



WEST FELICIANA RR BUILDING . 1834
THE WILKINSON COUNTY MUSEUM 1991

THE WOODVILLE CIVIC CLUB

FOUNDED IN 1971



THE BANK OF MISSISSIPPI . 1819
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM 2004

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How the National Register Saved the day Across America!

Our Interstate System was one of the most exciting modern post WWII innovations. It was going to revolutionize travel in America and it did. It kicked off under President Eisenhower in the 1950's. But at a price.

It was quickly apparent that connecting cities with these huge new highways and overpasses was going to be at the price of ripping through old neighborhoods . . . historic neighborhoods . . . and that it was going to cost us.

One elevated highway was planned right through the French Quarter along the river. We were losing landmarks right and left.

In 1966 Congress Passed The National Register of Historic Places

Any property of historic value and over 50 years old could not be damaged or have its enjoyment impaired by any project using Federal funds without the permission of the Chief Preservation Officer in each state. The head of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History is our CPO.

This simple act is powerful. It stopped the elevated highway in the Quarter and saved endless landmarks in America.

The Woodville National Register Historic District

As a Civic Club project the first phase of our Woodville National Register Historic District was an early one. It was completed with 147 sites listed in 1983.

Subsequently we added more and now we have a district of 242 sites. The county also has several dozen additionally independently nominated sites.

For a Town with about 950 residents that is a stunning amount and shows centuries long dedication to preservation in Woodville.

FACEBOOK LIVE SALE!!!

Every Thursday Night
7 p.m.

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Main Street Market
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The Wax Home . . . a Fine and Only Example of the Eastlake Style

We have examples of all major periods of American architecture from the last 220 years but none as unique as our single example of EASTLAKE . . . a style that had a short period of popularity at the end of the Victorian period and the advent of the plain and simple Prairie Style and its similar Craftsman Styles.



The Wax House is a fine untouched and well preserved example on College Street. It's builder Koss Johnson and Architect J.T. Smith did a masterful job and it is now the home of a military man with extensive Wilkinson County family connections who has chosen to come "home" and retire. It was built in 1898.



Magnolia Plantation Gone

Sadly, it burned to the ground early in the morning of Monday May 2nd but thankfully Amanda Netterville Kirkland and her children got out and no-one was hurt. It had been built in 1890 to replace the earlier Johnson house which burned as well.

Never out of the family, with it went endless artifacts, paintings, original furnishings and so many books . . . and history that tied this home, south of Woodville on the Jackson Road, to just about every family in this county . . . the Johnsons, Nettervilles, Randolphs, Stocketts, Woods, Whitakers . . . and even Thomas Oswalds.

Woodville Preservation Commission Oversees the Historic District

The Town of Woodville established the commission in 2013 and laid down rules governing any repairs or construction within the District. Mrs. Patricia Dooley is current

Chairman, with members Frances Bailey, Alex Ventress, Elbert Beauchamp, and Stella Pitts.

EXHIBITS AND CIVIC CLUB NEWS

African-American Museum Open Thursdays

Thanks to Mrs. Frances Bailey and several dedicated volunteers the museum has been open on Thursdays from 10 to 4 for visitors.

Plans are in progress to also open the Wilkinson County Museum at the same time come September.

Volunteers at both museums are welcome.

Call 601.888.7151 or email
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The Friends of Beth Israel Cemetery

A non-profit support group is being formed to provide perpetual care for our neglected Jewish cemetery on Sligo Street. The brain-child of Russell Fry several thousand dollars donations have been collected and trees have been cut in half the cemetery and it is being mowed.

To receive quarterly reports and historic data email your address to us at
info@woodvillecivicclub.com