ARCHITECTURAL TERMS

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BEGAN your tour at the Magnolias. Due to heavy traffic on Commerce Street, viewing from the street can be dangerous. We suggest you park at the Magnolias and take a short walk on the sidewalk for a better view of the first three homes.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ABERDEEN

Aberdeen has a strong impact on the social, political, and economic development of northeast Mississippi since its beginning in 1837. Robert Gordon, Aberdeen’s founder, acquired the land from the Chickasaw Indians. He laid out the town, began selling lots, and named the city for his native Scotland.

In 1848, Aberdeen became the county seat of Monroe County; the largest, and for a while the only county north of Jackson. Aberdeen has been the seat of the Federal District Court serving the Northern District since 1882.

The city was important economically because of its proximity to the Tombigbee River. The Tombigbee provided cheap, fast transport for the area’s cotton to ports along the coast and to the northeastern United States. Aberdeen was known for her stores and shops which carried the latest merchandise from New York and abroad.

Socially speaking, many wealthy planters, lawyers, and shop-keepers lived and entertained in Aberdeen. The city remained a seat of culture and gracious Southern hospitality due to her opera house, theater, schools, college, academies, and wonderful stores.

Politically, Aberdeen has been “where the action is” since 1848. Court was held here. Judges, lawyers, and clients flocked to Aberdeen.

Anyone running for public office made it his business to court Aberdeenians. During her entire history, Aberdeen has remained prosperous even while the nation has not. Consequently, Aberdeen boasts outstanding examples of almost every period and style of Southern architecture. Antebellum cottages and mansions; ornate Victorians with gingerbread, stained and leaded glass, towers, brackets, and bays; turn-of-the-century neoclassical homes; and 1920-1930 substantial bungalows all vie for your attention. Aberdeen’s variety of architectural styles is truly her treasure.

ENJOY your tour and visit to Aberdeen. Inquire about other tours, attractions, and brochures. We hope you will return often.

MILEAGE FROM ABERDEEN TO:

Birmingham 95 miles
Memphis 140 miles
Jackson 170 miles
Nashville 260 miles
Atlanta 275 miles
New Orleans 320 miles
St. Louis 380 miles

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BEREDEEN: AN ARCHITECTURAL DRIVING TOUR

1. The Magnolia—1791 W. Commerce St. VICTORIAN

2. Sunset Hill—General Robert Dade House

3. Procter Place—730 W. Commerce St. VICTORIAN

4. Watkins Jenkins House

5. W. Franklin Hill—1870 GARFIELD

6. Victoria

7. Shadowland—Judge Eugene Ortey Sr. House

8. Maury House—Early 20th C. VICTORIAN

9. Buena Vista—505 S. Franklin St. VICTORIAN

10. Steamboat

11. Painted Lady—615 S. Franklin St. VICTORIAN

12. Silk Stocking Row—615 S. Franklin St. VICTORIAN

13. Harrison-Phelan Home—519 S. Fannin St. LATE VICTORIAN

14. Rella Vida—505 S. Franklin St. VICTORIAN

15. Mercked

16. Dreams End

17. Almond Home

18. Gables—505 S. Market St. LATE VICTORIAN

19. Visteria—517 S. Market St. EARLY 20th C. VICTORIAN

20. Wellington-Dugan

21. Dunne

22. Hale Home—407 S. Market St. VICTORIAN

23. Johnson-Butler

24. Dreams End

25. Magnolia Hill

26. Whittled Holmes

27. Smith Tobacco Company

28. Holiday Haven

29. Hudson Pickle

30. Chestnut

31. Planter’s Cottage

32. Greenleaf

33. Cap’s Linn

34. Shelton House

35. Montrose County

36. 850 Canal St. VICTORIAN

37. Edsfield Pierce House

38. American

39. Griffin House

40. Greenview

41. White Pitts

42. Adams French House

43. The Old Hometown

44. Thank you for taking time to visit your Historic Aberdeen. There are many sites to see here in Aberdeen. We hope you will enjoy your visit.