

## Extended Driving Tour

Having enjoyed walking through the downtown portion of the Dandridge Historic Tour, many will want to continue by driving to the remaining buildings. From the Town Hall (#21, Hickman Tavern) drive up the hill along the dike to view the old Baptist church and the Strand House before continuing on Church street to E. Meeting St. (U.S. Hwy 25/70).

### 22. Former First Baptist Church of Dandridge 1786

1108 Lake Dr.

Original structure dedicated Feb. 22, 1845; burned and replaced in 1914. Current First Baptist Church has complete records from 1786.

### 23. Strand House, 1858

1130 Lake Dr.

Large white frame house with Victorian influence was the Presbyterian manse.

### 24. Christ A.M.E. Zion Church, 1912

235 E. Meeting St.

The A.M.E. Zion Church was originally located directly behind the Bethel Presbyterian Church, but in 1935 it was moved to this lot formerly occupied by the Missionary Baptist Church.

### 25. Hexagon House, ca. 1905

226 E. Meeting St.

Built after the style of architect Orson Fowler, with functional, economical interior. One of few remaining examples of this style left in Tennessee.

### 26. Seabolt/Harris House, 1848

155 E. Meeting St.

Used as a hospital during the Civil War, this large brick home with two-story portico with pediment had frame side additions added in 1926.

### 27. Samuel McCuiston House, 1847

1131 Church St.

Built by Samuel McCuiston, whose father traded for Davy Crockett's gun, "Old Betsy," so Crockett could marry. Samuel served as Clerk of the Register and Clerk of Circuit Court.

### 28. First United Methodist Church

121 E. Meeting St.

Original section built by Methodist Episcopal Church (North) ca. 1900. United Methodist Churches formed in 1968.

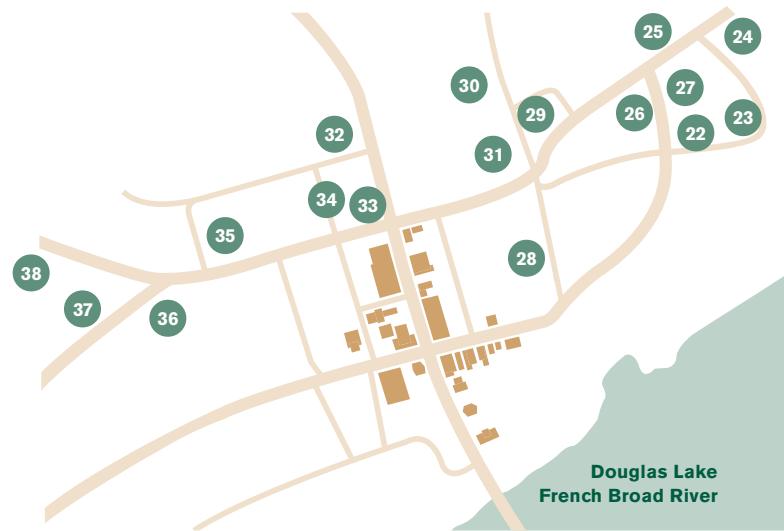
### 29. Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 1872

812 Hopewell St.

Jefferson County's first and oldest church, organized in 1785. Originally located at the Revolutionary Graveyard. Present building completed 1872. Old church records contain an "L" for Loyalist or "R" for Rebel by each member's name to indicate Civil War affiliation.

### 30. Old Dandridge Cemetery Hopewell St.

Early community cemetery used by Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches. Contains graves of many prominent Dandridge citizens and Union Brigadier General Joel Allen Dewey.



### 31. Chesteen House, 1900

807 Hopewell St.

A small house built ca. 1900, added to over the years. Farrar Funeral Home started in this house.

### 32. Fain House, 1843

1105 Gay St.

Large brick Georgian-style house with original smoke house and slave house still intact. One of the best examples of this style with out-buildings.

### 33. Holsinger House, ca. 1830

102 W. Meeting St.

One of earliest frame homes in Dandridge. Originally a log home owned by G.W. Holsinger and son, Arthur, both of whom were Clerk and Master of Jefferson County Chancery Court. Note decorative porch.

### 34. Harris/Goddard House, ca. 1850

106 W. Meeting St.

Residence of prominent merchant Henry Harris and later Prof. E.F. Goddard, educator and school superintendent.

Information researched and provided by  
County Historians Bob Jarnagin and Clay Patterson.

### 35. Bethel Presbyterian Church, 1880

130 W. Meeting St.

Organized, 1868; built in 1880 by Thomas Fain. Beautiful example of early church style.

### 36. Routh/Creswell House, ca 1800

139 W. Meeting St.

Site of White's Tannery. Siding covers original log house. Spring in side yard feeds creek running through town.

### 37. Hilldale, 1870

152 W. Meeting St.

Built by William M. Hill, First Sgt of 9th TN US Cavalry in Civil War, on land given by Unionist Judge Swann. Front section built 1870; back and carriage house built 1945; fully restored 2007.

### 38. Squirewood, 1858

1130 Squirewood Way

Built by Judge James Preston Swann, this elegant Georgian house has white painted pilasters framed with a deep bracketed cornice. (Located off Cherokee Dr.)

## Historic Dandridge

Historic Dandridge bears the distinction of being the only town in the United States named after Martha Dandridge Washington, wife of our first President, George Washington.

In 1783, thirteen years before Tennessee became a state, the first permanent settlers were attracted to the Dandridge area by the French Broad River and a good spring, around which the town was laid out. By 1792, the settlement had grown to such an extent that Governor William Blount designated the new county of Jefferson in *Territory South of the Ohio River*. Francis Dean, a wealthy landowner, gave fifty acres for Dandridge, which became a county seat.

Travelers arriving by the stage route and by steamboats on the French Broad River frequently stayed over in Dandridge. As a result, there was an abundance of early taverns and inns, four of which are still standing: Roper Tavern (#14), Shepard's Inn (#2), the Hickman Tavern (#21), and the Thomas Tavern (#5).

The greatest modern influence on Dandridge was the creation of Douglas Lake, a TVA project, which threatened to flood the town in the early 1940s. To save the town, a million-dollar dike of native stone set in tons of solid earth was built to hold back the waters of the new lake.

Enjoy the beauty and architecture of a quaint pioneer town. Stroll down the sidewalks through history.



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# Dandridge WALKING TOUR

Historic Dandridge—Located in  
the Heart of East Tennessee



Jefferson County Courthouse

Historic  
Downtown



Settled 1783  
A Main Street  
Community

Take a walk around the town named after America's first First Lady and enjoy its century-old homes, inns, and taverns.

# Dandridge Walking Tour Guide

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Name	Revolutionary Graveyard	Shepard's Inn	Harris/McMahan House	Harris Family Cemetary	Thomas Tavern/Hill House	Town Spring and Hynds House	Old Jail	Jefferson County Courthouse	Roper Mansion	Rogers/Miller House	Eugene Fox House
Built		1814	1843	1858	1843	ca. 1845	1845	1845	1821	1856	1848
Tour Bldg #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Address	E Main St.	136 E. Main St.	115 E. Meeting St.	E. Main St.	101 E. Meeting St.	1214 Gay St.	1221 Gay St.	102 W. Meeting St.	218 W. Main St.	230 W. Main St.	244 W. Main St.

► **Start Location E. Main St.** ★

**1. Revolutionary Graveyard**

Graveyard at original site of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, organized 1785, the first church in what would become Jefferson County in 1792. Cemetery contains graves of early citizens and Revolutionary War veterans. Maintained by Martha Dandridge Garden Club.

**2. Shepard's Inn, 1814**

Presidents Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson stayed in this popular resting and eating spot for stage coach travelers. Stepping blocks for ladies located in front. Originally a two-story log house, Shadrach Inman added the frame exterior in ca. 1823.

**3. Harris/McMahan House, 1843**

Shadrach Inman built as wedding gift for daughter Melinda and her husband, William Harris. Block for mounting horses still sits at northwest corner of two-story white frame house.

**4. Harris Family Cemetery, 1858**

Earliest grave is of a 13-year-old girl. Note interesting epitaphs for Union Capt. S.T. Harris and his wife, Sallie E. Harris.

**5. Thomas Tavern/Hill House, 1843**

James Mitchell built this early tavern and boarding house on lot bought from Hopewell Presbyterian after the church moved. South side, rear portion is older. Double pen style used in log construction from 1780 to 1830.

**6. Town Spring/Hynds House, 1845**

Early settlement was laid out around the spring. House built by Shadrach Inman as wedding gift for daughter Elizabeth and Judge Bradford. During Civil War, used as hospital and as both Confederate and Union officers' headquarters.

**7. Old Jail, 1845**

Rear portion built 1845; front and main entrance built 1935. Original iron-barred cells on second floor of old section.

**8. Jefferson Co. Courthouse, 1845**

Built by Hickman Brothers with bricks from McQuiston kiln in East Dandridge. Greek Revival structure replaced smaller brick courthouse on same grounds. Also home to Jefferson County Historical Museum that proudly



Name	Elizabeth Best House	Jerome Gass/Thula Swann House	Roper Tavern	Vance Building	City Barber Shop	Frank L. Gass & Company	Old Bank Building	The 1882 Building	Hickman Tavern Coach House	Hickman Tavern
Built	1923	ca. 1820	1817	ca. 1823	1885	ca. 1823	1855	1882	ca. 1820	ca. 1820
Tour Bldg #	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Address	237 W. Main St.	221 W. Main St.	217 W. Main St.	1237 Gay St.	1240 Gay St.	149 E. Main St.	147 E. Main St.	139 E. Main St.	137 E. Main St.	131 E. Main St.

displays marriage bond of Davy Crockett and sweetheart Polly Finley and eclectic mix of small relics and artifacts of daily life in early East Tennessee. Records and documents from 1792 are in the Archives Office, staffed by volunteers from Jefferson County Genealogical Assoc.

**9. Roper Mansion, 1821**

Federal style brick structure with decorative proch, molded brick cornice, doorway with sidelights and transom. Built by Col. John Roper.

**10. Rogers/Miller House, 1856**

Two-story frame house with elaborate decorative Italianate porch and brackets added at a later date.

**11. Eugene Fox House, 1848**

Two-story Gothic Revival farm house built by George Branner.

**12. Elizabeth Best House, 1923**

A good example of the bungalow style house popular from 1890-1940.

**13. Jerome Gass/Thula Swann House, 1820**

Two-story brick house with four brick pilasters, Victorian style porch, and double front doors.

**14. Roper Tavern, 1817**

This Federal style brick structure built by Col. John Roper served as an early stage coach stop.

**15. Vance Building, ca 1823**

Federal, three-bay brick structure with archways and transoms has served as home of first Dandridge Telephone Exchange, post office, J.W. Vance Furniture and Funeral Parlor, Harris General Merchandise. Recently underwent certified historic restoration.

**16. City Barber Shop, 1885**

Two-story brick; interesting pressed metal roof typical of early doctors' buildings.

**17. Frank L. Gass & Company, ca 1823**

Originally Shadrach Inman's and William Harris' General Merchandise Store. The Gass family bought it in 1892 and operated a store for the next 113 years. Earlier, in 1816, Lovisca Seahorn bought a cabin and stables at this site and served food to travelers.

**18. Old Bank Building, 1855**

Two-story brick structure once housed Bank of Jefferson and Jefferson Bank. First floor of façade has been altered. Original bank vault intact.

**19. The 1882 Building**

Two-story frame structure with decorative shingled ends has served as doctor's office, post office, Martha Dandridge Café and flower shop.

**20. Hickman Tavern Coach House, ca 1820**

Narrow, brick, two-story structure built for stage coach operators traveling between Knoxville and Abingdon, Va. and on to "Washington City."

**21. Hickman Tavern, ca 1820**

Beautiful circular staircase winding to third floor is the highlight of Federal style structure bought by Fain family; later occupied by James Hickman, who built the courthouse. Now serves as Town of Dandridge City Hall. Visitors are welcome to look around.