

Welcome to Historic Downtown

Lancaster, South Carolina

A WALKING TOUR FOR VISITORS



The Main Street Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The number plaques on the downtown sidewalks in front of the historic locations correspond to the numbers on this list. A picture of one of the plaques is above. If you have any questions, please call 803-286-8414.

1. ***LANCASTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE*** is on the National Landmark Register. It has been used for a hall of justice for Lancaster County since 1828.
2. ***KIMBRELL BUILDING*** was built around 1875. Until the late 1930's a hospital was on the second floor. The WALL OF FAME is located here.
3. ***114 SOUTH MAIN STREET*** was constructed around 1888-89 and housed the very first Bank of Lancaster office. Col. Leroy Springs began his banking business here. The L & C Railroad and Leroy Springs Cotton Company were located here.
4. ***NORTHWEST CORNER MAIN AND GAY*** was built in 1910. The second floor has a bracket pediment.
5. ***FIRST METHODIST CHURCH*** was organized in 1839. It was the first church in the Town of Lancaster.
6. ***OLD LANCASTER COUNTY JAIL*** was organized in 1839. It was the first church in the Town of Lancaster.
7. ***FORMER A.M.E. ZION CHURCH*** was the first A.M.E. church in Lancaster. It was organized in 1870 by Bishop Isom Clinton.
8. ***OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND CEMETERY*** was built in 1862 and was the first brick church in the County. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is owned by the Society for Historical Preservation.
9. ***SPRINGS HOUSE*** was the birthplace of Col. Elliott White Springs, founder of Springs Industries. It now houses See Lancaster SC and the Lancaster County Council of the Arts. It was the Lancaster City Hall from 1957 until 2000.
10. ***LANCASTER CITY HALL*** was completed in January 2000. It houses offices for the City of Lancaster and the City Council Meeting Room.

11. ***OLD UNITED STATES POST OFFICE*** was constructed in 1927. It was the Lancaster Post Office until 1986. It is now occupied by Humana Insurance Company.
12. ***MURAL AND SCULPTURE PARK*** was constructed in 1976 as a United States Bicentennial project.
13. ***200 BLOCK MAIN STREET EAST*** is known as the Springs Block because of the large structure built by Col. Leroy Springs in 1905. The Lancaster Mercantile Company and the Hotel Royal were at the corner of Main and Arch Streets.
14. ***206 SOUTH MAIN STREET*** formerly housed the Old Farmers Bank and Trust Company. It was built in 1915 and is of Greek Revival style. It has been restored and is now a law office.
15. ***207 SOUTH MAIN STREET*** was built in 1880. It was among the first of the Main Street restorations in the early 1980's.
16. ***BANK OF LANCASTER BUILDING*** was constructed in 1907. It is built of red stretcher bond brick. The second floor was often used for plays, concerts and dances.
17. ***203-205 SOUTH MAIN STREET*** was the T. M. Fitzpatrick Mercantile and was built in 1875. It was destroyed by fire in the late 1900's.
18. ***MOORE BUILDING*** is located at the northeast corner of Main and East Gay Streets. It is perhaps the oldest commercial building in downtown, possibly built in the late 1860's or early 1870's. This block years ago was known as the McKenna block.
19. ***107 SOUTH MAIN*** was rebuilt in 1920 for Jackson Lodge. A variety of businesses have been located here over the years. It is built of yellow stretcher bond brick.
20. ***DAVIS PROPERTY*** was in Lancaster's very early days, a cotton gin. The original building has housed a variety of businesses.
21. ***NEW COUNTRY OFFICE BUILDING*** is on the corner of Main and Dunlap Streets. It was completed in October 2002.