



CATER-JONES HOME

808 Washington Street

This Carpenter Italianate, gable ell cottage was built in the 1870s by Fletcher Cater, grandson of James Duncan. It was occupied by the Frank Cater family for 50 years but was sold in 1944 to Cooper Jones who was a legend in Perry because of his cheerful greetings and customer pranks for anyone visiting his pecan business on Carroll Street. His "Good Mornings" all day long, his friendly chats and acts of kindness, and his sense of humor were a beloved part of Perry. Cooper Jones built a 40-year national reputation as the man who sells those "Houston County pecans that taste so good" and who kept beautiful camellias in the store to pin on the women visitors.



CECIL MOODY HOME

800 Evergreen Street

This home was built in 1950 by Cecil Moody. The house was paid for in cash with Cecil paying Mr. Tolleson at the end of each week for work done that week. Cecil was owner of the Ford dealership known as Moody Motor Company which he started in 1939. His brother Wilson Moody became a partner in the business in 1946 after the war and they sold both new and used automobiles. The Houston Home Journal reported that by June of 1953 the firm had sold 810 new cars and trucks. Cecil would hide the new Ford models in the carport here and the town folks would try to "sneak a peek." After many owners, the home returned to a Moody family member when it was purchased in 2003.



COOPER-EVANS HOME

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.



COOPER-HURLBUTT HOME

807 Washington Street

Charles and Cinderella Faulk Cooper were married in 1873 and built this home about 1878. Original to the house are 14' ceilings, intricate moldings, and heart pine floors. This home is an outstanding rare example of the stick-style architecture used in the mid-1800s. The small barn across the driveway is original construction dating to the mid-1800s. The Cooper family owned this home for over 90 years, using it as a boarding house for single female teachers in the 1930s and 1940s. Wallis and Paula Hurlbutt bought the house in 1980 and made a complete restoration. In 2017 the house was purchased from their estate by their daughter and her husband who continue to make upgrades to the house and property while maintaining the original character.



COX-SWANSON HOME

933 Carroll St.

The Cox-Swanson home was famous long before its doors were opened as one of the South's best southern dining destinations. A three-room house and livery stable were on the property by the mid-to-late 1800s. In 1903 Nora Singleton Cox purchased the property and added two bedrooms and a large hall, transforming the structure into the building as we know it today.



DR. HORACE EVANS HOME

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.



DUNCAN-CATER-WILLIFORD HOME

802 Washington Street

This home originally consisted of two rooms and a kitchen built in 1835 by James Erskine Duncan. It was the first frame dwelling in Perry as others were built with logs and round poles. For almost 150 years, successive generations of the Duncan family lived in this home. In 1877 Judge Clinton C. Duncan, son of James E. Duncan, built the Victorian second-story addition and made the structure an outstanding Carpenter Italianate, gable ell house. After his service in the Civil War, President Grover Cleveland appointed Colonel Duncan as General Inspector of Indian Agents for four years. During this time he left his mark in the state of Oklahoma by naming one town "Perry" and another "Duncan." The property was sold in 1981 by descendants of the Duncan family.



EDGE-ANDREW-ABNEY HOME

1107 Swift Street

This two-story home with a wrap-around porch was built by Dr. John B. Edge in the 1880s after his marriage to Ammie King, the only daughter of Captain Francis Marion King. Ammie was the great-granddaughter of General Francis Marion King, the 'Swamp Fox,' who is well known by historians as the crafty militia leader who routinely out-foxed British troops during the American Revolution and is considered one of the main reasons our country was successful in our war of independence. In 1887 Dr. Edge became one of the first residents to have a telephone in his home. He was a medical doctor for the Houston Lake community, but moved to Cordele in 1891. The home was purchased by B. H. Andrew, Sr. who had recently moved to Perry from Hartwell, Georgia. Members of the Andrew family lived here until 1966. The current homeowners bought this house in April 1980 and have lived here for over forty years. Over those years, the house has become known as 'the fern house' as six huge Boston ferns hang in the alcoves around the front porch most of the year. Even so, many children call this house 'the witch house' as the same Halloween witch has sat on the front porch every October for forty years.



FELDER-GILES-COUEY HOME

904 Duncan Ave.

Originally the Edward L. Felder home during the 1850s. The Andrew S. Giles family owned the home from 1874 to 1913, when it was purchased by Mrs. Minnie Couey.



FELDER-RAGAN-BARNES-GALLEMORE HOME

1410 Park Avenue

Built in 1854, this house was bought from the Emmet Barnes estate in 1949 and moved to its present location by Dr. & Mrs. Johnny Gallemore. Hundreds of camellias and a tenant house were also moved. The tenant house was converted into a guest house in the back yard.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PASTORIUM

902 Evergreen Street

This house was built between 1905 and 1910 by Perry First Baptist Church to serve as a pastorium and was used as such until 1947. However, in 1912 when the church was between pastors, the house was rented to Dr. D. B. Dobbins and Mr. H. S. Smith who occupied the house jointly with their new brides. Interestingly enough the first thing to be built on the lot was a hole in the ground for a well according to the Houston Home Journal of 1905. In 1947 the property was sold to the Dudley Jones family who lived here until 2014.



FORMER BIRCH HOME

1303 Swift Street

This home was built in the 1860s by Johnathon Birch and is a nice example of a Carpenter Italianate house. The cottage was built with an open space below the house large enough to park wagons and buggies but was lowered to ground level by the T. F. Hardy, Sr. family in the 1940s. Note the original roof on the house.



FORMER EVANS HOME

903 Washington Street

This charming early American bungalow was built in 1941 by Horace and Totsie Evans, who lived here for more than 50 years. Horace and his sister, Mildred Warren, opened the Horace & Mildred Shop in 1946 which operated for more than 40 years.



FORMER HOLTZCLAW HOME

1212 Main Street

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.



FORMER HOLTZCLAW HOME

1117 Main Street

Built as a family home in 1855 by Judge Henry Holtzclaw, it was purchased by George Riley in 1925, and by Joe and Connette Gayle in 1961. The wrought iron fence is not original to the home but was brought from Kentucky by the Gayles. In 1854 Mrs. Amy Kelly gave a solid silver coin communion service to Perry Baptist Church. When rumors were circulating that the Yankees were coming to Perry near the end of the Civil War, Judge Holtzclaw had his brother-in-law, Dr. Carpenter, a Perry dentist, cut a hole in the ceiling of a closet between the front and middle bedrooms of this house and hid the silver communion service in the attic. The hole in the closet ceiling is still evident today.



FORMER HOME OF COLONEL H.P. HOUSER JR.

907 Washington Street

This house was built in 1890 by Houston P. Houser who owned a dry goods store on Carroll Street. His son, Colonel H. P. Houser, Jr., a graduate of West Point in 1931, was born in this house in May 1907. Colonel Houser was commanding officer of the 5th Cavalry Regiment during WWII. He survived the Bataan Death March and was a prisoner of the Japanese for 3 years. The house remained in the Houser family until 1987.



FORMER HOOK HOME

Formerly The Perry Baptist Church Location

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.



FORMER LAWSON HOME

1304 Swift Street

This elegant cottage was built in 1941 by Hugh and Louise Lawson next door to the home in which Hugh was born. This land had been in the Lawson family since 1868.



FORMER MASON HOME

1015 Northside Drive

This home was built in 1914 by Thomas Mason, Sr. and remained the property of the Mason family for almost 80 years. It was the first house in Perry with plumbing and electricity as part of the original construction.



FORMER METHODIST CHURCH PARSONAGE

901 Washington Street

In 1881 this lot was purchased from Thomas J. Cater by the Perry Methodist Church, the money having been raised by a committee of ladies from the missionary society called the Earnest Workers. These ladies were Mrs. Amanda Havis, Miss Pauline Mann and Miss Kitty V. Cater and they presented the trustees with \$845.80 so that this property could be purchased as a parsonage for the Methodist Church. A small house on this lot was remodeled and used for that purpose until this home was built in 1914 by the Perry Methodist Church as a new parsonage. The deed specified that the Trustees accept such deed on the distinct condition that said house and lot will forever remain as the parsonage of said church. This home served as a parsonage until 1959 when it was sold to Felton Norwood, Sr. as a new parsonage had been built on Forest Hill Road. So much for forever remaining as the parsonage of said church.



FORMER MILLER HOME

810 Washington Street

This bungalow-style house was built in 1854 by the William H. Miller family but sold in 1873 to James D. Martin, Sr. who was a jeweler and merchant in Perry. In 1886 Mr. Martin remodeled this residence by raising the roof and enlarging two rooms. In 1904 the home was purchased by Samuel L. Norwood, Sr. who occupied it for more than 50 years.



FORMER NUNN HOME

1105 Beckham Circle

Built in 1935, this was the childhood home of U. S. Senator from Georgia, Sam Nunn. This house exhibits a nice transition from the Colonial Revival architectural style to the Minimal Traditional style. In the park adjoining this property, many members of Perry High School's legendary basketball team practiced their skills in the 1950s.



FORMER SINGLETON HOME

1212 Swift Street

In 1832, George W. Singleton received a 202-acre land grant from the Creek Indians and built this home on the site. The early nineteenth-century Greek Revival-style house was built in the 1850s and is one of the older homes of Perry. Its style is easily identified by its full-width porch, entryway columns sized in scale to the porch type, a front door surrounded by narrow rectangular windows, and hipped roof with cornices sporting a wide trim. It is significant as an excellent example of a "Sand Hills Cottage," a building type not commonly found outside the Augusta area. This was home to seven generations of related Singleton families. Today the wide steps leading to the second floor and the cupola no longer remain, but the appearance otherwise remains the same as its original construction.



FORMER SITE OF PERRY'S LARGEST HORSE AND MULE BARN

1207 Swift Street

This house was built in the 1890s and is a variation of Queen Anne architecture. Its steeply pitched, irregular roof shape, dominant, front-facing gable, partial width porch, and differing wall textures illustrate the eclectic style of the Victorian era architecture. During the early 1900s, the property housed Perry's largest horse and mule barn which covered the remainder of the block.



FORMER SWIFT HOME

1204 Swift Street

Built in 1857, this was the home of Judge William Tyre Swift for whom Swift Street was named. This house is an outstanding example of the Greek Revival style. It features a full width recessed porch with square, vernacular Doric columns and a large, molded Greek Revival style door surrounded with a 10 light transom, 5 light sidelights, and paired 2/3 glazed doors. The large size of the door surround indicates a very wide formal hallway. Other features include tall stuccoed masonry chimney shafts and dentil molding under the eaves and large pronounced dentils on the corners under the eaves. Swift's Southern Specific Tonic was first manufactured in this back yard by Colonel Charles T. Swift, the son of Judge Swift. This tonic, which builds rich red blood in cases of simple iron-deficiency anemia, is still in production today through the SSS Company in Atlanta.



FORMER THARP HOME

1300 Swift Street

This home was built in 1868 by Rev. Benjamin F. Tharp, a Baptist minister, for his daughter, Mrs. Claudia Tharp Lawson. Rev. Tharp was a member of the first graduating class at Mercer University. He financed a missionary to the Creek Indians in Oklahoma and helped establish a school for the Indians in that state. After Claudia's death, other members of the Lawson family continued to live here until 1993.



FORMER TOUNSLEY HOME

1400 Swift Street

This home was built by Lot S. Tounsley in 1882 and members of his family lived here for almost 50 years. Mr. Tounsley owned a livery stable and store in Perry. In 1933 the Alton Rainey family purchased the property and lived here for almost 70 years. For two years (1931-1933) it was home for Fred M. Culler, the tallest man in Houston County being 6'6" tall as reported by the Home Journal.



FORMER VISSCHER HOME

900 Washington Street

This home, located on the corner of Washington and Gilmer Streets, was built in the early 1880s by Jacob Glenn Visscher who was a railroad contractor, but he moved to Macon in 1889 and the house was sold to Marion Augustus Edwards. Mrs. Gussie Edwards, wife of Marion, died here in 1907 but the Edwards family continued to live here until 1918 when the property was sold to Mrs. Ollie Matthews Bennett who occupied the house with her family for many years, but it became rental property in 1936 when the Louis Singleton family from Fort Valley moved to Perry. It was during this time that Mrs. Bennett divided the lot and sold part of it to Allen and Evelyn Whipple to build their home at 902 Washington. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holloman purchased the house in 1944 and later deeded it to her niece, Miss Gertrude Frederick. Miss Frederick rented a three-room unfurnished apartment in the 1950s to bring in additional income.



FORMER WOOLFOLK HOME

1203 Swift Street

This Victorian home with elaborate trim was built in the 1890s by John W. Woolfolk, and members of his family lived here for more than 50 years. This Queen Anne Revival architectural style offers a one-story wrap-around porch and built-in turret (round room). The round shape provides exceptional acoustics making it the perfect place for listening to and playing music. The tragic story of the Woolfolk family can be read in *Shadow Chasers: The Woolfolk Tragedy Revisited*.



FORMERLY PERRY'S FIRST GA STATE PATROL STATION

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.



GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES HOME

903 Evergreen Street

This Queen Anne style of Victorian architecture was built in 1893 at a cost of \$5,000 by John Hicks Hodges, editor and owner of the Houston Home Journal from 1880 to 1924. This was the childhood home of General Courtney Hodges, Commander of the First Army during WWII. He was the first soldier in the history of the United States Army to rise from private to four-star general. General Hodges also served in the Philippines, Mexico and Europe in World War I.



HURST HOME

904 Evergreen Street

This mission-style bungalow was built in 1913 for the son of Judge Samuel Hurst. This home still showcases the original woodwork and flooring and includes an inordinate amount of wooden décor. Two original chandeliers in this house were hung by carved wooden chains.



JAMES M. GOODEN HOME

913 Evergreen Street

This bungalow-style house was built about 1925 by James M. Gooden. Mr. Gooden came to Perry in 1919 and served as superintendent of Perry schools for more than 25 years. He introduced the game of basketball to Perry Schools the first year he was here and later built a gym in 1927 at a cost of \$6,500. His teams won seven district championships from 1927-1933.



JOHN L. HODGES HOME

901 Evergreen Street

This home was built by John L. and Ruby Hodges in 1941. John L. was the son of John Hicks Hodges and had grown up in the house at 903 Evergreen. In May 1924, John L. Hodges succeeded his father as owner and editor of The Houston Home Journal, and his wife, Ruby C. Hodges, became associate editor. In 1931, John L. Hodges was elected judge of the Court of Ordinary of Houston County and was succeeded as editor of The Houston Home Journal by his wife while he continued as publisher. Together they brought the newspaper through the Great Depression of the 1930s and the war period of the 1940s before retiring in March of 1946.



MARION HOUSER HOME

807 Evergreen Street

Marion and Harriet Houser built this one and one-half story house in 1940 as a combination brick and clapboard of the Cape Cod Style of architecture. They were the parents of Hentz Houser who became a quadriplegic in 1951 at the age of 17. Hentz of Things Not Seen, written by his mother, tells the true story of a young man who overcame complete paralysis to regain some use of his arms. He designed a hand gadget for picking up items which became of interest to the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.



MAYO DAVIS HOME

809 Evergreen Street

This two-story house was built by Mayo Davis in 1939. Mayo Davis founded Davis Oil Company in 1946 which quickly expanded to become a Shell Oil Distributor in 1949. Two generations later, Davis Oil Company has received the Three Star Award from the Georgia Department of Agriculture for being the first producer, wholesaler, and retailer for fuel in Georgia.



MULKEY HOME

911 Evergreen Street

This cottage was built in 1891 by Mary and Matilda Mulkey who were dressmakers. From this home Mary Mulkey sold a tonic for strengthening and invigorating the nerves which could also be used for chills and fever. Each recipe cost \$1. Mary died in 1898 and Matilda moved to Cordele, renting this house to a succession of renters until the Anderson family bought it and remodeled it, adding a spacious front porch and other improvements.



PALACE BEAUTIFUL

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.



PERRY'S FIRST BRICK HOME

904 Washington St.

This Craftsman's bungalow was built circa 1920 but possibly as early as 1907 by Lucille Kezar Cooper as Perry's first brick home. Other former owners include J. J. Rooney, owner of the New Perry Hotel in the 1930s, and James M. Gooden, former principal of Perry High School. The property was sold to Bill and Robin O'Neal in October 1992 who added additional space to the rear of the home and a second floor in 2006.



POWERS-BECKHAM HOME

1102 Beckham Circle

This beautiful mansion was built in the 1850s by J. H. Powers, who was the Ordinary for Houston County and who fought with the Houston County Calvary in the Seminole War of 1836. It was built on the corner of Main and Evergreen Streets and became part of the Board of Education in 1919. It was used as classrooms for the upper grades until the new consolidated school was built in 1925. At that time it was purchased by Ed Beckham and moved to this lot using logs and "mule power." Family legend says that Beckham paid \$500 or \$600 for the house.



PRINGLE-MOORE-HURST HOME

906 Evergreen Street

This beautiful country-style Victorian house was built prior to 1880 by the Pringle family. By 1890 Charles H. Moore had bought the property and was living on the premises. By 1901 Judge Samuel T. Hurst, Ordinary of Houston County had purchased the house and the lot next door which remained in the Hurst family until 1942. Several of the original window panes have been preserved and still bear the dates of 1893 and 1894.



PRITCHETT HOME

1101 Beckham Circle

Built by A.C. Pritchett, Sr. in 1938. Currently owned by Allen C. Pritchett, Jr. The home has a lovely garden and grounds.



FORMER ROGERS HOME

905 Washington St.

This charming Victorian cottage was built in the 1880s for Mrs. Ida Cater Rogers on property given by her father, Thomas J. Cater. By 1937 the property had been sold to Bennie H. Andrew, Jr. and remained in that family until 1991.



SEARS ROEBUCK KIT HOMES

1304 To 1214 Main Street

Twelve Sears home kits costing \$2000 each were ordered from Sears, Roebuck, & Company in 1925 to provide housing for Penn Dixie management. Willie Bell Roberts, well-known carpenter in Perry, assembled all twelve. Eight of the houses face Main Street and the remaining four are located on Clinchfield Circle.



THOMAS KILLEN HOME

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.



TOOMER HOME

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.



W.H. NORWOOD HOME

1303 Forest Hill Drive

This beautiful Italianate style, Georgia cottage was built on Main Street in 1874 by W. H. Norwood. The balustrade, columns, and molding on the exterior are original to the house. 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 its present location and later became offices for Forest Hill Properties.