

Georgia and National Register of Historic Places Listings in DeKalb County And Other Historic Sites

STRUCTURES AND PLACES

- 1. Briarcliff**, 1260 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, former home of Asa G. Candler Jr. (son of Asa G. Candler Sr.), built in 1912, property once contained a zoo, now DeKalb Addiction Clinic.
- 2. Callanwolde**, 980 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, former home of Charles Howard Candler (son of Asa G. Candler Sr.) and Flora Glenn Candler, begun in 1917, finished in 1920 because of construction delays caused by World War I, now DeKalb fine arts center.
- 3. DeKalb Avenue-Clifton Road Archaeological Site** (Arizona Street railroad/MARTA underpass).
- 4. Neville and Helen Farmer "Lustron" House**, 513 Drexel Ave., Decatur, post-World War II, made from porcelain enameled steel panels.
- 5. Mary Gay House**, originally faced the Square on West Ponce de Leon, later at 524 Marshall Street, off West Ponce de Leon, now in the Adair Park Historic Complex, Trinity Place, Decatur, home of Mary Ann Harris Gay, author of *Life In Dixie During The War*, now headquarters of the DeKalb Junior League.
- 6. William T. Gentry House**, 132 E. Lake Drive, S. E.
- 7. Cora Beck Hampton School and House**, 213 Hillyer Place, Decatur, one-story cottage and one-room school, built 1880-1892.
- 8. Agnes Lee Chapter House** of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, 120 Avery Street, Decatur.
- 9. Old DeKalb Courthouse**, Decatur, exterior dates to 1898, interior rebuilt after 1916 fire, built from Stone Mountain granite quarried in Lithonia.
- 10. Russell and Nelle Pines "Lustron" House**, 2081 Sylvania Drive, Decatur, similar to the Farmer house.
- 11. Pythagoras Masonic Lodge No. 41**, 136 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur.
- 12. Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children** (South DeKalb Community Health Center/Oakhurst Community Health Center), 321 W. Hill Street, Decatur.
- 13. The Seminary** (formerly the Malone House), Lithonia.
- 14. Smith-Benning House**, 520 Oakdale Road, N. E., Atlanta.
- 15. Soapstone Ridge**.
- 16. Steele-Cobb House**, "Briarpatch," 2632 Fox Hills Drive, Decatur.
- 17. Stone Mountain Park covered bridge**.
- 18. Swanton House**, originally located uphill for current location, Adair Park Historic Complex, Trinity

Avenue, Decatur, house is now located where Swanton's tannery once stood, original two-room cabin built between 1823 and 1830, Benjamin Franklin Swanton purchased from Ammi Williams.

19. Zuber-Jarrell House, 810 Flat Shoals Ave., S E., built between 1904 and 1906 by John William Zuber, Atlanta lumber dealer.

20. Kirkwood School, 138 Kirkwood Road, built in 1910, since converted to condominiums. The Kirkwood Historical District is on the Georgia Register of Historic Places; National Register nomination is pending.

21. Meadownook (Robert A. Alston House), 2420 Alston Drive, S. E., built 1856-1861, home of Robert Alston, state representative who was killed in 1879 by a political opponent.

22. Blair-Rutland Building, 215 Church Street, Decatur.

23. Bond Family House, Lithonia.

24. Donaldson/Bannister House and Cemetery, 4831 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, built shortly after the Civil War by James Donaldson. (This property currently belongs to DeKalb County. The property is on the Georgia Register of Historic Places; nomination to the National Register is pending.)

25. Briarcliff-Normandy Apartments, roughly along Briarcliff Road, Normandy Drive and Chalmette Drive, Atlanta.

26. Cheek-Spruill House, 5455 Chamblee--Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody.

27. Decatur Waterworks, 1400 McConnell Drive, Mason Mill Park, Decatur.

28. U. S. Post Office, 141 Trinity Place, Decatur.

DISTRICTS

1. Avondale Estates Historic District, developed in 1924 by George F. Willis as a model residential suburb

2. Brookhaven Historic District, east of Peachtree-Dunwoody Road and north and east of Peachtree Road.

3. Cameron Court District, east of Briarcliff Road between Ponce de Leon Avenue and North Decatur Road.

4. Candler Park Historic District, roughly bounded by Moreland, DeKalb, McLendon and Harold avenues, Matthews Street and Clifton Terrace (boundary increase 2005).

5. Druid Hills Historic District, Ponce de Leon Avenue east of Briarcliff Road, adjacent to Emory University District, conceived by Joel Hurt and developed by a syndicate led by Asa G. Candler Sr., first home built in 1909 for Judge John S. Candler (brother of Asa Sr.). Includes Briarcliff and, Callanwolde (previously mentioned) and:

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority's national headquarters, 1386 Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, built in 1911 as home for Clyde L. King family.

HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN DEKALB COUNTY, GA.

St. John Lutheran Church, "Stonehenge," 1410 Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta, former home of Samuel H. Venable, built in 1912 of Stone Mountain granite from the Venable quarry.

888 Oakdale Road, N. E., designed in 1913 by prominent architect Neel Reid, who designed several houses in the area.

6. Druid Hills Parks and Parkways, designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted in 1893, wide Ponce de Leon Avenue planned for through commercial traffic, smaller road for Sunday carriage rides and walking, "linear" parks separate the two roads, with alternating open meadows and wooded areas.

7. Emory University District, several buildings on campus built in early 20th century. Includes:

Lullwater House, 1463 Clifton Road, home of Emory University president, built for the Walter T. Candler (son of Asa G. Candler Sr.) family in 1926 of stone quarried on the property (formerly owned by DeKalb pioneer Dr. Chapmon Powell).

8. Oglethorpe University Historic District, Peachtree Road in the Brookhaven community, oldest building, Lupton Hall, built 1916, architectural style inspired by school attended by James Edward Oglethorpe, Corpus Christi College in Oxford, England.

9. South Candler Street/Agnes Scott College Historic District, Decatur. Includes :

Agnes Scott Hall, 1890

Rebekah Scott Hall, 1903

Charles Murphey Candler House, 158 S. Candler Street, birthplace of longtime DeKalb Commissioner Scott Candler Sr., originally four rooms, second story added later, purchased by Candler shortly after marriage to Mary Hough Scott in 1882. Charles Murphey Candler was a nephew of Asa G. Candler Sr.

Candler-Clarke House, 146 S. Candler Street, built by Milton A. Candler, father of Charles Murphey Candler, in 1889. Caroline McKinney Clarke, granddaughter of Milton A. Candler and author of *The Story of Decatur*, lived her entire life there.

Scott-Sams House, 312 S. Candler Street, built between 1875 and 1885 by Bucher Scott, son of George W. Scott, founder of Agnes Scott College, later owned by Bucher Scott's daughter, Mrs. Hansford Sams.

10. Emory Grove Historic District, centered on North Decatur Road, between the CSX RR and the University Park-Emory Highlands-Emory Estates Historic District, Decatur.

11. Klondike Historic District, Klondike and South Goddard Roads, south of Lithonia.

12. Stone Mountain Historic District, Stone Mountain.

13. Winona Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by East College Avenue, Avery Street, South Columbia Drive and Mimosa Drive, Decatur.

14. University Park-Emory Highlands-Emory Estates Historic District, roughly bounded by North Decatur Road, Durand Drive, Peavine Creek and the Druid Hills Historic District, Decatur.

HISTORIC, BUT NOT ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Biffle Cabin, Adair Park Historic Complex, Trinity Place, Decatur.

Thomas-Barber Cabin, Adair Park Historic Complex, Trinity Place, Decatur.

Solomon Goodwin House, 3967 Peachtree Road, Brookhaven, said to have been built by Solomon Goodwin about 1831, may have been built by John Harris Goodwin, Solomon's son, or John Dobbs, designated the oldest extant house in DeKalb County by a state of Georgia Historical Marker, originally located closer to intersection of Peachtree and North Druid Hills roads.

East Lake Country Club, 2575 Alston Drive, S. E., Atlanta, built in 1904, championship golfer Bobby Jones learned to play here.

Stephen B. Spruill House (Spruill Art Center), 4681 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody.

Cary Spruill House, corner of Ashford Dunwoody and Mt. Vernon, Dunwoody.

Samuel House House (Peachtree Golf Club), 4600 Peachtree Road. N. E., Brookhaven, built about 1858 by Samuel House from bricks handmade from native clay, served as Sherman's headquarters on July 18, 1864.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 3420 Panola Road, DeKalb's oldest church, established 1823.

Williams-Evans ("High") House, 309 Sycamore Street, Decatur, built in the 1830s.

Walters ("Marble") House, 119 North McDonough, Decatur, built in 1885, once used to board Agnes Scott College students.

Chapmon Powell Cabin, Stone Mountain Park Antebellum Complex, "Mammy's Cabin," built about 1826 by one of DeKalb County's first physicians, Martha Bulloch Roosevelt (mother of President Theodore Roosevelt) visited there. Stone Mountain Park had cabin cut down from its original size when it was installed in the Antebellum Complex.

Stillwell House, 992 Ridge Avenue, Stone Mountain, built about 1850, dance floor on the third floor, purchased in 1868 by the Rev. Jacob M. Stillwell, pastor of the Stone Mountain Baptist Church. Tradition holds that Stillwell, for whom dancing was a sin, said he "had about as much need of a dance hall as a possum has for a petticoat." While the Rev. and Mrs. Stillwell were out of town, their nine children invited their friends to a dance, complete with a band from Atlanta. The Stillwell family owned the house until 1942. There is no record of the fate of the children.

Ashe House, 5329 Mimosa, Stone Mountain, built about 1836, said to have been used by Andrew Johnson as hotel, tavern or storehouse, a hospital between 1852 and 1884 hospital, later a hotel, then a residence, walls are constructed of two layers of brick with airspace in between.

Lyon House and Smokehouse, Lyon Road overlooking the South River, original portion of house (now the kitchen area), said to have been built when the area was Henry County (before 1822), basement (partially underground) served as slave quarters.

John B. Johns House, Johns Road, Tucker, said to have been built in 1829.

Towers-Fowler-Thompson House, property first owned by William Towers in 1822, then by Alexander C. Fowler (son of John W. Fowler) in 1854, moved from original site Northern and Rockbridge roads about 1984.

Avary-Fulton House, 205 South Columbia Drive, built by Dr. James C. Avary about 1868, later home to the Rev. Atticus Greene Haygood, bishop of the Methodist Church South.

Pearce-Glenn House, 428 Sycamore, built by John Pearce in 1876, Pearce also built a windmill and water tank on the property, said to have had the first running water in Decatur.

Decatur First United Methodist Church chapel, Sycamore Street and Columbia Drive, Decatur, built in 1897 of native granite.

Stone Mountain Quarries Historic District, Stone Mountain.

NOTES: Many National Register sites in DeKalb are private properties and/or residences. Others require prior approval before visiting. For more information on historic sites in DeKalb, contact the DeKalb History Center.