

Welcome to Turtle Tour #2

This is the second “Turtle Tour”. This covers the areas of Grubb, Dobbs, Market Street, Covent Garden, Hyde Park and Academy Square. If you are walking it will take at least an hour.

We hope you enjoy the tour. Please return this booklet to the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce after completing the tour.

Hertford, the sixth oldest town in North Carolina has a rich history. We hope you find it as interesting as we do.

If you have not gone on the Turtle Tour #1 which covers Front and Church St, we invite you to do that as well.



Turtle Tour # 2

Hertford Bay



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**Colonel Wilson Reed House
106 West Grubb Street
c 1850**

Dr. Nathaniel C Skinner probably built the house around 1850 before selling it to Wilson Reed who was a prominent planter. In May 1851, a fire insurance policy valued the property at \$3000. It described the property as

“Of wood and nearly new Roof Ready to access by Ladders,
32x40 2 Stories high Piazza in Rear 2 Stories high Poutico in
Front 2 chimneys & 4 fire places no Stoves. Ashes carefully
Removed. Kitchen is 33 feet from House East”

The house was moved in 1928 so the Standard Oil Company could build a gas station on the corner lot. The smaller part of the house was moved to 209 N Church St.

Although remodeled into apartments in the 20th century, the early Greek Revival features are still prominent.

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**Thomas Gregory Skinner Law Office
120 West Grubb St
C 1885**

The building was originally the law offices of John H Blount and Thomas G Skinner and was located on the courthouse green. In 1895, it also became the office of Hertford Banking Company. It was moved in 1912 from the courthouse green to this location to make way for the Confederate monument. Guy Newby ran an insurance office sometime after it was moved. The wrap around porch and expansions are additions to the original building.

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**Edy Wood House
128 West Grubb Street
C 1832**

The only example of an early one-story coastal cottage in Hertford, it is believed to have been built for Edy Wood, a freedwoman and owner of the property in 1832. She was the first freed slave to own a house in Hertford. The house was originally a two-room dwelling. In 1881, it was sold to Baptist Minister, Josiah Elliott and enlarged. The house has a center-hall plan, with two exterior gable-end chimneys laid 1:5 common bond and Greek-Revival details.

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**Ann R. White House
200 W Grubb
c 1870**

Susan B. Toms purchased the lot in 1870. Originally a one room structure, it was enlarged adding an east wing before she gave it to her mother, Mrs. Ann R. White before 1884.

In recent years, this two-story frame dwelling has been extensively remodeled.

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**Blanchard Brothers Speculation Houses
205 & 207 West Grubb
c 1910**

Built as rentals by the Blanchard Brothers, they are typical of many houses built in Hertford during the early 20th century. The land was bought from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

The houses feature beautiful sawnwork gable ornaments and is capped by a simple cornice moulding. The houses are side-hall plans with rear kitchen ells and have not been changed significantly.

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Charles Johnson House
113 Covent Garden
c 1909

Charles Johnson was an insurance agent and Clerk of Superior Court (1906-1922).

Projecting gables with fanlights and wrap around porch with distinctive balastrades accent this typical Queen Anne style building with Colonial Revival details.

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Ruth Toms Newby House
107 Covent Garden
c 1916

Built for Ruth Toms Newby, this house is a reflection of both simple traditional forms and the more fashionable Colonial Revival style.

The house is an expansion of the simple 2 story gable roof home now with a gable front addition. The house retains the gable sawnwork and turned posts and balustrades.

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**Isaac Hall House
200 West Market Street
c 1818**

Built by Isaac Hall soon after he acquired the property in 1818, Hall was a local craftsman. The house is drawn on a map from 1821.

It is the birthplace of Clinton Toms in 1868. Toms was an educator and tobacco executive who donated the money to restore the Perquimans County Courthouse.

The original structure was probably a Federal side hall plan, but has been enlarged to a center hall plan with additions on the side and rear.

The early kitchen is still standing behind the house.



**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Rectory
206 West Market Street
c 1850**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church acquired the property in 1890 when it was given to the ladies of church to enlarge and update by the Reverend James Weston who had purchased it in 1879. Weston was the rector from 1871 until 1882. The Victorian elements are directly related to the women's efforts.

Originally a two story Federal style side hall plan, it has been enlarged a number of times until its current form which is a fine example of Victorian styling.



Hertford United Methodist Church
201 West Market Street
c 1901

Designed by architect Hill Linthicum who was known for his projects in Durham, Winston-Salem and Henderson. In 1888, Linthicum was associated with the building of the Durham Baptist Church

The Hertford Methodist Church acquired the property in 1838.

This Romanesque-style Church is well preserved with beautiful stained glass. The church was originally a member of The Virginia Conference but was transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1894.

The window hoodmoulds and corner buttresses are highlights of the exterior. Once a spire, the bell tower is now a crenelated parapet. Significant additions were made the building in 1928 and again in 1963.

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Tudor F Winslow House
210 West Market St
c 1894

Mr. Winslow was Sheriff of Perquimans County, President of Hertford Banking Company and a Mayor of Hertford. Mr. Winslow's investments included farming, fishing, produce shipping, cotton buying and livery stable management.

The house features beautifully detailed sawn and turn work elements. It has massing characteristic of the Queen Anne style.

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**Hertford United Church Parsonage
235 West Market Street
c 1910**

This framed 2 story house is used as the Parsonage for the Hertford Methodist Church which is next door.

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Thomas C Blanchard House
214 W Market St
c 1892

Blanchard owned and operated one of the largest general merchandise stores, "Blanchard's", from 1870 until 1912. He was also a civic leader and inventor.

In 1892, the local paper proclaimed "Mr TC Blanchard's new house is nearly finished, and it is the prettiest house in town by all odds."

This is a traditional two-story, gable-roof house with 2 story
ells and a wrap around porch.

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**Colonel Francis Toms House
215 W Market Street
C 1820**

Colonel Toms was a county commissioner and oversaw the building of the county courthouse which was built between 1819 and 1825. He probably built this home in 1920. He served in the House of Commons in 1814 & 1815. It was enlarged to its current form in the early 1900s when Nina Parker Cox purchased. It was used for several years as Lynch's Funeral Home.

The pair of Flemish bond chimney distinguish the original part of the house which was a two-story side hall plan with Federal features.

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Lucullus W McMullen House
221 W Market St
c 1885

Lucullus McMullan, a coach manufacturer, merchant, magistrate and Methodist Lay Leader built this house. The simple lines of this Victorian T-shaped house exemplify the turn-of-the-century fondness for porches and varied angles.

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Hertford Academy
106 E Academy St
c 1871

Originally located on Academy Square, this portion of the former schoolhouse was relocated to this location from across the street in 1905 and was converted to a private residence.

Hertford Academy was formed in 1819 and Academy Square was formed by closing Hyde Park and incorporating the residential lots on either side.

Of note on the current building are the brackets and cornice moldings.

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**Darien & Virginia Wood Daughtrey House
113 West Academy Street
c 1866**

Probably built by Daughtrey after Virginia Daughtrey acquired the property in 1866. Darien Daughtrey was a merchant.

The property was sold in 1881 to Robert White who served as the Sheriff from 1879 until 1887. Later it was sold to County Commissioner Samuel Sutton. It was used as the American Legion Post 126 for a number of years. The American Legion is now next door. Most recently it was the home to a print shop.

Despite numerous alterations, the house retains many of its Greek Revival features, highlighted by the porch columns and remaining sidelights on the upstairs windows and door.

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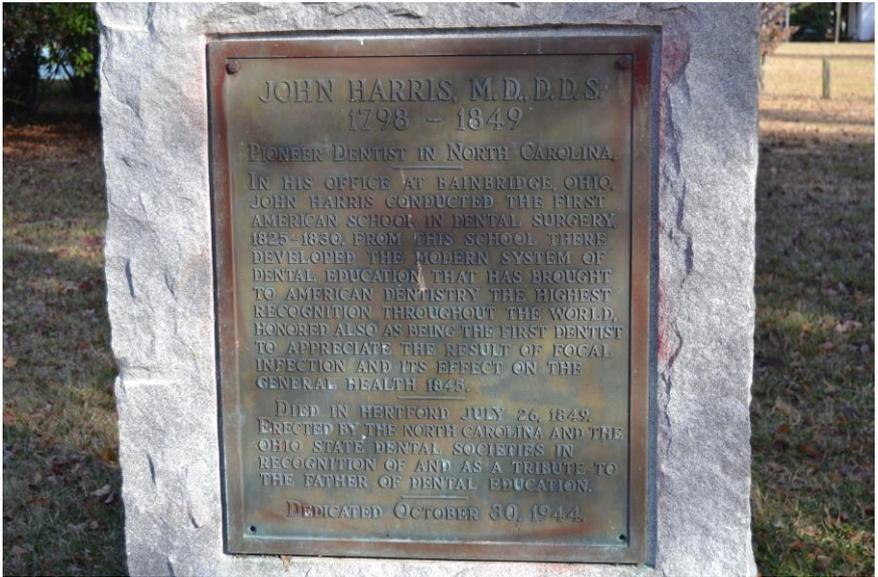


**Perquimans County Regional Library
West Academy Street
c 1955**

The former home of the Perquimans County Library is the former lunchroom for the Hertford Grammar School which was built in 1904 and burned down in 1957. This part of the school was not seriously damaged. The library moved from the building just to the north which was at the time the Community Building. It was a project of the Hertford Women's Club.

The library moved in early 2018. It will be the home of the new Boys & Girls Club.

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John Harris MD DDS Marker Academy Square

Dr John Harris was a pioneer dentist who started the first American School of Dentistry in Bainbridge, Ohio. He founded the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati. His brother, Chapin Harris, founded the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1840.

Dr Harris died in Hertford in 1849.

This memorial stood in the Courthouse Green from 1944 until 2000. It was moved to make room for the Veterans Memorial.

It is unclear why Dr Harris was in Hertford, although his obituary in the American Journal of Dental Science notes he had lived in Hertford for "several years" and was surrounded by his friends at his death. The local Masonic Lodge passed a resolution at his death to wear a badge of mourning for 30 days after his death.

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**Riley S Monds House
West Maket Street
c 1925**

This “four square” Colonial Revival House was built in 1925 by Riley Monds. It features a pyramidal roof with shed dormers, a wrap around porch with simple columns and balustrade.

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**Meridian Masonic Lodge Hall
Hyde Park
c 1946**

Built by the Meridian Lodge No 18 of Ancient and Accepted Masons in 1946, the building is one of the largest non-residential structures in Hertford. The area around the building was once part of the black academy and the cultural center of the traditionally black neighborhood.

The roof was originally flat. The current pitched roof is a recent addition.



**Colored Union Soldiers Monument
Corner of Hyde Park and King Street**

The location of the first black school, library and church in the county, the monument commemorates the black soldiers who fought in the Civil War. The monument was erected by the women of the black community and is dedicated "In Memory of the Colored Union Soldiers Who Fought in the War of 1861-1865". It is one of the few such monuments in the country.

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**First Baptist Church
Corner of Hyde Park & King Street
c 1897**

Built by freedmen who were formally members of the Hertford Baptist Church, the church property was bought in 1871. First services were held in 1866 in a brush shelter across the street in Academy Square. This is probably the second church at this location.

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Elizabeth B Jacocks House
217 W Dobbs St
C 1851

Elizabeth Jacocks, the mother of General Jonathan Hill Jacocks, was in the process of building the house in 1851 when she died. It was built for her daughter Mary C Reed.

It was occupied in the late 1860s by Dr James J Shannonhouse, and was later bought by David Cox, a prominent physician and civic leader.

The house is a traditional gable roof house with central gable. The original portico was later modified with shed roof porches on the façade.

Behind the house you can see the detached kitchen, stable and wood shed that were original to the house.

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Benjamin Berry House
201 W Dobbs St
C 1820

Built by Benjamin Berry who was a tailor on property he acquired in 1819. In 1828 the property was valued at \$900, indicating a substantial house.

A Federal/Greek Revival style frame house with the principle faced sheathed with flush boards, with the remaining wall sheathed with beaded weatherboard. The original house was a side hall plan, but was converted to a central hall plan. The double tier porche is support by square-in-section columns resting on brick piers.

Behind the house is a dairy, kitchen, stable and smokehouse of the same era. One of the few historic homes in Hertford with so many of the original outbuilding

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Augustus Arps House
113 W Grubb St
c 1853

Augustus Arps was a shoemaker and Methodist lay leader. His house is a frame Greek Revival with weatherboard siding, with gable ends and a central cross gable. The wrap around porches are supported by Doric columns and enclosed with a balustrade.

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Mrs JE White's Boarding House
200 South Church
C 1925

Now a hair styling salon and private residence, this frame Colonial Revival with vinyl siding was once a Boarding House. The large rambling structure with two pedimented front gables has large wrap-around porches supported by slender Doric columns.

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William M Divers House
206 South Church St
c 1924

William Divers had a wide variety of business in Hertford, first a confectionery and later a grocery store with Tom Raper, also a jewelry store around 1916. He ran a movie theater at the corner of Market and Church St. And finally he opened Divers Motor Company a Ford dealership. The dealership was in what is now Hertfordshire Antiques in the downtown business district. The business was so successful, that an annex was built around the corner on Grubb St.

The house was built in 1924 and was considered very fashionable. The only 2 story bungalow in Hertford, it was built by contractor Roger Stokes and the carpenter was William Rooks.

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
207 South Church St
c 1849

This beautifully picturesque church was built in 1849-50 at a cost of \$2000. The first services were held on May 26th, 1850. Before that services were held in the courthouse. The minister, William E Snowden described the church as “the best and most suitable wooden building in the Diocese”. The church was a mission parish and was admitted the Diocese of North Carolina in 1858.

The church is a small Gothic Revival structure featuring buttresses and pointed arch windows. The narthex and bell tower were added in 1894. The interior features a nave with gallery and chancel. The furniture is late Victorian. A one manual organ built by George Jardine of New York was acquired about 1854.

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**George Major Carriage House
West Dobbs St
c 1905**

Built at the same time as George Major's house which is behind it at 131 West Market Street, this carriage house is a rare existing example of a once common outbuilding.

The Dutch Colonial styling with fish scale shingles on the second floor speaks to the wealth of Major and the influx of lumber and craftsmen in the area.

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George E. Major House
131 West Market St
c 1900

George Major was a local timber executive who was associated with The East Carolina Lumber Company, Major & Loomis Company and the Yeopim Lumber Company. The house was built with timber from his timber company.

Thought to be designed by a New Jersey architect who was associated with the timber companies, this traditional Colonial Revival features a large wrap around porch, large gable dormers and cornices with dentil rows.

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**Louis Norman House
132 West Market Street
c 1894**

Louis Normann was County Treasurer from 1902-1916 and was an official with Hertford Bank Company.

The house displays beautiful Colonial Revival details with its wrap around porch and steep hip roof with oversized gable dormers and tall chimney stacks with decorative caps.

The house was converted to apartments in mid 20th century but has recently been restored back into a single family residence.

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**Dr Caleb Winslow Office
128 West Market St
c 1851**

Dr Winslow acquired the property in 1851 to build his office and residence. The building originally had two entrances. The office entrance has since been converted to a window.

Dr Winslow was a prominent physician, a member of the first Board of Medical Examiners. He was also served as the County Surveyor, was a temperance leader, and a trustee of the Hertford Academy. As a Quaker and civic leader, Dr Winslow was frequently called upon to intercede with Union authorities on behalf of residents of Hertford.

Originally closer to the street, the house was moved in the early 1900s and has been enlarged several times. It retains most of its original Greek Revival features.

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Dr Caleb Davenport Office
135 West Market Street
c 1942

Dr Davenport lived on Front Street built as his office. A brick building 4 bays wide and 4 bays deep. The central entrance is flanked by four light sidelights and a five light transom. It has a gable front portico with cornice returns supported by square columns.

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Hertford Baptist Church
124 West Market St
c 1854

The Hertford Baptist Church was built in 1854 when it separated from Bethel Baptist Church in the southern part of the county. Charles Skinner, Sr and Richard Felton contributed \$17,000 towards construction.

The building is Italianate styling with large windows with semi-circular hood mouldings. Unusual for the area, it has a basement. The original spire was reduced in size around 1900. The Classic Revival portico was added in 1923 as was the education building. It was further enlarged in 1955 and again in the early 2000s.

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**Alfred Moore House
119 W Market Street
c 1825**

Alfred Moore was local merchant and Hertford postmaster.

This Federal style side hall plan dwelling has coast cottage double tier engaged porches and is closely related in design to the Edward Wood House.

This is the third location for this house. It was originally at the corner of Market and Church Street.

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