



HISTORIC WALK #2

This tour begins and ends at the Excelsior House Hotel.

1. **Excelsior House.** See Historic Homes Walk #1.
2. **The Atalanta.** See Historic Homes Walk #2.
3. **Thomas Jefferson Park.** Developed by Historic Jefferson Foundation in 1987 to honor town's namesake. The bronze bust of Thomas Jefferson is by native sculptress, Tommie Wurtsbaugh Glick.
4. **Marion County Courthouse.** 1912. Built on site of early mercantile buildings, it replaced an original structure on Broadway which was destroyed by fire.
5. **Mule Drawn Wagon and Carriage Tours.**
6. **Steamboat Warehouse.** c1860s. Large mercantile building was used by Rudolph Ballouf, a merchant and steamboat owner.
7. **Old Planters Bank Building.** 1867. With fan-light arched entrances, original cast-iron balcony, and interior bank vault, this is a fine example of riverport architecture.
8. **Steamboat Turning Basin.** This is near the site where steamboats coming into Jefferson docked and turned around to return downstream to

Caddo Lake, Shreveport and beyond. Currently pending restoration.

9. **James McGarity Saloon.** 61 Dallas St, the last of a row of former mercantile buildings and warehouses. Currently undergoing restoration.
10. **Haywood House.** 1868. Once a famous hotel, then a private residence, then library and museum. Structure is one-quarter of the original structure.
11. **Jefferson Historical Museum.** See Historic Homes Tour # 4.
12. **George Todd House.** 1893. A carpenter Gothic home built by former attorney in Diamond Bessie Murder Trial.
13. **Torrans-Clopton-Spellings House.** c1860. Greek Revival home was moved to this location in 1882.
14. **Captain William Perry Home.** 1850s. Now attached to a funeral home, built by a famous steamboat captain and first owner of Excelsior House. Building shows the influence of the Greek Revival style in the builder's native New England.
15. **Seaborn Moseley House.** 1851. Built by Joseph C. Preston and was originally had an open-air dogtrot which was enclosed in the 1880s.
16. **Singleton House.** This Virginia Cross style home was built by Abernathy and owned by the Singleton family from 1885 to 1976.
17. **Site of Culberson House.** 1870. Site of the home of former Texas Congressman David Culberson. His son, Charles Allen Culberson, became Texas Attorney General, Governor and U.S. Senator.
18. **Ruth Lester Memorial.**
See Historic Homes Walk #7.
19. **Jefferson Playhouse.**
See Historic Homes Walk #8.
20. **First United Methodist Church.** See Historic Homes Walk #9
21. **Sedberry House.** 1869 on corner of Henderson and Market Streets. This raised mansion was built during the height of the steamboat era, with winding cast-iron staircases, stained glass windows and elaborate ceiling rosettes for gas chandeliers.
22. **Sterne Fountain.** See Historic Homes Walk #5.
23. **Carnegie Library.** See Historic Homes Walk #6.



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1. **Excelsior House.** 1850s. This historic hotel has been in continuous operation since the 1850s. Built by Captain William Perry who brought the first steamboat to Jefferson in 1844. It is now owned by the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club.
2. **The Atalanta.** c1882. The private railroad car of Jay Gould, an American industrial and railroad tycoon. It contains original fixtures. Available for tour by appointment at the Excelsior House.
3. **Captain William Perry Park** was named for the builder of Excelsior House.
4. **Jefferson Historical Society Museum.** 1888. Former Federal Court House and Post Office and now the home of the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum. Note magnolia tree, planted as a seedling by former First Lady Lady Bird Johnson from the tree on the White House lawn which was planted during term of President Andrew Jackson.
5. **Sterne Fountain.** Cast of pure bronze, by the J.L. Mott Foundry in New York City and given
6. **Carnegie Library.** 1907. One of four libraries in Texas built with funds from Andrew Carnegie which still serves its original purpose.
7. **Ruth Lester Memorial.** 1869. Built as a private residence, then used as a Catholic Convent. This building is connected to the Jefferson Playhouse.
8. **Jefferson Playhouse.** 1875. Constructed as a Jewish Synagogue and now used as a playhouse.
9. **First United Methodist Church.** 1884. The congregation was formed in 1844 and first worshipped in a log cabin at this location.
10. **Schluter House.** Iconic structure of Jefferson. c1870s. Currently a privately residence.
11. **Christ Episcopal Church.** 1868. This neo-Gothic Church was built eight years after the congregation was organized. It has the original pews.
12. **Emmert-Dole House.** 1868. Early home of Alice Emmert the first female school superintendent. During 1924-26, Claudia Taylor, later Lady Bird Johnson, boarded here while a student at Jefferson High School.
13. **Cumberland Presbyterian Church.** 1872. Built by John Ligon in a neo-Gothic style, located across from the Park which once served as a city marketplace. Contains many original furnishings.
14. **Jefferson House.** 1850-60. Constructed by Bartholomew Figures, a large landowner in a classic Greek Revival style.
15. **Secession Hall.** 1856. Judge W.S. Todd purchased this house in 1858. He was an avid Civil War secessionist who named his son William Secession Todd.
16. **The Manse.** 1853. This highly stylized Greek Revival home was formerly owned by the Presbyterian Church.
17. **House of the Seasons.** 1872. The colored

glass in cupola depicts the changing seasons. This Italianate structure was built by Benjamin Epperson, an attorney and large landowner. Currently a tour home.

18. **Alley-McKay House.** 1851. Home built by Daniel Alley, founder of Jefferson, and used as his residence until his death in 1868.
19. **Guarding Oak.** 1858. A lovely renovation on the site of an 1850s-era home.
20. **Old Rowell House.** 1858. In the classic Jefferson cottage style, this home was owned for many years by J.H. Rowell Sr a pioneer businessman in Jefferson.
21. **Captain's Castle.** c1858. Originally the Rogers McCasland Home, building is actually 3 homes; one of which was once a bordello.
22. **Old Atkins House.** c1859. Private residence in the classic Jefferson style.
23. **Alley-Carlson House.** 1861. Owned by the same family until 1991, it features original furnishings.
24. **French Townhouse.** c1861. Built by Dan Alley Jr. with Victorian architectural features. It contains the original interior wooden structures.
25. **Bateman-Rowell House.** 1862. Greek Revival home has the original gas meter (c1867) inside the hallway. Also has the original servant's quarters, gazebo, outhouse, milk barn and chicken house.
26. **R.S. Terry House.** 1880. Victorian home built by a cotton broker has fine architectural window and door treatments.
27. **William Clark Home.** 1851. Victorian cottage has classical lines and features windows which extend to the floor.
28. **Beard House.** 1860. Neo-Classical home has Victorian columns and outstanding steamboat Gothic trim. Built by Noble Birge, a merchant and a civic promoter of navigation projects.
29. **Site of Brooks Hotel.** Once an historic inn where Abe Rothschild and Bessie Moore stayed. Currently a privately owned, public park.