

Appomattox

A Turn of the Century Walking Tour



The Nebraska Story

The back 6 rooms of this breathtakingly beautiful home were built in 1854 by Samuel McDearmon and his wife Mary Frances Walton. Legend has it that the family was considering an arduous trip out west to fulfill one of Mr. McDearmon's long time dreams of living in Nebraska. Upon making the move from the village of Appomattox Courthouse to the depot area, Mrs. McDearmon, tired and weary from the fairly short 3 mile trip, turned to her husband and announced in a clear, strong voice "*This is your Nebraska.*" They promptly settled down, built a six room house, opened a post office named Nebraska, Virginia (see home at 278 Linden St.), and settled into the wonderfully gentle pace of life in small town America. A time when you used a horse and surrey to get around. Coats and trousers all had buttons...not zippers. Heat was from a coal stove in the parlor; and for entertainment you might read a book under the warm light of an oil lamp, or the soft glow of candles. All communication was done with pen and paper, and if you wanted the weather report, you simply looked outside. Aw yes, life in Nebraska, Virginia...it was a grand old time.

A few years later, after the surrender which led to the end of the Civil War, the village of Appomattox Court House relocated to the area around the Depot, and thus became the Town of Appomattox we know today.



The Depot

In the 1850s Appomattox Station served as a flag stop on the South Side Railroad. The depot was a social center—a place where goods, news and gossip were exchanged. In 1923, the second frame station burned. It was replaced by the present brick structure which exhibits expert architectural design. In 1973, having been abandoned by the railroad, it was deeded to the Town of Appomattox and today houses the Appomattox Visitor Information Center. A historic marker on site bears witness to its historic past.

Main Street

Enjoy the charm and appeal of Main Street for shopping, dining, antiquing, entertainment and more. While on Main Street see stops 45–48 of tour.







Local Attractions

- ~ Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park
- ~ Appomattox County Historical Museum
- ~ Monument Circle
- ~ Clover Hill Living History Village
- ~ Joel Sweeney Birthplace and Gravesite
- ~ Pamplin Pipe Factory
- ~ Cub Creek Pottery
- ~ Steins Unlimited
- ~ Hazel Moon Resource Center

Day Trips while staying in Appomattox

- ~ Red Hill – Patrick Henry's estate
- ~ Sailor's Creek Historical Battlefield
- ~ Point of Honor
- ~ Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest
- ~ The National D-Day Memorial
- ~ Natural Bridge
- ~ The Blue Ridge Parkway

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1 1890 CHURCH ST.
Built in 1912, this charming L-shaped Victorian Vernacular boasts true hospitality with its southern-style front porch.



14 2065 CHURCH ST.
This two story with low pitched hipped roof, has Craftsman, Classical Revival and Italianate elements. This home burned in 1908, and was lovingly reconstructed to its present grandeur.

23 566 LEE-GRANT AVE.
Grand, five-bay Colonial house built in 1910, with original windows and working shutters. Fifth bay is actually a two story sunroom.



36 1563 So. CHURCH ST.
Charismatic Victorian Vernacular with cross gable through the hipped roof. This home, built in 1915, presents Tuscan derived columns on the inviting front porch.

1900 CHURCH ST.
A quaint folk style Queen Anne built in 1901 with wrap-around side porch. Original owner's son was a Rhodes Scholar.



15 243 & 209 HIGHLAND AVE.
Two small cottage homes on the right side of the street are classic Highland Ave examples of the bungalow style architecture.

111 BURKE ST.
A 1909 American Manor home featuring full front porch with Tuscan columns, transom over door, and interior crown molding. Original iron fence from Stewart Iron-Works Co, Ohio.



1447 So. CHURCH ST.
This grand Colonial Revival home was built in the year 1900. It features full length fluted square posts.



3 1911 CHURCH ST.
Original 6 rooms built in 1854. Extensive remodeling transformed the house into this exquisite Queen Anne mansion, complete with characteristic turret.

16 177 HIGHLAND AVE.
A picture perfect piece of Colonial style architecture, this home was built in 1889. Ironically, its original owner, a railroad engineer, was struck and killed by a train in nearby Crewe, Va.

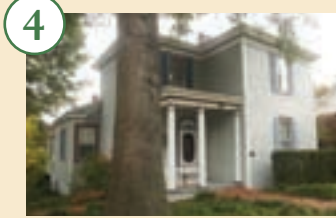
25 151 BURKE ST.
Built in 1920 this grand American Manor style home boasts a wrap-around porch on the south corner, beckoning you to sit and stay a while, and maybe sip some sweet tea.



38 1562 So. CHURCH ST.
Built in 1889, this quaint Victorian Vernacular boasts turned spindle columns and balustrade, as well as spindle frieze and many other Queen Anne touches.



1928 CHURCH ST.
Another classic Victorian Vernacular built in 1911 with fan light and folk style details in columns, railing and fence.



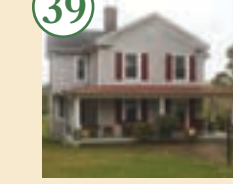
161 HIGHLAND AVE.
This irresistible Queen Anne cottage was built in 1898 using materials left over from the builders larger homes on Church St.



278 LINDEN ST.
Original shotgun style house built pre-1845. Six-bay porch with chamfered posts and decorative scroll sawn brackets. New entrance was added facing railroad tracks in the 1850s, and used as a post office for the then town of Nebraska, Virginia. Later used as a saddle shop.



39 1620 So. CHURCH ST.
Folk Victorian T-shaped home built in 1890, with Craftsman wrap around porch. Queen Anne detailing and multi-light transom.



5 120 OAKLEIGH AVE. (ON CORNER FACING CHURCH ST.)
This 1888 charmer combines the Foursquare style with many Victorian elements. One of the oldest homes in town, it was once used as a boarding house for workers on the railroad.



COURTHOUSE SQUARE
A National Historic Marker highlights the history. The Courthouse building, with four columns, full entablature and predominated gables with fanlights, is an unusual mixture of Classical, Colonial and Georgian elements. It is topped with a classic cupola which was designed to contain a bell to call court to session. Bricks salvaged from the original 1846 courthouse, at what is now the Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park, were used in construction of this new Courthouse and Clerks office. The original Jail building, with its unique combination of Federal, Colonial Revival and Jeffersonian elements, was built in 1897. Monument Circle contains tributes to the many brave men who have fought for our freedom throughout history. Unique to all Court squares in Virginia is the Greek temple style family mausoleum of state Senator Henry D. Flood. Three steps wrap around the structure which features trabeated fluted columns wrapping around an elaborate bronze grate door, and intricate stained glass windows.

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26 606 LEE-GRANT AVE.
Three-bay American Manor home built in 1909. Tuscan columns on porch, while the interior features outstanding crown molding.



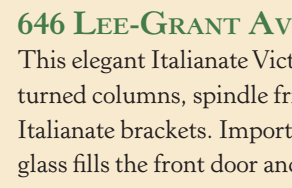
1638 So. CHURCH ST.
Stately New England version of the Colonial style, this home was built in 1907 and offers full length porch with awnings. Styled shutters flank doors and windows, and the three prominent front-gable dormers offer fine detailing around the 8/8 windows.



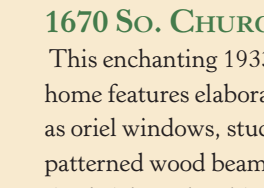
180 OAKLEIGH AVE.
This traditional Civil War era style home was built in 1913 and was the first brick house in the village, as well as the first house with a slate roof.



646 LEE-GRANT AVE.
This elegant Italianate Victorian features turned columns, spindle frieze and Italianate brackets. Imported beveled glass fills the front door and sidelights of this 1900 charmer.



1670 So. CHURCH ST.
This enchanting 1933 Tudor style home features elaborate details such as oriel windows, stucco within patterned wood beams, and decorative brick work. This breathtaking property boasts formal gardens, romantic carriage house and more.

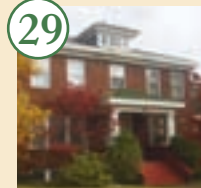


7 194 OAKLEIGH AVE.
Also built in 1913, this two story with its side front porch, evokes memories of bygone days.

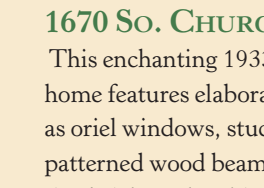
8 250 OAKLEIGH AVE.
This stately American Manor home was built in 1893, and once served as a boarding house. Its upper and lower level rocking chair front porches exude true southern hospitality.



637 LEE-GRANT AVE.
One of only a few brick homes in its day, this stately 1920 residence is from the Colonial Revival design. It features an ornamental Spanish tile roof and abnormally fat Doric columns.



41 1730 So. CHURCH ST.
Charming 1900 vernacular with Queen Anne elements and Craftsman style porch. Brick railing with Tuscan columns, fish-scale shingles in each of the gables and four substantial chimneys.



9 1981 CHURCH ST.
Cozy Folk Style Victorian with southern accent and appeal. Built for first principal of the then Appomattox Agricultural High

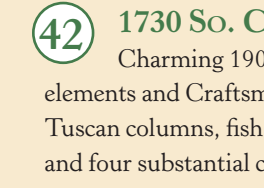
10 1991 CHURCH ST.
Exquisite L-shaped Victorian Vernacular with matching L-shaped porch. A beautiful, historic home built in 1890.



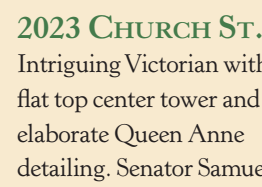
658 LEE-GRANT AVE.
The "grand dame" of our American Manor estates, this splendid residence was built in 1901, and contains sausage-turned posts with spindle frieze, and many other intriguing Queen Anne elements. Once owned by the late Senator C. T. Moses.



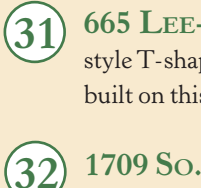
42 1840 CHURCH ST.
This five-bay, two-story with Italianate features was built in 1915 and has hosted many commercial efforts in its day including a store, a post office, a printing shop and more.



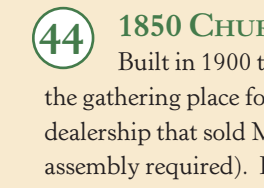
11 2023 CHURCH ST.
Intriguing Victorian with flat top center tower and elaborate Queen Anne detailing. Senator Samuel Ferguson and his bride spent their honeymoon here in 1896. This quaint home, built in 1893 is a true piece of nostalgia.



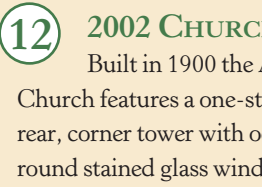
665 LEE-GRANT AVE. Charming Folk Victorian style T-shaped home, built in 1896, was the first house built on this once dirt road.



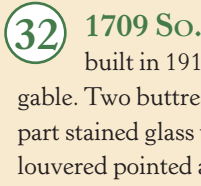
44 1850 CHURCH ST.
Built in 1900 this building with Italianate trim, was the gathering place for early town residents. It was once a car dealership that sold Model Ts which came in crates (some assembly required). Later as a hardware store, raffles for appliances and free farm equipment drew large crowds. When television appeared on the scene in the early 1950s, the store remained open late on Saturday evenings so the town could gather and watch the Grand Ole Opry.



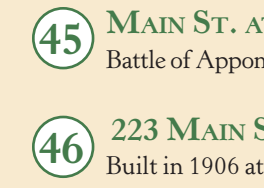
12 2002 CHURCH ST.
Built in 1900 the Appomattox Pentecostal Holiness Church features a one-story nave with 2.5 story cross section in rear, corner tower with octagonal Colonial cupola for bell, and round stained glass windows in front gable and sides of tower.



32 1709 So. CHURCH ST. Liberty Baptist Church, built in 1916 features crenellated towers and a central front gable. Two buttresses flank a beautiful Tudor Gothic-arched four part stained glass window. The bell tower is articulated with five louvered pointed arches.



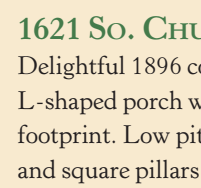
45 MAIN ST. AT EAST END OF DEPOT
Battle of Appomattox Station National Historic Marker.



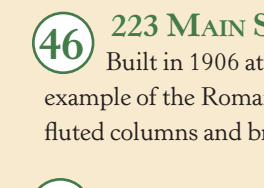
13 2020 CHURCH ST.
The Appomattox Middle School, originally the High School, was built in 1908. Its stately full length Tuscan columns, evenly spaced large windows with transoms, brick archway and white keystone give this building its magnificent Federal style exterior.



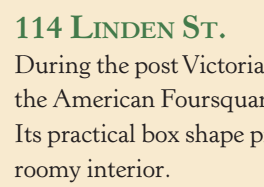
1621 So. CHURCH ST.
Delightful 1896 cottage with L-shaped porch within square footprint. Low pitched roof and square pillars are features of the Bungalow and Craftsman style architecture.



46 223 MAIN ST. BANK OF APPOMATTOX
Built in 1906 at a cost of \$3,777.17, this is a fine example of the Roman Revival style with tetrastyle portico, fluted columns and brick arches above full length windows.



114 LINDEN ST.
During the post Victorian era came the American Foursquare style. Its practical box shape provides a roomy interior.



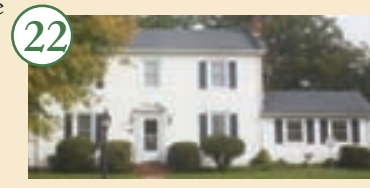
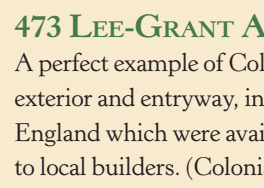
20 101 MAPLE LANE
This inviting home, with full rocking chair front porch, was built in 1919 using beams and other materials from buildings torn down on Linden St., and an old school on Church St.



21 486 LEE-GRANT AVE. This cozy little Bungalow style home was built in 1917, and was the first shingle sided residence in Appomattox.



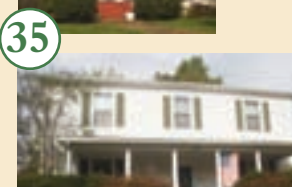
473 LEE-GRANT AVE.
A perfect example of Colonial style architecture; a symmetrical exterior and entryway, influenced by the pattern books from England which were available to local builders. (Colonial style is found throughout the US, but the true ones are in the original 13 colonies.)



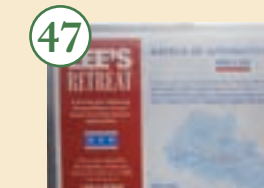
1601 So. CHURCH ST.
Built in 1894 in the American Foursquare style.



35 1565 So. CHURCH ST.
Colonial elements highlight this 1893 home. These two homes were built for brothers who married two sisters. Both men worked for the N&W railroad.



47 LEE'S RETREAT MARKER One of the many stops on this informative driving tour following General Roberts E. Lee's route from Petersburg to Appomattox.



48 214 MAIN ST.
Restored Railroad Depot now housing the Appomattox Visitor Information Center. (see photo on inside page)

