plants in the area.

John Ruhm, was President and GM for the Ruhm Phosphate Mining Co and educated people in the profitable use of raw brown rock in its application in soil as a fertilizer. You can view his magnificent home in the Pleasant Historic District.

The '[Pleasant Historic District](#)' and the '[North Main Street Historic District](#)' self-guided walking-driving tours feature homes dating back as early as pre-1824 through the early 1900's. During the walk, you will see many homes not listed in the brochure to appreciate and admire as well. Included in the tours, are some of the downtown commercial buildings which are part of the '[Commercial Historic District](#)'. We have such a plethora of historic homes and buildings that are restored/preserved and others waiting for their next caregiver. Our historic homes are the reason so many homeowners choose Historic Mt. Pleasant as their community.

The Pleasant Historic District is the largest identified, undisturbed neighborhood in the City and reflects the enormous economic impact of the early phosphate boom.

All districts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its history in the phosphate industry as well as the variety of architectural styles. Historic preservation is important for our city's history and our future.

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*"Taking Pride in Our City"*

# Enjoy the Tour!

Many of these locations are on private property. Please respect the privacy of the property owners as you walk or drive by their homes.



# 1

Breckenridge Hatter House | ca. 1819  
205 N. Main Street

Built in 1819, this is the oldest standing structure in Mt. Pleasant. Constructed of cedar logs set on a stone foundation. Ebenezer Smith lived upstairs while operating a Hatter's Shop on the main floor. While not in the historic district, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and home to Mt. Pleasant's Visitor Center.



# 2

Price House | ca. 1847  
209 N. Main Street

Although not in a historic district, it is certainly worth admiring this beautiful home. It was built for Francis Price and his wife, Lavonia Ridley (a well off family with a farm and interest in the phosphate industry). Mr. Price was a merchant in Mt. Pleasant. They owned expensive breeding horses. Unfortunately went bankrupt in 1851.



# 3

Bullock House | ca. 1904  
405 N. Main Street

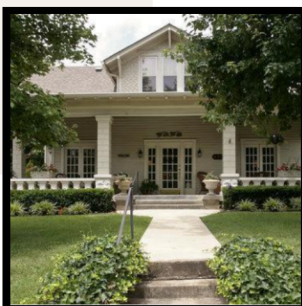
This historical home is a Neo-Classical architectural style with Tuscan columns, two corbeled interior brick chimneys and a stone wall around the property. It was built for Robert Bullock, proprietor of Mt. Pleasant Hardware store. He also served as Mayor of Mt. Pleasant between 1916-1924.



# 4

Williams House | ca. 1938  
406 N. Main Street

This Cottage Revival style home was built for C.C. Williams, a farmer and livestock dealer. Built by William Parks and Parks Lumber Company in Lawrenceburg and it is built on the site of Howard Institute.



# 5

Cooper House | ca. 1906  
407 N. Main Street

This well cared for Bungalow influenced house was built for Robert (Bob) Cooper and his family. He was a merchant at a local grocery store. The porch of this beautiful home seems to welcome you and guests in for an evening of conversation and perhaps a glass of wine.

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## 6

**Burnett House | ca. 1925**  
410 N. Main Street

This home was built for Mr. Leslie Burnett and Mary Bond Burnett. They raised their four children in this house. Leslie was plant manager for a phosphate plant in Mt. Pleasant. The garage was built in 1925 and is also listed on the Historic Register.



## 7

**Shofner - Jones House | ca. 1905**  
411 N. Main Street

This 1905 Federal Revival home was built for D.W. Shofner, founder and President of the First National Bank. The property is surrounded by a stone wall and iron fence. The one-story porch is framed by a pair of columns topped with Scamozzi capitals. Mr. Shofner later traded his home for one on First Ave owned by Dr. Jones.



## 8

**Brooks-Burnett House | ca. 1905**  
503 N. Main Street

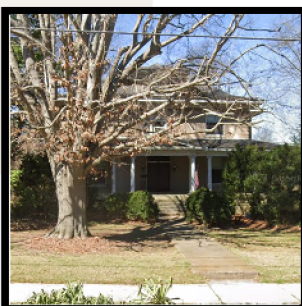
This charming home is estimated to be built between 1904-1910. William D. Brooks and family were residing in the home in 1910 and sold it to James W. Burnett in 1919 who lived there with his wife and children. Leslie Burnett (son), built a home located at 410 N. Main. James was a plant supervisor for a phosphate company.



## 9

**Craig House | ca. 1907**  
507 N. Main Street

This stunning Queen Anne home has so many incredible features. It has a beautiful wrap around porch, an octagonal corner turret with a domed roof and finial. The house was built for hardware store owner, A. W. Craig and his wife Nona Hill Craig. The guest house and garage built later are also on the National Register.



## 10

**Wilson House | ca. 1912**  
509 N. Main Street

This two story brick Neo-Classical style home was built for Willie Wilson and his wife Memie and their son, Vance. Willie worked as a farmer. The porch is supported by fluted columns with Scamozzi capitals, an entry pediment and transom over the door.

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## 11

Walnut Grove | ca. 1857  
510 N. Main Street

A Greek Revival home built by Nathan Vaught for Mrs. Sabra Lawrence. Fire destroyed the original home. The kitchen is in the rear of the house and built in 1824. "Walnut Grove" earned its name from the abundance of walnut trees once surrounding the property. In the 1880's, the home was used as a dorm for the Episcopal School for boys, 'Oley School'.



## 12

Ruhm - Clarke House | ca.1900  
514 N. Main Street

This Folk Victorian was built for engineer, developer and phosphate company owner, Herman Ruhm. He platted the subdivisions on N. Main and Washington Ave. Dr. C.Y. Clarke later resided here for 80 years. In 1930, the Clarke Training School was named in honor of him for helping secure land and a building.



## 13

Harris House | ca. 1930  
600 N. Main Street

A great example of a Colonial Revival, this stately home displays a full-length monumental portico supported by Tuscan columns, and an iron cantilever balcony. The home was built for Wiley and Addie Harris and their two sons. He was a farmer and phosphate landowner.



## 14

Kittrell Brothers House | ca. 1925  
601 N. Main Street

A Bungalow influenced craftsman style home. Both the house and the garage are listed on the National Register.



## 15

Hollins House | ca. 1920  
603 N. Main Street

A great example of a Craftsman style bungalow. It has a massive central gabled dormer, porch with tapered posts and entry with sidelights. It was built for Robert and Elva Hollins. He was an overseer in a phosphate plant.

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Other historical sites to visit in/near Mt. Pleasant. Both require driving to get to there.



Rattle and Snap Plantation | ca. 1842  
1522 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant

Rattle and Snap is a privately owned home available for tours by appointment only. It was built for George and Sallie Polk. Known to be one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture in the U.S. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.



St. John's Episcopal Church | ca. 1842  
6947 Trotwood, Columbia

St. John's Church borders on Mt. Pleasant and Columbia. It was consecrated in 1842 by James Hervey Otey, the first Episcopal Bishop of Tennessee. The church was built by Leonidas Polk and his brothers. Since 1921, services are only held once a year on Whitsunday – the Feast of Pentecost.

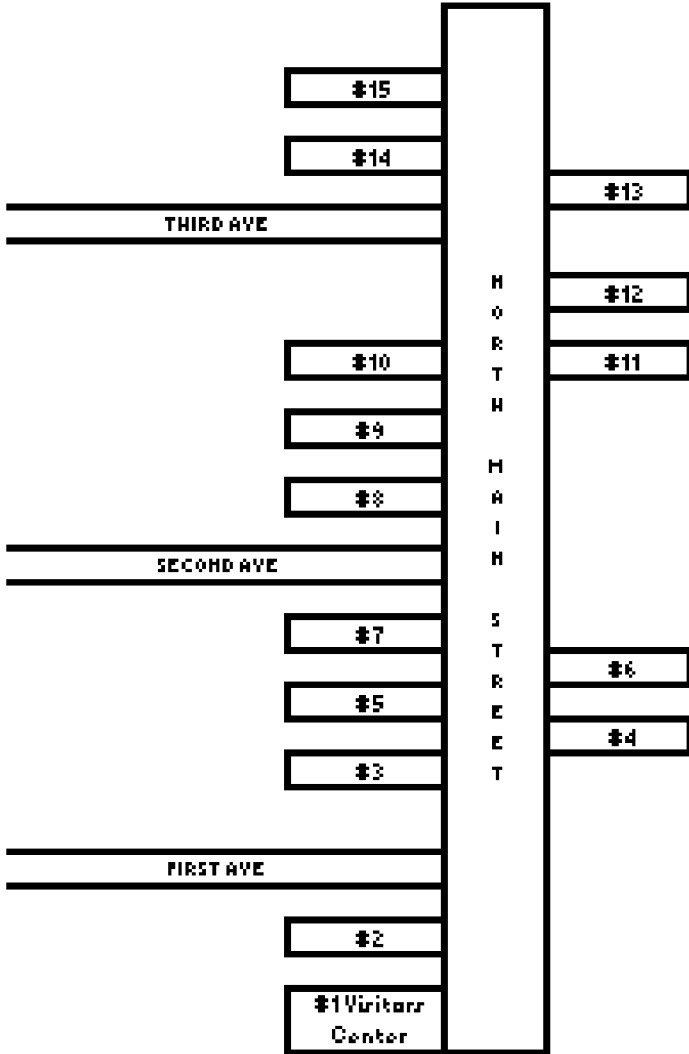


*"There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here or there, but those days are gone. Preservation is in the business of saving communities and the values they embody."*

Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation

You can follow the map in whichever order you choose.  
It starts at #1 which is the Mt. Pleasant Visitor Center.

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SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR**



MAP IS NOT TO SCALE



# ABOUT THE TEAM



## ANGELA NEWMAN

My husband and I purchased a ca. 1915 home in the Pleasant Historic district in 2017 after discovering the city's charm and historical buildings.

Soon after moving to Mt. Pleasant, I fulfilled a personal dream of opening a small store, 1824 General Store, as a way to participate in the revitalization efforts of the community.

### James Skilling

I hold a Master's in Business Administration, have over 20 years' experience in leadership roles, and for nearly a decade have been a Real Estate investor. I am so fortunate to be able to combine my passion for real estate, community, and historical properties working as a Real Estate Agent in Tennessee.

I enjoy promoting communities and small businesses through social media, designing Historic District walking tours and providing New Resident Welcome Packets to homeowners in Mt. Pleasant.

I invite you to come and visit our quaint, historic town, shop our small businesses and dine in our restaurants. Who knows, you may find yourself wanting to move here or open a business like I did. 😊 Feel free to reach out to me if I can assist you with any of your real estate needs or with any comments or questions.

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## THE COMMUNITY

The rest of the team is 'the community' that makes up our city. It's the residents, the business owners, the educators, the city officials and the visitors. It's each and everyone of us doing our small part to preserve our history, to support small businesses and each other so our town continues to thrive.

All of us play a part in making our 'community' what it is today and defining what it will become in the future.



# THE COMMUNITY



Mt. Pleasant is one of the city's recognized in Nashville's Big Back Yard.

For more information about NBBY and Mike Wolfe's involvement, visit their website.

[www.nashvillesbigbackyard.org/](http://www.nashvillesbigbackyard.org/)

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## Downtown Shopping

Poiema Studio Gallery | 103 S. Main St. | Art Gallery and Supplies

High Forest Releaf | 110 N. Main St. | Seed to Store Dispensary

A Pinch of the Past | 113 N. Main St. | Home Decor and More

Breckenridge Baby Boutique | 99 Public Square | Children's Boutique

Pleasant Home and Gift | 111 Public Square | Gift and Home Decor

Veritas Guitars | 104 S. Main St. | Custom Guitars | By Appointment

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## Downtown Food and Drink

Mt. Pleasant Grille | 100 S. Main | American Grille

Mt. Pleasant Nutrition | 106 N. Main | Nutritional Shakes and More

Twisted Copper Brewing Co. | 121 S. Main | Craft Beer Brewery

The Mayan Riviera. | 305 N. Main | Mexican Restaurant

Dari Gem | 107 1st Ave | Hamburgers, Shakes and More

The Pizza Place | 206 N. Main Street | Pizza, Sandwiches and More

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## Downtown Places to Stay

The Cottage on Main | Airbnb | Located in the N. Main Historic District

The Loft at 109 | Airbnb | Located in the Commercial Historic District

Pleasant Place | Airbnb | Located in the Pleasant Historic District