



GREENVILLE
 Washington County
 Mississippi
 Convention & Visitors Bureau

Welcome to Downtown



1 **Greenville was founded in 1824 by William W. Blanton**, who was granted the plot by the U.S. government. Theobald Street is named for Blanton's widow, Harriet Blanton Theobald, known as "the mother of Greenville" for donating 47.5 acres of land to the city in 1878 after its devastation in the Civil War. Much of downtown Greenville is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Part of the original city of Greenville is under water. First, Second, Front, Mulberry and Locust Streets are buried, along with their history, under the levee and the bed of Lake Ferguson.

- 2** **Flood Markers.** On the southern end of the levee, running east and west, you can follow the rise of the water by the markers.
- 3** **Flood Gauges.** The Flood gauges tell you how high water got during the six most significant floods in Greenville history.
- 4** **C&G Depot.** Built about 1920, the Columbus and Greenville depot was a hub of activity transporting people and goods east and west across the state.
- 5** **CVB Building/National Guard Armory.** This building originally housed the Fort Nicholson National Guard Armory, headquarters for the Dixie Division during World War II under the leadership Major General A.G. Paxton. *Mississippi Landmark*
- 6** **Puddin Moore.** John "Puddin" Moore creates one-of-a-kind metal art, from full sweeping staircases to tiny musical instruments and alligators the length of a dining room table. If he's open, stop in and purchase a one-of-a-kind souvenir.
- 7** **Greenville Inn and Suites.** Originally a bank in the 1880s, this boutique hotel still has the bank vault in one of the suites. *Mississippi Landmark*
- 8** **Delta Democrat-Times Building.** This building (ca. 1881) was home to the award-winning Delta Democrat Times newspaper, owned by Pulitzer-prize winner Hodding Carter, Jr., who won in 1946 for his editorials on racial justice. It also housed the Levee Press, which published books by William Faulkner and Eudora Welty. *National Register of Historic Places, Historical Marker*
- 9** **Fire Station Museum.** Greenville's very first fire house, Fire Station No. 1, the museum also houses interactive children activities. *Mississippi Landmark*
- 10** **Cotton Row.** These two buildings are all that is left of Greenville's Cotton District, where cotton was bought and sold.
- 11** **Trolley Tracks.** The last remaining signs of the trolley tracks that once ran throughout downtown and operated from 1900 to 1929, the trolley line had eight miles of track and fourteen cars at its peak. *Historic Marker*
- 12** **Cobblestone Street.** Greenville's original cobblestone streets were paved over, but new technology has allowed the city to return Main Street back to the way it was.
- 13** **Greenville City Court/First National Bank Building.** This 1903 Neo-Classical Revival building was constructed in 1903 by the first federally chartered bank in Washington County. *National Register of Historic Places, Mississippi Landmark, Historical Marker*
- 14** **William Alexander Percy Memorial Library.** Greenville writers have won the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award and O. Henry Award. The library's Greenville Writer's Exhibit features William A. Percy, Shelby Foote, Walker Percy, Hodding Carter, Jr., Ellen Douglas, Bern Keating and David L. Cohn. *Historic Marker*

- 15** **Greenville City Hall.** Built in 1920, the city's government has been operating from this same location ever since. Notice the vases carved at the top of the building. *Mississippi Landmark*
- 16** **St. Joseph's Catholic Church.** The design of this church, built in 1907, is based on a cathedral in Haarlam, Holland. Many of the stained glass windows came from the Munich studios of Emil Frei. *Historic Marker*
- 17** **First Baptist Church.** Rev. A.D. Brooks and Col. Lewis Ball organized Church on Easter Sunday, 1871. In 1934 the Chinese Mission was established here. *Historic Marker*
- 18** **Hebrew Union Temple.** The Hebrew Union congregation organized in 1880. The Jewish history museum inside the temple is open to the public. *Historic Marker*
- 19** **Flood Museum.** The 1927 flood, cited as the worst river flood in the U.S. history, is documented through photographs, artifacts, and a 12-minute video chronicling the flood.
- 20** **Wetherbee House.** The oldest house in Greenville, this house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. *Mississippi Landmark*
- 21** **Elks Lodge.** This imposing building was built in 1907 with a double-deck stone-pillared gallery. Funding is currently being sought to save this historic building. *Mississippi Landmark*
- 22** **Sears & Kress buildings.** Constructed in the late 1940s and built specifically for the Sears & Roebuck Co, the store remained downtown until it moved to a mall in the 1970s.
- 23** **Greenville Buick.** Former headquarters of Greenville's first Buick-Pontiac car dealership.
- 24** **Greenville History Museum.** This treasure is home to thousands of Greenville artifacts from the mid-19th century through the 1980s.
- 25** **First United Methodist Church.** Established in the early 1830s, it is the oldest organized church in Greenville. *Historic Marker*
- 26** **CB&S Bank & Gazebo.** The Greenville Post Office, the first federal building in the Delta, occupied this spot in 1909 and survived the 1927 Great Flood. Upon deconstruction in 1988, the post office's four columns were incorporated into the gazebo.
- 27** **Jim's Café.** As Greenville's oldest restaurant, this quaint little café has been a fixture in downtown since 1902.
- 28** **Leyser Building.** This former dry goods store is an example of the fine architecture that could be found along Washington Avenue in 1910.
- 29** **Stein Mart Square.** Russian immigrant Sam Stein opened a retail store on this site in 1964 that spawned the Stein Mart national store chain. *Historic Marker*

- 30** **World War II Memorial.** Sitting at the foot of the levee, this memorial was erected to remember the men who lost their lives in World War II.
- 31** **Entertainment District.** The block of Walnut Street between Washington Ave. and Main Street is a designated Entertainment District where you can find food, music and fun.
- 32** **Mississippi River Levee.** The Mainline Mississippi River Levee, originally built in the 1800s, has been raised and stabilized throughout the years to continue successfully containing all floodwaters.
- 33** **Greenville Waterfront.** Our lake is the gateway to some of the best hunting and fishing in the state and countless fishing tournaments every year.

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Note: From the levee front to the Washington County Courthouse, it is approximately 1 mile.

- 34** **Delta Brewing Supply.** Home to 250 craft beers, with 160 different cold beers available in its Beer Garden, Delta Brewing Supply carries homemade cheese, wine and craft beer supplies/kits.
- 35** **Delta Arts Gallery Craftorium and Café.** Opened only at night, this locally owned business spotlights local musicians, artists and painters.
- 36** **S. Goodman's.** Goodman's Department Store, opened in Greenville in 1928, is Greenville's oldest continuous department store.
- 37** **Train Depot.** The Mississippi Yazoo Valley Railroad operated its north-south line from this depot, built in the late 1920s. Farmer's markets take place each summer in the lot adjacent to the depot.
- 38** **Mock-Kittleman House.** This house is a fine example of a classic Greenville home.
- 39** **Washington County Courthouse.** Built about 1981 in the Richardson Romanesque architectural style of Georgia sandstone, the building retains many of its original ornate elements, including stone arches. The Confederate statute, erected on the front lawn in 1909, faces the south, turning its back on the enemy. The courthouse has the distinction of having a complete set of records dating back to the county's founding. *Historical Markers (2), Mississippi Landmark, National Register of Historic Places*



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