

Places: Hampton-Pinckney Historic District dates back to antebellum period

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Walking in the front door after a long day of work and realizing that people, families have walked in that same door for over 100 years must be a comforting thought. Owning a piece of the past, a piece of yesterday, and continuing the tradition of the families that came before yours is what Hampton-Pinckney residents do everyday.

The area now known as Hampton-Pinckney District was first purchased in 1815 by Vardry McBee, and the first house in the area was built by McBee's son – Pinckney – prior to the Civil War.



The area emerged as one of the most desirable areas in Greenville due mostly to the fact that the trolley lines were located just one block away.

The trolley system covered Main, College, Buncombe, North and Pendleton Streets. The trolley lines would eventually serve Poe Mill, Woodside Mill, Monaghan Mill and even San Souci Country Club, which was the Greenville Country Club of that era.

The Hampton-Pinckney district is recognized as one of the finest remaining areas of Victorian architecture in Greenville. The dominant architectural styles are Queen Anne and Craftsman with some Gothic Revival, Colonial Revival, Italianate and even Prairie. The area was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, becoming Greenville's first National Register District.

Like many of the urban neighborhoods of the era, the Hampton-Pinckney district fell into disrepair and began a period of decline between the end of World War II and the late 1970s. But, with the listing in the historic register and the urge of people to renovate older properties the area began to see a resurgence of interest and growth in the late '70s.

Today the Hampton Pinckney Historic District is one of Greenville's most distinctive neighborhoods and represents one of the most significant architectural resources in Greenville.



1. Gallivan House: Built in 1904-1905 by James Gallivan, an engineer.



2. J.M. Geer House: Constructed in 1894 by J.M. Geer and sold in 1898 to G. Heyward Mahon, a former mayor of Greenville.



3. Landrum House: Built in 1874 by Chevis Montgomery Landrum and Melinda Penelope McBee. Rather eclectic house with Ionic columns grouped in three's.



4. F.B. McBee House: Frank Butler McBee House- a classic example of Greek revival architecture. Construction date unknown, it was likely built before 1860.



5. Frank Galloway House: Constructed circa 1917



6. Associate Reformed Church: Circa 1919



7. Bailey House: Constructed in 1890 by Rev. Thomas Bailey, a former missionary and secretary of the SC Baptist Convention.



8. Matoon Presbyterian Church: Built in 1888, one of Greenville's oldest African-American churches.



9. W.P. McBee House: While the year of construction is unknown, the William Pinckney McBee House is probably the oldest in the neighborhood. The National Historic Register of Historic Places dates it from 1834, but W.P. McBee would have been only 14 years old then.



10. Rickman House: Built in 1908, one of the best examples of Queen Anne architecture in Greenville



11. Glover House: Built around 1915



12. Central Baptist Church: Built in 1904 and it is one of 4 churches in the neighborhood.



13. Walker-Monroe House: Constructed circa 1920 with distinctive Arts and Crafts detailing.



14. Chiles House: Distinctive 1925 bungalow has significant Craftsman detailing.



15. Lipscomb House: Built around 1905, this house closely resembles a house on Hillcrest Drive. The owners actually moved to Hillcrest Drive and built essentially the same house (but Mrs. Lipscomb thought Hillcrest was too far out in the country, so they moved back).



16. Louis Burdell Houston House: Built in 1904 by Louis Burdell Houston for his new bride, this resembles a house in Brevard.

These homes listed above are just 16 examples of the amazing architectural compilation of the area and are examples of the Hampton-Pinckney District's historic significance in Greenville. There are many more homes and styles listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please note: Property addresses were intentionally omitted as most of these properties are privately owned.

City of Greenville Video about the district:



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/as-pAOHJaKM>

Helpful Links:

[Hampton-Pinckney Walking Tour Map](#)

[Greenville County's Historic District Page about the Hampton Pinckney District](#)

[Hampton-Pinckney Historic Preservation Area official website](#)

[The List homepage, with properties available throughout the Upstate](#)

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