

15 W. 10th Street c. 1903

The Peerless Grille

By 1905, R. E. Garner used the building to house his Peerless Café and Pool Room. After Garner's death, the café was taken over by the Jeebles until c. 1917. Throughout its history, the building has housed a grocery, a general merchandise store, a barber shop, a financial office and a pawn shop. Lil Cajun Cookery opened briefly. In 2010, like its neighbor returned to its roots, when the Peerless Grille opened.



13 W. 10th Street c. 1903

The Peerless Saloon

Constructed to house R. E. Garner's Peerless Saloon (1903-1908). After Garner's death, the building was used as a billiard's hall, jewelry store and locksmith and jewelry and pawn shop. The Peerless Saloon reopened in the building in 1993.

1030 Gurnee Avenue c. 1925

Downing's General Store

First of four adjoining buildings constructed in 1925 to house P. D. Bonds Grocery. Used as grocery from (1925-1962). In 1964, Mary Carter Paints and Supplies moved into the building. The business became Downing's around 1976.



1311 Gurnee Avenue c. 1902

Charles Rice Law Firm

The Nonnenmacher Home. Built by the first town baker, German-born Charles Nonnenmacher. The Nonnenmacher decedents lived in the home until 1982. The AnnistonCity Planning Department occupied the site (1988-1997) then the Charles Rice Law Firm firm purchased the home.



416 W. 15th Street c. 1927

Jackson's Unisex Barber

Replaced a frame structure to house Charles L. Battle's restaurant (1929-1935) then a succession of restaurant owners occupied the site. In its history, the building housed a package store, a shoe shine parlor, and a worship center. General Jackson opened his barber shop on site in 1984.



509 W. 15th Street c. 1900

Opening soon, A History Making Coffee Shop

Originally built as a grocery and general merchandise store for W. H. Cooper (1900-1917). Served as a grocery, Economy Clothing Store, Dawn 5 & 10 Cent Store, Protective Industrial Insurance Company and Anne's Flower Garden.



1208 Walnut Avenue c. 1888

Cheaha Brewing Company

L&N Freight Depot was constructed to serve as the passenger and freight depot for both the L&N Railroad and the Southern Railway. By 1890, passenger service moved to Union Depot and the Southern moved to their own depot in 1926. L&N stopped passenger service in 1949 and a few years later freight. In the mid-1990s, the building was renovated to house a restaurant. Home to Cheaha Brewing Company since 2013.



1600 Quintard Avenue c. 1888

Hotel Finial

McKleroy-Wilson-Kirby home. Built for Col. John M. McKleroy. Sold by the McKleroy family at auction in 1920 to William C. Wilson, President of Emory Foundry Co. In 1949, purchased by the Kirby family. Remained a private home until 1984 when it was renovated as a hotel, The Victoria. Renovated and reopened in 2016 as Hotel Finial.

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906 Noble Street c. 1920

Anniston Galleries

Block revitalization in the 1920's led to this building's renovation. The longest occupying tenant was Paint, Glass, and Building Supply (1919-80). A series of shops occupied the building starting in the late 1980s, including a furniture store and a music store. Anniston Galleries opened in 1995.

910 Noble Street c. 1915

Avalon Studios

Building renovated to serve as a ladies' rest room and office of the county agent (1922-24). Housed a grocery, a restaurant, and building material company. Jones Drug, later John's Drug stayed at the location until it reverted back to a restaurant. Various shops occupied the building until 1995 when Avalon Studios opened.



913 Noble Street c. 1953

CD Cellar

A 1953 fire destroyed much of the original building that housed Hollingsworth Furniture. Reconstructed for Emery's 5 and 10 (1957-80). Stores including a shoe store (1981-89), a restaurant (1996-97), and hair and nail salon (1999-2001) were in this space before CD Cellar opened in 2011.

1005 Noble Street c. 1890

McNaron Group

Was built to house the Bank of Anniston (1890-1905). Multiple businesses occupied the site over the years including: A.J. Goodwin Insurance (1913-17), Boutwells (1922-29), Western Union (1931-51), Clarks Credit Clothiers (1953-65), Couch's (1967-89), and the Spirit of Anniston (1995-99). McNaron Group has occupied the building since 2007.



1012 Noble Street c. 1888

Hair and Co.

Constantine Block Building. Used primarily as a hardware store under various names: Alf Truitt (1888-97), W. L. Kemp and Co., Dixie, L. T. Smith, and Bell Hubbard. Hill Grocery and Charm Fashions occupied the building until long-term tenant Warners opened. A bridal shop and a financial and insurance agency occupied the building in recent years. Hair and Co. opened in 2017.



1014 Noble Street c. 1888

Nunnally's Noble Frame & Gallery

The Constantine Block Building's first occupant was Russell Brothers Studio. The site was occupied by Ory's Department Store (1905-17), by several dry goods merchandises (1917-1942), Kinney's Shoes (1942-64), Clark's Credit Clothiers (1966-86), and became home to Nunnally's Noble Frame & Gallery since 2007.

1018 Noble Street c. 1900

The Music Box

Home of Jebeles Bros. Candy and Confectionary later renamed Held and Antonio Bakery (1905-20). Site of Royal Hat Cleaners (1920-49) and the became a men's clothing store (1955-75) Recent occupants included a wig store (1976-99) and Spirit of Anniston (2006-present). The Music Box opened for business at the site in 2016.



1024 Noble Street c. 1888

Classic on Noble

Levi Building housed Isidor Levi Saloon (1894-1900). Various stores occupied the site including Buhler Brothers (1920s) and Shields Clothing (1930s). Was renovated in the early 1940s to house W. F. Woolworth's until it closed in 1972. Bill's Dollar store spent a few years here until 2000 when it was reconfigured for Classic on Noble restaurant.



1118 Noble Street c. 1898

Alexander's

Anniston Hardware Building. J. C. Sproull moved Anniston Hardware to the site in 1898 and remained there until 1953. In 1955, Couch's operated from the building before Rose's moved in (1956-1972). Businesses that occupied the site included: The Value Mart Dollar Store (1976-1978), G. F. Wilson (1981-1983), and Old English Village (1986-2003). Alexanders opened in 2016.

1213 Noble Street c. 1920

Lance Johnson Photography Studio

Built as doctors' offices. Home to Vanity Hat (1926-1929), a series of restaurants and an appliance store. Most notably used as a photography studio: Hollywood Photo Studio, Mary G. Roberts, and Lance Johnson Studio since 1989.



1224 Noble Street c. 1891

Catalyst, Arts & Event Center

Built as a general merchandise store. Store occupants included: O'Bryant's (1896-1898), R. C. Johnson and Son, Smoot and Bell, and G W Benton. Around 1922, Smith and Usrey Funeral home occupied the site. In the 20th Century, the building was home to a restaurant, dry goods, hardware, clothing store, beauty shop, and karate school. Catalyst opened 2016.



1301 Noble Street c. 1917

The Homestead / Liberty Square

The Hotel Jefferson Davis was constructed in 1917 as the Manhattan Hotel. Originally, a three-story structure built on the corner, a five-story annex was added in 1942. The hotel has had various names throughout the years including: Manhattan (1917-25) Jeff Davis (1925-65) American Host (1966-74) Heart of Anniston Inn (1975-91) and Homestead since 1992.



15 E. 10th Street c. 1917

Couch's Jewelers

Several furniture stores occupied the site throughout the years: T. S. Bagley Furniture Company (1908-17), Cater Furniture Company (1917-65), and Rhodes Furniture (1965-88). The building was renovated and has been home to Couch's Jewelers since 1990.