



Stop #1

Cleveland County Arts Council
111 S. Washington St.
Shelby, NC 28150

This Colonial Revival structure was built as the US Post Office in 1916 and served as Shelby's post office until 1967. It presently houses the Cleveland County Arts Council with gallery space, classrooms, studio and offices. The Annex served as the law offices of federal judge E.Y. Webb.



Stop #2

Shelby City Hall
300 S. Washington St.
Shelby, NC 28150

This Georgian Revival brick building and former Firehouse was completed using WPA (Works Progress Administration) funds. It was designed by Fred Van Wageningen and Pegram Holland of the V.W. Breeze firm and is the seat of the City of Shelby's local government. It features a distinctive cupola above the slate roof.



Stop #3

Don Gibson Theatre
318 S. Washington St.
Shelby, NC 28150

The Don Gibson Theatre opened as the State Theater and was transformed in 2009 into a premier performance venue and special event space centrally located between Charlotte and Asheville. The theater honors native son and noted singer/songwriter Don Gibson.



Stop #4

Fallen Heroes Memorial
303 S. Lafayette St.
Shelby, NC 28150

The Fallen Heroes Memorial was dedicated on Friday, May 17, 2019, and honors the memory of local law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS and other personnel who died in the line of duty. The memorial, along with a fountain, brick columns, trees, flower beds and event lawn make up the Raper-Roark Park, and is a fitting tribute to those who have given their lives in the service of our community.



Stop #5

Hotel Charles

108 W. Warren St.

Shelby, NC 28150

Originally built in the late 1800s as the Central Hotel, and later named the Hotel Charles, the three-story building was damaged by a fire in 1928. After re-opening in 1929 the hotel was renamed the Charles Hotel and continued to operate until 1967. The building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.



Stop #6

Bobby Bell Pavilion

126 W. Marion St.

Shelby, NC 28150

The Bobby Bell Pavilion is a covered outdoor facility that hosts the Foothills Farmers' Market, music events, weddings, and other events. It is named in honor of the legendary Pro Football Hall of Fame player, Bobby Bell, a native of Shelby.



Stop #7

Sunset Cemetery
412 W. Sumter St.
Shelby, NC 28150

Organized in 1841, Sunset Cemetery has remained Shelby's most popular burial ground for over 160 years. The oldest section of the cemetery is the northwest quadrant of the "old section". Located here are numerous examples of mid-to-late nineteenth century funerary art including grave boxes, beautiful marble angels, tall obelisks, and family plots surrounded by ornate wrought iron fences.



Stop #8

Dr. Victor McBrayer House
507 N. Morgan St.
Shelby, NC 28150

The Dr. Victor McBrayer House was built by Dr. Victor McBrayer in 1893 and served as a residence for his descendants. It was later purchased by a local doctor who used the home for medical offices. Its architecture reflects the influence of several late 19th century styles: Italianate, Gothic Revival and Queen Anne.



Stop #9

The Banker's House
319 N. Lafayette St.
Shelby, NC 28150

The Banker's House is a resplendent example of the Second Empire style design and one of the state's leading works in the popular Gilded Age Style. Jesse Jenkins, one of the state's early bankers, had this house built for his wife Hattie in the late 1870's. In 1894, the house was sold to Burwell Blanton, a local banker. The house remained in the Blanton Family for over 100 years until it was gifted to a local foundation with the intent to preserve the home for the community's use.



Stop #10

First Baptist Church
120 N. Lafayette St.
Shelby, NC 28150

First Baptist Church is made of yellow brick in an exuberant version of the Gothic Revival Style. It replaced a previous church built in 1889. Additions made in the 1920's combine Art Deco and Gothic design features.



Stop #11

Original City Hall & Fire Dept.
5 E. Marion St.
Shelby, NC 28150



This building originally housed the first City Hall and City Fire Department for Shelby. Beautiful molding adorns the top, and the three distinctive, stained-glass windows are original to the building.



Stop #12

Rogers Theater
213 E. Marion St.
Shelby, NC 28150

The Rogers Theater Block was constructed in the 1930's Art Deco style by R.H. Rogers, Sr. The Rogers Theater was the largest movie house in Shelby, and was designed by noted theatrical architect Charles C. Benson. The building has been little altered, still retaining the original marquee that was an early addition to the theater.



Stop #13

The Earl Scruggs Center

(Formerly the historic Cleveland County Court House)

103 S. Lafayette St.

Shelby, NC 28150

The impressive, three-story building in the heart of Shelby's Historic District was built in 1907, and served as Shelby's courthouse until offices were moved to a new facility in 1974. It features tetrastyle Corinthian order porticoes at each of the four entrances and a three-stage cupola atop the flat roof. It now serves as the Earl Scruggs Center, Music & Stories from the American South.



Stop #14

Central United Methodist Church

103 S. Washington St.

Shelby, NC 28150

Central United Methodist Church, which was constructed in 1924, features Gothic Revival architecture and was designed by prominent Charlotte architects, Louis H. Asbury and J.M. McMichael. The brick Gothic Revival Church was built by John P. Little & Son.