



# Walking Tour



**1- Atlantic Coastline Depot - 1915**  
**341 Alexander St**  
 Constructed at a cost of \$8,223 the building served as a passenger depot until 1950 and a freight depot until 1973. In that year, the Mount Dora Area Chamber of Commerce made the depot its permanent home. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



**2- Childs House - 1922**  
**352 Alexander St**  
 One of Sears & Roebuck "kit houses" this outstanding example of the Arts & Crafts Bungalow style of architecture was built by Charles Edgerton, owner of the Lakeside Inn, for his niece and her husband.



**3- Old Post Office - 1928**  
**430 Alexander St**  
 After two years of persuading the government a post office was needed it took only three months to build. The one story hollow tile building had a Lombardy Engove tapered tile roof, a cream colored stucco facade, a white interior finish and a 12' high ceiling with a central skylight.



**4- Princess Theater - 1928**  
**120-130 W. 5th Ave**  
 A fire in 1922 destroyed the original theater. July 4, 1928 a second fire in the projection booth destroyed the facade and buildings on either side. The new 600 seat theatre was rebuilt in the Spanish Revival style and equipped for talking movies.



**5- Simpson Hotel - 1925**  
**110-116 W. 5th Ave**  
 James Simpson built this hotel at the same time that he built the former adjacent bank building. Architect James Gamble Rogers designed the building. Tenants at the time were: a realtor, Western Union, a dentist, Eastern Star, Knights of Phythias, a Temple, a photographer and the Chamber of Commerce.



**6- First National Bank - 1925**  
**100 W. 5th Ave**  
 Designed by Winter Park Architect James Gamble Rogers, this building cost \$30,000, excluding the cost of land. The lavish interior was appointed with Alabama marble, mahogany, brass and bronze. The building remained the bank until 1965.



**7- Donnelly House - 1893**  
**535 Donnelly St**  
 Built by entrepreneur and former Mayor J.P. Donnelly as a wedding gift for his bride Annie McDonald Stone, it remains a superb example of Steamboat Gothic/Queen Anne architecture. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



**8- Community Congregational Church - 1887**  
**650 Donnelly St**  
 Established in the home of Ross C. Tremain in 1883 this Congregational church, the 2nd church in Mount Dora, was constructed in 1887 on land donated by J.P. Donnelly. It stands today as the only 19th century church in Mount Dora.



**9- Community Building - 1929**  
**520 Baker St**  
 Designed by architect H.W. Griffin of Daytona Beach this Mediterranean Revival style building cost \$35,000. The building was designed so the rear wall could be moved outward without spoiling the proportion of the building. Renovation of the building has begun and is expected to be completed in 2010.



**10- Patterson-Hague House - 1916**  
**610 Tremain St**  
 This well constructed and beautifully designed, early brick duplex. Built in the Craftsman Style this home is an early example of a multiple family dwelling.



**11- Education Hall - 1912**  
**308 E. 5th Ave**  
 Originally built as a private school to accommodate the children of winter visitors it became the city library in 1929. It is an unusual design with two large pavilions topped by hip roofs joined by a smaller recessed center bay.



**12- Cross House - 1915**  
**326 Tremain St**  
 The earliest know owners of this house are Nellis & Lily Cross. The Crosses were winter visitors from northeast PA. This frame vernacular home retains much of its historic integrity. It is located in a well-preserved collection of historic buildings and contributes to the historic district.



**13- Barnard House - 1911**  
**308-310 Tremain St**  
 The Barnard House was owned by George and Bertha Barnard early in its history. It's two-tiered wrap around porch is its unique feature.



**14- Maria Marin House - 1885**  
**244 E. Third Ave**  
 This home was built in 1885 by R.C. Tremain and his first owner was Rev. P.B. Fiske. The Reverend Fiske of Vermont was called to be the pastor of the Congregational Church in 1887. The frame vernacular home is well preserved.



**15- Nutter House - 1910**  
**221 E. Fourth Ave**  
 One of Mount Dora's oldest houses this well preserved frame two-story home was occupied in 1913 by the Nutter family for about twenty years and more recently housed a real estate office. It is a typical example of the Frame Vernacular style of architecture.



**16- The Highland Garage - 1921**  
**145 E. Fourth Ave**  
 The Highland Garage is significant as an early garage and for its molded concrete block facade. In operation for several years and owned by G.R. La Breck in the 1920's, this building is one of two garages located downtown. The other at 441 Donnelly St. was completely remodeled.



**17- Dr. Callahan's Office and Home - 1921**  
**142 E. Fourth Ave**  
 This unique building was constructed as Dr. Callahan's home & office as part of his responsibility to the Mount Dora Development Co. formed in 1918. It is significant for its unusual architecture and building materials and has housed a sanitarium for maternity and surgical cases and a home for unwed mothers.



**18- The Old Jail and Fire Station (Royellou Museum) - 1923 & 1940**  
**450 Royellou Lane**  
 Built in 1923 to house the fire station it began as a much smaller building. It was enlarged to the rear when a new LaFrance fire engine didn't fit. In 1940 four jail cells were added to the front. Owned by the City, the Mount Dora Historical Society has used it for a museum since 1979.



**19- The Ingram Building - 1923**  
**132-138 E. Fifth Ave**  
 This building contains three storefronts on the first floor, and apartments on the second floor. The stores are unusual in that they have large brick fireplaces. This building is one of the least altered buildings downtown. The building was built by W.W. Ingram a lawyer and investor from Ohio.



**20- The Lewis Drug Store & Post Office - 1908**  
**425-427 Donnelly St**  
 One of the oldest buildings in the downtown, the drugstore located in the two story building was know for its souvenirs, post cards, books and soda water. This building was a grocery store in the 20's through the 40's. The post office was located in the one story building for about ten years.



**21- The Mount Dora Hotel - 1922**  
**413 Donnelly St**  
 The three story Mount Dora Hotel is a plain building but is the only hotel built in the city during the Florida land boom, and as such it represents the optimism of Florida investors during that time.



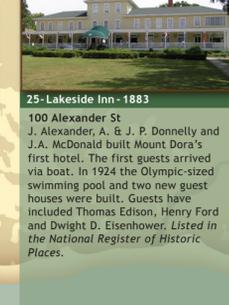
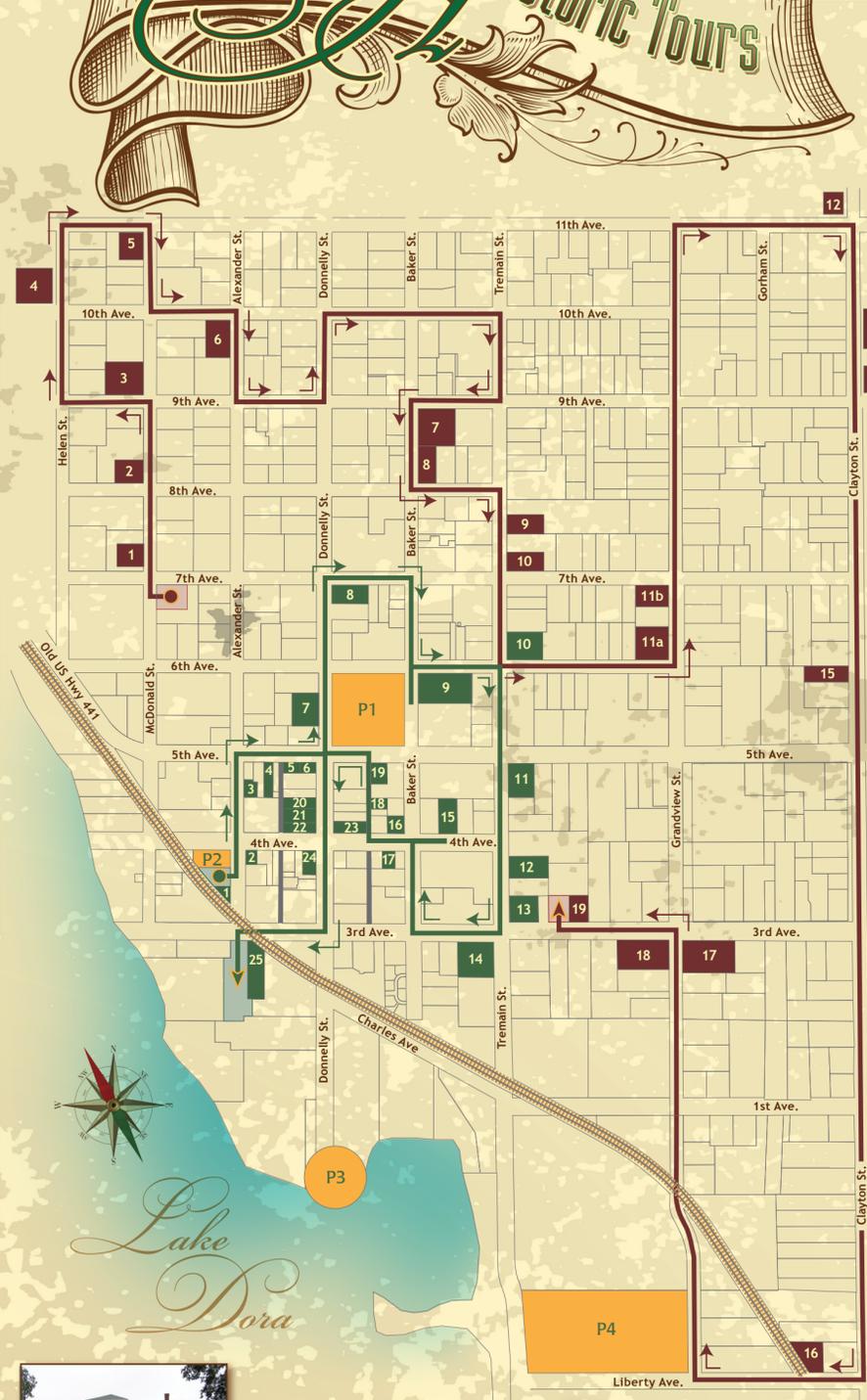
**22- Crane Furniture Store - 1929**  
**403 Donnelly St**  
 This masonry building is located on the site of one of Mount Dora's earliest stores. C. Stowe came to Mount Dora in 1884. The store was in operation by 1888 & occupied by various businesses until the 1920s when Rehbaum and Crane began their furniture store.



**23- Rebaum's Hardware - 1915**  
**401 N. Donnelly St**  
 The north 1/2 of this building housed Rehbaum's Hardware store from 1915 until the 1980s. The second floor contained apartments where the family lived. In 1918 Mr. Rehbaum started the funeral business in the back an offshoot of the furniture business.



**24- Mount Dora Building - 1938**  
**326 Donnelly St**  
 The masonry building replaced an earlier frame commercial building. The first store in this building was the Drugg Variety Store owned by Henry & Proctor Drubb. By 1943 it was Vincent's 5-10-25 to \$1.00 Store which operated for at least 20 years. The building is significant for its modern architectural styling.



# Mount Dora Historic Tours



**1- McDonald Stone House - 1887**  
**717 McDonald St**  
 Annie McDonald Stone built this house then married early Mount Dora promoter J.P. Donnelly



**2- J.H. Crane House - 1906**  
**815 McDonald St**  
 Built by G. Thorne as a sanitarium and sold to the Crane family in 1910. The home has a veranda that runs around three sides and opens into several rooms for shade and ventilation. J.H. Crane served Mount Dora as a councilman, mayor, clerk and treasurer.



**3- Wardell-Wilmot House - 1917**  
**321 W. Ninth Ave**  
 Occupying half a city block this Craftsman Bungalow typifies pattern-book architecture and exhibits virtually no alterations. The pond where alligators once basked is still in place, as are the servants' quarters.



**4- Fish-Parker House - 1930**  
**1005 Helen St**  
 This home is Mount Dora's most superb example of a Tudor Period Revival home. It has a matching garage and has beautifully kept landscaping.



**5- Hoxie-Wilmot House - 1917**  
**1027 McDonald St**  
 This home exemplifies the economic and social trends of the community in history and is architecturally significant. The home retains much of the integrity of the Bungalow style.



**6- Fletcher Crane House - 1914**  
**933 Alexander St**  
 The home has been identified for historical and architectural significance. Mr. Crane and his wife each owned and operated a business in Mount Dora starting in the 1820s. The home is an excellent example of the frame vernacular building built in the city prior to the 1920s.



**7- Milner House - 1918 (Sunshine Corner)**  
**206 E. Ninth Ave**  
 This house was built for Dr. Duncan Milner, a Presbyterian minister and author. He was renowned for his defense of Prohibition and the rights and opportunities of African Americans.



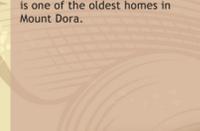
**8- Col. Alexander House - 1889**  
**207 E. Eighth Ave**  
 Built by one of Mount Dora's most important developers, Col. John Alexander, founder of the local Methodist church & a partner in building the Lakeside Inn.



**9- Risely House - 1925**  
**742 Tremain St**  
 This unusual house has a large basement. The facade is concrete blocks faced with NY State granite and were all made on the property. C. Risley operated a concrete business on site and is responsible for most of the city sidewalks, tall pyramidal posts for wire fences & blocks for the addition to the Lakeside Inn.



**10- Farrar House - 1884**  
**714 North Tremain St**  
 The Farrar family owned a 10 acre citrus grove to the east and south of their house. Built in the vernacular style, the house was later owned by the Mathews' who renovated the interior in 1937. It is one of the oldest homes in Mount Dora.



**14- Bostick/Blanchard House - 1896**  
**908 Clayton St**  
 A large frame two story home with screened, enclosed two tier veranda. There was originally a windmill on the lot. The Bostick family built this home. In the 1930s the Blanchard family moved in. Ray was a mail carrier and a Worthy Master Mason. Flavilla was the president of the American Legion auxiliary.



**11a - S.M. Thompson House - 1923**  
**11b - J.J. West House - 1922**  
**647 and 613 North Grandview St**  
 These nearly identical sister houses were built by J. J. West, the first licensed realtor in Mount Dora, for his sister and himself.



**12- Edward Gorham House - 1925**  
**649 E. Eleventh Ave**  
 One of Mount Dora's best architectural homes, this well maintained Bungalow is not typical with a wide front porch supported by grouped columns on molded block bases. Built by M. H. Sanborn the first owners were Edward and Annie Gorham who wintered here through the 1920s and 30s.



**13- Dinee-Banks House - 1911**  
**950 N. Clayton St**  
 Margaret and James Dinee lived in this early Bungalow that was originally a farm house for a citrus grove. In 1924 Alfred and Lillian Banks lived here. Mr. Banks operated the Dixie Highway Garage on Highland Avenue.



**18- William Watt House - 1906**  
**442 E. Third Ave**  
 Mr. Watt, inventor of corrugated cardboard, packed his oranges here for shipment. This home is now the Grandview Bed & Breakfast.



**19- LR Heim House - 1926**  
**347 E. Third Ave**  
 The home of the Sylvan Shores developer. Built in the Spanish Revival style the home is now a bed & breakfast. The Magnolia Inn. Mr. Heim donated the Heim ball-park to the City and owned the Mount Dora Topic (a newspaper) in the late 1920s.



**15- Dickson Rental House - 1925**  
**551 North Clayton**  
 Dr. Robert Dickson was the first dentist in Mount Dora and was also involved with real estate and agriculture. The home was a rental. A male goose slept in the garage of this home for years and would sit on the porch and chase the school children and dogs.



**16- Vrooman House - 1887**  
**539 Liberty St**  
 JH Vrooman built this home where he lived with Almada Gilbert the daughter of Dr. C.R. Gilbert. Mr. Vrooman was elected a School Board Trustee in 1898.



**17- MacGowen-Fowler House - 1882**  
**512 E. Third Ave**  
 Southeast corner of Third Avenue and Grandview Street this is one of the oldest homes in Mount Dora, the first child born in the early settlement was born here.



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**P1 Annie E. Donnelly Park - 1924**  
 508 Donnelly Street  
 The Women's Club persuaded J.P. to sell this land to the City in 1924 in order to provide a central park for the residents' and visitors' enjoyment. He agreed to sell it for \$45,000 with the stipulation that it be named in honor of his late wife, Annie.

**P2 Child's Park - 1930's**  
 341 Alexander Street  
 Mr. R.C. Tremain originally built his orange packinghouse on this location in 1891. In 1895 Mr. Tremain stated the orange store after the freezes of 1894-95 wiped out a home across from the park and in order to have a view of the lake the building was torn down and donated to the City. The park was named in his honor.

**P3 Evans Park - 1926**  
 In 1940 it was dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth Evans.

**P4 Gilbert Park - 1922, 1939**  
 Mr. Earl Gilbert left this property to the City in 1922 in his will. Park was developed in 1939