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Maury County, Tennessee is the only county named "Maury" in the entire United States of America!

TOUR DATES:

*Friday, December 1st & Saturday,
December 2nd, 2017*

9AM to 5PM both days

About the Tour

The Maury Christmas Historic Home Tour is a Maury County tradition. The tour began in 1951 as the “Majestic Middle Tennessee Tour of Homes” and was held each year in the Fall. Since that time, the tour has evolved into a two-day event taking place annually on the first weekend of December.

This year’s tour, “Dreaming of a White Christmas,” features ten sites. More information about the tour sites can be found within the pages of this publication.

Here’s how the tour works:

1) Purchase tickets. Tickets may be purchased at Tour Headquarters (the Athenaeum) or at any of the other ticket locations (Elm Springs, Maury County Visitor’s Center, the Polk Home, and Rippavilla Plantation).

2) Go tour! This tour is geared towards YOU. Once

you have your ticket, you can go to whichever tour site you please. You can visit just a few of the sites or go to all ten— the choice is yours.

Tour tickets are \$25.

For more information about the tour, call Tour Headquarters at (931) 381-4822 or visit the tour website, www.MauryChristmas.org.

The Maury Christmas Home Tour is the annual fundraiser of the Maury County Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA). Proceeds from this event go toward the operating costs and continued maintenance of the historic Athenaeum. Heritage Bank and the Maury County Visitor’s Bureau are proud sponsors of the Maury Christmas Home Tour.



Tour Headquarters— The Athenaeum

The Athenaeum Rectory in Columbia, Tennessee, was built in 1835 by Nathan Vaught, Maury County’s master builder, for Samuel Polk Walker, nephew of James K. Polk. The Reverend Mr. Franklin Gillette Smith came to Columbia to be rector of the Columbia Female Institute, an Episcopal girls’ finishing school and lived with his family next to the school in the house.

In 1852 Mr. Smith built his own girls school, the Columbia Athenaeum that became nationally known for its quality and breadth of curriculum. The school offered girls the same subjects as well educated young man would have pursued at the time, including physics, calculus, chemistry, and biology. The school grounds and buildings were sold to the city of Columbia in 1903. The buildings were eventually torn down and the first public high school erected in 1918.

The Athenaeum Rectory remained in the Smith family until 1973 when Mr. Smith’s granddaughter, Fannie Louise Davis deeded the property to The Association for

the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA). It is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The majority of the Athenaeum campus land that was left from Athenaeum Street east to Walker and as far south as ninth was divided into lots and sold for new houses to be built.

The home was recently named to the “Ten in Tennessee” list of endangered historic sites because of the deterioration of the site and its lack of funding. The site was also awarded a grant from the Tennessee Historic Commission to help with restoration costs. Much has been completed at the Athenaeum, but there is still much to do. Visit the Athenaeum during the Home Tour and see what changes have taken place. (Also, be sure to visit the Athenaeum for a bake sale and for other tour merchandise including shirts and Christmas ornaments!)

While touring the Athenaeum, be sure to take notice of the décor. Each room of the Athenaeum will feature Christmas decorations and styles from different decades.

Armsdale Farm

Armsdale Farm is the only Zion farm that remains in continual ownership of the original eleven families that settled this area in 1807. Col. James Armstrong was a Revolutionary War veteran. He led this group of families of Scots-Irish Presbyterians in relocating from Kingstree, SC to what is now Maury County, TN. Kingstree was settled in 1732 by Scots Irish people leaving northern Ireland and the Armstrongs were among them. After arriving in Franklin in 1806, a group of settlers spent a year looking for the ideal tract. They decided upon 5,000 acres of the 25,000 acres awarded General Nathaniel Greene for his service in the Revolutionary War. What impressed the Zion group the most was the abundance of 100 foot tulip poplar trees and cane breaks which indicated there were many springs. They knew 100 foot poplar trees didn't grow in infertile soils. With the abundance of springs, they knew this land had a more than adequate supply of water. History has proven that they made a very wise choice.

This fertile 25,000 acres is why Maury County became the agricultural center of the state and is referred to as "The Dimple of the Universe." The eleven families from Kingstree paid \$3 per acre to General Greene's heirs living in Savannah, GA. The first thing they did was to erect Zion Presbyterian Church in the center of the tract and this was done before building their own homes. The Zion Church celebrated its Bicentennial Anniversary in 2007.

The original home at Armsdale Farm was a two story log structure. 90-foot poplar timbers were used in its construction. It served as the residence to the Armstrong family until this residence was constructed in 1905 by Horace Anderson Armstrong when he was fifty years old. Horace was the great grandson of James. Horace's parents were George Dickey and Elizabeth Gale Armstrong. George Dickey died in Camp Douglas, the Union prisoner of war camp outside Chicago. He was in his early thirties. Elizabeth Gale came from Mississippi to attend the Columbia Female Institute met George Dickey, married, and made Armsdale Farm her home. She somehow made this farm work during post Civil War days until Horace and his older brother, Edward, reached adulthood.

Horace and his wife, Mary Dale Craige, had a daughter,

Elizabeth Gale Armstrong. Gale married Edwin H. McIver and Armsdale became their home. Their son and daughter in law, Bobby and Ruth McIver, have resided at Armsdale Farm since 1999.

The original home had two parlors, a dining room, two bedrooms, and a back porch. There were multiple outbuildings including a kitchen, outhouse, coal house, packing room and chicken coop. The stone chimney near the main house was built in 1905 and was the cook's cabin. The home has fourteen foot ceilings and was designed to stay cool in the summer. Originally the home had coal fire places which heated the home.

In the 1940's, a kitchen was added to the back of the house. This remained until it was updated in

2009. It had bead board ceilings and walls which remain behind the drywall there now. There was a chimney above that vented the old cook stove.

In the late 1950's, a den was added by Bobby's mother, Elizabeth Gale Armstrong McIver. When Mrs. McIver was asked about the eight foot ceiling in the den she responded, "I want one room in this home to stay warm."

Armsdale Farm was known for its good food and hospitality. Mules were raised in large numbers on the farm. They would be taken to New Orleans to be auctioned to Mississippi Delta planters. When Horace Armstrong heard the sound of gasoline engines he knew there needed to be another cash crop. After traveling to North Carolina in 1919 with William Ridley, Sr., they returned and built two large tobacco barns on their respective farms and began the transition from mules to burley tobacco. In the old days tobacco buyers would be fed and entertained around the large dining room table. Tobacco remained the primary cash crop well into the 1980's when it was discontinued. Now the farm is known for its herd of Belted Galloway cattle. Belted Galloways are black with white belts around their mid section and are known as "Oreo Cookie Cows." Armsdale Farm is involved in several farming activities, but providing excellent tasting and healthy beef to the community is our primary focus.

Bobby and Ruth McIver are the sixth generation of the Armstrong clan, who have been involved in continuous agricultural activities since 1807.



Armsdale Farm



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Elm Springs

Elm Springs is a Greek Revival mansion built in 1837 by master builder Nathan Vaught. It is situated on the old stage road that led from Pulaski to Franklin. James and Nathaniel Dick, wealthy cotton merchants of the N & J Dick Company from New Orleans had the house built for their sister Sarah Todd and her husband Christopher, formerly of Virginia. During the War Between the States, the Todd's youngest daughter Susan and her husband, attorney and Tennessee State Senator Abraham Looney occupied the home. He commanded the famous Company H of the Maury County Grays.

Looney was an outspoken Southerner, and this almost resulted in the loss of Elm Springs. In November of 1864, Confederate Units of the famed Army of Tennessee began the march north for Nashville in what would be known as the Franklin-Nashville Campaign. The Federal Army, which had occupied Maury County for several months, was preparing defensive positions ahead of the oncoming Confederate troops under Gen. John B. Hood. Their line of defense extended from the Mooresville Pike to the Mt. Pleasant Pike. As Union forces under the command of Major-General John M. Schofield began their hasty withdrawal from Columbia, many of Maury County's majestic antebellum homes fell victim to the torch. Many houses were burned during those days and Elm Springs was slated to be destroyed also. In an act of retribution, the historic home of Con-

federate Lieutenant Colonel Abraham M. Looney was selected to be destroyed by fire as the last Union troops left Columbia. Responding to pleas of assistance from local citizens, Confederate Brigadier General Frank C. Armstrong dispatched a squad of mounted infantry to insure the safety of Lt. Col. Looney's home and property. A Union soldier placed a burning broom under a stairwell, but a female servant removed it before it could do any major damage. Fires were started that might have burned the house except for the opportune arrival of Confederate troops who extinguished the flames.

A family cemetery is located south of the house, where the last burial was in 1994. Confederate Naval Lieutenant Simeon Cummings was laid to rest in Southern soil after being buried in South Africa for over 130 years.

The Akin family acquired the property about 1910, and in 1985 the Gillham family purchased it and restored it to near-original state. The house and property were purchased in 1992 by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Military Order of the Stars and Bars. The house now serves as headquarters for the SCV. In 2001, the house was redecorated by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and The Ladies of Columbia. The home is fully furnished with period antiques, some of which are original to Elm Springs. Hostesses will greet guests in period dress during the tour.



Elm Springs

Plain View Farm

A Greek Revival Home on Culleoka's Valley Creek Road, Plain View Farm has a history that begins with Charles and Sallie Tomlinson. The couple moved to the Culleoka area from Kentucky and built the home to house their family that would grow to consist of eight sons and four daughters.

The daughters slept in a room upstairs that could only be accessed through a stairwell in the parent's bedroom. The eight sons also slept in a room upstairs, but had the privilege of a stairwell not in the parent's room. Among the eight sons that called Plain View home was a young man

named Merritt Booker Tomlinson. During the Civil War, he would enlist in the Confederate Army. Despite being captured by the Union Army, he would be exchanged and would serve meritoriously through the remainder of the war and live to be a man ninety-nine years of age. At the time of his death, he was the Maury County's only remaining Confederate veteran and was the oldest living Confederate officer left in the United States.

Following the Tomlinson Family, Plain View Farm has seen a variety of owners. In the 1930s, the Willie Sharpe family owned the home. During the Sharpe tenure, it is said that there were more than six whiskey stills on the farm. It is believed that this whiskey was the cause of a fight at the home in the late 1930s, resulting in a death on the stairwell of Plain View Farm. Blood stains were found during a renovation in the 1990s to corroborate this.

Lewis and Sudie Tyler purchased the farm in 1943. The Tylers were farmers who raised both cattle and produce. The main produce of the farm was Culleoka Cantaloupe and tomatoes. The cantaloupes would be shipped out of the Pleasant Grove Depot in Culleoka for distant markets. The tomatoes were taken to a canning factory that operated in Culleoka. As an interesting note, Culleoka is suppos-

edly Native American for "Sweet Water." The "sweet water" name was given to the many springs that were found in the Culleoka area. The tomato canning factory, after operating for several years, used gallons upon gallons of water and actually lowered the water table of the surround-

ing area and drained almost all of the springs that were once so abundant.

Lewis Tyler passed away in 1987 and his wife, Sudie, followed in 1988. Plain View Farm was inherited by their son and daughter-in-law, Harry and Elizabeth Tyler. Together, the Tylers began the task of restoring the old home in 1989. It would



Plain View Farm

not be until 1993 that the couple would move in to Plain View Farm. The couple enjoyed the farm life and raising Hereford cattle. Unfortunately, Mr. Tyler died in 2001.

Shortly after Mr. Tyler's death, his wife, Elizabeth, fell and was no longer able to live on Plain View Farm and the house sat vacant for about several years. Fortunately, Barrow and Clara Brown purchased and saved the home in May 2014 and for over a year, the couple has been restoring and bring the home back to life. The last of the major improvements were made in July 2015. It is still an active farm today and is beautifully nestled in a slight curve in Valley Creek Road, where passersby can still see the traces of a stagecoach road that once passed the property.

The Browns credit their love of history to Barrow's father, Barry Brown, who was a member of the Maury County Historical Society and had also served on Rippavilla's board of trustees. In addition to those organizations, Mr. Brown was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and was the designer of the Maury County Flag, which features the seal of Maury County on a field of "Maury County" blue.

This is only the second time Plain View Farm has been featured on the Maury Christmas Home Tour.

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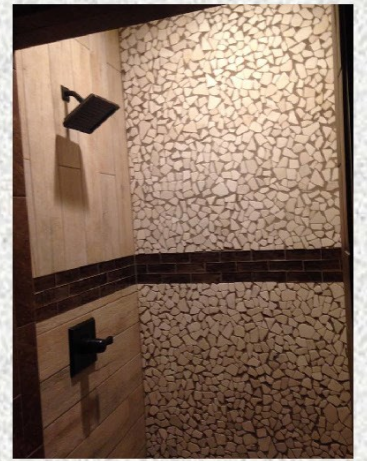
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Pleasant Grove

The home known as Pleasant Grove has a history that dates back to 1795. That's when the core of the house was built. This "core structure" was a simple two-story log home. The first level of the home featured two rooms built on either side of a central breezeway, commonly known as a dogtrot or dog-run. This style of home was brought west as settlers came out of the Appalachian Mountains, where this type of home was commonplace.

Over the years, several additions and modifications were made to Pleasant Grove, starting with the enclosure of the dogtrot. Then, brick facing and a columned veranda were added to the structure to give it a more sophisticated, plantation appearance.

Two notable residents of the home were Buford Moore and his wife Cora. Both were known in their fields—Buford Moore was a renowned architect in Nashville and Cora Moore was a listed artist who taught art at Vanderbilt University. Several references can be found to art exhibitions featuring her work in Nashville in the 1960s.

The Moore's legacy lives on in this house, as it was Mr. Moore who enclosed the back porch of this home to create an art studio for Mrs. Moore.

Today, the home is owned by James "Sam" Fitzgerald and Douglas Blake. They have lived in the home for three years. They began referring to the home as "Pleasant Grove" because of the history associated with the Culleoka area. In the early days of Culleoka, two prominent families quarreled over the naming of the town. One family was in charge of the post office and they favored "Culleoka;" the other family favored "Pleasant Grove." The end result was that the town became known by two different names. If one wanted to mail a letter to the town, they mailed it to Culleoka. If one wanted to take a train to the town, they bought a ticket for the Pleasant Grove Station. Now that rail service is no longer active in the area, the name Pleasant Grove has almost died away. But, thanks to Sam and Douglas, the name lives on in a new way.



Pleasant Grove

President James K. Polk Home

James Knox Polk was born in North Carolina in 1795, and when he was ten years old, his family moved to Maury County. A historical marker on Highway 31 indicates the site a few miles north of Columbia. While young James was attending the University of North Carolina in 1816, his father built the only residence in existence today in which the eleventh president lived other than the White House. Old accounts indicate that the structure was the first brick residence built in Columbia.

Sarah Childress of Murfreesboro married James K. Polk in 1824, and the following year, he was elected to the first of seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was the only President who ever served as Speaker of the House. In 1839 he returned to Tennessee and served a two year term as governor. Under his leadership as president, the United States was extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. The Polks had no children, and Mrs.

Polk often served as her husband's personal secretary.

The house is a museum of Polk's life as the furnishings are those used by him and Mrs. Polk in the White House while some were used in his law office. Rare items include the Inaugural Bible, Mrs. Polk's inaugural gown, and the fan her husband had made for her. Several portraits are on display throughout the house, in addition to china, silver, crystal, and candelabras used for state dinners. Other buildings include the kitchen and Polk's Sisters House serves as the site's visitor center with a museum and a shop.

The gardens feature English boxwoods and the fountain from Polk Place, the Polks' Nashville home. There are also statues representing the "Four Seasons." These are original to the Columbia Institute—a girls' school that burned in 1959.



The Ancestral Home of President James K. Polk

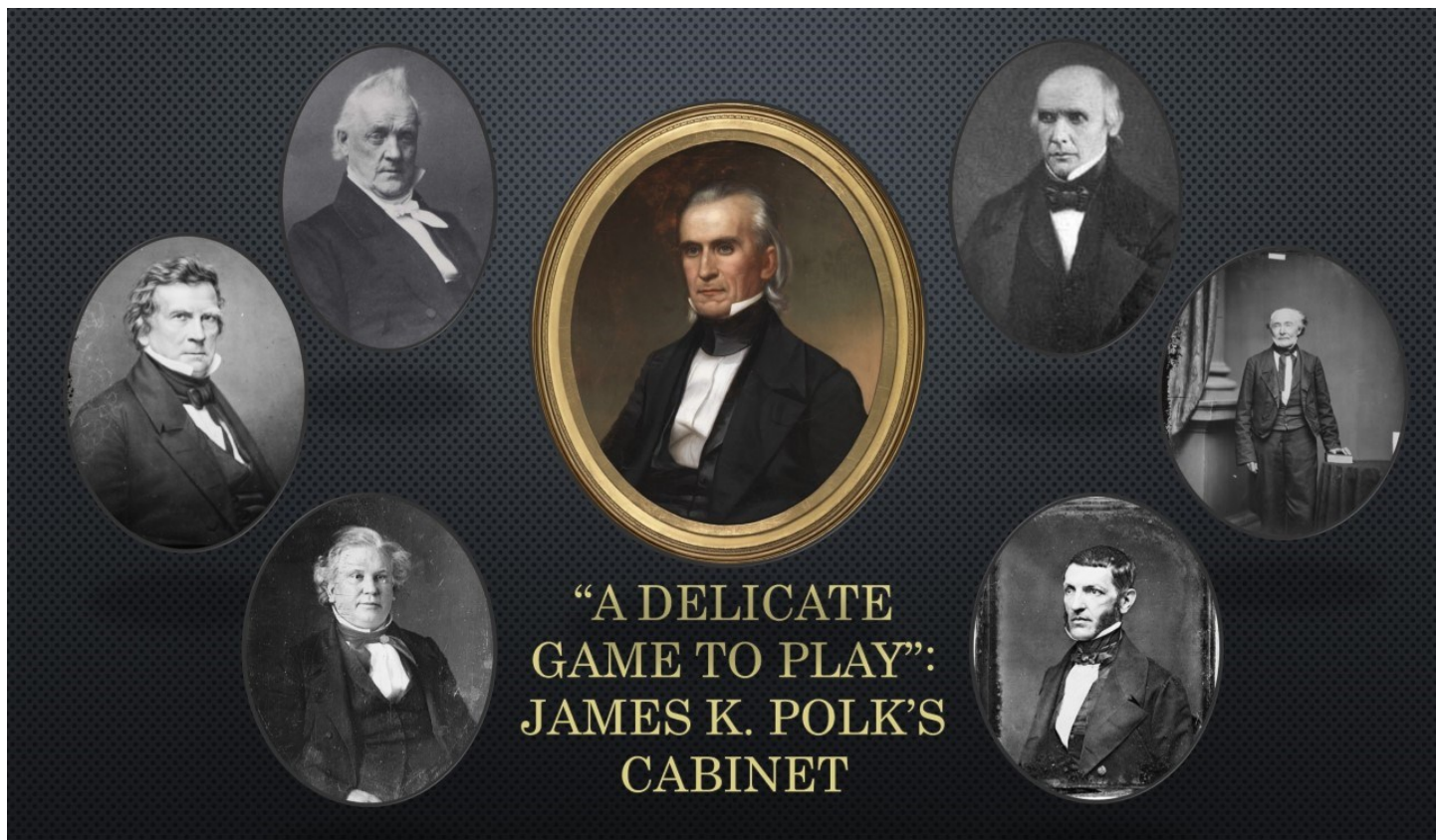
Polk Presidential Hall

While at the James K. Polk Home, be sure to visit Polk Presidential Hall and its new exhibit.

The exhibit at Polk Presidential Hall, "A Delicate Game to Play: James K. Polk's Cabinet," will open on Friday, November 3, 2017. This special exhibition will focus on the eight men (six original appointees and two replacements) who filled the six cabinet level positions in the Polk administration from 1845 to 1849. Except for Secretary of State James Buchanan who was later elected as the 15th U.S. president, these men are mostly forgotten. All were able executives, however, and greatly contributed to the success of Polk's presidency. Among their accomplishments were treaties that added nearly one million square miles of U.S. territory, tariff reform, the creation of the independent treasury system, prosecution of America's first foreign war, the formation of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and important reforms to the postal system. The exhibit will feature historical artifacts and documents that illustrate these accomplishments.



"A Delicate Game to Play" will run through April 1, 2018. This site is not included with the home tour admission, so it requires an additional ticket. Exhibit tickets are available at the Polk Home's front desk for \$5 per adult and \$3 per child.



Possum Holler Garage

In Maury County's Sawdust Community, Possum Holler Garage began as a vision in Max Davis' mind and was brought to fruition through his creativity, skill, hard work and dedication. Soon, his vision had become a reality. Max has created a venue that is so unique and extraordinary, it truly must be seen to be appreciated.

As a complete frame-off restoration garage, Max has won many trophies and awards for his classic trucks. His trucks have also been featured at the prestigious Barrett-Jackson and Mecum Auctions. He later added restoration of vintage gas pumps, soft drink boxes, coin-op novelties, and neon signs to the list of candies. Additionally, Max has a solid background in making automotive furniture.

Have you seen the Cadillac sofa that's on stage at *Dancing with the Stars* television show? Well, Max made that. You may have also seen some his work at Chuy's, the Mexican restaurant chain, as well as Lone Star and Long Horn steak houses. If it is genuine car furniture, chances are it came from Possum Holler Garage.

Actually, a lot of his creations are not only in museums, but also grace the garages of many celebrities. The one he is the most proud of is the red, 1954 Chevy "Possum" truck, built

for the legendary George Jones, now on display in the George Jones Museum in Nashville. One of his recent builds was a panel truck for Larry Black, star of Larry's Country Diner and Country's Family Reunion on RFD TV. This truck is such a masterpiece that Larry had Max bring the truck to Branson for display at the Starlite Theater, where he was filming his television shows just so fans could get up close and personal.

Max is currently building a 1965 GMC truck for country superstar T. Graham Brown, who stops by occasionally to check on its progress. So many famous people have visited here, it's hard to keep track. As Max says, "I kid about Sawdust having a population of 12, but you just never know who's gonna pop up here. They love it!"

You will love it, too, when you stop by during the Maury Christmas Historic Home Tour. Those originally from Maury County will enjoy seeing the original Sundown Drive-In Theater sign that Max has restored and displayed on the property.

Both men and women alike will enjoy stopping by Possum Holler Garage. But, ladies, be warned. Once inside, your husbands may not want to leave!



Possum Holler Garage

Rippavilla Plantation

Nathaniel Cheairs gave the home he built between 1852-55 a two-word name, "Rippo Villa", instead of the combination, Rippavilla that we use today, a name which evolved over the years.

Nathaniel Francis Cheairs, born on December 5, 1818, in Maury County, was the tenth child of Nathaniel (1764-1846) and Sarah Rush (1778-1856) Cheairs, who came to Maury County circa 1810. On April 23, 1811, the elder Nathaniel (who had been born in Queen Anne's County, Maryland) bought 300 acres on Rutherford Creek from Leroy Pope, which began at Daniel Brown's Corner on Sanford's and Turner's line, joined Albert Russell's property, and was part of a 5000-acre grant to Ezekiel Polk, Jr.

On May 1, 1812, he witnessed a deed from the same Leroy Pope of Madison County, Mississippi Territory, to James Keer (*sic*, Kerr), of Maury County for forty acres on Rutherford creek, which joined Hammond and Perkins.

Nathaniel and Sarah Cheairs had eleven children: seven boys and four girls. Three of the sons, Martin, John, and Nathaniel, remained in the Spring Hill area.

On September 2, 1841, Nathaniel married Susan Peters McKissack, daughter of William and Jeanette Thomson McKissack. Since William McKissack owned a brickyard in Spring Hill, there is little doubt that the brick in Rippavilla came from Nathaniel's father-in-law. It is also probable that William's slave, Moses McKissack (of the Ashanti tribe of Africa) oversaw the construction of this fine home. It is thought that F. Stratton was the architect for both Rippavilla and Ferguson Hall, since there is much similarity between the two.

Nathaniel and Susan Cheairs had five children: Jeanette (born 1843), who married Austin C. Hickey; Thomas G. (born 1844), who did not marry; Sallie, who married James Moore and lived at Mooreland, now at the center of a Brentwood shopping center; Susan, who married William Hughes, a founder of Branham and Hughes; and William M. (1849-1922), the last of the family to live at Rippavilla.

In February 1862, as a major in Clack's Third Tennessee Infantry Column, Nathaniel played a sad role in the Civil War at Fort Donelson, when he carried a piece of canvas, torn from a tent, as a surrender flag. He was taken prisoner, as was most of the Confederate army stationed there. Not long after the surrender, while Na-

thaniel was in prison camp, General William "Bull" Nelson commandeered Rippavilla as his headquarters.

By 1863, the Confederates were back in Spring Hill, under the command of General Earl Van Dorn. Rippavilla still had a part to play in the war, however. In November 1864, General John Bell Hood determined to chase the Union army north, and thought he had them trapped. While Hood slept at nearby Oaklawn, the Union army slipped away to Franklin on a night march and set the stage for the tragic battle of Franklin.

Thus, on the morning of November Thirtieth, Rippavilla and Mrs. Cheairs hosted many of Hood's officers at breakfast, five of whom lay dead at the end of the day.

In 1920, Rippavilla was sold to J. Whitfield, who modernized and altered the house. P.D. Houston owned it next, and several owners followed. It is now operated by a nonprofit board and is open to the public.

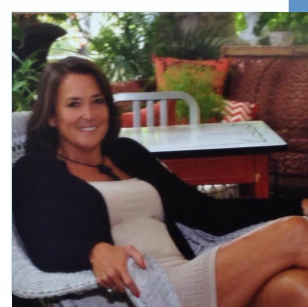


Rippavilla Plantation



AT RIPPAVILLA

December 1st & 2nd— Tickets for “Swanky Christmas” are available at Rippavilla Plantation
For more information, visit www.rippavilla.org



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Ruhm-Graham House

Prior to the discovery of phosphate in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant in the 1890s, the town was a quiet place of 466 inhabitants. Within ten years of finding phosphate, the town grew to over 2,000 residents. In 1899, Mt. Pleasant's first subdivision was opened to provide for the economic boom which took place as part of the early phase of industrial development.

The Mrs. M. G. Frierson Subdivision was planned by Herman D. Ruhm, a civil engineer who organized the H. D. Ruhm Phosphate Company. His brother, John Ruhm, Jr., attended Vanderbilt and the University of Illinois before receiving a law degree from Cumberland University in 1866. John planned to build in his brother's subdivision.

John Ruhm built a large molded cinderblock home on the corner of Pleasant Street and Washington Avenue around 1907. His unusual home features bay ends, a hipped roof of red Spanish tiles, traceried windows and door surrounds, and a one-story wrap-around veranda with a built-in gazebo on one end. The front entryway and windows feature beveled glass.

Ruhm lived in the house until his death in

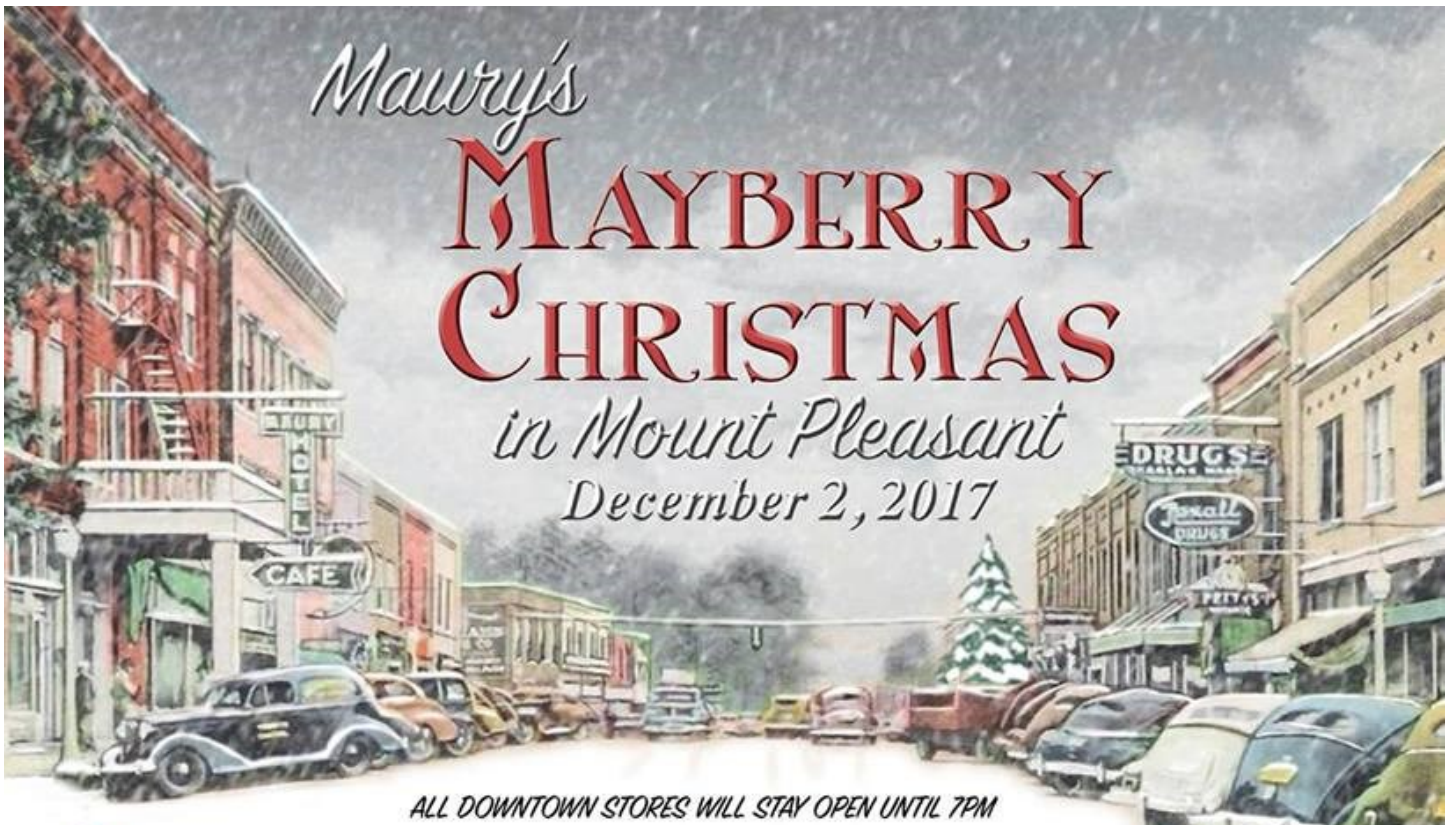
1946, at which time he was buried—at his request—facing Mt. Pleasant and where he had made his fortune.

The Ruhm House, as it is locally known, has had a number of owners since the death of Mrs. John Ruhm in 1951, including Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter Kittrell and Mr. Waymon Hickman. The Kittrells built a modern brick house on the back portion of the lot, over the site of the Griffin family burial ground. The tombstones and remains of the Griffin family, including son-in-law Martin Stockard—the builder of Manor Hall—were moved to Arlington Cemetery.

The Ruhm House passed through several owners before being purchased in 1993 by Jennifer Graham, the current owner.



Two views of the Ruhm-Graham Home— One from today. One from yesteryear.



Be our guest at the Athenaeum

The Maury Christmas Historic Home Tour is not the only event held by the Maury County APTA. As a matter of fact, events are held throughout the entire year!

There will be two events following the home tour— The first is the 3rd Annual “Mule Drop” held at the Athenaeum on December 31st. This free event is the APTA’s way of saying “thank you” to the community. Bring a dish of finger foods and preferred beverage and enjoy the company of others at the Athenaeum as you ring in the New Year together. At midnight, a lit mule is dropped from the balcony.

The second event is held on New Year’s Day and is called Miss Carrie’s New Year’s Feast. Enjoy Southern staples such as fried chicken and chess pie and be sure to leave room for New Year’s Day musts such as black-eyed peas, hog jowl, and boiled cabbage. The meal will be served family style around a large table. Space is limited for this event, so please call (931) 797-3316 to reserve your spot at the table.

Other events at or sponsored by the Athenaeum include the Antique Appraisal Fair in March, Ladies Weekend in May, the annual Candlelight Tour of the Athenaeum in October, as well as the Rose Hill Cemetery tour, also in October.

To keep up-to-date with the Athenaeum and the Maury County APTA, find them on Facebook by searching “The Athenaeum.” You can also visit the Athenaeum’s website, www.HistoricAthenaeum.com.

Now is a good time to mark your calendars for our next home tour, as well. Tour dates for 2018 are December 7th & 8th.

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Don’t forget to stop by the Athenaeum to purchase your tour ornaments and t-shirts!



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

"O, Come Let Us Adore Him," an exhibition of the nativity and other works of art dealing with the birth of Christ, will be back for its fifth year at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Columbia for three days only. These dates are Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday, Dec. 3, noon- 4:00 P.M.

In the past more than 500 works of art have been graciously loaned to the church for this exhibit. More than 500 visitors from many states have viewed these works, and this year promises even more varied pieces.

Priceless handmade treasures made of pasteboard by children, as well as delicate chalk-ware figures given to our former priest when he was a teenager, are among the works featured. Another work included a fabulous hand-carved set, created especially for the 2013 exhibit by Randy Walters, Columbia carver.

There are incredible hand-painted Russian eggs depicting the blessed birth, beautiful icons from centuries past, many vintage sets used by families through the years, as well as tiny nativities and international nativities. There is also a room for our children visitors. The range of items is amazing. Numerous volunteers, some not even associated with the church, have donated time, talent, and their treasures to make this event possible. It is an excellent opportunity to observe the true meaning of the



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

holidays and to participate in the experience of God's gift to the world.

Other events at the church during the exhibit: Friday at 2pm in the sanctuary, Father Tom Wilson, Rector Emeritus at St. Peter's, will make a presentation giving the history of each of the beautiful stained glass windows. Saturday at 4pm, the St. Peter's Choir under the direction of choirmaster Don Marshall will lead us in the traditional "Lessons & Carols." Sunday at 4pm, the Heimermann Children's Choir & Chorale will perform in the Sanctuary.

For additional information, please call the church office at 931-388-3331. These events are St. Peter's gift to the community. In addition to the nativity exhibition, the sanctuary of the church will be open for tours.

Below, a picture of last year's Nativity exhibition



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931-381-1410
americasbestvalueinn.com

Days Inn
1504 Nashville Highway Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-3297
daysinn.com

Hampton Inn Columbia
1551 Halifax Drive Columbia, TN 38401
931-540-1222
hamtoninn3.hilton.com

Richland Inn
2405 Pulaski Pike Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-4500
richlandinncolumbia.com

Hampton Inn Spring Hill
2056 Crossings Blvd Spring Hill, TN 37174
OPENING DEC. 2016
hamptoninn3.hilton.com

America's Best Value Inn & Suites
201 Stonebrooke Drive
Mt. Pleasant TN 38474
931-379-9800

Blythewood Inn Bed & Breakfast
109 Blythewood Drive Columbia, TN 38401
931-982-0907
blythewoodinnbb.com

Best Western Spring Hill
104 Kedron Pkwy, Spring Hill, TN 37174
(931) 486-1234
bestwestern.com

Extend A Suites
1208 Nashville Highway Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-2720
extendasuites.com

Holiday Inn Express
1561 Halifax Drive Columbia, TN 38401
931-380-2025
ihg.com

Super 8
1554 Bear Creek Pike, Columbia, TN 38401
931-380-1227
super8.com

The Eclectic Victorian B&B
302 S Main St. Mount Pleasant, TN 38474
931-698-6789
eclecticbedandbreakfast.com

Camper's RV Park
1792 Bear Creek Pike Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-4112
campersrvtn.com

Forest Gully Farms
Santa Fe, TN
615-509-0533
forestgullyfarms.com

Comfort Inn
1544 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-2500
comfortinncolumbia.com

Fairfield Inn & Suites
1545 Halifax Drive
Columbia, TN 38401
931-548-8444
marriot.com

Baymont Inn & Suites
715 James Campbell Blvd. Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-3326
baymontinns.com

The Cottage at Noteworthy Farm
1792 Bear Creek Pike Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-4112
airbnb.com/rooms/12002537

Walnut Hill House Retreat B&B
4449 Moore Lane Culleoka, TN 38451
931-446-2337
walnuthillhouse.blogspot.com

Creekview Farm Retreat B&B
5177 Leipers Creek Rd Santa Fe, TN 38482
931-446-7993
natcheztracetravel.com

Places to Eat

Angie Gail's Restaurant
4082 Campbellsville Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
931-548-8083
facebook.com/angiegailsrestaurant

Cities Restaurant
105 E 6th St.
Columbia, TN 38401
931-548-2139
@citiescolumbia

Dotted Lime
1907 Shady Brook St.
Columbia, TN 38401
931-548-8445
facebook.com/thedottedlime/

Southern Tre'
117 W 7th St
Columbia, TN 38401
931-548-8002
southernresteahouse.com

Square Market
36 Public Sq
Columbia, TN 38401
931-840-3636
squaremarketcafe.com

822 South
822 S. Main St.
Columbia, TN 38401
931-901-0683
822south.com

Marcy Jo's Mealhouse
4205 US 431
Columbia, TN 38401
931-380-0968
joeyandroy.com/marcy-jos

Bucky's Family Restaurant
1102 Carmack Blvd,
Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-2834

Puckett's / Hattie Jane's Creamery
15 Public Square Columbia, TN 38401 931-490-4550
puckettsgro.com/columbia
hattiejanescreamery.com

The Windmill Bakery & Coffee Shop
1018 south Garden Street
Columbia, TN 38401
931-901-0531
facebook.com/windmillbakeryandcoffeeshop/

Christy's Cafe
109 E 6th St.,
Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-7109
facebook.com/christyscafe

River Terrace
1000 Riverside Dr.
Columbia, TN 38401
(931) 223-5135
riverterracerestaurant.com

Red 7 Pizza Co.
319 W 7th St.
Columbia, TN 38401
red7pizza.com

Buckhead Coffeehouse
1173 Trotwood Ave
Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-0804
AT BLEU 32: 108 W 7th St
Columbia, TN 38401
buckheadcoffeehouse.com

Truelove's Pizza & Grits
1144 Riverside Dr
Columbia, TN 38401
931-388-7770
truelovespizza.com

Pancho's Place
136 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN
931-490-2085
panchosplacetn.com

Kathy's Family Restaurant
792 Hatcher Ln
Columbia, Tn
931-540-0779

Don Pepe's Mexican Grill
1202 S James Campbell Blvd
Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-2221
donpepesmexicangrill.com

Legends Steakhouse
2401 Pulaski Hwy
Columbia, TN 38401
931-380-1888
legendssteakhouse.com



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