

Porch # 1— 76 Lee Street

Ethridge-Daniel House— built in 1910 constructed by E. Scott Ethridge. The blocks were constructed with blocks produced in Mr. Ethridge’s concrete plant.



Porch # 2 — North Public Square



Jefferson, Georgia, was established in 1803 at the site of a former Indian village called Thomocogan. The town, named in honor of President Thomas Jefferson, was selected as the county seat and incorporated in 1806. The city limits of Jefferson were originally defined as a circle “three-fourths of a mile in every direction from the center of the public square.” By the 1840s, Jefferson was a rough-and-ready town with a jumble of wood-frame businesses and residences. Located on the route from Augusta to Dahlonega, where gold was discovered in 1842, Jefferson had two inns to serve the stagecoach trade.

Porch # 3— 15 College Street

Crawford W. Long Museum is located on the site of Dr. Long’s office, the museum commemorates the first use of ether as a surgical anesthetic on March 30, 1842. The three building complex consists of a one-story commercial brick building dating from 1936, a two-story brick building constructed in 1879 by Dr. J.B. Pendergrass for his office and drugstore, and the Pendergrass General Store, a rare remaining 1840s Greek Revival style commercial building. The Store housed a continuous mercantile operation for over 100 years until its incorporation into the Museum complex in 1987.



Porch # 4 — 27 Sycamore Street



Porch # 5 — Friends

30 Sycamore Street

Home to a couple of restaurants over the last several years. Friends, the perfect neighborhood restaurant, right in the heart of downtown Jefferson, now occupies this historic building.

The restaurant sits next to what was once the Roosevelt Theater in Jefferson. The City's goal is to begin restoration on the theater soon.



Porch # 6 — 86 Martin Street



Porch # 7— 91 Martin Street

The Parsonage—Built in 1909, the house has served 33 Pastors of the Methodist Church and their families. The home was wired for electricity in 1915. The original roof was a mansard type roof with a flat area at the top. The roof line changed and a second story porch was removed in the

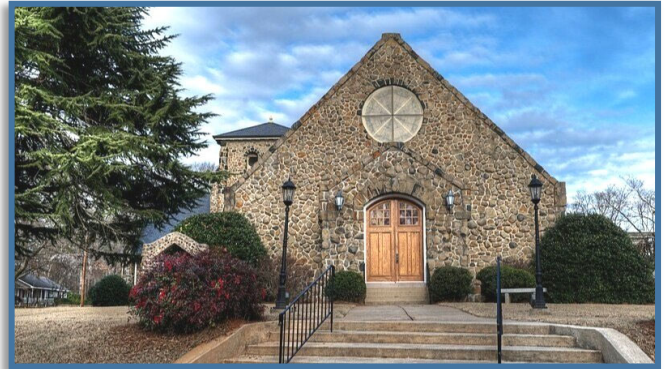


1930s. The church sold the parsonage in 2002. Cindy & Les Crane purchased the property in early 2014 and have done additional improvements/updates to the home and grounds, but have focused on keeping the original integrity, detail and character of the home.



Porch # 8 — 188 Martin Street

Jefferson First United Methodist Church



Porch #9 — 216 Storey Street

Porch # 10 — 107 Church Street

Built in 1922, just celebrated its 100th year!

The home is a Colonial Revival style home representative of the movement away from Victorian style homes.



Porch # 11— 76 Institute Street

This home was directly across from Martin Institute and was a residential home for many years.

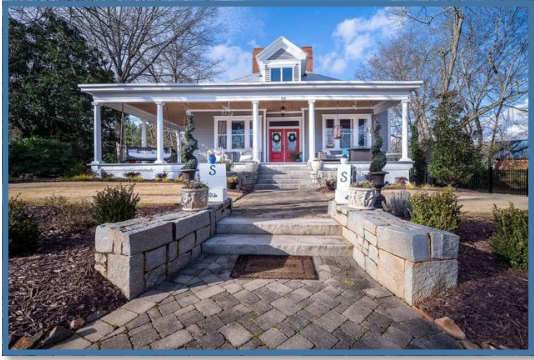
In the early 1960s it became a funeral home.

It later became Jackson Funeral Home. The church purchased it in the 2001 and it has served many church ministries during the years.

Porch # 12 — 133 Dickson Drive

It is folk Victorian Style next to a magnificent Magnolia tree. It was built in 1907 by Sydney Johnston Nix. His wife was Lottie Appleby. During the time he lived here, he was the clerk of Superior Court of Jackson County.





Porch # 13 — 52 Lawrenceville Street

Affectionately known in our local community as “The Elrod House” for the family that completed the original construction in 1909. The home was built in 1909 by Luther F. Elrod. He and his bride Hattie L. Storey lived there after their marriage in 1913. Luther was the First Jackson County School Superintendent elected by the people. A Victorian and Craftsman influence, the home combines old Southern grace, featuring a frontage porch

and detailed interior elements making the home both decorative and functional. The home has had several owners over the past 155 years and many renovations, resulting in a well-loved piece of history.



Porch # 14 — 100 Lawrenceville Street

Wills House— home c. 1906, was constructed by "Croft" Wills for his brother. Mr. Wills built many of Jefferson's fine homes of this era.

The house was family owned until 1984.



Porch # 15 — 154 Washington Street

Randolph-Harrison House — Built in 1874, by James Elijah Randolph, the house is supported by 12 in., hand hewn beams with notched construction. The cellar also has a fireplace where meals were cooked, and a spring well that kept dairy products cool. The house was made with 6” x 1” thick heart pine floors throughout and plaster walls. Despite the age the home, there is minimal millwork and molding because such ornamentation was considered passe in the late Victorian Era. Dr. Ben and Jada Harrison purchased the home in 2018 and have been lovingly restoring it.



Their family members are not the only ones that occupy the home. Throughout the restoration process, former inhabitants have made their presence known through smells (such as perfume, cookies, and green beans), sounds, opening and closing of doors, and leaving random stacks of coins. So far, all inhabitants, living and no, get along well.

Porch # 16 — 56 Washington Street

The Washington Lofts — AirBnBs



The Washington Lofts consist of 2 AirBnBs. The building was owned by the Ethridge Family. The downstairs was originally a general store, and the upstairs was a boarding house. The boarding house was what led the new owners into making it AirBnBs.

Sue Ethridge said Gary Hudson, who was a renowned artist rented the downstairs before moving to Athens. The building has been the location for artist, plumbing companies, law offices, and



Rendering of possible outside renovations

the Department of Health. When purchased, the upstairs still had the original horsehair

plaster walls from the late 1800's. The upstairs has been renovated from the horsehair plaster to a one-bedroom apartment and a 2-bedroom apartment and renovations have started downstairs.



Porch # 17 — 16 South Public Square

Revival Hall

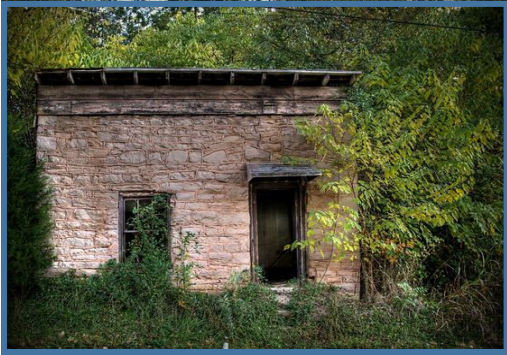
This 4600 square foot building was built in 1900. It has been the home to a Five and Dime store, a church, a karate studio, a coffee shop, and a bakery. It now is home to Revival Hall

Taproom and Fellowship Hall event venue. Follow Revival Hall on social media to find out more about their events hosted each week.



Porch # 18— 142 College Street

Calaboose



The first referenced Calaboose (jail) was a stone and log structure authorized in 1876. Damaged by fire in 1905, the building was repaired and continued in use until 1936, when the City built a more modern jail.

The property was donated by the FBC back to the City in 2019, as one of it's oldest original properties.

In March of 2023, trees were still growing inside the frequently vandalized, roofless walls. Priority was made by the HPC and the City to save and refurbish the old jail.

In conjunction with the First Baptist Church and the City of Jefferson, The Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission is proud to present "The Calaboose" .

On behalf of the City of Jefferson and the Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Porch Hosts, bands, musicians, downtown businesses, and everyone who visited our town for PorchFest 2024.

We are immensely grateful for the support of our Porch Hosts, who generously opened their porches and homes to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the festival. Your contribution to the success of PorchFest is truly appreciated.

To the talented bands and musicians, thank you for sharing your incredible music and talents with us. Your performances brought joy, excitement, and a vibrant energy to our historic districts. We are so fortunate to have such talented artists in our community and surrounding areas.

We also want to express our appreciation to the downtown businesses that supported PorchFest 2024. Your commitment to our town and your involvement in this event are valuable assets to our community. Your contributions helped make the festival even more memorable for visitors and residents alike.

To everyone who joined us for PorchFest, whether you came for the music or the history, we are thrilled that you chose to spend the day in Jefferson. We hope you had a fantastic time exploring our beautiful town, enjoying the music, and immersing yourselves in the rich history that Jefferson has to offer.

We sincerely hope that this year's PorchFest was a memorable and enjoyable experience for all. We invite you to come back and visit us again soon. Jefferson welcomes you with open arms, ready to share more music, history, and memorable moments.

Thank you once again for your support and for being a part of PorchFest 2024.