

17 Rutherford Court House
Completed in 1926, it was designed by Louis H. Asbury. The classical stone veneer building features a two-story portico.

From Historic Parades to New Traditions
Since 1797, downtown Rutherfordton has always been a favorite gathering place for festivals, reunions and any reason to celebrate. Today, its still serves as a hot spot for meeting friends, enjoying live music, and cheering on local race teams in the annual soap box derby "Race for the Gold!"



26 Sylvan Theatre
Built in 1932, "Gone with the Wind" was shown to a sold out crowd for three weeks in 1939.

27 The Cedar Inn - 1860
Built by M.L. Mitchell it housed one of the first pharmacies, and operated as a successful boarding house for over 100 years. It was purchased as a private residence in 1986.

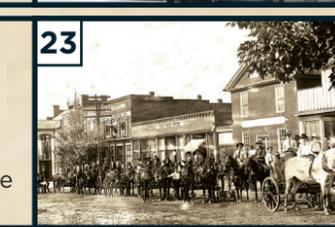


18 Commercial Bank

19 Meat Market



28 The Firehouse Inn
Built in 1925 it was once home to City Hall and the fire department. It now serves as a historic bed and breakfast inn, complete with hand painted murals and artwork.



20 Twitty Drug Store

21 Dixon Hardware



29 Hardin House - 1879
This two-story Queen Anne style house was built for Sheriff W.I. Hardin. It was later purchased by the Powers Family in 1943.



22 Tanner
Once home to Keeter Hardware it is now home to one of the first textile manufacturers in the area and sells high-end women's clothing.



30 Rucker House - 1858
This Gothic Revival home highlights steep pitch gables and dormers and a unique ceiling inside painted by a traveling artist in 1890.



23 The Gallery
Erected in 1924, this is one of the oldest downtown buildings and was home to businesses like McDaniel Sanders Co. and the Bee Hive.



24 Opera House
Once home to an Opera House in 1895, the first Commercial Bank of Rutherfordton and later Carson Furniture Company.

31 Lynch House - 1870
This Victorian period home is designed with wrap-around porches, chippendale railings and gables with mousetooth shingles.



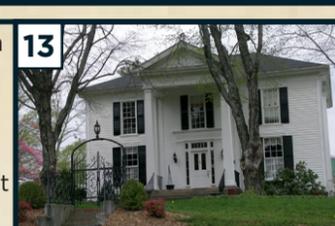
1 Norris Public Library
Built in 1933 it was named after the Norris family whose daughters established the library in 1921.



5 Citizens Bank/Union Trust
Once a focal point of downtown, the Ionic columns and granite are gone and it sits vacant awaiting a new tenant to claim its history.



9 First Methodist Church
Established in 1825, the current brick structure dates back to 1925 and features a five story steeple that sets it apart from other churches.



13 Holly Hill - 1836
This Greek Revival style home was built in 1836 by James Miller and is one of the oldest private residences in town.



2 Woodrow Jones
This Georgian-Revival federal building was built in 1931 and served as a post office. Today it houses businesses and a welcome center.



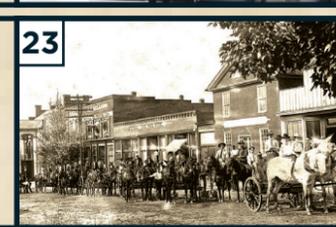
6 Professional Surveying
Although its previous tenants are unknown, today's owner displays his deep appreciation of history with treasures of the past you have to see.



10 St. John's Episcopal
Established in 1847, today this church is owned by the Rutherford County Historical Society.



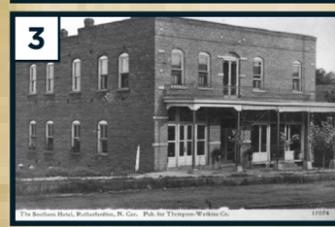
14 Bechtler House
Built in 1837, it was home to Christopher Bechtler who minted the first \$1 gold coin and operated a private mint in the 1830s.



22 Carrier House - 1835
The oldest of two homes Harvey Carrier built for his family. Built in the Federal style, shingled gables & sawnwork were added post Civil War.



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3 Hill's Hardware
Part of this building was once the Southern Hotel. In fact, the grand staircase that led guests to their rooms in 1910, still stands today.



7 LuRe Cafe
Pronounced by locals as Lou Ray, it was a favorite hot spot for lunch and dinner back in 1920.



11 St. Francis Episcopal
Built in 1899, it is a fine example of Gothic Revival architecture. Three of the memorial stain glass windows were crafted by Tiffany & Co.



15 Carrier House - 1879
This home was built for Carrier's daughter in 1879 and now serves as a bed and breakfast for weary travelers looking for a good nights sleep.



25 Levi Department Store
Built by Myer Levi in 1888 for his retail business, it later included the Levi Bank. The third floor was added in 1900.



32 Presbyterian Church
Organized in 1834, an earlier wood structure was built in 1877 and replaced by the current building in 1952.



4 Victorian Lace
Built in 1920, this building served as Littman's Economy Store. Today, it is a bustling antique business that pays homage to simpler times.



8 First Baptist Church
Organized in 1851, the current building, constructed in 1920, features stunning stain glass windows and Ionic columns.



12 Rutherfordton Cemetery
The earliest legible headstones date back to the 1830s and include the graves of Civil War soldiers and citizens from all walks of life.



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