

creating a dog trot between the structures. In the 1870s, the second floor was finished and an impressive stairwell was built by Mr. Man. The home contains three fireplaces with mantles also made by Man. In 2018, restoration of the house began after the City purchased the house and acreage for preservation. The museum, furnished with period pieces, and the original 1865 barn opened in 2020. More details are available at the museum's Information Center. The Man house received a Texas Historical marker in 1977.

9. Botts-Fowler House c. 1885; 1900
115 N. Fourth Avenue

A.J. Botts, who moved from Kentucky to Texas and ran a grocery store on Main Street, built a small wood frame house on this site around 1885. The house was enlarged and altered by contractor W.L. Graves in 1900. The very fine porch with delicate lathed railing and spindlework dates from this time. Subsequent owners included Warren Stevens, owner and operator of a cotton gin near Mansfield, and Andrew M. Fowler, who bought the property in 1911. A.M. Fowler moved to Texas from Tennessee in 1879 and settled in the Mansfield area in 1889. He is remembered as the "Father" of Mansfield's water system, which he bought and improved in 1904.

10. Muncy House 1890
206 W. Oak Street

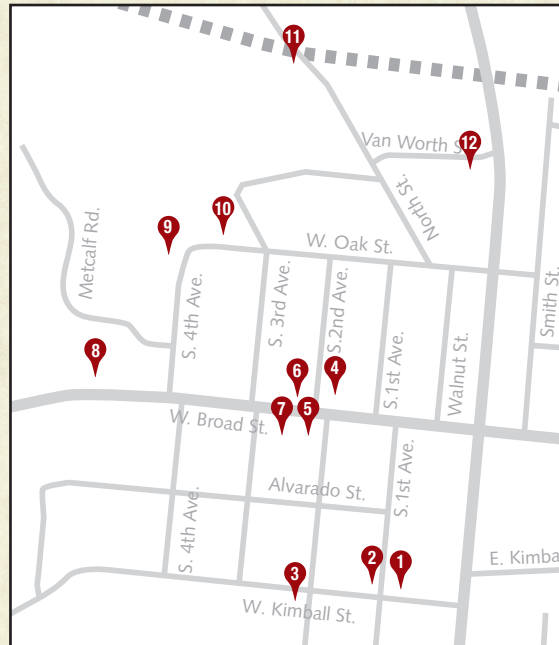
In 1890, Mrs. Lucinda Muncy, a widow, bought this lot and constructed the existing house, which remained in the family until 1919. The paired front gables are unusual.

11. F.W. & N.O. Railroad Bridge 1885;1906

In 1885, a group of Mansfield businessmen which included J.H. Wright, P.M. House, and A.J. Dukes helped raise \$5,000 to induce the Fort Worth & New Orleans Railway to route its tracks through Mansfield. This iron truss railroad bridge was built in that year and renovated in 1906. It is Mansfield's most important link with its 19th and early 20th century railroad history, and is one of the earliest surviving railroad bridges in Tarrant County. As such, it appears to be eligible for the National Register.

12. J.H. Alexander House c. 1870
103 Van Worth Street

This was the home of James H. Alexander (1827-1909), the first Justice of the Peace in Mansfield. He brought his family of 9 children to Mansfield after the Civil War ended. He had owned a large plantation in Rome, Georgia when the War broke out, and he served the Confederate States as Assistant Adjutant General. He was at Vicksburg, Mississippi when it fell. He settled on a farm east of Mansfield, but moved to this house in about 1889. The house has been altered from its original condition.



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Historic Mansfield's
West Side District

Self-Guided Walking Tour #1

Welcome to Mansfield! This walking tour takes you to the west of the Central Business District. You will see a wide variety of homes, each of which is valuable for its contribution to Mansfield history. The homes along this route range from the very simple and practical to the elegant. Each style, each home, and the stories of the people who built them and lived in them is valuable in understanding the Mansfield which now exists. The walking tour takes approximately 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes.

All tours begin and end at the Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center, 102 N. Main Street.

Please cross streets at marked intersections, for your safety. Also, use sidewalks, where available. If there is no sidewalk available, then please remember to "walk on the left, facing traffic".

Let's Get Started!

Out the door, left across Broad Street, up the hill and stop at the corner...

1. Branson-Curry House c. 1895 101 E. Kimball Street

W.G. Branson had this house built for himself around 1895, the year after his father, Alfred P. Branson, purchased the Mansfield Milling Company. Isaac Curry, a partner in the Curry Bros. Grocery, purchased it in 1908 and lived there until his death in 1925. The house, with hipped central mass and projecting gabled wings, is largely intact. Two porches have been enclosed and a new attached garage projects to the east.

2. Dr. James H. Wallace House c. 1878 210 S. Main Street

Dr. James H. Wallace, one of the first doctors in Mansfield, built this two-story house in 1878. It was designed in the latest East Coast Stick style, unusually early for Texas. Dr. Wallace's widow married John P. Casstevens; she lived in the house until her death in 1939, and five years later it was sold to the Hall

family. The house remains in excellent condition, and occupies a large wooded site on a major street. Following precise documentation of the house's construction history, it may be eligible for the National Register.

3. America J. Bell House c. 1893 c. 1908 302 S. First Street

The gabled house was purchased in 1893 by Mrs. America Jane (Yeates) Bell (1935-95) from A.J. Dukes. After her death in 1895, the house was sold to Thos. J. Hubbard, Jr., and his wife, Winnie (Wallace) Hubbard. George Curry bought the house in 1908 and added the hipped additions and unusual porch. George and his two brothers, William Nathan and Issac, came to southeast Tarrant County from Tennessee in 1887 and engaged in farming east of Mansfield in the St. Paul community. William Nathan "Preacher" Curry went on to become a Methodist minister; George and Issac established a grocery business on Water (Main) Street. Dr. J.W. Allmon, a veterinarian, bought the house in 1928 and lived there until 1960. The house is one of the most architecturally interesting in its immediate neighborhood.

4. Kizziar-Hayes House c. 1906 204 W. Broad Street

This was the wedding cottage built for Alonzo and Bobbie Kizziar, who moved in shortly after their marriage in 1906. Alonzo Kizziar owned a dry goods store in Mansfield. He died soon after the house was completed; his wife sold the property in 1916 to the Hayes family, who lived there until 1955. The cottage is interesting for its picturesque grouping of flaring hip roofs and wrap-around porch. The roof cresting and a small front dormer have been removed, and the original round columns have been replaced.

5. Gaulden-Baskin House c. 1900 301 W. Broad Street

R.A. Gaulden bought this parcel in 1891 and constructed the house around 1900. J.N. Baskin, a farmer who moved to Mansfield from Webb, bought the property in 1917 and lived there until his death in 1939. The house may have been added to, and its simple gabled form is typical of the period.

6. J.H. Wright House c. 1904 c. 1966 302 W. Broad Street

This is the remnant of an impressive two-story residence built for John Howard Wright in 1904. The original house, designed by Fort Worth architects S.H. Smith and L.G. Schenk, had two-story colonnades on the front and east facades. It was reconstructed following a fire in 1966. J.H. Wright moved to Mansfield in 1873 from Missouri, and was a major force in the town's development until his death in 1942. He established Mansfield's first bank, owned the largest mercantile business, and was crucial in bringing the railroad through Mansfield. When he built his mansion in 1904, he moved the family's wood-frame house from the site to its present location across the street at 305 W. Broad Street.

7. Wright-Malone-Farmer House c. 1895 305 W. Broad Street

This gingerbread style house with five gabled bays, was built by J.H. Wright, a prominent merchant and banker who helped bring the railroad to Mansfield. In 1904, Mr. Wright moved this house from its original position, across the street to make room for his new two-story brick home. The house was moved over a four-day period using mules and logs, slowly rolling the house across the street. The Malone family purchased the house in 1918 and lived here until 1945. Willie Mae Farmer served as a WAC, enlisting in 1941. She returned to Mansfield to live with her mother and bought the house in 1963. She earned her living running a boarding house nicknamed "Lady Lou Lodge" because only lady renters were allowed. The house has been altered several times over the years, including a room enclosure on the front porch. In 1989 the Walker family purchased the house. Restoration began to bring back the original look, as you can see, the picket fence was the first step.

8. Ralph Man Homestead 1866; c. 1890; c. 1900 604 W. Broad Street

R.S. Man (1825-1906) came to Texas in the late 1850s from South Carolina. He was a partner for the Man and Feild Gristmill and a co-founder of Mansfield, serving as the town's first Postmaster. The original house began in 1865 as a log house, whose logs remain inside the walls. A brick addition was added a few years later