

The First National Bank closed in 1932 and its assets were assumed by the State Bank of Mansfield. The building was used for a short period as the public library. It appears to be eligible for the National Register as an unaltered representative commercial structure of the period. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

**11. Dennis Mahoney Building, (c. 1904),
115 N. Main**

The very first tenant of this building was Dukes & Poe Hardware Store. As late as 1990, the building was still occupied by a hardware store. Early owners of the building include A. J. Dukes, Henderson Poe, and J. H. Harrison. Discovery of some promissory notes indicate that the tenants of the building may have been involved in the lending of money before the days of chartered banks. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

**12. A. J. Dukes Building (1904),
111 N. Main**

A. J. Dukes, a Civil War veteran and long-time Mansfield resident, had this building constructed in 1904. The first known tenant was the Davis and Curry (later S.W. Davis) Dry Goods Store. Though altered, it still retains original brick detailing. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

**13. Farr Best Theater (c. 1917),
109 N. Main**

Built in 1917 by M. M. Farr, the theater showed silent movies until 1929. It was enlarged in 1936 to double the seating. The building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. 14. McKnight Building (c. 1900), 105 N. Main This small brick commercial building displays brick corbelling at the cornice and cast-iron columns framing the storefront. It was built about 1900. The earliest known occupant was J. H. Page Dry Goods Store.

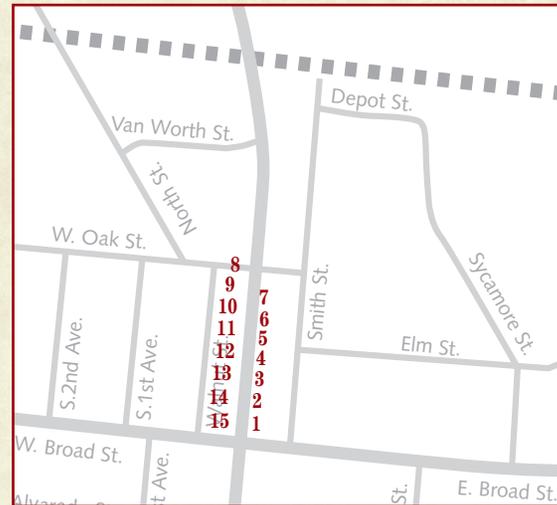
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**15. Masonic Lodge Building (1900; 1910),
101 N. Main**

Mansfield's Masonic Lodge began meeting at this site in 1870. The Mansfield Lodge is the third oldest in Tarrant County. This building was constructed in 1900 and enlarged slightly at the rear in 1910 by Jay Grow. It is largely intact and displays skillful brickwork. The first ground floor tenant of the building was Stone Brothers General Merchandise Store, followed by the Mendelstamm family with a dry goods business. It appears to be individually eligible for the National Register. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

**Central Business
District Map**



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***Historic Mansfield's
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Self-Guided Walking Tour #2

This self-guided walking tour will take you up one side of Tarrant County's oldest intact Central Business District and back down the other. The businesses that have been located in this area have supported thousands of people and hundreds of families over the past century, and continue to do so. Many are recorded Mansfield Historic Landmarks, and the entire district appears to be eligible for National Register status.

Let's Get Started!

Out the front door, and look at the building you just exited; then continue up Main to the north.

1. McKnight Building/Knights of Pythias Hall (1895), 102 N. Main

This large two-story brick structure was built for Dr. William B. McKnight in 1895. The Knights of Pythias Lodge was deeded the second floor in 1899. Dr. McKnight maintained an office at the rear of the first floor. A drug store occupied the front commercial space until 1938. Two years later, James S. McKnight purchased the second floor from the Lodge and converted it to an apartment. The McKnight Building and the Masonic Lodge across the street are the two more impressive remnants of Mansfield's historic downtown and function as gateway structures to a potential Main Street historic district. It appears to be eligible for the National Register. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

2. J. H. Wright Building (1901), 112-114 N. Main

This commercial building was constructed for J. H. Wright in 1901 to house the general merchandise business he had established in 1884. Operating under the new name of "The Big Daylight Store," it was Mansfield's leading retail business in the years prior to World War II. J. H. Wright played a central role in Mansfield's development in the 19th and 20th centuries, until his death in 1942. His building is distinguished by its pressed metal front with

stacked bands of simulated stone, floral frieze and garlanded cornice. The building appears to be individually eligible for the National Register.

3. State Bank of Mansfield Building (1895), 116 N. Main

This one-story building was built in 1895 as Mansfield's first bank. J. H. Wright (1857-1942) organized the State Bank of Mansfield and was its president until his death. In 1960, when a new bank building was constructed, the old building was sold. Though altered, the original cornice is intact, and the safe is still inside. The building is a major contributor to the potential Main Street historic district by virtue of its architectural qualities, important role in Mansfield's development, and its association with an important local citizen. With restoration, the building may be eligible for the National Register on an individual basis. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

4. Odd Fellows Building (1892), 118-122 N. Main

Mansfield Lodge No. 138 of the International Order of Odd Fellows was instituted on August 29, 1871. The existing Lodge building was completed in the summer of 1892. The ground floor commercial space was occupied by J.H. Wright's general merchandise store until the completion of The Big Daylight Store in 1901. Lodge No. 138 of the I.O.O.F. met in the upper hall until the mid 1980s. This two-story building, the oldest documented structure on Main Street, is a major contributor to the potential Main Street historic district. It is a prime candidate for further restoration, as the imposing brick façade has been covered in stucco and the tall second story windows left in place.

5. Nugent Building (c. 1900), 124 N. Main

This small brick building was built for Joseph Nugent, the first mayor of Mansfield, possibly for his own office use. The building is best remembered as the Curry Bros. Grocery, which operated here from about 1908 until 1925. The building exhibits patterned and corbelled brickwork.

6. A. J. Hunt/C. A. Smith & Sons Building (c. 1895), 126 N. Main

This commercial building was built for A.J. Hunt in 1895 and operated as a saloon until forced to close in 1898, when a local prohibition ordinance was enacted. The

building was purchased by Charles A. Smith and Sons in 1910 and remains in the family. A series of drug stores occupied the building for over 60 years, with doctors' offices at the rear. It is best remembered as Board Bros. Pharmacy, which was here from 1898 until 1919. The storefront was remodeled in the 1950s, but original brick patterning survives on the upper portion of the facade. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

7. Old Post Office Building (c. 1894), 130 N. Main

This two-story brick building was constructed by Dr. J. N. Thomas to house Mansfield's second post office on the ground floor and Dr. Thomas' office on the second floor. Dr. Thomas and his son, Dr. Raymond Thomas, moved their offices to the back of the drugstore in 1929.

8. Southland Ice Company Building (c. 1915), 131 N. Main

Built in 1915 for the Southland Ice Company, the building shows the uniquely thick walls and high threshold necessary to keep ice frozen through the Texas summers. Southland Ice Company got into the snack and drink business early on, and established business hours of 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. (quite unusual). It later changed its name to the Southland Corporation, and adopted the name "7-11" for its snack and drink outlets. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

9. McKnight Building (c. 1900), 125-129 N. Main

Dr. William B. McKnight purchased this commercial building in 1904. It remained in the McKnight estate until 1982. Originally one large grocery store, it has been divided into three storefronts. A variety of businesses have been housed here, including the publishing office of the Mansfield Mirror. This building is a registered Mansfield Historic Landmark.

10. First National Bank Building/ Troy Hackler Building (1904), 119-121 N. Main

Following a fire on July 4, 1901, which destroyed several commercial buildings on the west side of Main Street including one on this site, Troy Hackler built this two-story brick structure to house a bank and doctors' offices.