



CENTURY 21

Formerly The Holtzclaw Home
1212 Main St.

This home was built in the late 1870s by Dr. Henry Holtzclaw, second President of Houston Female College. In 1925 Penn Dixie Cement Company (Cemex) purchased the building for use as a clubhouse and later as a residence for the plant superintendent. Today the building is an office for Century 21 Realty.



COLDWELL BANKER ROBBINS FREE REALTY

1101 Washington St.

This building was built in the 1870s by Thomas Killen and is an outstanding Carpenter Italianate style house with a modified central hall. At the time it was built, several churches often shared the services of a minister of the gospel. On horseback or in a buggy, the minister made his regular circuit from one community to another and stayed overnight in homes. This building was designed with an extra room for such an accommodation with a private entry from the porch. Even if he arrived late at night when his hosts were already in bed, the circuit rider could quietly put away his horse, slip into his special, unlocked room, and go to bed. In 1985 the use of the property changed to commercial realty.



COSSART DESIGN

Formerly Andrew Hardware
924 Carroll Street

This building was built in 1925 by B. F. Andrew. The ground floor was used as a hardware store offering home and farm supplies, implements, and Admiral appliances. When the building was built, the upstairs was rented as offices but later used as storage for the business. In this building today Cossart Design Services provides furniture and fabric selection, custom window treatment design, color consultations, and many other services.



CROSSROADS FAMILY EYECARE

Formerly Gallemore Baby Clinic
938 Carroll Street

In 1945 Dr. J. L. Gallemore built Perry's first baby clinic on this corner. It contained two reception rooms, four hospital rooms, an examination room, an X-ray room, an operating or delivery room, a laboratory, a doctor's office, business office, kitchen, and two bathrooms. Hundreds of babies were born in this building between 1945 and 1986 when Dr. Gallemore sold his practice. This building contains a half basement which was used for storage. Previously located on this corner lot was a frame building which housed The Houston Home Journal until 1939 when John L. Hodges built a new building next door at 936 Carroll Street. Today Dr. Paul Smith offers family eyecare in this building.



DANIEL, LAWSON, TUGGLE, & JERLES L.L.P.

Formerly The Perry Baptist Church
912 Main St.

Take a moment and envision a log church being moved up this street by a mule pulling some logs. This is what was happening in 1848 when a storm swept in and destroyed the building. The log church was being moved to this lot by the Perry Baptist Church. Needless to say, the only solution was to build a new frame church on this location which served the congregation for about 30 years. When a new church was erected in 1878 in another location, the lot was sold to Mrs. Minerva C. Hook who built this residence. It became the home for several families over the years, but is currently the law offices of Daniel Lawson Tuggle & Jerles L.L.P.



FIRST BAPTIST PERRY OFFICE

1100 Swift Street

This home was built about 1879 as a home for Dr. John Baptiste Smith. Each of the main rooms contains high ceilings, a fireplace and each is detailed with crown molding, large baseboards, and wide door facings. The windows still contain the original glass panes and depict the size of windows popular in the 1800s. This building served as Perry's first Georgia State Patrol Station from 1937 to 1940 when it was purchased by Dr. A. G. Hendrick to serve as Perry's first clinic. Dr. Hendrick was another of Perry's beloved physicians who cared for its citizens for about 40 years. Dr. Hendrick is also remembered as having removed Al Capone's appendix in his early days of practice. The house was purchased and renovated by Dr. Phil A. Mathias in 1984 to serve as a women's clinic and his medical office. Today it is administrative offices for the First Baptist Church of Perry.



FOREST HILL PARK

1251 Forest Hill Drive

Clinchfield Chapel was moved to this location in 2010 to create an event venue for weddings, parties, reunions and more. Also included in this venue are the Brian Bowen Covered Bridge, the historic First Baptist Church of Perry steeple, and the Red Caboose. A former property owner, Alton Hardy, saved the 1878 Perry Baptist Church steeple when the church was being demolished in the 1980s, moved it to this park area, and renovated the steeple to become a small chapel. He built a covered bridge over Berry Branch to allow access to the steeple from Main Street. Marty Myers purchased the property in 2009 and named the bridge for Brian Bowen, who was a former property owner and business partner. Marty brought the Red Caboose to the park from Juliette, Georgia where it sat by the Whistle Stop Café for many years.



FORMER GEORGIA STATE PATROL COMMAND POST

Formerly The Georgia State Patrol Command Post
733 Carroll Street

The Georgia State Patrol was created in 1937 by the State of Georgia, and Perry was one of ten areas of the state designated to have a command post. The 1st troopers to arrive were housed in a building on Swift Street, but in 1940, in a joint effort by the city and county governments, this building was built as a command post. With a new building, eight additional men were assigned to the post to join the eight original men. Today this building is home to GWES, LLC, a company that offers engineering services for agriculture, civil, and environmental management.



FORMER HOUSTON COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

1530 Sunshine Avenue

Though the building is no longer here, many memories still abound. This property was purchased in 1954 to build a new high school for African Americans. Principal A. D. Redmond greeted students as they entered the new school in September 1957, and the first graduating class proudly received their diplomas in June 1958. The name continued as Houston County Training School until 1966 when Principal James Hightower changed it to Houston High School. If its walls could talk, you would hear Principal Hightower saying, "Hit the hill and don't come back till you bring your parents." After desegregation in 1970, the building served many purposes including office space for Board of Education employees, Houston Junior High School, Perry Middle School, and Perry Primary School until May 2014 when its doors were closed. Demolition of the property occurred in 2018.



HAZARD'S

Formerly The Carroll Building

901 Carroll Street

W. D. Day built a mercantile store here about 1870 which he operated until his death in 1909. In March 1911 the Perry Loan and Savings Bank purchased the building and remodeled it to become a "banking house" until 1960 when it was sold and became commercial property. The building burned in 2008 and a beautiful outdoor dining area was created in the vacant space. Today it is known as Hazard's on the Green, an outdoor venue serving food and drink.



HISTORIC SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION

700 Carroll Street

When Henry Matthews built this service station in 1931 during the Great Depression, he had two ideas in mind. The first was to build a new 1930s box-style service station that would attract customers along the Central Dixie Highway. The second reason was that he was getting married and needed a home close to his business, so he added a second floor to the building and made it an apartment. During the Great Depression additional revenue streams needed to be explored in addition to gas, so Henry added service and repairs and marketed car tires, batteries, and accessories. Double display windows in front allowed Henry to see when customers arrived at the station. Today those double windows allow visitors to enjoy a World War II military exhibit and a depression-era petrol exhibit.



HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE

1100 Main St.

This school was built in 1925 and is the oldest brick school building in Houston County. It was the first consolidated school and had the first fully-equipped science lab in the State of Georgia. An exhibit honoring retired Senator Sam Nunn is housed here as well as a vintage 1925 classroom which is available to the public any day that the BOE office is open.



HOUSTON MASONIC LODGE

1017 Jernigan Street

Houston Lodge No. 35 was organized in 1854 and erected this building in 1893. This lodge was built on a foundation of 16 x 16 timbers of old heart pine in pegged wood construction. The upstairs lodge room was complete with kerosene lamps, a pot belly stove, and hardwood floors. In a closet in the anteroom there was a shaft for the 200-foot well with a bucket and rope. A marble cornerstone with the names of the building committee is placed on the Carroll Street wall of the building.

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HYE PRECISION

Formerly The Bellflower Service Station

745 Carroll Street

When Early Franklin Bellflower came to Perry in the 1930s, he came pushing all his belongings in a wheelbarrow down the railroad tracks. By 1941 he had opened a machine shop at this location offering repair on farm equipment and all makes and models of cars and trucks. In 1942 he added a blacksmith shop and wrecker service and as his business grew, he added a general hardware store. A few years later he built a motel with the profit from all his hard work. After he sold this property in 1971, several businesses existed here until Hye Precision opened in 1981. Hye Precision is a machine shop specializing in custom tooling and automation for various industries, including golf ball manufacturing and aerospace.



JAMES FARMER INC.

Formerly Houston Home Journal

936 Carroll Street

This building was built in 1939 by John L. Hodges to replace the wooden structure that had served as The Houston Home Journal since 1870. The building was sold by the Hodges in 1974 and the newspaper business moved to another location. This building became commercial property for many businesses until purchased by James Farmer in 2016. James Farmer is a Southern author, interior designer, and speaker known for his ability to create beautifully familiar and welcoming homes and is the author of several best-selling books.



JMA ARCHITECTURE

1002 Main St.

A small home and law office was built on this lot in 1840 by Eli Warren who lived here until 1849. The home was then sold several times before being purchased and enlarged by Dr. Minor W. Havis in 1857. It was again sold several times after Dr. Havis' death, but finally purchased by John Powers Cooper in 1902. Extensive remodeling occurred in 1905 by the Cooper family when a second story was added changing the style to Neo-classical Revival. Members of the Cooper family lived in this home for 100 years before it was purchased by JMA in 2003 and again extensively remodeled.



MORNING BY MORNING COFFEE

1012 Main Street

A 1958 Phillips 66 service station complete with four gas pumps and two service bays was remodeled for this business. When Wordna Gray bought this property in 1958 to build his station, a lovely two-story home located on the property had to be torn down. This home was known as the Woodard House, built in 1906 by Judge I. T. Woodard. The last residents were Aunt Bet and her stepdaughter, Miss Ann, who ran one of the two hat shops on Carroll Street. Aunt Bet owned an old Model T that would pull out of the garage onto Evergreen and "cadillac" on down Main Street with its driver, Paul Middlebrooks, Sr.



MORRIS BANK

809 Carroll Street

Identified by the tiles on the front porch as the Houston Banking Company, this building was known as such until the bank was purchased by the Perry Loan and Savings Bank in 1932. The Perry Post Office was located here from 1932 until 1960. After various other tenants, Jones Surveying Company bought the building in 1983 but sold it to Morris Bank in 2018. It is one of only three buildings left in the downtown area with an original front.



NEW PERRY HOTEL

800 Main St.

Originally a stagecoach stop known as the Eagle Hotel in the 1850s, the name was changed to the Perry Hotel in the 1880s after the railroad was built between Fort Valley and Perry. The telegraph office was located here as documented by the Home Journal in 1886. The old hotel was razed in 1924 and the New Perry Hotel was built to serve the large influx of tourists caused by paved roads and the Florida real estate boom. The New Perry Hotel was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.



ORIGINAL HOUSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

801 Carroll St.

Located on the public square known as Lot 49 designated by the incorporation of Perry in 1824, the courthouse is bordered by Main, Jernigan, Carroll, and Ball Streets. The present building, dedicated in May 1950, is built on the same site as the first courthouse which was erected in 1824 and the second courthouse which was erected in 1856. This building cost \$325,000 and has unusual features such as a bomb shelter, Georgia marble, Georgia granite, and locally manufactured brick. This building will be the new location for Perry City Hall.



ORLEANS ON CARROLL RESTAURANT

Formerly The Old Liberty Hotel

807 Carroll Street

The Liberty Hotel was built here in the 1860s and existed as a 16-room hotel through the 1880s. A very famous guest named "Tom Thumb" stayed overnight in this hotel. The hotel name changed to The Planters Hotel before being replaced by a store and funeral parlor owned by George Paul after the turn of the century. Later it became a furniture store and in modern times has been remembered as an Italian Restaurant. It is being remodeled and will be opening as a Cajun Restaurant known as Orleans On Carroll.



PERRY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Formerly The Coffee Cup Restaurant
900 Carroll Street

This building was built in 1925 by Dr. H. E. Evans and Mrs. A. M. Anderson to house the H. E. Evans Drug Store downstairs with offices upstairs. For most of its existence through 1960, the building was a drug store, but later residents remember it as The Coffee Cup Restaurant, a favorite gathering place for members of the community to discuss the news and politics of the day. Today it is home to the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. Please note the small vintage tiles on the front porch.



PERRY AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

901 Northside Drive

This home was built as a family residence in 1927 by Dr. Horace Evans, and members of the Evans family lived here until 1990 when the property was sold to the City of Perry for commercial purposes. It was leased to the Perry Area Historical Society in 2010 for a local history museum. The museum archives memorabilia and records, provides local tours, and helps to research genealogical data for local families.



PERRY EVENTS CENTER

Formerly The General Courtney Hodges Armory
1121 Macon Road

In 1824 the Georgia General Assembly granted a charter to Houston County Academy of Perry, and in 1825 the first academy was built on this site by Thomas Justice at a cost of \$999. In 1826 the first Sabbath School was organized in this Academy and was a Union School for all denominations. In 1950 an armory was built on the site and named for General Courtney Hodges. The building is currently serving as the Perry Events Center, and a beautiful iron horse on the front lawn offers excellent photo opportunities.



PERRY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE

909 Main St.

This building dates from the early 1900s when built as a horse and mule barn. In the 1940s it became the Gray-Walker tractor showroom. Later the building served as an automobile showroom, garage, and body shop. Perry Players acquired the building in 1992, spent a year cleaning it out, and have created an intimate, 168-seat community theatre.



PERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICE

Formerly The William Daniel Day Home
1001 Carroll Street

This building was built in 1960 by the Perry Loan and Savings Bank, but eight years later the name was changed to The Bank of Perry. In 1974 the property was sold to the Methodist Church to be used as administrative offices for the church. Prior to 1960, a beautiful two-story house built by William Daniel Day had stood on this property for seventy years, but it was moved to 810 Forest Hill Drive in 1957.



PERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH CENTER

Formerly The Perry Presbyterian Church
1005 Carroll Street

From 1849 to 1958, Perry Presbyterian Church was located on this site. The church was moved to Second Street in 1958 so that Perry's first newly-constructed Post Office could be built here. The Post Office remained here until 2004. The property was sold to the Methodist Church so that the building could be used as a Methodist Youth Center. Note the cupola on the roof.



PERSONS BANKING COMPANY

1006 Main Street

A beautiful Italianate-style cottage built in 1874 by W. H. Norwood once stood here. W. H. Norwood was "killed" and left for dead twice during the Civil War and twice more thought to be lost, killed, or captured. He often said that his tombstone should have five dates of death. The house was moved in 1962 to 1303 Forest Hill Drive. In 1981 the lot was sold to the Bank of Perry and this building was completed. The Bank of Perry was originally chartered as the Perry Loan and Savings Bank in 1889 and is the oldest existing bank in Houston County.



SCHULTZE'S OLD FASHIONED SODA SHOP

Formerly The Williamson's Grocery And Market
757 Carroll Street

In 1877 Thomas J. Cater opened a mercantile store on this location which he operated until his death in 1888. He was a dealer in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, crockery, etc. The old building was replaced by a new one in 1930, and after many tenants, Williamson Grocery and Market was opened here in 1956. Today it is an old-fashioned soda shop complete with a vintage soda fountain.



THE PERFECT PEAR

Formerly The Swank Shop
922 Carroll Street

This building was built in 1925 and has served many purposes over the years, but one fondly remembered in the 1960s and 1970s was the Swank Shop, a clothing store for men. Later it became The Front Porch Tea Room and presently serves as The Perfect Pear, a restaurant serving lunch and catering for private functions. The upstairs of this building was used as a boarding house in prior years and contains writing on its wall from some of the former occupants.



THE SUGARPLUM TREE

917 Carroll St.

This building was built after 1850 and has retained its original design. It was owned and operated as a dry goods business until the 1930s. It then became Houston Hardware, owned and operated by the Andrew family. In the 1980s it became a children's clothing store and has operated as such to the present day.



THE SWANSON RESTAURANT

933 Carroll Street

The front portion of this restaurant was built after 1902 by Nora Cox. The back part of the house was possibly built in the early 1830s. Perry's first kindergarten was started in this house in the 1930s, but today this building is a restaurant offering fine dining for lunch and dinner.



THE VILLAGE SHOPS

Former Site Of The New Mecca Court

736 Carroll Street

This motel was built in 1947 by Early and Eva Bellflower. It offered air-conditioning, steam heat, free televisions, and tile baths in all showers. A bellhop sign with a right arm moving up and down welcomed all guests and waved to passersby. Today the property offers retail space known as The Village Shops.



TOOMER BUILDING

735 Carroll Street

This ornate pressed metal building was built in 1905 by African American Amanda Toomer as a mercantile store on the first floor with living quarters for the Toomer family on the second floor. Amanda Toomer was the sister-in-law of Amanda America Dickson, who was the richest black woman in America in 1869. The business thrived and added a pharmacy by 1914. It was converted to a funeral home in 1915 and the dearly departed were displayed in the front windows. It has been converted into apartments and is home today to descendants of Amanda Toomer. More information on Amanda America Dixon can be found at the Perry Historical Museum.



VETERANS MONUMENT

Intersection Of Carroll St. And Ball St.

Fundraising was begun in 1896 by Major Joseph Palmer and ground was finally broken in July 1907 for this monument by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This monument of a Confederate soldier made of Italian marble mounted on a granite base cost \$2,000 and stands on the same spot where the liberty pole was raised when Georgia seceded in 1861. A dedication ceremony was held on May 21, 1908 and members of the Perry Rifles fired a salute at the close of the ceremonies. Today the monument reminds us of the many Perrys of all wars who sacrificed their lives in service to their country. Originally the monument was placed in the middle of Ball Street but was moved when Perry's first red light was installed in 1928.



WALKER INSURANCE AGENCY

Formerly The Perry Train Depot

1110 Washington Street

This original Perry Train Depot was built in 1870 on Jernigan Street and was moved to this present location in 1985 to be renovated for commercial use. It opened as King's Fashions, a ladies dress shop, but had changed to The Travel Center by 1989. Today Walker Insurance Agency operates in this building.



WATSON-HUNT FUNERAL HOME

1208 Main Street

This house was fondly called "Palace Beautiful" by Samuel D. Killen, a prosperous Perry lawyer, Houston County judge, Georgia Senator, and planter who built this structure in 1852. It was built with a simple Georgian design, both floors having symmetrical small upper and lower porches in front, paired chimneys, and side-gabled roof, all distinguishing features of the Georgian design. However, numerous changes were made to this home through the years: a wing was added at the right; and a porte cochere at the left which was later made into a sun porch and still later enclosed to form an office. The two small front porches were stripped away and replaced with a much grander portico and tiny second-floor balcony. It ceased to be a family dwelling in 1926 when it was sold to Clinchfield Portland Cement Corporation to be used as a clubhouse for visiting officials. It was sold again in 1955 to Gardner Watson to be used as a funeral home and continues as that business today.



WROUGHT IRON FOUNTAIN

Formerly The Site Of Perry's 1st Water Tower

1009-A Carroll St

Perry's 1st water tower was a wooden structure standing about 15½ feet high with a fire bell located on top of the tower. Later the fire bell was replaced by a siren, and the fire bell today sits proudly in its new location on the vacant lot on Ball Street next to the fire department. As the city grew, a second water tower, a 50,000-gallon tank known as Old Faithful, replaced the wooden structure. In 1951 this second tower became inadequate to furnish enough pressure and reserve supplies of water for the growing city, so it was replaced by a 200,000-gallon water tank located by the Perry Events Center. A majestic black tiered water fountain now beautifies the spot where the water tower once stood.