

Take A Driving Tour of Honey Grove, Texas

Honey Grove has the largest concentration of historic homes of any town in Fannin County, and perhaps any town in northeast Texas. When "cotton was king", Honey Grove was a very wealthy place. The cotton barons and merchants built beautiful homes and churches, and lived a lavish lifestyle. There was also a great emphasis on religion and education in Honey Grove.

While we have lost some wonderful buildings, many still remain, some in wonderful condition and others in disrepair. We also have photographs of some of the wonderful homes that no longer exist.

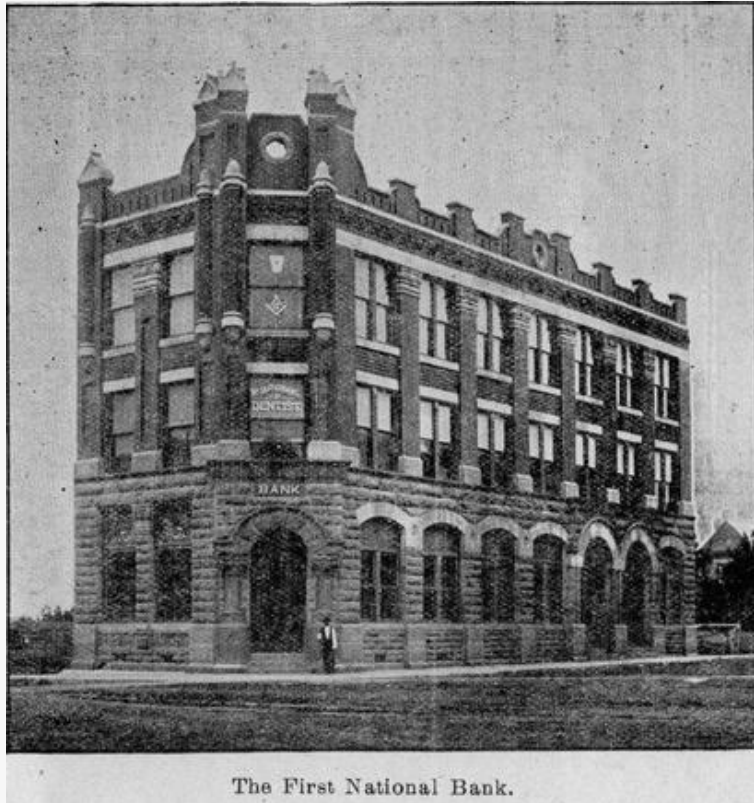
Take this driving tour to see some what remains in Honey Grove. The links give you more information on many of the buildings and homes and provide photographs from earlier times and photographs of structures which no longer remain. There are many more interesting and noteworthy structures in Honey Grove that you will enjoy, so drive slowly.

The items underlined below are links to webpages you can access on your computer, tablet or phone at <http://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/driving-tour.html>



1. **Start out at the Honey Grove Square.** Imagine it when the Post Office did not exist. The Square was not paved, and on trading days was packed with wagons pulled by mules and horses. Later an attractive park was placed in the Square. Stores occupied every building, and offered an amazing variety of goods.

2. **Enjoy some of the historic buildings on the Square.** On the northeast corner is the old Planters' National Bank and on the southwest corner is the First National Bank building. A portion of the original south side of the Square still exists, as does the old Erwin building which is now Smith Feed and Seed.



3. The Post Office was constructed in 1919.

4. Drive south on 5th street through the Square and then **turn east on East Market Street.**

See the lovely St. Mark Episcopal Church built in 1883, at East Market & 8th Street.

View the lovely restored Erwin House, built around the turn of the century, at 404 E. Market.

See the Graves House at 500 East Market, built around the turn of the century in the Colonial Federalist style.

5. Drive to 11th and East Market and turn left (north), crossing Main Street and going one street north to **Hickory Street**. Turn left (west) on Hickory.

See the [Saylor House](#) at 605 Hickory (corner of Hickory and 11th), built in 1923. It is lovingly cared for.

Drive west on Hickory toward 8th Street, where you will see the imposing [First Baptist Church](#). The sanctuary was complete in 1912.

Continue west on Hickory to 301 Hickory, the sad remains of the [Dailey House](#), built in 1861. The website has photos of this house in its better days.

Across from the Dailey House at [300 Hickory](#) is one of the Trout Houses, a prairie style house, with beautiful woodwork on the inside.

Continue west on Hickory to the corner of Hickory and 6th Street, where you will see our beautiful [City Hall](#), completed in 1889 and beautifully restored to continue as the house of city government.

6. Turn right (north) on 5th Street and then immediately turn left to go west on Walcott Street. Travel to **2nd Street**. Several beautiful houses are in this area.

The [Stobaugh-Galbraith House](#) is at 602 N. 2nd. Built in 1870, it has a very unique style. After being turned into apartments and then used as a nursing home, it has been lovingly restored and is a wonder to behold.



The Gunn House at 607 North 2nd was built in 1910.

The Parrish House is at 509 North 2nd and the Williamson House, currently being restored, is at 508 N. 2nd.

Drive south on 2nd to see the [First Christian Church](#) at North 2nd and Main, built around 1936.

7. Continue south across Main Street to [West Market Street](#). Turn left (east) and see the Robnett House at 303 West Market, the corner of 3rd and Market. This Victorian house was built in 1875 and has been beautifully restored.

Now you will need to turn around when this can be done safely and drive west to Highway 34 (South 1st Street). There you will see the [Hammock House](#), built in 1899 and owned by a descendant of the prior owners.

Continue west on West Market to see the Jacob Fein House. Jacob Fein was one of the primary architects and builders of Honey Grove, building many of the homes and buildings you will see on your tour. This home is lovingly cared for.

Continue down West Market. You will pass [Crockett Park](#) on your right. It is named for Davy Crockett, who on his way to the Alamo camped nearby and wrote to his friends and family about the "Honey Grove" he had found. Thus the name of our town. The park is on land once owned by [Samuel Erwin](#), the first settler of Honey Grove.

Across from the Park at 703 West Market is the [Wood-Lee House](#), built in 1901. According to some sources, this was the location of the first log cabin in Honey Grove.

8. Continue on down West Market until you come to Reed Street on your right. Take Reed, and then turn right (east) on **West Main Street**.

View the [Skinner-Gandy House](#), built in 1901, at 1016 West Main. It was built by Jacob Fein, whose own home you saw on West Market.

Continue east on Main to 906 West Main, the Whitley-Lane Victorian-style house, built about 1892.

Continue east on Main Street past the Square.

You will pass on your right the historical marker for the [Main Street Presbyterian Church](#), which was tragically destroyed by fire on the morning of February 10, 2013. But you can see photo of this magnificent building on our website.

There are a number of beautiful homes on [Main Street East](#).

The first is at 500 Main Street East, the Norwood House, built in the early 1900s. The house at 505 Main Street East was built by the Gilmer family in 1896.

The imposing home at 605 Main Street East was built in 1907 by [J. H. Lowry](#), who was the publisher of the *Honey Grove Signal*.

On the right side of the next block is a lovely home at 704 East Main built in 1906. The architecture reflects components of the Victorian era and the beginnings of the arts and crafts movement.

Next on the right is the wonderful Jones house at 800 East Main, built in 1905.

Lastly is the former Hockaday House at 803 East Main. The house was begun in 1892. Today it is the Cooper-Sorrells Funeral Home.



9. Turn left on 14th Street, then drive north to [Pecan Street](#), and turn left.

At 701 Pecan is a craftsman style house built in 1928.

The home at 500 Pecan features a steeply pitched roof.

Drive to 8th and Pecan to see the Yarbrough-Simmons House, built around 1887. [T. B. Yarbrough](#) was the founder of *The Independent*, an early newspaper.

The home at 301 Pecan was built in the Victorian style by [J. L. Ware](#).

At 7th and Pecan is the imposing [McKenzie Methodist Church](#), the building of which began in 1879.

10. At 7th Street turn right, go one block north, and turn left on [Bois d'Arc](#). See the craftsman home built in 1925.

11. Go on to 13th Street, turn left, and then turn left again on [Poplar Street](#).

The Trout-Fielding House at 705 Poplar Street, was built in the early 1900s. This house is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Next on the right is the prairie style home at 701 Poplar Street built in 1922 by Jacob Fein.

The home at 601 Poplar is being beautifully restored.

On the left at 500 Poplar is the Bell-Clark House, built prior to 1902. At one time it faced west. Later it was turned to face north.

The large brick house at 501 Poplar was built in 1895. The style is Victorian, with a prairie style porch.

12. Turn right on 8th Street, then right again on [Elm Street](#).

The house at 403 Elm was built in 1894. The exterior was remodeled in 2015.

Next is the Ohr House at 505 Elm. It is believed that this home from near the water tower to this location.

The home at 507 Elm was built in 1924, and is a variation of a colonial Cape Cod.

At 603 Elm is the Walcott House, built in 1914 by Jacob Fein as a wedding present for B. O. Walcott's second wife. The front of the house was changed when a balcony was removed from the front porch around 1920.



13. Turn left on 14th, then left on Oak, then all the way back to [North 8th Street](#).

See the lovely home at 1201 North 8th.

At 1005 North 8th Street is the Steward House built in 1909.

The Richardson House, built in 1900, is at 1002 North 8th.

The house at 905 North 8th Street was built by T. Calhoun Provine. In 1957 it became the Christian Church parsonage, but has now been sold.

The craftsman style home at 901 North 8th Street was built around 1919.

The Queen Anne cottage at 808 North 8th Street was built in 1980. No one can view this house in its current condition without sadness.

Further at 805 North 8th Street is a folk-Victorian style house built about 1895.

See the colorful home at 804 North 8th.

On your right at 801 North 8th is the Pierce-Daniels house, built in 1895.



15. You may want to turn west to 5th Street and then drive north to view our lovely and historic cemeteries. The first recorded burial at [Oakwood Cemetery](#) was in 1846. It now contains over 6,000 interments, and many beautiful monuments to those buried there.

Across the street on the west from Oakwood is [Cedar Hill Cemetery](#), a historically African American cemetery.

16. We hope that you have enjoyed your driving tour of the historic homes and buildings of Honey Grove!

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Driving Tour