

EXPERIENCE NOLENSVILLE

★★★ THEN & NOW ★★★

Historic Nolensville ~Early 1900's Looking South

Then: Stage Coach Inn
Now: A Home Place
Bed and Breakfast

Nolensville First
United Methodist
Church

Then: The Bank of
Nolensville
Now: The Diva
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History brings a community together. A historical building holds stories in its walls and transports visitors to another time, giving them a sense of place and gratitude for what came before. This tour will help fund the ongoing preservation of the Morton-Brittain House. It gives us sensory instruction from the past, helps us find wisdom in the present, and even inspiration for the future.

Historic Tour

JOIN US! BE A PART OF THIS
EXTRAORDINARY STORY AS
WE UNFOLD THE HISTORY OF
NOLENSVILLE

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TN

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23

&

1 - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 24

2021



Nolensville Historical Society

The Nolensville Historical Society is a non-profit, 501 (c) 3 organization established in 2001. The organization saved and restored the Historic Nolensville School, built in 1937. The project began in 2009 and culminated with the school being added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2012.

The school and gym reopened as a museum and event space in 2013. It is now home to a museum of town history, which includes a historical schoolroom, 1937 kitchen, 4-H history room on one end of the building, and an event space on the other end, where the school gym and cafeteria were. The Historic School Museum is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m.- noon on the first Saturday of each month. The museum, curated by Michelle W. Jenkins and the museum crew, became a destination for those seeking to learn about genealogy and town history. Visit NolensvilleHistoricalSociety.org.

In cooperation with the Williamson County Historical Society, NHS stepped in to erect historic markers. A marker was dedicated at the historic school in 2018. Another marker was dedicated in 2006 at Sunset Park on Sunset Road, which served as a popular recreation center for African Americans during segregation and beyond. NHS also contributed to Nolen's newest marker at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, erected Aug. 7, 2021.

NHS's passion and purpose is to educate the public about history. Members have led classes for children and adults and stay involved in the annual Buttercup Festival, serving up members' famous cobbler, old-fashioned games and treating folks to a blacksmithing demonstration.

In 2019, NHS received a Williamson County Heritage Foundation Preservation award for its work to save the 1870 Morton-Brittain House from demolition.

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The Morton-Brittain Project

In keeping with Nolensville Historical Society's mission to promote the preservation and restoration of historic sites in and around the Nolensville community, the NHS put money behind its words in 2019, working with a committee on an extraordinary preservation project that would save, move and restore the Morton-Brittain House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built as a two-story home around 1870 by George W. Morton, he and his wife Mary Louise raised their 11 children there. He sold to the Brittain family in 1890, who like the Mortons descended from some of the earliest families to migrate to Tennessee from North Carolina. John Sherwood Brittain, wife Katherine Newsom and four children survived devastating tornadoes that swept through the South in 1900. The storm took off the second level of the home and the Brittains rebuilt it as a one-story.

In a commercial area, the home was about to be demolished when the Nolensville Historical Society moved to save it, with support and direction from the Heritage Foundation of Williamson County. Because the only way to save the home was to move it, the community immediately raised \$40,000 through a gofundme campaign to move the house.

The home was moved on three trucks from its spot on Nolensville Road just about a mile south to a safe, permanent site in the historic district on Sam Donald Court on Feb. 4, 2019. The multi-year preservation project has forged ahead with fundraising efforts by the Morton-Brittain committee. Project upon project has been completed and work is ongoing in the home.

- Footings/foundation, walls and piers were constructed.
- Paneling, sheetrock, insulation and old wiring were taken out and 10 tons of materials were hauled to the county landfill.
- Three original chimneys were preserved and 1,000-1,500 original bricks pressure washed, chiseled and cleaned to be reused.
- A replicated metal roof was installed.
- Upcoming work includes installing hardi-plank siding to match the original.

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More on 1900 Tornado; Join us at the Morton-Brittain House on Oct. 23-24.

Morton-Brittain House



The Event

Take a tour of 10 historic homes, churches and a school/museum that tell the story of Nolensville, a small town woven into Williamson County's heritage. Join us as docents show these beautiful locations to expand your knowledge and appreciation of what built us.

Photos by Robert Haines



1. Morton-Brittain House, west of 9927 Sam Donald Court

This home is the reason for our tour and for now, may be viewed from the outside only, as it is in the preservation process. Slated for demolition, the Nolensville Historical Society and community banded together to move the 1870 home from Nolensville Road to the historic district on Sam Donald Court in 2019. The home sits on a solid foundation, has a replicated metal roof, and is in constant process of renovation.



2. Brittain House, 1016 Brittain Downs Drive

On Brittain Lane, this home was part of a 243-acre dairy farm owned by Harry and Roberta Brittain. Its original log portion was built in 1863. In the 1930s, using timbers from nearby woods, the house was moved by the Brittain family a quarter mile to be closer to the road and the creek where it sits now.



3. A Homeplace Bed & Breakfast, 7286 Nolensville Road

This original Nolen home was built by the husband of Emily Nolen Barnes, who was William Nolen's daughter. Later, it was known as the Stagecoach Inn. In the early-mid 20th century, the Putman family lived in the home and operated a store next door. Bought at auction in 1989, the home in the historic district was restored and turned into a lovely bed and breakfast.



4. Nolen House, 7265 Nolensville Road

Nolensville's namesake, William Nolen and his large family lived in the original log cabin in the early 1800s. The home was moved in 2009 to save it from demolition. It was restored and the home is now occasionally rented for special events. Part of the original log cabin is encased on display.

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5. TC Ozment House, 9927 Sam Donald Court

Built in the late 1800s, this home was bought by the TC Ozment family in 1942. Its artesian well, with a pump built by Ozment, supplied water to local businesses. The home was restored, and is now used as a business office.



6. Stearns House, 7331 Nolensville Road

First owned by William Nolen in the early 1800s, it was purchased by William King in 1872 for \$750. James and Lillie Carmichael Williams raised their family and lived here until 1961. Tom and Marida Stearns bought it in 1985.



7. Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 101 King Street

Soon after the Civil War, the African American community started worshipping on this land, which was purchased and deeded to them in 1869. Rebuilt in the mid-1940s, this church congregation added classrooms in the early 2000s and has had numerous renovations over the years.



8. Mill Creek Church of Christ, 7260 Nolensville Road

First records of this church show a gospel meeting in 1891. The congregation built what was then called Pleasant Valley Church in 1894. The building had to be moved back 125 feet when Nolensville Road was paved in the late 1920s.



9. Nolensville First United Methodist Church, 7316 Nolensville Road









This church was built in 1894 with lumber from a local sawmill on Mill Creek. It was the third location for the congregation, which goes back to 1837. In the 1930s, a basement was added and later classrooms, offices and fellowship hall were built.



10. Historic Nolensville School, 7248 Nolensville Road

This school was built in 1937. Its cafeteria and gym were added in the late 1940s, and the building served as a school until 1972. Restored by the Nolensville Historical Society and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012, the original school is a museum of Nolensville's history, with the gym and dining area rented for special events.

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TOUR PROGRAM AD

The tour program is a high quality color booklet that features the tour and sponsors. Each ticket holder will receive a program.

This is an opportunity to purchase a promotional marketing ad space.

We appreciate your efforts in supporting the Nolensville Historical Society with the Morton/Brittain House preservation

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A Note of Thanks

Nolensville Historical Society's Morton-Brittain Committee sincerely appreciates your contribution, allowing our town to grow in a way that engages our community and defines who we are. Our efforts will retain Nolensville's unique heritage, providing guests with a feel for why we love it here, a story that exists nowhere else on earth. Your participation makes this effort possible, and inspires future generations to act accordingly.

With deepest gratitude,

Morton-Brittain Committee, Nolensville Historical

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