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*Welcome
to Bay City's*

**South Side
Historic District
A National Registry Neighborhood**



Tour Guide



The South Side Residential Historic District is the county's largest and best preserved concentration of late 19th to mid 20th century residences and the housing therein reflects continued prosperity fostered by agriculture, transportation, petroleum and commerce. The district lies wholly within the original mile-square town plat. The neighborhood began to develop shortly after Bay City was platted in 1894. The eclectic mix of architectural styles reflects our town's thriving growth from 1894 to present.

1. Presbyterian Manse • 1921 Fifth Street



Construction Date: 1904

Architectural Style:

Classical Revival

This house is significant for its foursquare styling and for its association with early community life and historic district development. It was the home of ministers for thirty years and is now home to Bay City Art League.

2. Isabelle Wallace Cottage • 2308 Avenue I

Construction Date: 1901

Architectural Style:

Folk Victorian

Constructed for Willie Isabelle Wallace and her family, this is a classic example of a Folk Hall & Parlor style house. Her husband was born in Matagorda County, a descendant of families who came in 1839. After Robert Bruce's death in 1897, Willie Isabelle moved to the new city of Bay City and built this three room cottage, where she resided until 1937.



3. Carrington-Blaylock • 2400 Avenue I



Construction Date: 1897

Architectural Style: Folk Victorian

This historic house built for J.C. Carrington began as a two room farm house in 1890. It was moved to Bay City in 1897 where additional rooms

were constructed and remained in the Carrington family until 1998. The original exterior doors are carved with beautiful designs and the screened doors have the classic Victorian pool work.

4. Dr. J.E. Simons • 2017 Fourth Street

Construction Date: 1897

Architectural Style:

Folk Victorian

Contractor, A.S. Robbins, of Athens, Texas constructed this home in 1897 The Bay City Breeze (newspaper) reported: The lumber for their home had to be brought down the



Colorado River on barges and was later transported to the building site by oxen teams where now stands the "Simons House".

5. Holman-Allen House • 2504 Avenue K



Construction Date: 1908

Architectural Style: Queen Anne 1880 - 1910

This outstanding home was built in 1908 by Spanish American War veteran and Matagorda County Judge William Shields Holman and wife Louise (Kaulbach) Holman. The tower is interrupted

by a copper roof at the first level and a band of shingles at the second level. It remained in the Holman family until 1978. Owners James and Judith Allen are credited with its later restoration.

6. Carey Smith • 2501 Avenue I

Construction Date: 1921

Architectural Style: Craftsman

A stately home was constructed by Carey Smith, Sr. editor of The Daily Tribune. The two-story brick house has decorative beams under the upper story gables. The porch is supported by brick columns with lovely brick porch railings. The door has sidelight panes on each side. The colorful tile used to create this mosaic tile walk and porch surfaces was purchased in Mexico.



7. Perry-Jecmenek House • 2504 Avenue I



Construction Date: 1917

Architectural Style:

Colonial Revival - Queen Anne M.S. and Cora Alice Perry began construction in 1917. Builder George Schultz completed the architecturally hybrid house, incorporating Colonial Revival and Queen

Anne style elements in 1918. A prominent community leader, Perry was the principal owner of LeTulle Mercantile Co. The home was lovingly restored in the 1970s by the Jecmenek family.

8. J.W. Ingram House • 2512 Avenue I

Construction Date: 1939

Architectural Style: Tudor Revival

P.E. Garrett constructed this house for J.W. and Keye Ingram. It is a classic example of homes built in this popular style by Garrett in Bay City from the late 1930s through the 1940s.



9. Tetts-Woolsey House • 2604 Avenue I

Construction Date: 1932

Architectural Style: Spanish Colonial Revival

Built in 1932 by Walter F. and Catherine Tetts. Walter Tetts opened Tetts Jewelers in 1913 as a watch maker, engraver and optometrist. Descendants of the family reside in the residence.



10. Verser House • 2520 Avenue H



Construction Date: 1908

Architectural Style: Folk Victorian

John B. Phillips, (1817-1926) built three houses on this block. He was born on the Isle of France in West Africa and came to Matagorda County in 1849 with his family. The second owner of this home Fort Adelbert Verser, an early merchant, bought the home in 1920. It remained in the Verser family until 1960. Terrence Allen restored the home in 2000.

11. Rugeley-Morgan House • 2420 Avenue H

Construction Date: 1896

Architectural Style:

Folk Victorian

Built by Dr. Henry L. and Elizabeth Rugeley, this house is one of the oldest homes in Bay City. This large two story gabled roof residence reflects the Folk Victorian style.

Details include one-story entry porch with balustrade and turned posts with a projecting bay. Extensive restoration of the home was done in 2000.



12. Ditch-Miller House • 2404 Avenue H

Construction Date: 1908
Architectural Style: Victorian Cottage This is a one story, wood frame, asymmetrical, late Victorian Cottage built by Israel Ditch, an early Jewish merchant in Bay City. This house is associated with two of Bay City's earliest families, Israel Ditch and William Cash and wife Ora, who owned and resided in the home from 1941 to 1985.



13. Hawkins-Furse House • 2405 Avenue G



Construction Date: 1914
Architectural Style: Spanish Colonial Revival
This stately home was built by Henry Rugeley for his sister's children. It is a two story, 5 bay brick Spanish Colonial Revival (1850-1900) residence with an arcaded porch and solarium; tiled

hipped roof; deep eaves and very restrained detail. The integrity of design and quality of construction gives this corner property major importance in this older residential area.

14. Rugeley-Poole House • 2421 Avenue G

Construction Date: 1896
Architectural Style: Folk Victorian This home was constructed by Henry Rugeley. In 1922, T.J. Poole Jr. acquired the property which remained in the Poole family until it was purchased by Onella Vaughn. This is one of the oldest homes in Bay City.



15. Boney House • 2601 Avenue G

Construction Date: 1910
Architectural Style: Colonial Revival
This home was built by W.O. Boney. Boney was the Mayor of Bay City from 1905 to 1906. The two story house features decorative braces under the eaves and sweeping veranda.



16. Kilbride-Barkley House • 1704 Third Street



Construction Date: 1910
Architectural Style: Classical Revival
This grand home is a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark. It was constructed by John and Ann Elizabeth (Holt) Kilbride. They were prominent ranchers and civic leaders in Matagorda

County. This house is an excellent example of the Classical Revival style (1770-1830) of large scale residential properties built in the early 20th Century.

17. Vogelsang-Letulle House • 2416 Avenue G

Construction Date: 1895
Architectural Style: Folk Victorian Cottage
Believed to be the first substantial residence constructed in Bay City, this home was built of lumber originally ordered for the first Matagorda County Courthouse. Nichols M. Vogelsang, the builder, was a member of the Enterprise Land and Colonizing Co., which developed Bay City. The home is one story, wood frame with hipped and gabled roof sections and an attached front porch.

