



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Introduction

This catalogue documents over 400 historic structures of Shellman built by 1950, including houses, commercial buildings, civic buildings, churches, etc. Of the total, over 200 are no longer standing.

The catalogue is sequenced by street number. Some structures do not have a street number, e.g., those destroyed before Shellman's streets were numbered. These are given a number consistent with their location, and denoted by "fictitious street number".

For each building, the catalogue includes (where available):

- An image
- Ownership history of the lot
- Information about the use of commercial property (e.g., type of store)
- A brief biographical sketch of the owners of houses (with links to Ancestry.com or other sources for the information)

Consider using the catalogue in conjunction with the maps of Shellman, which depict the buildings in relation to each other. There are several maps:

- A map of all buildings in the catalogue can be accessed [here](#).
- A map which can be adjusted over time can be accessed [here](#). This map can show the buildings standing in any given year, or as a "time show", depicting how Shellman developed year-by-year.
- A map which can be adjusted to show a single street (or group of streets) can be accessed [here](#).



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Z T Phelps Tract

Z T Phelps acquired 53 acres that comprised roughly the northern ¼ of Lot 5/269. The tract extended from Pearl St west to Dean St, and from Park St north to Phelp’s house on Pearl St. He retained essentially all of it during his lifetime, and distributed it in his estate. This section details those transactions.

Purchases

8/31/1861	<p>When Benjamin F Adams, Putnam County, purchased 1,700 acres from John P Ward, including most of what would become Shellman, the deed reveals that Z T Phelps has already been granted “one acre on which Mr. Phelps’s stable lot now stands.” The exact location is unknown, but it could well be the site of his store (See 40 Payne St). Source: Deed Book/L/319</p>
8/7/1863	<p>From Benjamin F Adams to Zebulon T Phelps. Notes: 8 acres (approximately 975’ N/S x 400’ E/W). Bounded north by the north-side fence of Phelps’s house; east by Pearl St; south by the railroad reserve (Park Ave). The deed was not recorded until 1891, thus title to this 8-acre tract was conveyed to the Crittendens when they acquired Lot 5/269 in 1871; however, the 1873 deed below recognizes Phelps’s title. This is the earliest deed subdividing Lot 5/269, and reveals several things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phelps paid what seems a huge sum (\$5,500), but it was in Confederate currency. • Phelps already lives in the house built for the stationmasters (3377 Pearl St), and with this purchase now owns it • The deed refers to a lot that Phelps has already been granted adjoining the depot reserve, on which he operates a stable. • Adams also owned a house, which is almost certainly Buckfoot Lawn (on US Highway 82), the house built by John P Ward. Adams’s primary residence was in Eatonton, but he lived here for a time during the War. • This is the first time that a deed prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages for all future owners of a tract of land in Shellman. Later the Crittendens added that provision to their deeds, and the 1883 city charter also included it. <p>Source: Deed Book/BB/771</p>
2/12/1873	<p>From the Crittenden family to Zebulon T Phelps Notes: An unmeasured portion of Lot 5/269. This strip of land comprises the northern section of Lot 5/269. The northern boundary is the line between Lot 5/269 and Lot 5/268; the eastern boundary is the line between Lot 5/269 and 5/302 (Pearl St) and the lands along Pearl St already sold to Phelps; the western boundary is the line between Lot 5/269 and Lot 5/264 (Dean St). The southern boundary is the northern boundary of the lot of Mrs. Eliza Ellis and children. There is a one-acre exception in the southeastern corner, for an old blacksmith or woodshop, which is operated by someone whose name is illegible, but may be Zuniel Pounds. This is probably the blacksmith shop shown on the 1902 map, on the north side of Park St. Source: Deed Book/O/383</p>
2/1/1881	<p>This deed recaps earlier sales from Crittenden holdings, including two parcels from Lot 5/269:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 53 acres belonging to Z T Phelps (described above) • 12 acres sold to J W Ellis, now belonging to J B Payne <p>Source: Deed Book/FF/8</p>



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Bequests/Sales to Family	
8/26/1891	<p>Pearl St, west side From the estate of Z T Phelps to the widow, Mrs. Rhoda Phelps Notes: Deed (partly legible) conveys a house and lot known as the Z T Phelps Place, approximately 2 acres. Bounded as follows: <i>“fronting east on Pearl St, on the south by Phelps St to the corner of J B Payne’s lot, thence north to the northeast corner of said J B Payne’s lot, thence west to the north west corner of W T Jay’s lot, thence north to lands of Crittenden & Bro. thence east to Pearl St”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The northern boundary is not clear, but seems to be the northern boundary line of Lot 5/269. • J B Payne owned the lot at 173 W Phelps St, so that is likely the western boundary <p>Using those as boundaries, this tract is about 2.5 acres. The deed clearly conveys the land on which the original Phelps house stands (3377 Pearl St), as well as the land on which Wistar T Jay built three additional houses: 3365, 3351, and 3333 Pearl St. It is thought that the houses were intended for the Jay’s three children. Source: Deed Book/CC/563</p>
1891	<p>W Phelps St, north side From the estate of Z T Phelps to daughter Mrs. Virginia V Jay Notes: 489’ frontage from the Phelps house east to Thompson St. The tract extended 396’ to the north, comprising 4.4 acres. Source: Deed Book/CC/562</p>
1891	<p>W Phelps St, north side From the estate of Z T Phelps to daughter Mrs. Tallulah C Dean Notes: 550’ frontage from Thompson St eastward to 135 W Phelps St. The tract extended 400’ to the north, comprising 5 acres. Source: Deed Book/EE/15</p>
1891	<p>W Phelps St, north side From the estate of Z T Phelps to daughter Mrs. E C Bridgeman Notes: 110’ frontage (149 W Phelps St), barely legible Source: Deed Book/CC/690</p>
1896	<p>W Phelps St, south side From the estate of Z T Phelps to daughter Mrs. Mattie J Oliver Notes: 1221’ frontage, from lands already owned by Mrs. Oliver west to the Worthy lot Source: Deed Book/EE/592</p>
1890-91	<p>Park Ave, north side (Storehouse Lots) Z T Phelps divided a strip of land on the north side of Park Ave into eight <i>“storehouse”</i> lots. These extended from Pearl St on the east to the J B Payne lot on the west, 300’ E/W (fronting on Park Ave). It appears that most of the lots were eventually built upon (See Park Ave).</p>



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Arthur St

Arthur St was the gateway to the depot for farmers coming north on the Fountain Bridge Rd. It was called Depot St in early deeds, and a map from 1902 states that it was known as Georgia St before being changed to Arthur St. It existed in the early 1880s, and likely earlier. In 1890, the land for section of the street from W Railroad St to Church St was deeded to the city by the men who owned the commercial property through which it passed: W J Oliver, G B Arthur, and B K Arthur (Deed Book/BB/621). In the 1880s Arthur St was a major commercial artery with warehouses, stores, and a hotel. In 1894, a fire destroyed the stores at the northern end of the street. In the early 1900s, retail stores were built on Buford St, and Arthur St gradually became home to agri-businesses.

Plats of Arthur St

- Plat Book/5/98 (1979)

Arthur St (East Side)

Oliver Brothers Tract, Arthur St

This 30'-wide strip became the site of the stores lining the eastern side of Arthur St.	
8/26/1882	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to W J & G B Oliver (the Oliver Brothers) Notes: (264' N/S x 30' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tract stretched from the NE corner of the Ferguson-Oliver warehouse lot southward for 264'. • The southern boundary was the B K Arthur Tract, which became the Martin Triangle. <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/30</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W J Oliver built a store at the northern boundary of the strip (75 W Railroad St) • Oliver sold most of the southern portion (see below) 	
4/23/1885, 10/29/1885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W J Oliver to W C Bynum in 1885 • From Bynum to Crittenden Brothers <p>Notes: 122' N/S x 30' E/W. Beginning at the SW corner of the W J Oliver storehouse lot; bounded west by the warehouse lot of Oliver Brothers and Stephens. This is the southern end of the 264' strip purchased by Oliver in 1882. The deed was not recorded until 1896.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/450, DD/637</p>

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50 Arthur St



Part of the tract purchased by the Oliver Brothers in 1882 (See Oliver Brothers Tract on Arthur St).

5/27/1886	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by W C Bynum (Deed not located) • From Bynum to W J Oliver in 1886 <p>Notes: 42.5' N/S x 30' E/W. Bounded north by Ethridge lot; east by the Arthur store; south by Shelley and Oliver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W J Oliver owned a store on the lot to the north (75 W Railroad St). Its north/south dimensions are unknown because it was destroyed in the fire of 1894. • Oliver owned a 30' strip along the eastern side of Arthur St, so his store may well have extended southward onto this lot. • This deed expanded Oliver's strip eastward to include the 30' below the Ethridge store. An 1887 newspaper article reports that Oliver had recently enlarged his store (link). • All this suggests that Oliver bought this lot as the space on which to expand, and that the footprint of his store included both 75 W Railroad St and 50 Arthur St, until it was destroyed in the fire of 1894. <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/498</p>
12/6/1938, 4/4/1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Oliver estate (sheriff's sale) to Mrs. Dixie O Watson & Mrs. Leila O Watson in 1938 • From the Oliver estate to Mrs. Dixie O Watson & Mrs. Leila O Watson in 1939 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vacant lot was sold to satisfy a judgement against the estate of W J Oliver, and purchased by the Watsons in 1938. • The sisters then expanded their lot to the east in 1939. <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ/399-400, DD1/572, DD1/572-3</p>
4/25/1945, 4/26/1948	<p>From Mrs. Dixie O Watson & Mrs. Leila O Watson to James M Wooten</p> <p>Notes: Wooten acquired two adjacent vacant lots.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant lot (26' N/S x 32' E/W) in 1945. The NW corner of this lot is the SE corner of the Post Office (75 W Railroad St). • Vacant lot (27' N/S x 28' E/W) in 1948. <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/165, FF1/74, JJ1/14, MM1/191-2, HH2/618-9</p>
<p>Later deeds: XX6/41</p>	
<p><u>James M Wooten Office and Storage Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooten owned two adjacent properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Post Office to the north (75 W Railroad St), and 	



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- Farmers Warehouse across Arthur St, which he sold in 1948.
- In need of an office, he assembled this lot in two transactions.
- In May, 1948, he constructed an office and storage building here. The storage facility was also used by Shellman Hardware Co., operated by his son Claron.
- The building descended in the Wooten family; eventually his son Brooks acquired sole ownership.
- Sold by the family in 1999.
- For information on the James M Wooten family, refer to 7 E Ward St. For information on the Brooks Wooten family, refer to 3333 Pearl St.

48 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Part of the tract purchased by the Oliver Brothers in 1882 (See Oliver Brothers Tract on Arthur St). ● Acquired by W C Bynum in 1885. 	
<p>5/7/1886, 11/27/1886, 1/31/1887, 2/1/1887</p>	<p>From W C Bynum to J H Shelley to Nick Shelley to W W Cheney Notes: 20' N/S x 60' E/W.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bounded north by Ethridge; east by Arthur Brothers store; south by the Bynums' store; west by Oliver. ● The store was destroyed in the fire of 1894, so its exact location is unknown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was the northernmost store on the east side of Arthur St before 1894. It seems to have been immediately south of the Oliver store (50 Arthur St). This places it where Peoples St is located today. ○ It was directly below the Ethridge store (73 W Railroad St) and east of the Oliver's 30' strip along Arthur St. <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/594, AA/677-79 & CC/497</p>
<p><u>W W Cheney Store</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cheney purchased this lot and built a store here in 1887 (link). His store was described as a "fancy grocery store" (link). ● A fire of unknown cause began in this store on Friday night, 8/24/1894, and burned into Saturday morning. The store was a total loss, and the surrounding area was heavily damaged. <i>Americus times-recorder</i>, August 26, 1894 Page 4. ● For information on the W W Cheney family, refer to 3300 Pearl St. 	
<p>1/11/1897</p>	<p>From estate of W W Cheney to W J Oliver Notes: The now-vacant lot was absorbed into Oliver's holdings. Source: Deed Book/FF/231-2</p>



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46 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Part of the tract purchased by the Oliver Brothers in 1882 (See Oliver Brothers Tract on Arthur St).From W J Oliver to W C Bynum in 1885	
1/5/1888	<p>From W C Bynum to Crittenden Brothers</p> <p>Notes: 30' N/S x 60' E/W. Bounded north by W W Cheney; south by A E Mizell. Bynum sells the portion of his 1885 purchase which contains the store he built in 1886.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/446</p>
<p><u>Bynum Brothers Store/Crittenden Brothers Store</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In 1885, a newspaper article (link) reported that W C Bynum planned to go into business with A E Mizell (located on the lot to the south).In 1886, he bought this lot and built a store (link). This is supported by an 1886 deed (Deed Book/AA/677). In 1887, they added 12' to the store (link).In 1888, they sold the store to the Crittenden Brothers, who seem to have leased the building.It appears that the building was destroyed by fire on 8/24/1894, being next door to the store in which the fire began. Occupancy is uncertain, but the most likely occupant was the drugstore of Cheatham, Dantzler, & Co. (link).	
1/11/1896	<p>From H A Crittenden to the Crittenden Brothers</p> <p>Notes: Now-vacant lot, bounded north by the W W Cheney lot, is absorbed into the Crittenden Brothers holdings.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/496</p>

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44 Arthur St



- Part of the tract purchased by the Oliver Brothers in 1882 (See Oliver Brothers Tract on Arthur St).
- Later probably roughly the site of the Bynum & Bynum Store which was destroyed in the fire of 1894 and then absorbed into the Crittenden Brothers holdings (See 46 Arthur St).

4/26/1902,
11/5/1903,
3/27/1905

- From Crittenden Brothers to T E Allen in 1902
 - From Crittenden Brothers Allen & Spurlock in 1903
 - From T N Spurlock to T E Allen in 1905
- Notes: Lot with store (30' N/S x 85' E/W). Bounded north by the vacant lot of W J Oliver and south by the store house lot of W J Oliver.
- The Allen & Spurlock Store was not on the 1902 map, but the deed indicates that is already on the lot in 1902.
 - In 1905, Allen becomes sole owner of the business.
 - A 1905 deed (Deed Book/JJ/531) gives a N/S reference which places this store as being in the footprint of the current Bynum building.
- Source: Deed Book/HH/445, HH/619, NN/164

The Allen & Spurlock Store

- The Allen & Spurlock Store was already operating on this lot when T E Allen purchased it in 1902.
- T E Allen acquired sole ownership in 1905. That deed reveals that Spurlock and W L Allen are operating the store.
- In 1909, a newspaper article reports that Allen & Allen are operating the store and contemplating enlarging it ([link](#)).
- They sold the building in 1911 to John Mercer Wooten, Sr. They continued to operate the store for a time. They liquidated their stock in 1917; it was sold to a merchant in Dothan ([link](#)).
- Information on the Allens can be found at:
 - W L Allen family: 160 W Phelps St.
 - T E Allen, Sr, family: 3072 Calhoun St

3/25/1911

From Allen & Allen to John Mercer Wooten, Sr.
Notes:
Source: Deed Book/NN/165, XX/51

A newspaper article from 1921 reveals that W J Oliver has purchased the old Allen store from the Wooten estate (Deed not located).

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Mr. W. J. Oliver has bought of the J. M. Wooten estate the old stand known as the Allen store. Watson Bros. will move from their old store into the Allen store. New glass is being placed in the front, and the place painted throughout.

REMOVAL NOTICE

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

We are glad to announce that our store has been moved from the old **Watson Brothers** stand to what is known as the Allen & Allen store. Our stock has been re-arranged and added to quite a bit. We would be pleased for every one to make us a call and inspect our new place.

WATSON BROTHERS



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Watson Brothers Store

- Watson Brothers moved here in 1921 ([link](#)), relocating from W Railroad St.
- The 1935 deed for the Oliver estate reveals that this lot remained in the Wooten estate and was rented to H R Watson (Deed Book/XX/51).
- The Watsons were gone by 1945.

1/16/1945

- Acquired by C L Wooten (Deed not located, but by 1944)
 - From Wooten to D K Bynum, Jr. in 1945
- Notes:
Source: Deed Book/DD1/100

The Bynum Machinery Co.

- D K Bynum, Sr. was operating a farm machinery business by 1936 ([link](#)).
- Bynum acquired the property at 30 Arthur St in 1944 and 44 Arthur St in 1945. These lots were used together in his business.
- In 1946, the company advertised peanut shellers for sale ([link](#), at right)
- Bynum's son, D K (Doc) Bynum, III, was partner to his father in the business, and continued to operate it after his father's death in 1958.

SEED PEANUT shellers for sale.
Place your order now so you may
get delivery in time for the com-
ing season. Bynum Machinery Co.,
Shellman, Ga.

Source: *Driving Tour* (2015)

- Acquired by J W Sammons (Deed not located)
- Later deeds: MM4/9-13 (Tract #1), RR4/67-8, RR4/79-81, SS7/157 (Tract #3)



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30 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract purchased by the Oliver Brothers in 1882 (See Oliver Brothers Tract on Arthur St).	
7/16/1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A E Mizell acquired a lot on Arthur St and built a store there in 1885 (Deed not located).• From Henry Wilson to Ambrose E Mizell & W S Arrington in 1890. Notes: 20' N/S x 80' E/W. Bounded north by lands of Mizell; west by street; south by Charles W Martin. In 1890, Mizell expanded his lot southward. Source: Deed Book/CC/319
11/13/1891, 2/9/1892	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Mizell & Arrington to H M Comer & Co in 1891• From Mizell & Arrington to Shellman Banking Co in 1892 Notes: Mizell & Arrington sold their stock to a receiver in 1891 and the store to the bank in 1892. Source: Deed Book/DD/1, EE/278
<u>A E Mizell & W S Arrington Store</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mizell was the son-in-law of Arrington; they were business partners.• Mizell acquired a lot on Arthur St and built a store in 1885 (link). The store was expanded by 14' in 1887 (link).• Mizell & Arrington acquired the adjacent lot to the south in 1890. They may have erected a second, adjoining building, but it seems to have been operated as a single business.• In 1891/2, Mizell & Arrington liquidated the business.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ They sold their stock to Comer & Co in 1891. Comer was a Savannah-based receiver, whose role was to liquidate the assets of bankrupt firms.○ They sold the store to Shellman Banking Co. in 1892.○ They also sold horses, mules, wagons, and other equipment to the bank in this timeframe (Deed Book/DD/102-3, DD/500)• The 1891 deed reveals that this was a general merchandise store. The stock of the store and the accounts receivable are detailed in the deed.• For information on the Arrington family, refer to 91 E Ward St.• For information on the Mizell family, refer to 170 E Railroad St.	
<u>Rental Property of Shellman Banking Co.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Mizell & Arrington store was owned by the bank from 1892-7.• The bank rented the building. In the fire of 1894, the building was a total loss. The occupants were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ G W Harrel (unspecified merchandise)○ Mrs. L M Crittenden (millinery)• The subsequent history of this lot can be found at 28 Arthur St.	



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28 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

This lot was previously the site of the Mizell & Arrington Store. Refer to 30 Arthur St for the early history of the lot.

3/8/1897	<p>From Shellman Banking Co to W J Oliver</p> <p>Notes: Lot with store. Bounded north and east by Crittenden Brothers; south by Martins; west by street. Oliver was majority owner of the bank.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/243</p>
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W J Oliver Rental Stores

- Oliver built a two-story, brick store here in 1897 ([link](#)). He used the building as rental property.
- The ground floor was rented to the Carter Brick Drugstore in 1898.
- The 1902 map shows the drug store and a grocery store here. The map is drawn in a way that suggests there was a single, two-story building rather than two separate buildings, but that is not certain.
- J A White occupied the building after his partnership with C M Cheney & J D Pipkin dissolved (See 71 W Railroad St). He relocated to the Martin store in 1921 (See 271 Buford St).
- In 1921, the Short brothers relocated their grocery store to the second floor ([link](#)).
- In 1921, the lower floor was occupied by the Shellman Fish Company. The advertisement below places the business "*below Short & Co.*", who had recently relocated to the second floor ([link](#)).



- The stores were sold from Oliver's estate in 1935.
- For information on the W J Oliver family, refer to 129 W Railroad St.

4/6/1935, 8/26/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of W J Oliver to Shellman Banking Company • From the Bank to H C Bower <p>Notes: Two brick stores on Arthur St. Bounded north by the store held by Rebecca Wooten Gurr (as heir of Mercer Wooten); east by the Wooten Block; south by C W Martin. Oliver had been a major shareholder in the failed Shellman Banking Company. There was an assessment against Oliver's estate; property from the estate was transferred to the bank's receiver, and sold by him to Bower.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/51, XX/164-5</p>
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11/16/1944	<p>From the estate of H C Bower to D K Bynum, Jr.</p> <p>Notes: This deed conveys two stores. It states that they are bounded north by Mercer Wooten store (44 Arthur St).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/15</p>
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- Acquired by John W Sammons (Deed not located). One of the buildings is no longer standing in 1991.
- Later deeds: MM4/9-13, RR4/79-81, SS7/157 (Tract #3)



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20 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the 10-acre tract purchased from the Crittenden family by B K Arthur in 1884.
- Later part of the Martin Triangle (See Buford St).

Martin Storage House

- The Martins acquired this lot in 1890 (See Martin Triangle). The lot seems to have been vacant when purchased.
- A Martin store was damaged in the fire of 1894. It was described as “*a storage room for heavy groceries*” (link). It was probably this store rather than the brick store at 271 Buford St.
- By 1898, the Martins had constructed a corrugated iron store house on this lot (30’ N/S x 85’ E/W). Perhaps the original, damaged building was replaced with one that was fire-resistant. Source: Deed Book/GG/181
- In 1912, Isaac A Martin sold his half interest in the business, including this iron storehouse, to Charles W Martin. Source: Deed Book/MM/262
- This building was lost by 1971.



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Arthur St (West Side)

55 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- W J Oliver acquired partial ownership of the tract, then full ownership by 1890.
- Oliver operated two different businesses on this lot.

9/1/1882	<p>From the Crittenden family to D L Ferguson & W J Oliver in 1882</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-acre vacant lot (264' N/S x 165' E/W). The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the Oliver lot. Bounded by the railroad on the north, W S Edwards on the west. • A warehouse was built on the tract in 1881. Later deeds for this parcel add partners, then consolidate ownership with W J Oliver in 1890. <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/507, CC/506, CC/496, CC/501, BB/728, CC/508, AA/450</p>
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In 1904, the southern portion of the lot was sold to Farmers Warehouse. In 1948, the northern portion was absorbed into the Shellman Motor Co. lot. Refer to 53 Arthur St. for more information.

- Oliver Warehouses
- W J Oliver & D L Ferguson operated a cotton warehouse here beginning in 1881, as shown in the newspaper advertisement at right ([link](#)).
 - The warehouse had a number of different partners over time.
 - In 1890, J W Oliver acquired sole ownership of the warehouse and lot.
 - No mention of this warehouse is made in the newspaper accounts of the fire of 1894 ([link](#)), but no references to the warehouse have been found after the fire.
 - The warehouse seems to have been incorporated in a livery stable, with one portion of the operation used to store cotton seed, by 1896. This is shown on the 1902 map.

PLANTERS' WAREHOUSE

Ward Station, Ga.

We are pleased to announce to the planters of this section that we have a commodious warehouse, at **Ward Station**, where we are prepared to

Store, Ship or Sell all Cotton

intrusted to our care. No high city rates to cover insurance, leakage by professional or chronic samplers will be charged, but we propose to do a strictly legitimate business. Being planters ourselves we know from years of observation where and how to save a large per cent to the producer.

☞ We will store cotton for 20 cents per month. Where a longer time is wanted we will make special and satisfactory rates. Correct weights guaranteed.

Bagging and Ties always on hand and for sale.

We will receive morning and evening market quotations on cotton for the benefit of our patrons.

We shall labor to give entire satisfaction to all patrons.

FERGUSON & OLIVER,
Ward Station, Ga.

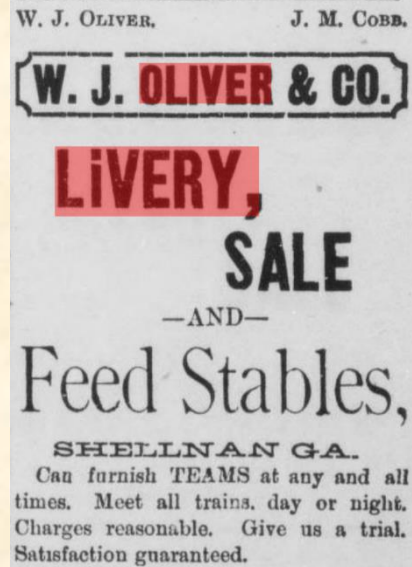
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Oliver Stables


- By 1896, W J Oliver was operating stables in this location (Deed Book/EE/496).
- The 1897 newspaper advertisement at right ([link](#)) reveals that Oliver was in partnership with J M Cobb. Cobb also had an interest in stables in Dawson and moved there in 1897 ([link](#)).
- The 1902 map provides the location of the stable and reveals that there was a building attached to the stable labeled "cotton seed". Perhaps a portion of the earlier warehouse on this tract was still being used to store Oliver's seed stock.
- In 1904, Oliver sold the southern portion of this lot to Farmers Warehouse, retaining 122' at the northern end (Corner of Arthur St and W Railroad St, later partly sold to Shellman Motor Co., see FF1/121). The new warehouse was built on the site of the stables. There is no mention of Oliver operating a commercial stable after 1904.
- Oliver had a large private barn used as a stable, located about 20' from Farmers Warehouse. It burned in 1906 ([link](#)) and again in 1907 ([link](#)); arson was suspected.





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51 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Oliver Warehouses Lot (See 55 Arthur St)	
7/5/1904	<p>From W J Oliver to Farmers' Warehouse</p> <p>Notes: .38 acres (250' N/S x 110' E/W). Bounded north and west by the land of W J Oliver; south by an alley separating this lot from the Arthur Hotel lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known as the Oliver stable lot. The stables were still in operation at the time of this deed, so this lot is not precisely the same as the stables. • Oliver was a partner in the Farmers' Warehouse; this deed transfers his property to the partnership. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/144, II/144</p>
<p><u>Farmers Warehouse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers Warehouse was chartered in 1904 by W J Oliver and other partners, including James M Wooten (link). Wooten managed the business. • They built the largest warehouse in Shellman with a capacity of 5,000 bales (link). A fire destroyed the warehouse and 3,000 bales of cotton in 1915 (link). The loss, estimated at \$175,000, was partly insured. The warehouse was rebuilt. • The charter lapsed in 1924, but the warehouse continued operations. In 1943, Wooten, having acquired sole ownership, dissolved the partnership. • Wooten sold the business in 1948 to Shellman Motor Company. • For information on Wooten, refer to 7 E Ward St. 	
	
4/24/1948	<p>From James M Wooten to Shellman Motor Co.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF1/71, FF1/70 (mortgage), CC1/163</p>
<p><u>Shellman Motor Co.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shellman Motor Co. was organized in 1948. H D McClure was president. Source: Deed Book/FF1/230 • The company renovated the warehouse and opened a Chevrolet dealership in the new facility in March, 1949 (link). They sold the business in 1960. • For information on the McClure family, refer to 128 W Phelps St. 	
8/12/1960	<p>From Shellman Motor Co. to James Bethea</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ1/483-4, YY4/245-6</p>



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Part of the W J Oliver tract which was acquired by W R Puckett in 1935 (See 129 Oliver St).	
2/5/1947	<p>From W R Puckett to N L Holley</p> <p>Notes: Lot with blacksmith shop (83' N/S x 75' E/W). Known as the S W Winn Blacksmith shop.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/147-8, EE1/156 (mortgage)</p>
<p><u>Winn/Holley Blacksmith Shops</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeds for the Oliver estate reveal that the blacksmith shop of S W Winn was located on this lot by 1935. This is likely a blacksmith named Cince Winn who died in 1936. Refer to 12 Bethea St for information on Winn. • Niles Holley was a blacksmith who operated this shop from 1947 until his death in 1967. Refer to 91 E Ward St for information on Holley. 	
5/2/1967	<p>From the estate of N L Holley to D K Bynum, III</p> <p>Notes: Bynum had signed an option to purchase the shop in 1963; this deed completed that agreement. Bynum used the lot as part of his agri-businesses.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX1/162, DD2/304 (mortgage)</p>
<p>Acquired by J W Sammons (Deed not located)</p> <p>Notes: Sammons operated a peanut sheller on the lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM4/9-13 (Tract #3), RR4/33-36 (Tract #2)</p>	

B K Arthur Tract, Arthur St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/4/1883, 11/15/1884	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden family to T A Wall in 1883 • From Wall to B K Arthur in 1884 <p>Notes: Ten acres, vacant in 1883. The NE corner of this lot is the SE corner of the Ferguson & Oliver warehouse lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/402, CC/403</p>
<p>The Arthur Tract was to become the southern portion of the Shellman commercial district. It was divided into two (or three) parcels which became home to a number of businesses, and were themselves later divided.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parcel #1</u></p> <p>The section east of Arthur St became the Martin Triangle. See Martin Triangle (Arthur St and Buford St).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Parcel #2</u></p> <p>The section west of Arthur St became home to businesses initially owned by the Arthur family. However, the parcel was divided and sold, and perhaps recombined, in a confusing series of deeds. It is clear that initially the parcel was the site of a house (the George B Arthur house) as well as a hotel and stables (the Arthur House Hotel). The location of these structures is shown on the 1902 map. See 15 Arthur St.</p>	



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15 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1884, B K Arthur purchased 10 acres in what was to become the southern portion of the Shellman commercial district. This lot was part of that tract (See B K Arthur Tract, Parcel #2). The parcel was subdivided, and perhaps then combined, in a series of deeds that are confusing. This section contains all of the deeds relating to the entire parcel until 1920, when the stables were permanently separated. 	
<p>3/1/1886, 4/9/1896, 10/1/1896, 8/3/1904</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From B K Arthur to his son, G B Arthur, in 1886 In 1896, from Arthur to Shellman Banking Co; then back to Arthur's wife, Mrs. F L Arthur In 1904, Mrs. Arthur gives half-interest to her brother-in-law, T R Arthur <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.5-acre vacant lot in 1886 (135' N/S x 630' E/W). This was the NW corner of the 10-acre lot that B K Arthur purchased in 1884. The 1904 deed refers to this as the "<i>hotel and lot recently occupied by me.</i>" This is ambiguous, but the 1902 deed shows that there is a house on the northern section of the B K Arthur Tract, and a hotel on the southern section of the tract. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/635, EE/504, FF/131-2, JJ/161</p>
<p>12/27/1890, 1/11/1896, 1/2/1897</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From B K Arthur to Lawson Stapleton (Sumter County) & C G Johnson (Muscogee County) in 1890 From Stapleton & Johnson to Daniel R Stewart (Randolph County) in 1896 From Stewart to his wife, Nancy O Stewart, in 1897 <p>Notes: 7 acres, including the Arthur Hotel</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/404, DD/644, GG/50</p>
<p>10/21/1902</p>	<p>From Nancy O Stewart to W T Saxon</p> <p>Notes: 6.5 acres; the tract is reduced by ½ acre with house, which is separately deeded to Saxon.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/367, PP/594 (mortgage)</p>
<p>2/2/1910, 12/29/1910</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From T R Arthur (half-interest) to W R Curry From the Arthur family (half-interest) to W R Curry <p>Notes: One acre; bounded north by Farmers Warehouse; south by W T Saxon. Described as "<i>the hotel property known as the Arthur house.</i>" Curry obtains sole interest in the property, now reduced to one acre. It is not clear if this is the northern parcel or a portion of the southern parcel.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/24, NN/142</p>
<p>12/20/1917, 12/27/1917, 10/25/1919</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From W R Curry to I J Lunsford to Mrs. G M Sparks in 1917 From Sparks to J A Grubbs in 1919 <p>Notes: One-acre lot. Bounded north by Farmers Warehouse; south by W T Saxon. In 1917, known as Lunsford House and Stables.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/574, OO/351, PP/139</p>
<p>Grubbs divided the lot in 1920.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The western portion of the lot contained stables, which were sold to W J Oliver (See 13 Arthur St). The eastern portion contained the hotel, and is documented below. 	
<p>1/1/1920, 6/7/1923</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From J A Grubbs to Oliver Orchard Co & C P Prothro & Sons in 1920 From Prothro to Oliver Orchard Co in 1923



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	Notes: 89' N/S x 158' E/W. Oliver & Prothro bought the old hotel for use in their agri-businesses in 1920. Oliver Orchard Co. was a partnership of W J Oliver & A J Evans. The partnership acquired sole ownership from Prothro in 1923. Source: Deed Book/PP/204, QQ/547
11/5/1935, 1/21/1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Oliver & Evans (sheriff's sale) to C V Jones in 1935 • From Jones to O A Crittenden in 1936 Notes: Source: Deed Book/YY/62, YY/62-3
4/23/1945, 3/1/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From O A & Marianna Crittenden to J E McGlaun & J P Gunnells in 1945 • From McGlaun to Gunnells in 1949 • Gunnells sold the property in 1989 Notes: Lot with old hotel building (93' N/S x 175' E/W). McGlaun & Gunnells bought the property as partners in 1945. In 1949, they dissolved the partnership and Gunnells took sole ownership. Gunnells operated an agri-business here, especially buying and selling pecans. Source: Deed Book/ DD1/178, DD1/244 DD1/241, FF1/557-8

Later Deeds: ZZ3/33, BB7/335 (Tract #2)

The George B Arthur family

- George Arthur was a son of Basil K Arthur, and grew up on the family farm in Randolph County. He married Frances (Fanny) Sale in 1873.
- In 1880, the Arthurs were farming in Alabama. In 1886, they were back in Shellman to buy this lot from his father. They built a house and lived here for a time.
- It's not certain, but the 1900 census ([link](#)) suggests the Arthurs are living in and operating the hotel; their house to the north seems to be rented.
- Fanny Arthur died in 1907. By 1910, George was living alone in rented quarters in Cuthbert, where he was a livestock dealer. He died there in 1927.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Arthur House Hotel

Note: The information on the Arthur House Hotel is contradictory. There is no doubt that G B Arthur operated a hotel and stable on his lot by 1900. Several deeds record that the hotel was part of the parcel that passed from B K Arthur through several hands to W T Saxon in 1902. The hotel was well documented in newspapers of the time, as recounted below.

- B K Arthur built a hotel, completing it in early 1884 ([link](#)). It was Shellman's only hotel until the Sasser Hotel was built in 1896. Boarders were also taken at several homes in Shellman.
- In 1889, Arthur added a second story ([link](#)). Will Smith and his wife managed the hotel for Arthur ([link](#)).
- In 1890, Lawson Stapleton of Americus and Charley Johnson of Columbus bought the Arthur House, proposing "to convert it into a model 'drummer's' home." ([link](#)) They continued to use the name "Arthur House".
- The dining room was large enough to accommodate banquets ([link](#)).
- Several deeds refer to this as a hotel and a livery stable. An alley ran north/south through the lot to separate the stable (on the west) from the hotel (fronting the street).
- From 1896-1902, the hotel was owned by Daniel R Stewart, and then his wife Nancy. They were Randolph County farmers, apparently purchasing the hotel as an investment. G B Arthur was resident hotel keeper in 1900 ([link](#)).
- W T Saxon purchased the hotel in 1902. From this time, details of the hotel are sketchy.



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- No hotel can be found in the 1910 census
- The hotel was known as the Lunsford House and Stables in 1917.
- In 1920, J A Grubbs sold the hotel for agribusiness use.

13 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

This lot was originally part of the Arthur Hotel and Stables (See 15 Arthur St). It was divided in 1920.	
1/1/1920	From J A Grubbs to W J Oliver Notes: 103' N/S x 143' E/W. Oliver bought the stables on the western part of the Arthur Hotel Lot. The deed provides access to Arthur St via an alley on the north side of the Hotel lot. Source: Deed Book/PP/204
2/28/1929	From W J Oliver to C L Wooten & O H Jordan Notes: Lot with stable building, plus access to Arthur St. Source: Deed Book/UU/9
1/9/1937	From O H Jordan to W C Franklin Notes: Lot with stable building, plus access to Arthur St. Source: Deed Book/YY/84, YY/84-5 (mortgage)
9/9/1946, 8/6/1964	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From W C Franklin to D K Bynum, Jr. in 1946 ● D K Bynum, III received sole ownership of this lot from his father's estate in 1964 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lot with stable in 1946. ● Lot with two metal-clad buildings and a dwelling in 1964. Source: Deed Book/DD1/588, UU1/271, UU1/274 (mortgage), DD2/304 (mortgage)
	Acquired by J W Sammons (Deed not located) Notes: Sammons operated a peanut sheller on the lot. Source: Deed Book/MM4/9-13 (Tract #3), RR4/33-36 (Tract #2)



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5 Arthur St (Fictitious street number)

<p>In 1884, B K Arthur purchased 10 acres in what was to become the southern portion of the Shellman commercial district. This lot was part of that tract (See B K Arthur Tract, Parcel #3).</p>	
<p>10/3/1921</p>	<p>From W T Saxon to W R Curry Notes: 2.33-acre lot with house. The NE corner of this lot is the SE corner of the old George Arthur Hotel lot. Known as the W T Saxon house and lot. Curry acquired the southern portion of the Saxon parcel, then divided and sold it. Source: Deed Book/PP/597</p>
<p>10/26/1929, 10/17/1933</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Weathers and Crittenden (Deed not located) • W R Curry acquired the property in deeds from 1929 -1937. <p>Notes: Lot with improvements (80.5' N/S x 300' E/W). The NE corner of this lot is 20' south of the SE corner of the old George Arthur Hotel lot. Known as the Crittenden & Weathers sales stables. Source: Deed Book/UU/33 (2), VV/387, VV/441, YY/383 (2)</p>
<p><u>Crittenden & Weathers Stables/W R Curry Mule Barn</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crittenden & Weathers sales stables were located here, probably from the 1920s. • In 1933, W R Curry acquired half-interest in the stables. A 1934 deed identifies this lot as the Crittenden & Weathers stable property (Deed Book/ ZZ/398). • W R Curry operated a mule barn here in association with his horse and mule exchange at 254 Buford St. The exchange closed by 1950. Later this property was part of J R Curry's agri-businesses, with an office at 250 Buford St. 	
<p>1/7/1977</p>	<p>From the estate of J R Curry to his son, Charles A Curry Notes: 100' N/S x 325' E/W. Known as the W R Curry Mule Barn property. Source: Deed Book/NN2/85-7 (Tract #5)</p>
<p>Later deeds: YY9/580-2, Plat Book/11/184 (2011)</p>	



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Bethea St

Bethea St probably began as an alley providing an entrance to the south side of the gins south of Church St in the 1880s. It was known variously as Gin St, Joe Johnson Alley, and John Smith Alley (Johnson and Smith being two of the old landowners along the alley). The street has been home to both residential property and agri-business.

Censuses of Bethea St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Bethea St

- Plat Book/6/120 (1986)
- Plat Book/6/156 (1987)
- Plat Book/6/217 (1988)

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2 Bethea St



Part of the 2-acre tract purchased by Sallie Johnson from J B Payne in 1885 (See 120 Buford St.

<p>10/27/1893, 11/15/1906, 7/26/1913</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sallie Johnson to Mattie Winn in 1893 • From Mattie Winn to T H Anthony & E R Cheney in 1906 • Quitclaim deed from T H Anthony & E R Cheney to Mattie Winn's son, Cince Winn, in 1913 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter-acre lot with house in 1893. Bounded north by Jesse Merritt; south and east by Sallie Johnson; west by Buford St. Winn is buying the house where she already lives. • The 1906 and 1913 deeds seem to be mortgages, but they also transfer the house to Mattie Winn's son. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/90, LL/37 (mortgage), MM/351 (mortgage quitclaim), TT1/505-6</p>
<p>1/20/1923</p>	<p>Notes: This mortgage covers a ¾-acre lot with two houses (120 Buford St and 12 Bethea St)</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/386 (mortgage)</p>
<p>11/22/1963</p>	<p>From the heirs of Cince Winn to Ulysses Davis</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/TT1/505-6, TT1/506</p>
<p>Later deeds: KK5/5-7 (Tract 2), Plat Book/6/217 (1988)</p>	
<p><u>The Alex Winn family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex and Mattie Thomas Winn were from Eatonton. They moved to Shellman by 1893, when they purchased this house on Bethea St. • Alex Winn died between 1893 and 1900. Mattie still lived here in 1940 (link); no later information on her can be found. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Cince (Cincinnati?) Winn family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cince Winn was the son of Alex and Mattie Winn. He was born in Eatonton, and moved to Shellman with his family in the early 1890s. Cince and Mary Ransom were married soon after 1900. • In 1913, the Winns purchased this house, where his mother had lived. • Mary Winn died in 1924. In 1926, Cince and Ethel were married. • Cince died in 1936; Ethel remained here until she sold the house in 1963. • Winn was a blacksmith; his shop was on Arthur St. After he died, Ethel became a laundress. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	



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22 Bethea St

22 Bethea St	
4/25/1941, 6/15/1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From H O Crittenden to S T Harden in 1941 By descent to his widow, Jessie Bell Tillman Harden, in 1943 From Mrs. Harden (now Miller) to her children in 1993 <p>Notes: Approximately 190' square. Bounded east by the Kenney Gin; south by the public-school lot; west by Crumley and Winn; north by the gin road. Source: Deed Book/BB1/454, DD5/109</p>
<p><u>The Samuel T Harden family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Harden was from Shellman. He married Jessie Bell Tillman in the late 1930s. Sam was a carpenter who worked for a building contractor; Jessie worked for the Columbian Peanut Co. The Hardens rented a house on John Smith St in 1940 before buying this house in 1941. Sam died in 1943. Jessie then married Leroy Miller. In 1950, the Millers were living here along with Jessie's family, the Tillmans. The original house was replaced in 1980. In 1993, Jessie gave this lot to two of her children, who still own it. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

40 Bethea St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
11/1/1913, 10/24/1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From H O Crittenden to the Crittenden Brothers in 1913 From the Crittenden Brothers to the Crittenden Ginnery in 1922 <p>Notes: Lot with gin built in 1922 (175' N/S x 350' E/W). Bounded south by the northern boundary of Lot/5/270; east by the New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Source: Deed Book/NN/377, QQ/284, XX/139</p>
6/4/1935, 12/28/1936	<p>From the Crittenden Ginnery to H O Crittenden & A R Kenney (sheriff's sale)</p> <p>Notes: Foreclosed and sold to members of the family. Source: Deed Book/ XX/139-41, YY/27, QQ1/395</p>
6/22/1970	<p>From J R Curry to J W Sammons</p> <p>Notes: The only structure mentioned is a molasses tank. Source: Deed Book/AA2/599</p>
<p>Later deeds: XX2/356</p> <p><u>Crittenden Gin Seat & Crittenden Ginnery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Crittendens were operating a gin "near Ward's Station" by 1877 (link). The Crittenden Brothers owned a gin on Calhoun St known as the Crittenden Gin Seat from 1896-1904. When they sold the land, they removed the gin equipment (See 2430 Calhoun St). The gin may have been relocated to this lot on Bethea St. In 1922, the Crittenden Brothers built a new gin on this lot and sold it to a different Crittenden entity, the Crittenden Ginnery. The Ginnery was foreclosed in 1935. It was purchased at the sheriff's sale by H O Crittenden & A R Kenney. By 1970, the gin seems to have been demolished. The property was sold by J R Curry to J W Sammons; the only structure mentioned is a molasses tank. 	



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41 Bethea St

Likely part of the 2-acre tract purchased by Sallie Johnson from J B Payne in 1885.	
1/25/1902	<p>From Mercer Wooten to Nancy King</p> <p>Notes: Quarter-acre lot with house. Bounded east by the Douglass place; south by Sallie Johnson; west by Matt Winn; north by Jesse Merritt.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/282</p>
11/19/1904, 10/2/1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Nancy King to C W Martin • From C W Martin to Arthur & Carrie Burks <p>Notes: Quarter-acre lot with house. Bounded east by the Douglass place; south by Sallie Johnson; west by Matt Winn; north by the Terry estate. The house is purchased by Burks and his mother, Carrie. Burks already lives here.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/232, KK/120</p>
10/7/1938	<p>From Arthur & Lucious Burks to their brother, Alonzo Burks</p> <p>Notes: Carrie Burks died in 1928; it appears that her interest in the house went to her sons: Lucious and Arthur sold their interests to a third brother, Alonzo.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ/176</p>
2/28/1945, 7/9/1946	<p>From Alonzo Burks to the Toney family</p> <p>Notes: Sallie Jones is renting the house in 1945.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/136, DD1/530</p>
Later deeds: SS2/438, MM12/509	
<p><u>The Arthur Burks, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur Burks was from Randolph County, the son of Harrison and Carrie Burks. He and Lula Reddick were married in 1903. • The Burks family rented this house before buying it in 1906. They still lived here in 1910; Arthur was a self-employed drayman. • By 1920, the Burks's were living on (and farming) the nearby land adjacent to the farm of Lula's brother, Frank Reddick. This house became rental property. • Carrie Burks died in 1928. Her interest in the house went to her sons; Lucious and Arthur sold their interests to a third brother, Alonzo, in 1938. Alonzo sold the house in 1945. • Arthur Burks died in 1939. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Rufus Toney, Jr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rufus Toney was the son of Randolph County farmer Rufus Toney, Sr. He and Mary Lou Harris were married in 1899. • The Toneys lived on farms in the area before buying this house in 1945. They lived here in 1950. • This lot was later sold to the adjacent gin property. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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63 Bethea St

Part of the 2-acre tract purchased by Sallie Johnson from J B Payne in 1885.	
7/27/1896, 2/21/1913, 2/21/1916	<p>From Joseph Johnson to Minerva Douglas</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¼ acre vacant lot purchased by Douglas in 1896. • In 1909, Minerva Douglas (now Johnson) mortgaged the lot, now with a house. • In 1913, D G Ferguson has been appointed guardian for Douglas. He settled a mortgage held by E C McCurdy on the property. • From Ferguson to I A Martin in 1916. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/536, KK/532 (mortgage), MM/323, OO/18 (mortgage quitclaim)</p>
1/4/1918, 6/12/1919, 10/20/1920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From I A Martin to Alonzo Burks in 1918 • From Burks to Ada Willis in 1919 • From Willis to Ethel Smith in 1920 <p>Notes: Bounded west by Arthur Burks. Known as the Minerva Douglas house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN1/234 (3 deeds), PP/222 (mortgage)</p>
11/10/1967	<p>From the Ethel Smith estate to James Bethea in 1967</p> <p>Notes: Lot with house (roughly 75' N/S x 80' E/W). Bounded east by Corinne Daniels.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX1/537 (Tract #2)</p>
Later deeds: HH2/606, EE6/267	
<u>Minerva Douglas</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little can be found of Minerva Douglas. She was born in Georgia. • She purchased this house in 1906. • In 1908, she married Lew Johnson and moved to Terrell County. • In 1913, D G Ferguson was appointed her guardian; by 1920, the house was owned by Ada Willis. <p>Source: 1900 census link</p>	
No information on Ada Willis can be found.	

73 Bethea St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the lot purchased from New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by Ethel Smith in 1907 (See 101 Bethea St) • The lot was later divided into four lots on the north side of Bethea St: #113, #101, #91, and #73. 	
3/18/1957, 9/3/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Ethel Smith to Corinne Daniels & Effie Mae Greene in 1957 • Sold from Daniels' estate in 2004 <p>Notes: Lot with house (55' N/S x 60' E/W).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN1/259, ZZ8/91-2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1957 deed is the only record of a house +on this lot. It cannot be determined from census records who lived here beforehand, but it is likely that the house was built as rental property some years in the past. • The house no longer stands. 	



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88 Bethea St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871. Then acquired by J B Payne.	
2/13/1895, 3/4/1899	From J B Payne to Viola Pitman to New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Notes: 1.5 acres, lying in the SE corner of Lot 5/269. Bounded east by Calhoun St; west by Sallie Johnson. Source: Deed Book/HH/307, HH/308
4/5/1921	From New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church to Union Baptist Church Notes: 1 acre. Bounded north by Jeff Wall, east by Calhoun St. The church was consolidated with New Harmony Baptist Church to form Union Baptist Church on Fountain Bridge Rd. Source: Deed Book/PP/593
4/4/1950	From the Trustee of New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church to Ethel Smith Notes: This deed conveyed the lot because the church had forfeited a loan to Smith many years before. The lot appears to be vacant. Source: Deed Book/GG1/281
6/30/1960	From Ethel Smith to J R Curry Notes: Source: Deed Book/GG1/281, QQ1/408 (Tract #1)
<p><u>New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deacons of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (116 Pine St) purchased a lot on the north side of Bethea St in 1894. They soon sold it back, then reacquired it, before selling it for good in 1907 (See 101 Bethea St). The lot seems to have been vacant the entire time. • The trustees of the New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church purchased this lot on the south side of Bethea St in 1899, and presumably built a sanctuary here soon after. • The new church was probably “planted” by the old church; several of the trustees of the new church were previously deacons of the old church. • In 1921, the church merged with the New Harmony Baptist Church to form Union Baptist Church at 3454 Fountain Bridge Rd. • This lot was under mortgage to Ethel Smith, who took possession of it at an unknown date. In 1950, a deed was filed to formally convey the lot to Mrs. Smith. 	

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91 Bethea St



- Part of the lot purchased from New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by Ethel Smith in 1907 (See 101 Bethea St)
- The lot was later divided into four lots on the north side of Bethea St: #113, #101, #91, and #73.

11/23/1956	From Ethel Smith to Jessie Lee Smith Gilbert and her children Notes: 70' N/S x 65' E/W, with the house where Ethel Smith resided. Source: Deed Book/MM1/529
2/19/1969	From the Gilberts to A C and Josie Guyton Notes: Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/173
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later deeds: QQ4/105 • Tax records say the house was built 1915 	

101 Bethea St



- Part of the lot purchased from New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by Ethel Smith in 1907 (See 101 Bethea St)
- The lot was later divided into four lots on the north side of Bethea St: #113, #101, #91, and #73.

12/31/1907	From New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church to Ethel Smith Notes: Half-acre lot, no improvements mentioned. Bounded north by W R Terry; east by Calhoun St; south by New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; west by Joe Johnson and Minerva Douglass. Known as the northern lot of the church. Source: Deed Book/NN/65, QQ1/408 (Tract #2)
11/10/1967, 1/2/1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Ethel Smith to Charlie Will Allen in 1967 • From Allen to his children in 1971 Notes: 78' N/S x 95' E/W. In 1967, known as the Jessie L Gilbert house. Source: Deed Book/BB2/343
<u>New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church</u> This lot was for a time owned by the New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Refer to 88 Bethea St for information on the church.	
Tax records say the house was built in 1920.	

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113 Bethea St



- Part of the lot purchased from New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by Ethel Smith in 1907 (See 101 Bethea St)
- The lot was later divided into four lots on the north side of Bethea St: #113, #101, #91, and #73.

6/2/1950,
9/10/2003

From John & Ethel Smith to Weda Mae Kaigler
Notes: 100' N/S x 78' E/W.

- Tax records say the house was built in 1906.
 - Bounded west by house of John Smith. In 1950, the Smiths divided their lot and sold Kaigler the house she has rented for 14 years.
 - In 2003, the Kaigler estate sold the house.
- Source: Deed Book/GG1/363, OO8/69

The Wesley Kaigler family

- Very little can be found on the Kaigler family.
- They began renting this house in 1936. In 1950, the Kaiglers were separated; Weda remained in this house, and purchased it later that year.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

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Buford Circle

Buford Circle was created around 1910 when M W (Mike) Cox subdivided a large tract acquired from the old Ferguson holdings. Early deeds refer to the street as New St, and later as Buford Lane and Buford Alley.

Censuses of Buford Circle

- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Buford Circle

- Plat Book/3/308 (1968)

Cox Addition, Buford Circle

Part of the David Ferguson holdings acquired in the 1840s.

1/16/1875,
1/3/1877,
7/20/1882,
11/15/1909

- From Ferguson to Z T Phelps in 1875
- From Phelps to Joseph B Payne in 1877
- From Payne to M J Turner in 1882
- From Turner's heirs to M W Cox in 1909

Notes: 40 acres in the NE corner of Lot 5/263, plus the west half of Lot 5/270. By 1909, several lots on the west side of Fountain Bridge Rd (about 2.75 acres) were excluded, as Turner sold them to Sandy Anderson, Mollie Brookins, Tom Coates, and Nathan Harvey.

Source: Deed Book/P/610, Turner's [will](#), LL/623, NN/514 (mortgage)

- Cox subdivided the tract and began selling lots (See below). When he died in 1917, the remainder of the tract (114 acres) was sold to T R Arthur. Source: Deed Book/OO/305-6 ([plat](#))
- In 1932, Arthur sold the tract to J L Thompson; it remains in the family today. Source: Deed Book/VV/75

For information on Mary Jane Turner, refer to 50 Church St.



Cox subdivided the tract. It was surveyed by someone identified as "Bell" but the survey was not recorded. There were two blocks, each with many lots.

Block 1

- Block 1 was located in the NE corner of the tract; its northern boundary is Carver St.
 - There were at least 39 lots, generally 33 1/3' E/W x 150' N/S.
 - The lots were arranged in two rows; the northern row faced on Carver St., while the southern row was just below the northern row, facing on an unnamed dirt street on the south.
 - Cox held an auction 10/24/1913; it appears that the lots in Block 1 were offered at that time. No results have been found, but we know that not all the lots were sold, because there are later deeds for many of the lots in Block 1. The sales continued for many years.

○ The only known early house which is still standing in Block 1 is #19 Buford St. There were undoubtedly other early houses, but most have been demolished. If any remain, there are no records to identify them.

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Block 2

- Block 2 was located further south; those lots are located on the west side of Fountain Bridge Rd, on both sides of Buford Circle, and the east side of Prince Rd.
- Mary Jane Turner had already sold a few residential lots on the northern portion of west side of Fountain Bridge Rd.
- Cox began selling lots further south on Fountain Bridge Rd in 1910.
- Cox also created a new street, Buford Circle, to provide access to new lots that he created just west of Fountain Bridge Rd. He also began selling these lots in 1910.

5 Buford Circle



Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.

11/26/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Beatrice Brookins in 1921 (See 15 Buford Circle) • From Beatrice Brookins to Johnnie & Dora Martin & Emmazell Hall in 1949 <p>Notes: 126'N/S x 106' E/W. Bounded north by Hattie Wilson; south by Lonnie Hall; east by Brookins. Brookins created this lot from the lot to the south. Source: Deed Book/HH1/207-8</p>
4/16/1968	<p>From Johnnie & Dora Martin & Emmazell Hall to Mary Sheppard</p> <p>Notes: Lot with house. The center portion of the plat. Source: Deed Book/YY1/155, Plat Book/3/308 (1968)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax records say the house was built in 1941. • Still owned by the family. 	
<p><u>The Lonnie Hall family</u> <u>The Johnnie Martin family</u> Refer to 15 Buford St for information on these two families.</p>	



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15 Buford Circle (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
8/13/1921	From F C Cox to Beatrice Brookins Notes: Vacant lot (210' N/S x 90' E/W). Bounded north by Tom Jones; east by Brookins; south by Tom Coats. This deed conveyed all three lots on 1968 plat. Source: Deed Book/XX/432, Plat Book/3/308 (1968)
8/13/1921	From Beatrice Brookins to Jordan Baines Notes: Vacant lot (55' N/S x 90' E/W). Brookins sold a small lot from the tract she had just purchased. Source: Deed Book/PP/581
7/3/1941, 9/2/1942, 9/22/1942, 3/2/1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. J A Grubbs to Amie Baines & Ada Moody in 1941 • From Baines & Moody to Lonnie Hall in 1942 • From Hall (half-interest) to his wife, Emmazell Hall, in 1942 • The Halls expanded their lot in 1946 • The Halls transferred a remainder interest in the expanded property to her son, Johnnie Martin. Notes: One house and lot. In 194ed Book/BB1/222, BB1/570, FF1/364 (2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is Tax Lot SH03 041. • The house was replaced in 2000. • Later Deeds: QQ4/120 	
<u>The Jordan (Judge) Baines family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan was from Randolph County, the son of Peter and Arie Baines. He and Amie Daniel were married in Terrell County in 1887. • Jordan was a farmer before moving to Shellman. The family owned Lots 5/221 & 5/222 near Goff's Mill for several years. • The family bought this lot in 1921 and built a house here. In Shellman, Baines worked for a private family as a servant and gardener. Amie was a laundress. • Jordan died in 1936. Amie remained in the house until 1942. She then moved to Dayton, OH, where she lived with the family of her daughter, Ada Moody. She died there in 1946 (obituary). • The Baines's daughter Gertrude lived to become the world's oldest person. She died in 2009 at age 115 (obituary). Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Lonnie Hall family</u> <u>The Johnnie Martin family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lonnie Hall was from Randolph County. He was married and living on a farm near Shellman when convicted of murder in 1925. He was paroled in 1934. • Emmazell Cooper Martin was a widow who married Lonnie Hall in the late 1930s. Johnnie Martin was her son. • The Halls & Johnnie Martin were renting a house in this immediate area in 1940, perhaps one of the houses they later purchased. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 1942, the Halls purchased the house at 15 Buford Circle. ○ Johnnie and Dora Martin were married in the late 1940s. ○ The Halls and Martins purchased the house at 5 Buford Circle in 1949. ○ Both couples lived in one house in 1950; it seems to have been 15 Buford Circle. • Lonnie died in 1961. The surviving family sold the house at 5 Buford Circle in 1968. • They still own the house at 15 Buford Circle. Emmazell remained there until her death in 1994. 	



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- Lonnie Hall was a farmer. In later life, Emmazell was a maid.
- Johnnie Martin drove a truck for Columbian Peanut Co.

Source:

- Johnnie & Dora Martin: Ancestry.com [link](#)
 - Emmazell Cooper Martin Hall: Ancestry.com [link](#)
- Lonnie Hall: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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25 Buford Circle



Part of the David Ferguson farm acquired by Mary Jane Turner in 1881.

This lot was assembled from two lots:

- The eastern parcel, facing on Fountain Bridge Rd, contained a house built for the Thomas Coats family around 1890
- The western parcel contains a house (still standing) built in 1931

4/6/1889	<p><u>Eastern Parcel (mapped as 2707 Fountain Bridge Rd)</u> From Mary J Turner to Thomas Coats Notes: ¼ acre (52.5' N/S x 210' E/W), no improvements. The NE corner of this lot is the SE corner of the Isham Brookins lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This lot faced on Fountain Bridge Rd and did not extend to Buford Cir. • Coats built a house here facing on Fountain Bridge Rd (Buford Circle did not yet exist). <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/199</p>
	<p><u>Western Parcel (mapped as 25 Buford Circle)</u> Acquired by Thomas Coats (Deed not located)</p>
2/15/1915	<p><u>Combined Parcels</u> From Thomas Coates to J F & W R Crittenden Notes: Expanded lot now extends from Fountain Bridge Rd to Buford Cir. (49.5' N/S x 300' E/W). The deed does not mention houses, but later deeds suggest that Coats's house was still here. Source: Deed Book/NN/474</p>
9/5/1939, 2/7/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J F & W R Crittenden to Charlie Baldwin (Deed not located) • Purchased by J D Pipkin (sheriff's sale) in 1939 • From Pipkin back to Charlie Baldwin in 1945 <p>Notes: Two houses and lots, half-acre total. Bounded north by Amie Baines; south by Grady Thompson; west by Isaac Ford. The two houses presumably are the Coats house and the house facing Buford Circle, which tax records say was built in 1931. Source: Deed Book/BB1/219, DD1/136</p>
2/2/1957, 3/6/1964, 1/6/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Charlie Baldwin (son of Charlie Baldwin) to O A Crittenden in 1957 • From Oscar A Crittenden (Quitclaim) to Willie Slocomb in 1964 • In 1975, from Slocomb's estate to his widow, Willie Fred Slocomb (life interest), then to Rebecca S Collins and Dorothy S Williams (remainder interest) <p>Notes: 60' N/S x 290' E/W. Bounded north by Emmazell Hall and the Davises; south by Arie Adams and Hilda Dozier. Source: Deed Book/NN1/75, UU1/282, UU1/283 (mortgage), JJ2/32</p>
	<p>Later deeds: JJ9/191</p>
	<p><u>The Thomas Coats family</u> Almost no information that can be found on Coats:</p>



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- He lived in the area by 1880.
- The family was listed in the 1900 census.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

The Charlie Baldwin family

- Very little information can be found on the family.
- Charlie and Mamie Baldwin were married around 1925.
- They lived here until their deaths around 1956.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

44 Buford Circle



Part of the David Ferguson farm acquired by Mary Jane Turner in 1881.

7/12/1949,
5/15/1995

- From Beatrice Brookins to T J Brown in 1949
 - From Brown's estate to his wife (life interest) and his children (remainder interest) in 1995
- Notes: Bounded north by F C Cox estate; south by Mattie Barnes; west by John Jenkins and Ida Harvey.
Source: Deed Book/GG1/365, QQ5/193

Tx records say the house was built in 1953; it is not mapped.

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49 Buford Circle



Part of the David Ferguson farm acquired by Mary Jane Turner in 1881.

1/22/1949,
7/29/1988

- From Arie Adams to Leonadous Adams in 1949
 - From Leonadous Adams to Alfonza Adams in 1988
- Notes: 58' N/S x 83' E/W. Taken from Adams' home lot on Fountain Bridge Rd.
Source: Deed Book/FF1/358, VV3/241

- Tax records say the house was built in 1941.
- The property is still registered to Alfonza Adams.

The Leonadous (Leondrew) Adams family

- Leonadous was from Shellman, the son of Git & Arie Adams. He grew up in their house on the lot to the east, 2701 Fountain Bridge Rd. He and Mattie Adams were married in the late 1940s.
 - His mother gave him this lot in 1949; the family lived here in 1950. He gave it to his son, Alfonza Adams in 1988.
 - Leonadous moved to Florida in 1957. He died in Orlando in 1994 ([obituary](#)).
 - In Shellman, he worked for Columbian Peanut Co. In Florida, he worked for Morrison's Cafeteria.
- Source: Ancestry.com [link](#) , link



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84 Buford Circle (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
9/28/1910, 1/26/1912, 8/31/1912, 1/20/1914	<p>From M W Cox to Arnold White</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The White family assembled two vacant lots (a total of 100' N/S x 150' E/W) in 1910 and 1912. They sold one lot to the Sheffield Brothers in 1912; Matilda bought it back in 1914. This appears to have been a financing arrangement. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/187, MM/234, MM/413, OO/91</p>
11/2/1944	<p>From Lucretia Green to John & Ethel Smith</p> <p>Notes: Green was the daughter of Matilda White. The deed reveals that White died by 1921, and that Green had either occupied or rented the house since then,</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/5</p>
11/22/1955, 12/15/1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Ethel Smith to Roosevelt Bell in 1955 Bell's heirs conveyed sole ownership to Leola Bell in 1976 <p>Source: Deed Book/LL1/294, NN2/142</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupancy of this house is uncertain. It appears to have been rented when the censuses were taken. The property is still owned by the Bell family. This is Tax Lot SH03 030. 	
<p><u>The Arnold White family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arnold White was from South Carolina. He and Matilda White were married in 1866. The Whites lived in Stewart County before moving to a farm north of Shellman between 1887 and 1900. They bought two lots in 1910 and 1912 and built a house here. The Whites were dead by 1921; their daughter, Lucretia Green, took possession of the house. She lived there for an unknown time, then rented when not living there, until she sold it in 1944. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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92 Buford Circle



Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.

<p>9/4/1912, 1/26/1924, 6/30/1959</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From M W Cox to Sam & Lula Nelson in 1912 • From Lula Nelson (half interest) to Sam Nelson in 1924 • From Sam Nelson (remainder interest) to his four daughters in 1959 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nelsons bought three vacant lots in 1912 (150' N/S x 150' E/W). Bounded north by Arnold White. • Sam Nelson acquired sole ownership in 1924. • In 1959, Nelson passed the house to four daughters, but retained life interest for himself and Lessie. The lot contained two houses: the Nelson residence, and a house rented to Walter Pace. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/351, RR/85, PP1/412</p>
<p>5/23/1970</p>	<p>From the Nelson daughters to Johnnie Kemp</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA2/482-3</p>
<p><u>The Sam Nelson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam and Lula were married in 1906; they bought this house in 1912. • They were apart by 1920. Sam and Lessie Milner were married in 1921. • Sam remained here after the divorce. He and Lessie lived here for the rest of their lives. • By 1959, they had built a second house on the lot which was used as rental property. • Sam gave a remainder interest in the property to his daughters in 1959; the daughters sold the houses in 1970. • Sam was a house carpenter. Lessie was a cook for the James M Wooten family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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129 Buford Circle

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
4/11/1916, 11/12/1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From F C Cox to Cennella Thompkins in 1916 • In 1917, Thompkins extends her lot northward <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot with house (50' N/S x 150' E/W) in 1916. Known as the Will Brooks house. • The 1917 deeds convey vacant land adjoining her lot; the resulting lot is now 125' N/S by 150' E/W. <p>Source: Deed Book/00/98, 00/408 (2)</p>
4/11/1921, 7/11/1962	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Cennella Thompkins Carter (half interest) to Angeline Frazier in 1921 • From Frazier and Carter to Mary Harvey in 1962 <p>Notes: Frazier was living on the lot in 1962</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN1/115-6, SS1/438</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cennella Thompkins also owned the lot to the east (2587 Fountain Bridge Rd) from 1913 to 1959. It does not appear that she built on it. • The original house was replaced in 1966. • The lot is still registered to Mary Harvey. 	
<p><u>Cennella Thompkins Carter</u> <u>Mary Frazier</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little information can be found on Cennella Thompkins Carter or Angeline Frazier. They were likely the daughters of Emma Thompkins, who appears to have lived in this house from 1920 until at least 1940. • In 1940, the house was occupied by Thompkins and her daughter, Angeline Frazier (link). Frazier was a teacher. • Angeline Frazier still occupied the house in 1962. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

155 Buford Circle

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
1/11/1918, 1/31/1953	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From F C Cox to Will Bell in 1918 • From Bell's estate to Roosevelt Bell in 1953 <p>Notes: Lot with house (75' N/S x 150' E/W). The SE corner of this lot is the SW corner of the Reddick lot. Known as the Harvey Smoke house in 1918.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/00/451, JJ1/103,</p>
8/10/1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Bertha Hatten (Deed not located) • From Bertha Hatten to Bennie Lee Hatten in 1979 <p>Notes: Bertha Hatten retained a life interest; Bennie Lee Hatten received a remainder interest. Known as the home of Jessie Hatten.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/TT2/47-8</p>
<p>Later Deeds: VV2/134</p> <p><u>Will Bell family</u></p> <p>Will Bell appears to have used this as rental property. Refer to 3370 Fountain Bridge Rd for information on the family.</p>	



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Buford St

Buford St does not follow the grid pattern typical of Shellman's streets, running from northeast to southwest at a 24-degree angle. Buford was the name given to the area of Randolph County settled by James and Hester Martin in 1831 (Lot/5/137). This suggests that Buford St was part of an old road, perhaps from Brooksville in northern Randolph County, to the area settled by the Martins. If so, the section of the road north of the railroad was rerouted based on later development of Shellman.

Censuses of Buford St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#), [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Buford St

- Plat Book/2/242 (1962)
- Plat Book/4/25 (1969)
- Plat Book/5/212 (1981)
- Plat Book/6/217 (1988)
- Plat Book/7/12 (1990)
- Plat Book/11/184 (2011)

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Buford St (East Side)

290 Buford St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

5/17/1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned to Oscar A and R S Crittenden in the division of Crittenden assets in 1904 • In 1961, O A Crittenden and R C Bell each had a half-interest • By descent to Marianna Crittenden & Halcyon Bell <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This vacant lot was assembled from two parcels in 1904. The combined trapezoidal lot filled the triangle formed by Buford St and Randolph St. (14' E/W at top, 45' E/W at the bottom; 60' along the sides). Bounded south by the Crittenden shop lot. • A two-story brick building was erected which filled the entire lot. A deed for the lot to the south reveals that the building has been erected by 1909, and it was occupied by the Knighton Grocery Store. • In 1961, described as <i>“store building with barber shop in front and grocery store in back.”</i> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/155 (with plat), JJ/156 (with plat), LL/635, SS1/185-6, YY2/858-9</p>
11/9/1982	<p>From Halcyon A Bell & Marianna Crittenden to J W Sammons, Jr.</p> <p>Notes: Bounded south by the property of Mrs. Anna Francis Kenney Belisle. Described as, <i>“store building with barber shop in front and grocery store in back.”</i></p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY2/860-1</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later deeds: RR4/26 (Tract #1), KK5/349 • The first floor of this building is separated into two stores. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The front store was occupied by a barber shop by 1916 (Deed Book/QQ/433). In the 1950s and 1960s, Roy Parham operated a barber shop here. ○ The rear store was initially occupied by the Knighton Grocery Store. Later it was occupied by the Jernigan Grocery Store. • The second floor was occupied by the telephone exchange. The first exchange came to Shellman shortly after 1900; it is possible that the exchange was located here when the building was erected (link). It was definitely there in 1916 (Deed Book/QQ/433).

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278 Buford St



Deeds for adjacent lots designate this lot as a “Crittenden Brothers shop lot” in 1904. However, it appears to be vacant until 1909. Source: Deed Book/JJ/155 (plat), JJ/156 (plat)

12/13/1909	<p>From the Crittenden Brothers to R F Crittenden</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounded north by the Knighton Grocery Store; south by the Planters warehouse lot and the McGlaun storehouse lot; west by Buford St and the C J Greene storehouse lot. • A newspaper article in 1910 reveals that “the R F Crittenden Company has let the contract for three modern brick stores on the vacant lot at the rear of the Knighton Grocery Company.” (link) <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/635</p>
12/31/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descended to Anna Belle Simpson Kenney • From the Kenney to her heir, Anna Francis Kenney Belisle, in 1975 <p>Notes: Trapezoidal lot with improvements (north: 47’; east: 106’; south: 122’; west: 95’)</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL2/66-7 (Tract #4),</p>

Later deeds: ZZ2/94, RR4/26-7

Shellman Drug Co.

- The northernmost two of these three stores was occupied by the Shellman Drug Co. for many years.
- The company began by 1902; the date in which it moved to this building is uncertain. For more information, refer to 69 W Railroad St.
- The newspaper ad at right was from 1924 ([link](#)).
- The Dozier family operated drugstores in Shellman for many years.



- Louis Dozier operated the Shellman Drug Co, at 69 W Railroad St by 1905 and until 1910.
- Bledsoe Dozier, from Dawson, worked with the pharmacy of Louis Dozier in LaGrange. In 1925, Bledsoe returned to Dawson to work with the Dozier Pharmacy there ([link](#)).
- The Doziers were operating a drugstore in Shellman, probably in the 1920s, and certainly in the 1930s. It was located in space rented from Mrs. A R Kenney, likely here at 278 Buford St. Bledsoe Dozier was killed in an automobile accident in 1936; he was “owner of the Dozier drug store at Shellman” at the time ([link](#)).



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- Elmer Cromartie purchased the stock of the Dozier Drugstore from Dozier’s estate (Deed Book XX/560). He was proprietor of the drugstore until at least 1940 ([link](#)).
- In 1947, A J (Possum) Gill of Ellaville purchased the business from Dr. J B Cherry of Lumpkin. He moved to Shellman and operated a Rexall pharmacy (with lunch counter) until around 1970 ([link](#)).
- For information on the Gill family, refer to 56 W Phelps St.

274 Buford St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

12/22/1881,
8/31/1882,
11/27/1884

- From Crittenden Brothers to John M Anthony in 1881
 - From Anthony back to the Crittenden Brothers in 1882 and 1884
- Notes:
- Half-acre lot (105’ N/S x 210’ E/W). The NW corner of the lot is about 100 feet south of the B K Arthur storehouse.
 - Anthony bought this lot in 1881 and built a blacksmith shop and a wood shop. He also bought a house lot (3338 Pearl St) in the same deed.
 - In 1882, Anthony sold the eastern half of the lot back to the Crittenden Brothers (105’ square).
 - In 1884, Anthony sold the western half (105’) of the lot back to the Crittenden Brothers. This sale included the two shops.
- Source: Deed Book/P/614, AA/110, AA/411

- Anthony’s lot was absorbed into the Crittenden holdings. The eastern half became the site of the Clark Livery Stables (See 50 Randolph St).
- The blacksmith shop and wood shop are almost certainly those shown in the 1902 map. This places them here between Buford St and Randolph St, just north of the Payne (later Saxon) warehouse. It suggests they were still in operation in 1902. Old deeds refer to this as the “Crittenden shop lot”.
- The two shops were replaced when the Crittendens built their brick stores along Buford St in 1910 (See 278 Buford St).

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270 Buford St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

4/5/1886	<p>From J W Jones to George W Schramm</p> <p>Notes: Vacant lot (12' x 14'). This is the NW corner of the Jones residence and garden. Bounded north by the Schramm lot; west by Buford St. There is also an illegible reference to J A Payne property. This deed is confusing, but it is likely that this is when Schramm purchased the lot on which he built his shoe shop, which is located here by the 1902 map.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/126</p>
8/9/1891	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to George W Schramm</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trapezoidal lot (north: 11.5'; east: 30'; south: 27'; west: 35'). Bounded on the east by Crittenden Brothers' shop lot. • This unusual shape arises from the fact that Buford St runs at a 24-degree angle from northwest to southeast. Due to the unusual shape, a plat was included in the deed. • A deed for the lot to the south reveals that Schramm operated a shoe shop here in 1892. <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/590</p>
3/8/1900, 9/29/1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From George W Schramm to Mrs. Emma Sandlin in 1900 • From Sandlin to C J Greene in 1900 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/GG/563, GG/609</p>
12/11/1909	<p>From C J Greene to Crittenden Brothers</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trapezoidal lot, North: 11'; East: 10'; South: 16.5'; West: 11.5'. Begins at NW corner of Greene's brick store. • This deed gives the Crittendens the vacant land north of Greene's store (137.5 square feet). • The result of the deed is that Greens owns a lot with 23.5' of frontage on Buford St. • Greene received land (275 square feet) in return, but it is not identified. Given the dimensions of the current lot, it seems that Greene received land to the east of his store that allowed him to expand eastward. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/1</p>



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2/23/1945,
4/18/1962

- From E H Greene & Jewette Green McGlaun to W C Franklin in 1945
 - From Franklin's estate to his niece in 1962
- Notes: Franklin already operated a grocery store here when he bought the building in 1945. See 71 W Phelps St for information on the Franklin family.
Source: Deed Book/DD1/201, VV1/236

Later deeds: WW1/382-3, XX1/18, NN2/699, EE3/294-5, DD4/33, GG5/141-2, CC5/143-4

The deeds reveal that C J Greene rented his store:

- In 1909, to A J Knighton. Knighton soon moved his store to the new building built by the Crittendens at 290 Buford St.
- In 1916, to W Y Johnson
- Later to W C Franklin

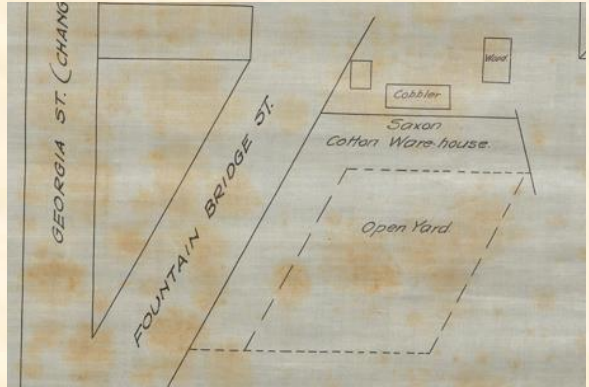
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254 Buford St

Part of the property purchased by J A Payne around 1884 (Deed not located).

7/9/1892	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by J A Payne around 1884 (Deed not located). From Payne's widow, Mrs. S J Payne, to the Shellman Cooperative Investment Co. in 1892 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trapezoidal lot (north: 110'; east: 120'; south: 209' west: 130'). Bounded on northwest corner by Schramm shoe shop, east by Payne Gin St, west by Buford St. This deed conveyed both 254 Buford St and 260 Buford St. The deed also conveyed a 40' strip on the east side of Dr. G L Clark's residence lot on Calhoun St. Payne died in 1888; the lot was sold from his estate for \$600 in 1892, suggesting that it had improvements. This is supported by a newspaper article referring to this as "<i>the old warehouse lot of Mrs. S J Payne</i>". This original warehouse was either replaced by, or incorporated within, the new cotton warehouse built here in 1892 (see below). <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/634 (with plat)</p>
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- The Shellman Cooperative Investment Co. was formed in 1893 ([link](#), [link](#)). W T Jay was President. No deeds have been found for their purchase of any property.
- A newspaper article reports that a cotton warehouse was built here in 1892 ([link](#)). Later deeds for adjacent lots reveal that the warehouse was known as the Planters Warehouse. That name had earlier been used by the warehouse of David Ferguson & W J Oliver on Arthur St.
- A 1902 map identifies this as the "*Saxon Cotton Warehouse*", referring to W T Saxon (see 210 Buford St). The map shows the warehouse having a wedge shape. The building was later partitioned to house different businesses.



Acquired by J R & C W Curry (Deed not located)

Notes: The Curry family owned this property, perhaps as early as 1909. During this time, they operated two separate businesses:



- Northern portion: W R Curry Brick Store
- Southern portion: J R Curry Horse & Mule Exchange.

Northern portion: W R Curry Brick Store



No information has been found on this store other than the 1950 deed selling it to James Bethea. It is

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presumably the northern section of the Planters Warehouse built in 1892.	
4/29/1950	<p><u>Northern portion: W R Curry Brick Store</u> From J R & C W Curry to James Bethea Notes: Source: Deed Book/GG1/328, GG1/328-9 (mortgage)</p>
	<p><u>Southern portion: J R Curry Horse & Mule Exchange</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This building is very likely southern section of the Planters Warehouse built in 1892. • The building then housed the J R Curry Horse & Mule Exchange until 1950. • Curry had a stable across the street at 5 Arthur St.
1/2/1950	<p><u>Southern portion</u> From J R & C W Curry to James Bethea Notes: Source: Deed Book/GG1/153, GG1/153-4 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1950, James Bethea reunited the old Planters Warehouse tract. • James Bethea was operating the Bethea Tractor & Implement Co, by January, 1949, when he was listed as a dealer of Cockshutt tractors. • The business was presumably located here on Buford St, with Bethea leasing the buildings. • In 1950, James Bethea purchased both parcels of the old Planters Warehouse tract. • In the 1950s, the business was a Massey Ferguson farm equipment dealership and shop (ad at right, link). 	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PROUD OF MASSEY-HARRIS LINE</p> <p style="font-size: small;">James Bethea, of the Bethea Tractor Co. in Shellman, Ga., proudly shows off the advantages of a new Massey-Harris hay baler to Jim Curry, already a proud owner of a Massey-Harris No. 44 Diesel Tractor. See accompanying story.</p> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">Bethea Tractor Co. Features Complete Massey-Harris Line</p> </div>
8/9/1973	<p>From James Bethea to Calvin Goddard Notes: Source: Deed Book/GG2/648-9, GG2/650-2</p>
Later deeds: MM2/589	

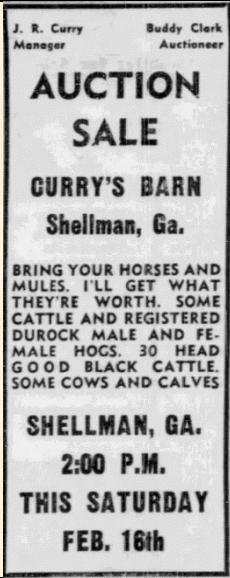


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250 Buford St (Fictitious street number)



Part of the property purchased by J A Payne around 1884 (Deed not located).

1/20/1904	<p>From S J Murrow, widow of J A Payne, to the Crittenden Brothers Notes: Lot with house. Source: Deed Book/RR/68</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A deed for the lot to the south (13 Church St) refers to this as Mrs. S J Payne's lot in 1904, and the lot of C P Slappey in 1905. Slappey's wife was a Crittenden. • The 1900 census places the C P Slappey family in a rented house in this part of town, but it does not appear to be this house. • By 1910, the Slappeys had moved to W Phelps St. • A 1913 deed for the lot to the south (13 Church St) reveals that I J Lunsford lived here. 	
1/2/1913	<p>From R S Crittenden to H O Crittenden Notes: 1/8 interest in lot (fraction of an acre) with houses. Bounded NE by Planters warehouse land, south by Mrs. E M Crittenden and Mrs. M A Young, west by Buford St. Known as the Slappey House. Source: Deed Book/NN/333</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J R Curry (Deed not located). • Curry used the building as his office for the agri-businesses he operated in this vicinity. • The J R Curry Horse & Mule Exchange was located at 254 Buford St until he sold it in 1950. • He continued to sell mules and horses, and cattle and hogs as well, across the street at 5 Arthur St. The ad at right was published in 1952 (link). • He also sold farm supplies and feed from this complex. 	
	
<p>Later deeds: OO12/510-2 (Tract #9), Plat Book/4/25 (1969)</p>	
<p>Information on the C P Slappey family can be found at 3436 Pearl St.</p>	



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210 Buford St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Joseph B Payne Tract purchased in 1882.	
1/12/1885	From J B Payne to W A Billingslea Notes: one-acre lot. 194' of frontage on Church St to the north, adjoining the Baptist Church on the east, and Buford St to the west. Source: Deed Book/AA/787
3/3/1896	From the estate of W A Billingslea to W T Saxon Notes: Now with a house, occupied by Saxon. Source: Deed Book/FF/9
1/31/1901	From W T Saxon to R F Watson Notes: Occupied by W S Arrington at the time of the sale. Source: Deed Book/HH/89
1/2/1903	From R F Watson to W L Allen Notes: Occupied by W L Allen at the time of the sale. Source: Deed Book/JJ/352
5/9/1905	From W L Allen to the Parsonage Committee, Methodist Church South, Shellman Circuit Notes: Allen sold his residence for use as a parsonage for Methodist pastors of the Shellman Circuit. Pastors of the Shellman Methodist Church were housed in a different parsonage. Source: Deed Book/II/442
2/20/1913, 3/10/1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Parsonage Committee, Methodist Church South, Shellman Circuit to the Sheffield Brothers in February 1913 • From the Sheffield Brothers to H R Faircloth in March 1913 Notes: Known as the old Shellman Circuit Methodist Parsonage Source: Deed Book/MM/323, MM/390-1 (mortgage), NN/340, QQ/198 (mortgage release)
10/29/1960	From A B Branan to J E Bethea Notes: Absorbed into the Shellman Gin lot and used as a tenant house before being demolished. Source: Deed Book/RR1/33
Later deeds: JJ2/596-7 (Parcel #1), AA3/244 (Tract #2)	
<u>The William Alexander Billingslea family</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billingslea was from Taliaferro County, Ga. After serving in the Civil War, he married Lucy Ann Hay in Randolph County in 1872. • The family lived in Dawson and Albany before buying this lot in 1885. A newspaper article reports that they built the house shortly afterwards (link). • In 1880, Billingslea was a farmer. The frequent moves suggest he changed professions. • Billingslea died only seven months after buying this lot. He had already moved here, because his will was probated in Randolph County, but not until 1895. His widow moved to Albany to be near her children; she died in 1934. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The William Thomas Saxon family</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saxon was from Calhoun County, the son of Rev. Samuel and Nancy Saxon. After losing his leg in the Civil War, he returned to Calhoun County. • No longer able to farm, Saxon attended school to become a teacher. 	



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- In 1872, he married Jane Curry. They lived on the farm in Calhoun County. She died in 1881; he married her sister, Addie Curry, in 1882.
- They moved to Shellman in 1892, and were living in this house when they bought it in 1896. The Saxons did not live in this house for long; they were renting it when they sold it in 1901.
- Saxon also owned the house across the street (213 Buford St) for an unknown period, and it is thought that they lived there for a time also.
- In the 1900 census, Saxon was a “warehouseman”; in 1902, he operated the cotton warehouse at 254 Buford St. Later he was tax receiver.
- In 1909, he was the center of a brouhaha. He opened a “near beer stand” in Shellman ([link](#)). The Town Charter was soon amended to state that the prohibition applied to all beverages with an alcoholic content of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% or more ([link](#)). Saxon challenged, and was granted an injunction by a lower court, but the Georgia Supreme Court upheld the ordinance in 1910; Shellman remained dry ([link](#)).
- The *Shellman Sun* reported that local opinion was 9-1 against Saxon, a report somewhat at odds with the fact that Saxon did a brisk business ([link](#)); that may have been the reason he moved to Parrott in 1911. The Saxons lived with their daughters in Parrott and Richland until their deaths. He died in 1924 ([obituary](#)); she died in 1928.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families Page 128*

The Walter Lee Allen family

Information on the Allen family can be found at 160 W Phelps St.

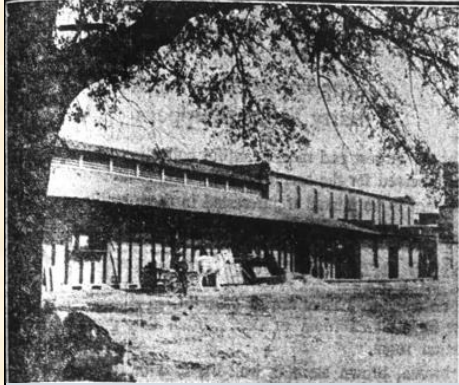
The Horace Rufus Faircloth family

- Horace Faircloth was from Calhoun Co. He married Mary Alice Wall (daughter of Jeff Wall) in 1904.
- The Faircloths lived on their farm south of Shellman until buying this house in 1913.
- After moving to Shellman, Faircloth worked as a clerk, first in a grocery store, and later in a hardware store.
- The Faircloths lived in this house as late as 1933 ([link](#)); by 1940, they were living with the family of their daughter, Susie (Mrs. Alton) Branam on Phelps St.
- Horace died in 1949. The Branams moved to Cordele, but Mary Faircloth remained in Shellman. She returned to Buford St, and very possibly to this house, supporting herself as a seamstress. She died in 1975.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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200 Buford St at Church St (Fictitious street number)



•The photo above left of the Shellman Gin was published in *The Atlanta Constitution* in 1903.
•The photo above right is from around 2015.



<p>4/1/1904, 1/2/1907, 4/14/1919, 4/27/1922, 3/13/1926</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by W R Terry (Deed not located) • From the Terry family to the Shellman Gin Co. in 1904 • From O H Jordan to the Shellman Gin Co. in 1907 • From the Shellman Gin Co. to the Shellman Oil Co. in 1919 • From the Shellman Oil Co. to a trustee in 1922 • From the trustee back to Shellman Gin Co. in 1926 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The transactions in 1904 and 1907 add to the tract on which the gin already sits.; no deed transferring the gin has been located. • The 1919 deed transfers the gin to the Shellman Oil Co. • The 1922 deeds convey the gin to a trustee; presumably the firm is bankrupt. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/167, LL/78, PP/7, QQ/186-7, QQ/190, QQ/233, VV/219, VV/220 (mortgage)</p>
<p>7/16/1945</p>	<p>From the Shellman Gin Co. to W R Curry</p> <p>Notes: Two acres and the gin machinery.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/225</p>

The Shellman Gin Co.

- Cotton gins existed in this area of Shellman by 1877. J B Payne and the Crittenden Brothers were among the early operators.
- A gin existed on this lot in 1903, described in a newspaper article as “*J W Oliver & Son’s Gin*” (See picture above, [link](#)).
- The first deeds in the name of the Shellman Gin Co. appear in 1904, though none can be found that transfer the Oliver gin to Shellman Gin Co. Since Oliver was the primary owner of the company, the transfer may have been a corporate action without a deed being recorded.
- The boll weevil came into Texas from Mexico in 1892. It gradually spread into Georgia, and by 1915 was decimating the cotton crop around Shellman.
- In 1919, the gin was transferred by corporate action to the Shellman Oil Co.; W J Oliver was the major stockholder of both corporations.



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- The newspaper advertisement at right was published in 1921, after the gin had been transferred to Shellman Oil Co. ([link](#)).
- In 1922, the gin was transferred to a trustee; presumably the firm was bankrupt. However, it was not dissolved; the trustee returned the property to the Shellman Gin Co. in 1926.
- In 1950, the gin was sold to W R Curry. By 1950, J R Curry had become sole shareowner.
- In 1950, the gin was sold to James Bethea.

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Ginning, including bagging and ties, \$3.75 for 500 pound bale.

We will pay you the cash for your cotton seed at the highest market price.

SHELLMAN OIL CO.
SHELLMAN, GA.

8/29/1950	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Shellman Gin Co. to James E Bethea in 1950 • From the estate of Ethel Smith to James Bethea in 1967 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethea acquired the gin in 1950. • In 1967, Bethea expanded the gin lot by adding residential lots on the eastern side of Buford St. <p>Source: Deed Book/GG1/478, II1/99-100 (mortgage), XX1/537</p>
3/6/1972, 3/30/1973, 1/1/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From James E Bethea to James Maynard Dunn in 1972 and 1973 • From Dunn to Dunn's Cotton Gin in 1975 <p>Notes: In 1974, Dunn was selected "National Ginner of the Year" (link)</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE2/239-40, EE2/241-3 (mortgage), GG2/623, LL2/70 (mortgage), PP2/709</p>
Later Deeds: AA3/245	



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140 Buford St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
5/12/1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acquired by Simeon Suggs (Deed not located)From Simeon Suggs to C W Martin in 1890 Notes: Half-acre trapezoidal lot (north: 93'; east: 138'; south: 154'; west: 153'). Bounded west by Buford St; north by the road to Leslie & Swords Gin. Source: Deed Book/HH/628
12/5/1904	From C W Martin to John Smith Notes: Trapezoidal lot with house (north: 144'; east: 100'; south: 154'; west: 100'). The Smiths bought the house they were renting from Martin. This seems to be the house that Martin bought from Smith's father-in-law in 1890. Source: Deed Book/JJ/365
12/4/1919	From J W Wall to John Smith Notes: Smith extended his lots to the south, adding 270' of frontage on Buford St; no improvements mentioned. Bounded south by L Burks. The Smiths may have built rental houses on this tract. Source: Deed Book/PP/221-2
11/10/1967	From the Smith estate to James Bethea Notes: This lot was absorbed into the gin property (See Source: Deed Book/XX1/537 (Tract #1)
<u>The Simeon Suggs family</u> No information can be found on Suggs. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The John Thomas Smith family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">John Smith was from Shellman, the son of Isham Smith. He married Ethel Suggs in 1902.The Smiths were already living in this house on Buford St when they purchased it in 1904. They remained here until John Smith died in 1953. Ethel then moved to 91 John Smith St.Smith was a self-employed drayman. The Smiths also owned rental property on Buford St and John Smith St. Source: Ancestry.com link	

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130 Buford St (Fictitious street number)



Part of the tract assembled by John & Ethel Smith (See 140 Buford St)

5/6/1961	<p>From Ethel Smith to General J and Jeanette Johnson Notes: 50' N/S x 75' E/W. The house is occupied by the Johnsons at the time of the deed. Source: Deed Book/RR1/353</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one deed for this house can be located. The house is still in the family today. • Tax records say the house was built in 1920 	
<p>No information can be found on the Johnson family.</p>	

Johnson Tract, Buford St

Part of the Joseph B Payne Tract purchased in 1882 (See Joseph B Payne Tract).	
3/14/1885	<p>From J B Payne to Sallie Johnson Notes: 2-acre vacant lot. Bounded south by Lot 5/270; west by Buford St. This tract extends eastward almost to the line of the Douglass School. The northern boundary is a fence line, but the deed seems to convey four present-day lots; three facing on Buford St (#120, #106, and #100) and #12 Bethea St. Source: Deed Book/AA/693</p>
10/5/1913	<p>From the estate of Joe Johnson to H O Crittenden Notes: The description is confusing, but the lot consists of the original tract less the lots sold during the Johnsons' lifetimes. Source: Deed Book/MM/373-4</p>
<p><u>The Sallie and Joe Johnson family</u> Note: Tracing the history of the Johnsons was difficult due to the commonality of their names and the fact that they were born and married while enslaved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Johnson was from Randolph County. He married Sallie (last name unknown) in 1864. • This is very possibly the Sallie Johnson who was a leader in the Pleasant Grove Church and the first African-American school teacher in the area (Refer to 116 Pine St for more information.) • The Johnsons bought this lot on Buford St in 1885 and lived here in 1900. Source: 1900 census link • Sallie Johnson died in the early 1900s. In 1906, Joe married Mat (last name unknown, but perhaps Winn). They lived here on Buford St in 1910. Source: 1910 census link • In 1878, Joe Johnson was employed by the Crittenden Brothers. By 1900, he was farming his own land. 	

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- Joe Johnson died in 1913. The administrator of his estate, H O Crittenden, purchased all of this tract at the ensuing sheriff's sale.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

120 Buford St



- Part of the 2-acre tract purchased by Sallie Johnson from J B Payne in 1885 (See Johnson Tract)
- The lot in the 1923 deed is today split into two lots: 120 Buford St and 12 Bethea St.

1/20/1923

Acquired by S W Winn (Deed not located)
Notes: This mortgage covers a ¾-acre lot with two houses (120 Buford St and 12 Bethea St). It appears that Mat Winn moved into this house in 1913, when here her son S W (Cince) Winn acquired 12 Bethea St.
Source: Deed Book/QQ/386 (mortgage)

5/20/1944,
2/25/2005

- By 1923, the lot has been divided. The western quarter-acre has been acquired by T E Allen (Deed not located).
- From T E Allen to Fannie Lee Ealy in 1944.
- Sold from Ealy's estate in 2005

Notes: Trapezoidal lot with 2-room house. North: 68', east: 85', south: 83', west: 85'. In the SE corner of Buford St and John Smith St. Known as the Mat Winn home place.
Source: Deed Book/CC1/533, FF9/191-3, Plat Book/6/217 (1988)

- Tax records say the house was built in 1906.
- For information on the Winn families, refer to 12 Bethea St.

The Rogers Shamball Ealy family

- Roger Ealy was from Shellman, the son of Josh & Rosa Ealy (See 36 Short St). He and Fannie Lee were married in the 1930s.
- The Ealys bought this house in 1944. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1972 and hers in 2001.
- Ealy worked for different retail stores in Shellman over the years.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

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106 Buford St



- Part of the 2-acre tract purchased by Sallie Johnson from J B Payne in 1885 (See Johnson Tract)
- Part of the Crittenden Ginnery Tract (See 40 Bethea St)

12/28/1936, 1/2/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H O Crittenden to James M Wooten in 1936 • From Wooten to Bonnie Belle Crumley in 1937 <p>Notes: Half-acre trapezoidal lot with house (north: 171'; east: 90'; south: 204'; west: 117' along Buford St). Known as the Odum lot or the Joe Johnson lot. Source: Deed Book/YY/27, YY27-8, YY/34, YY/50, HH2/351 (mortgage release)</p>
7/23/1982	<p>From James Crumley to Jimmy & Millie Marie Allen Source: Deed Book/AA3/232-3</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later deeds: AA3/235-7, UU3/170-3 (Tract #2), UU3/174-6 (Tract #2), Plat Book/6/217 (1988) • Tax records say the house was built in 1890. 	
<p><u>The Paul Crumley family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Crumley was from Benevolence. He married Bonnie Belle Slocomb in 1913. • Paul was a farm laborer, despite having lost an arm by 1918. • The Crumleys lived on a farm south of Shellman until moving to this house in 1937. • Bonnie died in 1940. There is no further record of Paul after the 1940 census. • In 1950, this house appears to have been occupied by the Tom Newkirk family, who were related to the Slocombs. • In 1982, this house was sold by the Crumley's oldest son, James Crumley. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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100 Buford St

Part of the 2-acre tract purchased by Sallie Johnson from J B Payne in 1885 (See Johnson Tract)	
12/12/1887	From Sallie Johnson to Ben Shed Notes: ¼-acre vacant lot (63' N/S x 180' E/W). Bounded north and west by Sallie Johnson; south by Martin Tinsley. Source: Deed Book/EE/305
12/18/1911	From Ben Shed to E C McCurdy Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarter-acre lot. Bounded north and east by Sallie Johnson; south by Tinsley lot now occupied by Tom Jones.• The 1900 census reveals that Shed owned a house in this area of Buford St in 1900. The Sheds married in late 1899. Source: Deed Book/NN/221 (Tract #1)
3/31/1947	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Virginia Jones to James & Clemietee Green in 1947• Sold from Clemietee Green's estate in 1993 Notes: Lot with house. Bounded north by Bonnie Belle Crumley; south by Virginia Jones. Known as the Ben Shed Place. Source: Deed Book/EE1/195-6, EE1/196 (mortgage)
Later Deeds: DD2/175 (Tract #1), HH5/44	
<u>The Ben Shed family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben and Mattie Shed were married in 1899.• They lived here in the 1900 census. They sold the house in 1911. In 1920, they lived at 3436 Fountain Bridge Rd.• Ben owned and operated a blacksmith shop in Shellman. He also bought and sold lots in this area.• Ben died in 1923 (link). By 1935, Mattie was living in Jacksonville with the family of her daughter, Roger (Mrs. Henry) Jamison.• Mattie sold the house on Fountain Bridge Rd in 1956. She died in 1965. Source: Ancestry.com link , link	
<u>The James Green family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Green was from Ft. Gaines, the son of Samuel & Addie Green. The family soon moved to Randolph County, where he and Clemietee Gilbert were married.• The Greens rented a house on Fountain Bridge Rd before buying this house in 1947.• Green worked at the planing mill in 1950.• The Greens remained here until their deaths; his in 1970 and hers in 1991. Source: Ancestry.com link	

84 Buford St

Part of a 7/8-acre lot sold by the Crittenden family in 1885. The lot includes four present-day lots: 84 Buford St, 74 Buford St, 66 Buford St, and 58 Buford St (See 74 Buford St)	
6/11/1958	From Virginia Jones to Brunell Logue Griffin Notes: Vacant lot with 65' of frontage on Buford St. No house was built on this lot by 1950; it is not mapped. This deed confirms that Virginia Jones lived on the lot to the south. Source: Deed Book/OO1/401

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74 Buford St



Part of a 7/8-acre lot sold by the Crittenden family in 1885. The lot includes four present-day lots: 84 Buford St, 74 Buford St, 66 Buford St, and 58 Buford St.

8/25/1885	<p>From Crittenden family to William Scandrett Notes: 7/8 acres. Bounded north by Joe Johnson lot; east by Crittenden Brothers; south by street; west by public road from Ward to Goff's Mill. Tax records say the house was built in 1891, but it is likely that Scandrett built the house for his new family around the time he bought the lot. Source: Deed Book/AA/793</p>
2/21/1896, 10/26/1898	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Scandrett to I A & C W Martin in 1896 • From I A & C W Martin to Alice Hawk in 1898 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Known as the Martin Tinsley lot in 1898.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Martins likely rented the Scandrett house to Tinsley. They may also have built a second house, based on the increase in price from \$130 in 1896 to \$275 in 1898. • The Hawks lived on a farm near Shellman in the 1900 census; it appears they used this house as rental property. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/470, GG/271</p>
1/20/1902	<p>From Calton Hawk (widower and sole heir of Alice Hawk) to Ben Shed Notes: Known as the Martin Tinsley lot. Source: Deed Book/HH/264</p>
10/15/1905	<p>From Ben Shed to Tom Jones Notes: Bounded north by Ben Shed; east by Crittenden brothers; south by street; west by public road to Goff's Mill. This lot contained two houses. Source: Deed Book/JJ/423</p>
6/2/1914, 1/3/1917, 10/9/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Thomas Jones to R G McCurdy in 1914 • From McCurdy back to Jones in 1917 • From Jones to E C McCurdy in 1917 • From Alma Haddock McCurdy to Thomas & Virginia Jones in 1945 <p>Notes: The deeds mortgage three houses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This house on Buford St • Two lots and houses on John Smith St. One is #49; the other is unclear. • Jones sold/mortgaged the houses to R G McCurdy in 1914, which he paid in 1917. He immediately sold/mortgaged the houses to E C McCurdy, brother of R G McCurdy. That mortgage was paid in 1945. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/395 (mortgage), OO/162 (mortgage quitclaim), VV/179-80, DD1/268</p>



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7/24/1967	<p>From Robert & Lula Jones to John Mercer Wooten</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY1/47, Plat Book/2/242 (1962)</p>
<p>Later deeds: NN2/376, AA3/669</p>	
<p><u>William M Scandrett family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Scandrett was from Butler. He moved to Shellman between 1880-84. He and Lula Montfort were married in Butler in 1885 (link). Before his marriage, Scandrett briefly owned the lot across the street (75 Buford St). He bought this lot a few months after his marriage and likely built the house here. He sold it in 1896. The family moved to Cordele, then Adel, and then to Jennings, FL. He died there in 1912 (notice, obituary). Lula moved back to Cordele and died in Miami in 1940. After leaving Shellman, Scandrett operated sawmills in Cordele and Jennings. There is no record of his occupation in Shellman. He owned 44 Randolph St in 1888, which by 1893 was the site of a blacksmith shop. He also briefly owned farmland west of town. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Thomas J (Tom) Jones family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early details of the lives of Tom Jones and Virginia Jenkins cannot be located. They were married in Randolph County in 1892. The Joneses lived on Pearl St in 1900, before buying this lot in 1905. The house was probably already here, being used as rental property. Tom Jones was a farmer. The Joneses also owned several rental houses in this area of Shellman. After Tom's death, Virginia operated a boarding house. Source: 1950 census link They remained here until their deaths; his in the 1940s and hers in 1962. The Joneses owned several rental houses in this area of Shellman. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

66 Buford St

<p>Part of a 7/8-acre lot sold by the Crittenden family in 1885. The lot includes four present-day lots: 84 Buford St, 74 Buford St, 66 Buford St, and 58 Buford St (See 74 Buford St)</p>	
2/15/1958, 1/25/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Virginia Jones to Nathan Harvey in 1958 Sold by Harvey's widow, Mildred Harvey, in 2017 <p>Notes: The 1958 deed conveys the lot that is present-day 66 Buford St (66' of frontage on Buford St). It appears to be vacant. The first known house on this lot was built in 1958; it is not mapped.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/OO1/239, OO1/257 (mortgage), FF12/392, 1920 census link, Plat Book/5/212 (1981)</p>

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58 Buford St (Fictitious street number)



Part of a 7/8-acre lot sold by the Crittenden family in 1885. The lot includes four present-day lots: 84 Buford St, 74 Buford St, 66 Buford St, and 58 Buford St (See 74 Buford St)

- Acquired by Huddy McCarthy (Deed not located, but referenced in a 1958 deed for 66 Buford St)
- Tax records say the house was built in 1948.

Later deeds: HH12/612, Plat Book/5/212 (1981)

The Huddy McCarthy family

- Huddy McCarthy was from the Farmer's Academy area of Randolph County. He was the son of George McCarthy.
- Huddy and Lillian McCarthy were married in the 1930s. They lived on a farm at first, but moved to this lot in Shellman around 1950.
- Huddy was a farm laborer in his early years. After moving to Shellman, he and Lillian worked at the Columbian Peanut Co.
- Huddie and Lillian both died in 1979.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

24 Buford St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
11/26/1887, 1/20/1893	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Crittenden family to Floyd Jones in 1887• From Jones to Sarah Tennell in 1893 Notes: 1 acre, no improvements. Bounded north by Crittenden Brothers; east by Ben Moorman, south by Baptist Church lot; west by road leading to D L Ferguson's. The Tennells apparently built the first house on the lot. Source: Deed Book/AA/769, EE/105
2/11/1896	From Sarah Tennell to the United Order of Odd Fellows Notes: 35' N/S x 65' E/W. Tennell sold a tract on the SW corner of her lot. This lot seems to have been absorbed into adjacent lots, and no longer exists. An Odd Fellows Hall was built here, but destroyed by lightning in 1906 (link). Source: Deed Book/LL/520
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 1911, the lot was divided into three parcels, presumably after the death of Sarah Tennell. It appears that each child received a parcel, with Lennie Tennell receiving the house. The different parcels seem to have later been recombined.• In 1952, Lennie Tennell died. Her sister, Georgia Tennell Hendry, had moved back into the house by 1950, and continued to live here.• In 1959, Hendry sold a remainder interest in the house to Alice Pitman Waters. She retained life interest for herself. Source: Deed Book/NN/254, NN/255, NN/261
7/31/1968	From Alice Pitman Waters to Fannie Johnson Notes: One-acre lot, with house. Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/409
12/6/1982	From Fannie Johnson to Willie Nixon Notes: Source: Deed Book/ZZ2/8
<u>The Peter Tennell family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Tennell was from Calhoun County. He and Sarah (Sallie) Tennell were married in 1879.• They lived in Calhoun County before buying this lot in 1893.• Tennell was a Baptist minister, presumably serving the New Harmony Baptist Church on the lot to the south.• Peter died in 1906. His widow still lived in the house in 1910.• The house descended to widowed daughter Lennie Tennell, who lived in the house until her death in 1952. Lennie lived alone at first, and supported herself as a laundress. Her divorced sister, Georgia Tennell Hendry, moved back into the house by 1950, when she was supporting both of them as a laundress. Source: Ancestry.com link , link	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Buford St (West Side)

297 Buford St



From H A Crittenden to a partnership of W R Terry and R S Crittenden on 5/17/1904.

Notes: Vacant lot.

Source: Deed Book/JJ/150

12/27/1905,
1/4/1908,
3/23/1909,
1/3/1946

- John Mercer Wooten, Sr., joined the partnership in 1905.
 - In 1908 and 1909, James M Wooten joined the partnership and W R Terry left, leaving a partnership of the two Wootens, who were first cousins.
 - In 1946, James M Wooten acquired John Mercer Wooten's interest.
- Notes: The Wooten Building was erected in 1909 ([link](#)); one long brick building with glass fronts (fronting about 95' on Buford St) subdivided into three stores, which were rented.
- Source: Deed Book/JJ/153, JJ/329, JJ/529, JJ/531, LL/281, LL/522, JJ/155 (with plat), DD1/347

3/7/1950,
4/27/1994

- From James M Wooten to his son, Claron Wooten, in 1950; by descent to his wife and daughter in 1971
 - In 1994, the building was divided. The northern section (35' of frontage on Buford St) was sold to Betty Oliver, and the southern section (61' of frontage on Buford St) was sold to Erwin Drug Company.
- Source: Deed Book/GG1/242, JJ5/259-60, JJ5/288

Later deeds: GG9/22-36

The Wooten Building

- The Wootens owned the building and leased it to different businesses over the years.
- When first opened in 1909, two tenants were the Shellman Hardware Co. (See below) and a new drugstore opened by an unidentified man from Leesburg ([link](#)).
- Later tenants included:
 - At least three different grocery stores. One of these was the Suwannee Store, managed by Dan & Susie Spurlock.
 - Erwin Drugstore, operated by Frank Erwin (1970s through 1990s).
 - The Back Porch restaurant.

Shellman Hardware Co.

- Shellman Hardware Company was first operated by the Bower family. It was started by R M Bower, probably about the time he moved to Shellman around 1906. When he died in 1925, the business was taken over by his son, Harry Bower, who operated it until he died in 1936. For information on the Bowers, see 94 College St and 3455 Pearl St.



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- When Bower died in 1936, his widow advertised the business for sale in *Hardware Age* (at right); it was sold to C L Wooten, son of the owner of the building (Source: Deed Book/XX/426). Wooten continued to operate the business here into the 1950s.

FOR SALE — HARDWARE BUSINESS
KNOWN as Shellman Hardware Co., located in
Southwest Georgia, town of 1,100. Excellent
farming section. Clean, complete stock, inven-
tory approximately \$13,000. Worth investigation.
Address—Mrs. H. C. Bower, Shellman, Georgia.

Martin Triangle (Arthur St and Buford St)

In 1884, B K Arthur purchased 10 acres in what was to become the southern portion of the Shellman commercial district. This parcel, in the shape of a triangle with its southern tip at the intersection of Arthur St and Buford St, was included in that tract (See B K Arthur Tract, Parcel #1). The tract was acquired by D R Stewart and then by Brothers Charles W Martin & Isaac A Martin.

- Charles W Martin made the initial purchases in 1890. One of the deeds also conveyed a store; the first acquired by Martin (Source: Deed Book/CC/723, CC/724, CC/726, CC/722, CC/698).
- In 1891, Charles W Martin sold a half-interest to his brother, Isaac A Martin (Source: Deed Book/CC/447).
- The Martins incorporated in 1898; that deed summarizes the several purchases. The Martin Triangle is 149' at the top, with 357' of frontage on Buford St and 312' of frontage on Arthur St. (Source: Deed Book/GG/181)
- Isaac A Martin sold most of his half-interest back to Charles W Martin between 1912-17.
- The Triangle descended in the Martin family until sold in 1982:
 - Deed Book/DD2/613-5 (Parcels #2 and #3)
 - Deed Book/YY2/802-3 (Parcels #2 & #3)
- Later deeds: RR4/25-9 (Tracts #4 & #5)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

277 Buford St



Part of the Martin Triangle (See above).

7/12/1909,
3/21/1922,
6/20/1963,
12/24/1971,

- From Charles W Martin to R B & Charles W Martin in 1909
 - In 1922, C W Martin gave his half interest to his son, J Truitt Martin
 - At some point Dr. France Martin acquired a half interest, which he sold back to the family in 1963. Dr. Martin used the second floor for his medical practice.
 - From the heirs of J Truitt Martin to his son, C Truitt Martin, in 1971
- Notes: Trapezoidal lot (44' x 31' x 28.8' x 35.5'). Bounded north by the Wooten building. The Martins erected a two-story brick building on the lot in 1909.
Source: Deed Book/LL/559, ZZ/143, TT1/340, DD2/613-5 (Parcel #1),

11/1/1982

- From C Truitt Martin to John W Sammons, Jr.
Notes:
Source: Deed Book/YY2/802-3 (Parcel #1)

Later deeds: RR4/27 (Tract #3), LL9/188

The Martin Family Businesses

- Charles W Martin began purchasing property in Shellman in 1890. His brother, Isaac A Martin, joined him as an equal partner in 1891. The Martins incorporated in 1898. Isaac A Martin sold most of his half-interest back to Charles W Martin between 1912-17. The properties descended in the C W Martin family until they were sold in 1982.
- The Martin Triangle was home to much of the family business. In 1909, the Martins erected a two-story building here at 277 Buford St to serve as a business office (first floor) and a medical office for Dr. France Martin (second floor).
- Martin commercial interests included extensive farming, a general merchandise store, the Shellman Home Mixture Guano Company, and a significant stake in the Peoples Bank.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

271 Buford St/10 Arthur St



- Part of the Martin Triangle (See above).
- The building extends from Buford St to Arthur St. These images show the façade on Buford St (left) and Arthur St (right).

Ferguson/ Arthur & Sons Warehouse

A deed for the lot to the north reveals that Ferguson/Arthur & Sons operated a warehouse here by 1885.

Source: Deed Book/AA/450

Martin Dry Goods Stores

- The Martin Brothers purchased this warehouse in 1890. They converted it to a retail store, and operated it as a partnership.
- In 1898, the dimensions of the store were 30' N/S x 85' E/W. The original warehouse was likely rectangular. The current store is a trapezoid; the side that fronts on Buford St follows the 24-degree angle of that street. It is likely that the Martins made this change after 1917.
- Isaac A Martin sold his interest in the store and its fixtures and showcases to his brother in 1917, making C W Martin the sole owner. Source: Deed Book/OO/230-1
- C W Martin used the store as rental property. Proprietors include:
 - Short & Company until 1921.
 - In 1921, Short exchanged locations with J A White ([link](#)). White moved his dry goods business here, and remained here until around the time of his death in 1956.
 - Ernest Paul operated the store next.

11/17/1947,
12/24/1971

From Isaac A Martin (half-interest) to Charles W Martin. Then by descent to C Truitt Martin.

Notes: 58' N/S, extending E/W from Arthur St to Buford St. The Martin family retained ownership of the building until 1971, renting it to others to operate the store.

Source: Deed Book/EE1/586-7, DD2/613-5 (Parcel #4)

- The store later was sold to George Bell and incorporated into his gas station to be used as a garage (See 253 Buford St).
- Later deeds: FF2/223-4, FF2/567-8, HH3/126-7 (Tract #2), PP12/311

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269 Buford St



Part of the Martin Triangle (See 277 Buford St).

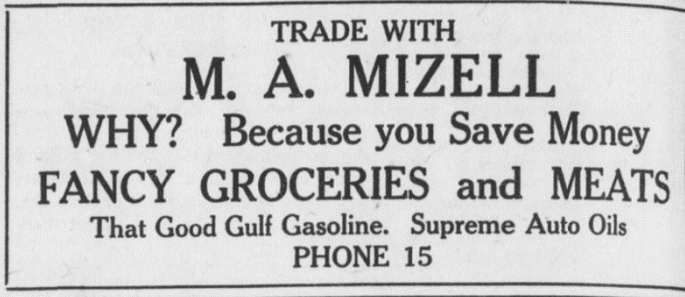
6/7/1912	<p>Charles W Martin sold his half interest in the 30-foot strip below the Isaac A & Charles W Martin storehouse to Isaac A Martin.</p> <p>Notes: The deed reveals that Isaac A Martin’s office is located on the lot. It is not clear if the building used by Martin is the current building on the lot, or another building which no longer stands.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM/262-3</p>
12/14/1925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1925, Martin’s sale of the lot to the south reveals that this small building is being operated as a shoe shop by G W Schramm. • Subsequent deeds reveal that the building is considered a part of the adjacent store to the north (10 Arthur St/271 Buford St); it continues to be used as a shoe shop. <p>Source: Deed Book/RR/598-9 (plat)</p>
<p><u>George W Schramm Shoe Shop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schramm operated a shoe repair shop in Shellman beginning in the 1880s and continuing until 1938. • It appears that his first shop was located on the Phelps Storehouse Lot #8 on Park Ave. • From circa 1891 until circa 1900, he owned a shoe shop at 270 Buford St. • This shop at 269 Buford St probably opened when he sold the shop across the street at 270 Buford St. • For information on the Schramm family, refer to 30 Randolph St. 	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

253 Buford St



Part of the Martin Triangle (See 277 Buford St).

5/27/1913	<p>Charles W Martin acquired sole ownership of the tract at the intersection of Buford St and Arthur St (the southern tip of the Martin Triangle) in three deeds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac A Martin sold his half interest in the “<i>market house</i>” at the bottom of the Martin Triangle. • Charles W Martin sold his half interest in a 10’ strip of vacant land to the north of the “<i>market house</i>”. • I A Martin sold his half-interest in a 26’ strip of vacant land to the north of the “<i>ice and market house</i>.” <p>Notes: These deeds reveal that the Martins have constructed a “<i>market house</i>” at the intersection of Arthur St and Buford St. Source: Deed Book/MM/343 (2)</p>
<p><u>The Marvin Arrington Mizell Grocery Store</u> Marvin Mizell was the son of Ambrose E Mizell. He opened a grocery store and butcher shop in Shellman circa 1919; the advertisement is from July, 1921 (link). He moved to Tampa circa 1925.</p>	
12/14/1925	<p>From Charles W Martin to Standard Oil Notes: Starting 14’ south of the Martin store: 150’; south along Arthur St to the corner, then 170’ northeasterly along Buford St. The plat shows that it was already used as a gas station. Source: Deed Book/RR/598-9 (plat)</p>
11/3/1955, 12/29/1955, 7/1/1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Standard Oil to A L Wall, then to George F Bell, in 1955 • From Bell to Standard Oil in 1965 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell acquired the property in 1955. Standard Oil retained the equipment; Bell was required to sell Standard Oil products until 1960. • Bell leased the business back to Standard Oil in 1965, but continued to operate it. • In 1972, Bell purchased to lot to the north and added a garage to his service station. • Bell kept the business until 1986.



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	Source: Deed Book/LL1/475, LL1/475-6 (mortgage), MM1/21, VV1/273
Later deeds: HH3/126-7 (Tract #1), HH3/129-30 (mortgage), PP12/311	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

213 Buford St



In 1884, B K Arthur purchased 10 acres in what was to become the southern portion of the Shellman commercial district. This lot was part of that tract (See B K Arthur Tract, Parcel #3).

10/21/1902	<p>From Nancy O Stewart to W T Saxon</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This deed conveys a 6.5-acre tract (The Arthur Hotel property); it states that a half-acre lot with house has been separately deeded to Saxon. (Thought to be 179 Buford St). Later Saxon sold off the acreage around the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/367</p>
<p>The date of the house on this lot is uncertain, but likely around 1901.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W T Saxon lived across the street (210 Buford St) until 1901. A 1902 deed for the property to the south (179 Buford St, Deed Book/HH/605) reveals that W T Saxon lived north of that lot, several months before he purchased this lot. The 1947 deed referenced below refers to this house as the W T Saxon place. Tax records say the house was built in 1927. It is possible that an earlier house has been replaced. <p>For information on the Saxon family, refer to 210 Buford St.</p>	
10/3/1921	<p>From W T Saxon to W R Curry</p> <p>Notes: 2.33-acre lot with house. The NE corner of this lot is the SE corner of the old George Arthur Hotel lot. Known as the W T Saxon house and lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/597</p>
3/31/1930	<p>From W R Curry to J A Grubbs</p> <p>Notes: Lot with house (Parallelogram, 139' N/S x 290' E/W). The SE corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Grubbs's residence. Known as the W T Saxon house and lot. Curry has reduced the lot he purchased in 1921 by selling parts to W J Oliver and to Crittenden & Weathers.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/WW/242</p>
1/26/1947	<p>From Mrs. Minnie L Daniel to Dan and Susie Spurlock</p> <p>Notes: Bounded north by the Curry mule barn. Known as the W T Saxon Place. Later Mrs. Daniel had resided here for many years.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/145, Plat Book/7/12 (1990), Plat Book/11/184 (2011)</p>
<p>Later deeds: II4/199, TT5/29</p>	
<p><u>The Daniel Stewart Spurlock family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Spurlock was from Randolph Co. He married Susie Mae Brown in the early 1930s. They farmed near Fountain Bridge until buying this house in 1947. The Spurlocks managed a grocery store, the Suwannee Store, at 278 Buford St for many years. Dan died in 1988 (obituary); Susie died in 1993. 	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

165 Buford St



Part of the W J Oliver Tract.

<p>10/19/1904, 10/10/1905, 4/15/1907</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W T Saxon to Charles W Martin in 1904 • From Martin to Tom Jones in 1905 • From Jones back to C W Martin in 1907 <p>Notes: Trapezoidal lot (121' x 118' x 60' x 114'). Bounded north by the house occupied by R L Arthur. Source: Deed Book/JJ/211, II/141, II/465-6, Plat Book/7/12</p>
<p>The house in the above deeds seems to be a part of the property conveyed below, but it is not certain. It is likely that there were two houses on the lot at some point.</p>	
<p>11/20/1922, 4/7/1947, 12/24/1971</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W J Oliver to C W Martin in 1922 • By descent through his daughter-in-law, Caro Twitty Martin, (in 1947) to her descendants (in 1971) <p>Notes: .24-acre lot. Martin bought this vacant lot in 1922 and built a tenant house "<i>generally used by our cook</i>". He later built a second house on the lot, or perhaps that house was the Tom Jones house described above. Source: Deed Book/QQ/310, EE1/365, DD2/616-7, Plat Book/7/12 (1990)</p>
<p>Later Deeds: Deed Book/PP3/48, EE13/245, Plat Book/11/184 (2011)</p>	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

179 Buford St



In 1884, B K Arthur purchased 10 acres in what was to become the southern portion of the Shellman commercial district. This lot was part of that tract (See B K Arthur Tract, Parcel #3).

9/4/1902	<p>From Nancy Stewart to W T Saxon Notes: 1/3-acre trapezoidal lot (north: 187'; east: 88' on Buford St; south: 155'; west: 69'). South of the dwelling of W T Saxon (213 Buford St). With house occupied by Mrs. Mary Young, who then moved to 13 Church St. Source: Deed Book/HH/605</p>
10/19/1903, 1/9/1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W T Saxon to W S Curry in 1903 • From the Curry heirs to their sister, Mrs. Loveda (Love) Curry Arthur, in 1906 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1903, Curry purchased the house rented by his daughter and son-in-law, the R L Arthurs. • Love Curry Arthur bought the house from the other heirs in 1906. It was occupied by W M Curry at the time. <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/606, JJ/580</p>
10/2/1907, 11/25/1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Love C Arthur to A J Knighton in 1907 • From Knighton to his wife, Mrs. A J Knighton, in 1910 <p>Notes: ¼ acre, with house. Bounded north by Saxon lot; south by house of C W Martin; west by Saxon. Known as the Robert Lee Arthur House. Source: Deed Book/LL/198, MM/106, Plat Book/7/12 (1990)</p>
5/17/1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J A Grubbs (Deed not located) • By descent to Grubbs' widow, Minnie Lee Wall Grubbs, in 1939 • Sold from the estate of Mrs. Grubbs (who had remarried, and was now Mrs. H T Daniel) in 1977 <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/210-11 (mortgage), SS/474</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grubbs later acquired adjoining property to the south and west, used for agri-business. Source: Deed Book/QQ/214, QQ/215, QQ2/448 • Later deeds: Deed Book/OO2/305-6, Plat Book/11/184 (2011)
	<p><u>The Robert Lee Arthur family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur was the son of George B Arthur. He married Loveda (Love) Curry in 1898 (link). • The Arthurs lived at the Arthur Hotel in 1900, and soon moved to 179 Buford St. • They purchased the house at 149 College St in 1907. It is unclear if they lived there or used it as rental property (as many of the owners on this section of College St did). • They lived in Cuthbert in 1910. In Cuthbert, Arthur first worked in, and then owned, a furniture store. In 1940, he was tax receiver for Randolph County. • Love Arthur died in 1945; Robert died in 1962.



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James A Knighton family

- James Knighton was from Randolph County, the son of Aaron and Lucretia Knighton. He married Lula Barfield in 1893.
- The Knightons operated a farm south of Shellman in 1900.
- Knighton operated a grocery store in Shellman in 1910. That year the family purchased a home at 3455 Pearl St, but sold it by 1915.
- In 1920, the family was renting a house in Cuthbert; he was night watchman for a lumber company.
- No further record can be found of the family.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Arthur Grubbs Family

- James Grubbs was from Randolph County, the son of John Wesley & Frances Grubbs. He was married in 1911, but widowed in less than a year ([link](#)). He then married Minnie Lee Wall and was living in Shellman by 1918.
- Grubbs owned a country store near Fountain Bridge in 1910, By 1920, he lived in Shellman, where he managed the Farmers Supply Co (ad at right, [link](#)); in 1930, he again owned a general store.
- Grubbs remained here until his death in 1939. His widow later married H T Daniel. This house was sold in 1977; she died in 1980 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

113 Buford St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the W J Oliver Tract	
12/14/1918, 2/28/1928, 5/31/1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Sheffield Brothers to W J Oliver in 1918 • From Oliver to Ella Riley in 1928 • From Ella Riley McClendon to Wesley Brown in 1931 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-acre lot (61' N/S x 360' E/W) in 1916. The SE corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Essic Owens lot. • The Knights of Pythias Lodge (111 Buford St) is already located in the NE corner of this lot in 1918. • In 1931, the lot is used as security for a debt. It has expanded to 1.25 acres; McClendon lived here at the time. <p>Source: Deed Book/TT/157, UU/437</p>
7/10/1923, 1/25/1923, 8/4/1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W J Oliver to J P Sutton & R C Goolsby (both of Monroe County) in 1923. Sutton then acquired Goolsby's interest. • From Katherine S Sutton (widow of J P Sutton) to her step-son, J C Sutton (Randolph County) in 1936. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-acre vacant lot in 1923. Oliver leased the land for use as a gin site. The Shellman Gin Co., of which Oliver was primary owner, had been placed in receivership about this time. Oliver likely was a partner in the new gin to be built here. The deed stipulated that the property would revert when the lot was no longer used as a gin. • J P Sutton died in 1936. His widow conveyed the gin to her step-son, J C Sutton, who lived in Shellman and operated the gin. The lot contained "<i>a gin house, ginnery, and all the tools, etc.</i>" <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/445, XX/446</p>
3/2/1937	<p>From the estate of Josie Jenkins to J C Sutton</p> <p>Notes: House and lot formerly used by the Endeavor Lodge #42, Knights of Pythias (See 111 Buford St). This small lot was absorbed into the gin lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/123</p>
1/31/1969	<p>From J C Sutton to Herman Hilton</p> <p>Notes: No improvements are mentioned, but the fact that the land did not revert suggests the gin still existed.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/170, ZZ1/170-1</p>
<p>Later Deeds: YY3/83, OO5/240, Plat Book/7/12 (1990), Plat Book/11/184 (2011)</p>	
<p>For information on J C Sutton, refer to 172 W Phelps St</p>	



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111 Buford St (Fictitious street number)

The early history of this lot is unknown.	
1/1/1923	From Sheffield Brothers to the Trustees of Endeavor Lodge #42, Knights of Pythias Notes: House and lot (47' N/S). Already in use by the lodge. Source: Deed Book/TT/264
3/2/1937	From the estate of Josie Jenkins to J C Sutton Notes: House formerly used by the lodge. Source: Deed Book/YY/123, OO5/240, Plat Book/7/12 (1990), Plat Book/11/184 (2011)
For information on the Lodge, see 47 Park Ave.	

95 Buford St W (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
3/29/1890	From Fanny A Cheney to Katie Johns Notes: Half-acre vacant lot (61' N/S x 360' E/W). The SE corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Essic Owens lot. Source: Deed Book/CC/301
12/13/1893, 5/3/1894, 9/19/1894, 10/12/1894	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Katie Johns to Reddick Jackson in 1893 • In 1894, Reddick sold the lot the deacons of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, then bought it back, and then gave it to his wife, Lucy Jackson. Notes: Half-acre lot, no improvements mentioned (61' N/S x 360' E/W). The SE corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Essic Owens lot; bounded east by the public road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source: Deed Book/JJ/190, JJ/191, JJ/192, JJ/195
11/15/1909	From Lucy Jackson to the Sheffield Brothers Notes: Half-acre lot (61' N/S x 360' E/W). The SE corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Essic Owens lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/28, OO/158 (Mortgage)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further deeds for this lot have been located. • Currently owned by the estate of Dolly Royal. 	
<u>The Reddick Jackson family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reddick Jackson was from Shellman. He was a brother of McClendon Jackson Paschal. He and Lucy Wilson were married in 1883. • The Jackson family lived in this vicinity in 1900, but likely not on this lot. Perhaps the house was constructed around the time of the sale to the Sheffield Brothers. • Reddick was a farmer in Shellman. By 1920, the family had moved to Macon, where he worked for the railroad. He died in Macon in 1920. Source: Ancestry.com link	

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75 Buford St



The early history of the lot is unknown.

<p>11/2/1883, 10/18/1884, 12/10/1884, 1/20/1894</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From B T Powell to Benjamin W Orr in 1883 • From Orr to William Scandrett in 1884 • From Scandrett to Essic Owens in 1884 • From Essic Owens to his wife, Mollie Owens, in 1894 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three-acre lot, no improvements. One acre is in Lot 5/269, and two acres are in Lot 5/270. • Bounded south by the land where J W Hicks lived in 1883, and Potherine Melton lived in 1884. <p>Source: Deed Book/Q/630-1, AA/319, AA/506, DD/324-5</p>
<p>9/2/1913, 5/7/1928</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Owens's son, Colonel A Owens, to Isaac Ford in 1913 • The lot was acquired by Isaac Ford in a sheriff's sale in 1928 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot with house in 1913. • In 1928, there was a suit between Isaac & Mary Ford. As a result, the three-acre lot, described as vacant, was sold at a sheriff's sale to Isaac Ford. • In 1929, Isaac Ford sold the lot to his wife, Mary Ford, and their minor children. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/362, TT/319, UU/41, Plat Book/7/12 (1990)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further deeds for this lot have been found. In 2022, Mary Ford owned the lot. • According to tax records, the house on this lot was built in 1931. It is not clear if this the house that was described in the 1913 deed, or a replacement. 	
<p><u>The Essex Owens family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex and Mollie Owens were married in 1881. • Essex was a farmer, and later made crossties for the railroad. • No further information can be found on the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Isaac Ford family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford was the son of Emmanuel Ford. He grew up on E Railroad St. • He married Mary Melton(?) around 1917. They lived here on Buford St in 1920 (Source: 1920 census link). • In 1928, there was a suit between Isaac & Mary Ford. As a result, the three-acre lot on Buford St, described as vacant, was sold at a sheriff's sale to Isaac Ford. In 1929, Isaac Ford sold the lot to his wife, Mary Ford, and their minor children. 	



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- Mary Ford also is the owner of 564 Prince Rd. The legal action suggests that Isaac and Mary lived apart. Isaac Ford was in prison (see below) in 1931. If the house at 75 Buford St was indeed built in 1931, it was built by Mary Ford.
 - Isaac Ford operated a tailoring and dry-cleaning shop. Mary Ford managed a grocery store.
 - Ford spent time in prison around 1909 ([link](#)), and was in prison for murder from 1930-1935 ([link](#)). He returned to Randolph County, where he died in 1955.
- Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

21 Buford St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/31/1902, 3/2/1910	<p>Crittenden family transfers Notes: Half-acre lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deeds say that all land in the NW corner of 5/270 cut off by Buford St is included. This is a mistake, probably caused by the fact that the Crittendens only owned the eastern half of 5/270. The boundary follows Fountain Bridge Rd; if that line is extended northward, the creates the triangle that is defines this lot. • Deeds for the lot to the north reveal that J W Hicks lived here in 1883. Potherine Melton lived here in 1884 and 1894. <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/466, NN/30</p>
6/1/1917	<p>From H O Crittenden to Virginia Jones Notes: Quarter-acre lot. Originally known as the Potherine Melton lot, now known as the Elmira Gore lot. Source: Deed Book/OO/260, PP/328 (mortgage)</p>
9/16/1944	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reacquired by Oscar Crittenden (Deed not located) • From Crittenden to Belle Hansell in 1944 <p>Notes: Quarter-acre lot with house. Known as the Elmira Gore lot. Source: Deed Book/CC1/511-2</p>
10/2/1973	<p>From Hansell (sheriff's sale) to Ceola Lumpkin in 1973 Notes: Trapezoidal lot with house: north: 134'; east: 110'; south: 64'; west: 120'. The house was sold due to default on a 1936 mortgage secured by 550 Prince Rd (Deed Book/XX/290). Hansell was no longer the owner, so this property was seized instead. Source: Deed Book/HH2/94</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 1894, the Crittenden Brothers had a rental house here known as the Potherine Melton place (Deed Book/DD/324) • The original house was replaced in 1998. • Later Deeds: HH2/251, TT6/104, MM7/182, WW7/128 	
<p><u>The Belle Hansell family</u> For information on the family, refer to 550 Prince Rd.</p>	



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19 Buford St



- Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.
- **Cox Addition, Block 1, Lots #2, #3, and #4.**

8/12/1918, 12/31/1925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sam C Haddock to John Cooledge in 1918 • From S C Haddock to Virginia Jones in 1925 <p>Notes: .37-acre lot (160' N/S x 100' E/W) with house. Cox Addition Lots #2, #3, and #4 are combined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1918 sale was subject to a mortgage, which was apparently never satisfied. The house was occupied by William Jackson. • In 1925, the house was occupied by Oscar Carter. <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/439 (mortgage), SS/17, SS/277 (mortgage)</p>
12/15/1943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Virginia Jones to Willie Owens & Rosa Bell Shipp Owens in 1943 • By descent to Mildred Harvey in 1994 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/DD1/51</p>
Later Deeds: HH7/207	
<p><u>The Willie Owens family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little record can be found of the Owens family. • The family bought this house in 1943. It remained in her estate in 1994. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	



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Calhoun St

Calhoun St is the southern extension of Pearl St. It existed before Ward was incorporated, referenced in deeds by 1882. Those early deeds referred to it simply as the “*public road*” and later as the “*Shellman and Morgan Road*”. In the early 1900s, some deeds referred to the street now known as Randolph St as Calhoun St. However, the 1910 census used the name “Calhoun St” for this section of road, as it is known today. Fine homes were built on the northern end of the street. Agri-businesses and rental homes were built further south.

Censuses of Calhoun St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#) (Note: The census taker missed several residences, and later listed them in random order under “Catchup Road” [link](#))
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Calhoun St

- Plat Book/4/187 (1975)
- Plat Book/5/122 (1979)
- Plat Book/6/112 (1985)
- Plat Book/6/156 (1987)
- Plat Book/7/10 (1984)
- Plat Book/12/80 (2013)
- Plat Book/12/189 (2016)
- Plat Book/E2017/128 (2020)



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3127 Calhoun St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
A 1914 deed for the property to the south reveals that this lot is vacant and belongs to Peoples Warehouse. Source: Deed Book/MM/432	
12/20/1916, 1/1/1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Peoples Warehouse to Crittenden Brothers in 1916• Acquired by the Crittenden Guano Co. (Deed not located)• From Crittenden Guano Co. to W R Crittenden in 1923 Notes: Conveyed the SE corner of the Peoples Warehouse lot (115' E/W), on which stands an ironclad building known as the Peoples Warehouse annex. Bounded on the south by lands of the Crittenden Brothers, who agree to keep the land south of the building open as an alley. In 1923, the lot contains a feed mill. Source: Deed Book/OO/148, QQ/431
8/29/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquired by the Crittenden Guano Co. (Deed not located)• From the Crittenden Guano Co. to the Curry Co. Notes: 50' N/S x 77' E/W. This is the SW corner of the old feed mill lot, including a building (24' x 65'). Source: Deed Book/VV/203
12/15/1932	From Crittenden Guano Co. to H O Crittenden Notes: Conveyed the land and improvements north and east of the parcel sold to the Curry Co. earlier that year. Source: Deed Book/WW/529
12/1/1937, 6/27/1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From H O Crittenden to T E Allen, Sr. in 1937• From Allen to his son, T E Allen, Jr., in 1970 Notes: Includes an ironclad seed house. Source: Deed Book/AA1/572-3, AA1/573 (mortgage), AA2/644
3/12/1976	From T E Allen, Jr. to Peoples Warehouse Notes: Used as a storage house by the Allens, before being sold back to Peoples Warehouse. Source: Deed Book/LL2/98

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3110 Calhoun St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 2.5-acre lot purchased by Dr. W R Terry from H A Crittenden in 1906 (See 6 E Railroad St).

Dr. Terry built this house on the southern portion of his lot for his mother, Mary Terry, and his sister, Fanny Terry, by 1910. Tax records say the house was built in 1911.

5/25/1964	From the estate of Fanny Terry to Isabel, Elizabeth & Anna Ruth Terry Notes: Lot with house (70' N/S x 180' E/W). This is the first deed found for this property. Source: Deed Book/VV1/139 (2)
10/15/1970, 10/30/1970	From Elizabeth and Ruth Terry to J H Boyd in 1970 Notes: Known as the Fanny Terry House. The two deeds assemble a tract running 75' N/S. Source: Deed Book/BB2/177, BB2/199

Later Deeds: TT2/226-7, TT2/314-5, XX2/622, Plat Book/5/122 (1979), E2017/128 (2020)

Mary King Terry and Fanny Mahala Terry

- Mary Terry was the mother of Dr. W R Terry. She was widowed in 1901 in Webster County.
- Fannie Terry was the unmarried sister of Dr. W R Terry who lived with her parents.
- By 1910, Mary and Fanny lived here on Calhoun St.
- Mary Terry returned to Webster County for a time, but was back here in 1930. She died in 1936.
- Fanny Terry remained here until her death in 1964.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3109 Calhoun St



- Deeds for adjacent lots reveal that J W Clark owned the livery stable (50 Randolph St) and another nearby lot on Calhoun St (#3091). He sold the lots at 50 Randolph St and 3091 Calhoun St in 1885; the deed of sale for this lot has not been located.
- A newspaper article reports that Dr. Clark of Smithville built a house in Shellman in 1885 ([link](#)). It is unclear if the article refers to Dr. J W Clark, who lived here, or his son, Dr. G L Clark, who moved into the lot next door in 1886.

- The *Driving Tour* (2015) states that this house was built in 1886.

1/2/1890, 1/31/1894	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J W Bynum (Deed not located) • From J W Bynum to Mary Standley in 1890 • From the heirs of Charles Standley to Maggie G Standley <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house (212.5' N/S x 110' E/W). Bounded north by the Alliance Warehouse; east by the Shellman-Morgan Public Road; south by the lot of Alzoah Lester; west by the lot of W S Edwards. Source: Deed Book/CC/250, DD/352</p>
1890s	<p>Acquired by Stanley L Arthur (Deed not located) Notes: The Arthur family sold their house at 124 E Railroad St in 1893. They likely moved here around that time. They definitely owned this house in 1900. Source: Deed Book/HH/485, 1900 census link</p>
3/24/1914	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by John Bius (Deed not located, but around 1911) • From Bius to his wife, Mrs. Ruby Bius, in 1914 <p>Notes: Lot with house. Bounded north by vacant lot of Peoples warehouse; east by Calhoun St; south by lot of R L Hart; west by lots belonging to William Paschal and Tom Barnes. Known as the house and lot formerly belonging to S L Arthur. Source: Deed Book/MM/432</p>
10/3/1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Ruby Bius Beard to Mrs. Young (Susie E) Johnston in 1917 • Sold from the estate of Johnston's son in 2002 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/OO/288, TT7/217</p>

The John W Clark family

- Clark was from Monroe County. He and Charlotte Lawrence were married in 1850. The family settled in Smithville.
- The Clarks moved from Smithville to Shellman in the early 1880s; he bought the livery stables at 50 Randolph St. In 1885, he sold the livery stables and the lot to the south (3091 Calhoun St). Charlotte Clark died in 1886.
- Clark was a physician. He practiced medicine during his time in Shellman in addition to briefly owning the stables. In 1890, a newspaper article declared Clark a "*horse trader*" and said he intended to move to Americus and devote full time to the livery business ([link](#)).
- In 1900, John was a widower, living alone in Americus, and again practicing medicine. He died in 1903 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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The Charles Standley family

- Charles was from Tattnall County. He was in Randolph County by 1840, where he and Mary Dunn were married in 1842. He later served in the Civil War.
- Charles was a prominent farmer and attorney who was involved in local politics.
- He died in 1878 ([obituary](#)). Mary remained on the family farm for a time. In 1890, she purchased this house; her daughter, Alzoah Standley Lester, lived next door at 3091 Calhoun St.
- Mary died in 1893. Her heirs sold the house to her widowed daughter-in-law, Maggie Goneke (Mrs. Charles W) Standley.
- Maggie had become a widow in 1891. Her husband contracted a serious case of flu which evolved into consumption (tuberculosis) in the winter of 1890. He died in Cuthbert in 1891 ([notice](#)).
- By 1900, Maggie and her daughters were living in Dawson with her brother. By 1920, they were living in Birmingham, where she died in 1951.

Source: Ancestry.com: Charles Standley [link](#); Charles W Standley [link](#)

The Stanley L Arthur family

- Stanley Arthur was from Randolph County, a son of Basil K & Sarah Arthur. He married Mollie Bridges in 1884.
- Arthur owned the house at 124 E Railroad St from 1890-93. He owned this house on Calhoun St by 1900.
- The Arthur family was active in the commercial life of Shellman. Stanley was involved with the stores the family operated on W Railroad St. In 1900, he listed his profession as clerk.
- In 1910, the family moved to 3696 Pearl St, where Stanley was a farmer.
- In 1922, Stanley opened a grocery store at 61 W Railroad St ([link](#)).
- By 1930, Arthur was retired, and the family was renting a house on Phelps St. Both Stanley and Mollie died in 1943 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The William Young Johnston family

- Young Johnston was from Randolph County. He and Susie Merrill were married in 1907.
- In 1910, the family lived in Dougherty County, where he was a salesman in a retail store.
- The family moved to Shellman, purchasing this house in 1917.
- In Shellman, Johnston practiced several occupations:
 - In 1916, he operated a store at 290 Buford St.
 - In 1930, he sold farm machinery.
 - In 1940, he operated a general merchandise store.
- Johnston died in 1944. His widow remained here; in 1950, her daughter and son-in-law (James & Susie MacDonald), were also here.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3098 Calhoun St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Site of one of the first Crittenden houses. H A Crittenden lived here in 1891. This may have been his first residence from the time he moved to Shellman, which would date the house to circa 1870.
- The house is no longer standing, The image is circa 1984.

12/21/1891	<p>From C D Crittenden to Crittenden Brothers Notes: 1 acre (148' N/S x 295.5' E/W). Starting 24' north of the NW corner of C W Martin's residence, bounded "<i>west by Ferguson place, where C P Slappy now lives.</i>"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H A Crittenden lived on this lot in 1891. • C D Crittenden lived on the lot by 1895 until 1898, when he moved to Alabama. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/462, EE/488</p>
12/13/1898, 12/14/1898	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to H A Crittenden to Mrs. Lizzie Terry Notes: Town lot occupied by C D Crittenden. Bounded south by Charles W Martin; north by H A Crittenden. Also, an acre on the east side of this lot extending eastward to the Ethridge lot, bounded on the south by the Goode estate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H A Crittenden bought the house for his newly married daughter. • C D Crittenden moved to Alabama, then returned to Shellman to live at 3374 Pearl St. <p>Source: Deed Book/GG/306, GG/308</p>
7/15/1909, 1/7/1913	<p>From Lizzie H Terry to R B Saxon. Notes: Irregular lot (145' frontage on Calhoun St, 840' E/W on southern boundary, 480' on northern boundary), with house. Bounded south by Allen, north by W R Terry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Terrys lived in the house in 1909, but soon moved to their new house at 6 E Railroad St. • In 1913, Saxon's estate paid the remaining balance on the 1909 mortgage. <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/513, NN/317</p>
12/13/1921, 9/23/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the heirs of R B Saxon to E E Ivey in 1921 • From Mrs. Annie Ivey to R D Ivey in 1932 <p>Notes: Mrs. Ivey lived in the house until November, 1930. Source: Deed Book/QQ/80, RR/27 (mortgage), SS/489-90 (mortgage), TT/60 (mortgage), VV/242</p>
6/1/1933, 7/30/1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From R D Ivey to W R Curry in 1933 • From W R Curry to Mrs. W J Wall in 1934 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/VV/368, WW/269-70, WW/270 (mortgage)</p>
3/1/1954	<p>From Mrs. W J Wall to Dennard Beard Notes: Source: Deed Book/KK1/99-100</p>



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11/29/1957	From Dennard Beard to T L Goddard Notes: Source: Deed Book/OO1/94, UU1/196
Later Deeds: UU6/335, MM11/504	
<u>The Hiram Albert Crittenden family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H A Crittenden was from Talbot County. He was the son of C D Crittenden, Sr. and one of four brothers who played a prominent role in the development of Shellman (R F, H A, J F, and C D Jr.).• He was in active service in the Civil War when he married Isabella Indiana (Anna) Reid in Putnam County in 1864. His brother, R F Crittenden, had married Anna's sister, Fannie Reid, in 1860. Five months after his marriage, H A was wounded in Virginia, and returned to Putnam County. The war ended before he could return to active duty.• In 1869, the two Crittenden/Reid families (R F & Fannie; H A & Anna) moved to Ward's Station. The wives' father, Alexander S Reid, had promised them land to do so.• The location of the Crittenden's home when they first moved to Shellman is unclear. The 1870 census reveals that they owned a home near R F & Fanny Crittenden, who had moved into the John Ward home (2864 US Highway 82). The most likely location for their house is here on Calhoun St.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Later deeds refer to the lot to the north as "<i>H A Crittenden's patch</i>", or garden, which likely would have been adjacent to his home.○ An 1891 deed confirms he was living here.• Anna Crittenden died in childbirth in 1879 (obituary). H A then married Mary E (Mollie) Jenkins in Terrell County in 1880.• In 1898, Crittenden gave this house to his newlywed daughter, Lizzie Terry. The 1900 census reveals that the Crittendens lived on E Ward St.• In 1909, the Terrys built a fine new home on the lot to the north, and the H A Crittendens moved in with them.• The Crittendens lived with the Terrys until their deaths; hers in 1914 and his in 1922 (obituary).• Crittenden was the first mayor of Ward and later state senator. He was a civic leader, president of the Peoples Bank, and an organizer of the Shellman Methodist Church and Shellman Institute.• For information on Crittenden's business interests, refer to W Railroad St, Crittenden Brothers Business Interests. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, <i>RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES</i>. Randolph County Historical Society. 1977: [Pages 162-173].</p> <u>The Robert Bankey Saxon family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saxon was born in Early County. His father was a minister, and moved to Morgan by 1860. Saxon married Tyree Martin in 1877.• Saxon was a farmer in Randolph County, probably on land acquired from his father-in-law, John S Martin. He was known as a progressive farmer. They lived on the farm until buying this house in 1909. The house was near those of her brothers, Robert B Martin and Charles W Martin.• The Saxons were deeply religious. Originally Baptists, she was an invalid for many years before being healed by Christian Science. They converted, and she was instrumental in establishing the Christian Science Hall nearby (See 60 Church St).• He died in 1912. His widow was living in Macon with her daughter, Tennyson, by 1920. She died in 1932. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, R B Saxon family biography link, <i>Martin and Allied Families</i> link</p> <u>The Ernest Edward Ivey family</u>	



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- Ernest Ivey was from Baker County. He married Annie Pounds in Baker County in 1898.
- The couple farmed in Baker County until moving to Shellman in 1905, buying the lot at 33 Cheney St. In 1908, they bought the house at 47 E Phelps St. Ivey's brother, R F Ivey, had moved to Shellman in 1901.
- Ivey was a carpenter and house painter.
- By 1920, the Iveys were renting this house on Calhoun St; they purchased it in 1921. The family remained here until Annie Ivey died in 1933.
- By 1935, Ivey had moved to Florida to live with the family of his son-in-law, Charley Gainey, after his daughter died. Ivey died in 1943.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Willie Joe Wall family

- Joe Wall was from Randolph County, the son of Jeff & Josie Wall (See 3041 Calhoun St). He and Eddie Mae Avera were married in Alabama in 1930.
- The Walls purchased this house in 1934 and lived here until 1954.
- In Shellman, Joe Wall was a bailiff, then a policeman. He later was a policeman in Cuthbert.
- Eddie Mae Wall died in 1972; Joe Wall died in 1988 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3072 Calhoun St



The NW corner of the tract purchased from the Crittenden Brothers by O B Stevens in 1882.

8/27/1885	<p>From O B Stevens to Charles W Martin</p> <p>Notes: 1 acre (126' N/S x 363' E/W), no improvements. Bounded on the north by the patch of H A Crittenden. It is the NW corner of the Stephens purchased in 1882.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/479</p>
7/21/1888	<p>From Crittenden family to Charles W Martin</p> <p>Notes: Added 30' frontage on Calhoun St to the north side of Martin's lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/773</p>
9/8/1900, 12/8/1902, 10/26/1935, 4/8/2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Charles W Martin to T E Allen, Sr. in 1900, with a mortgage satisfied in 1902. • Allen's daughter, Susie Allen Land, purchased the interests of the other heirs in 1935. • The property was sold by Mrs. Land's granddaughters in 2005. <p>Notes: (150' N/S x 360' E/W), bounded on the north by the Terry lot. Known as the Charles W Martin original home place.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF/522, HH/443 (mortgage satisfied), XX/215, I19/251</p>
<p><u>The Charles Wiley Martin family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C W Martin was the son of Rev. John and Martha Truett Martin, growing up on their farm in Randolph County. He married Susie Pruett in 1883. • The couple made their home in Shellman; they built a house at 3072 Calhoun St in 1885. • Martin was a prominent farmer and businessman who was featured in several newspaper articles, especially one in 1914 link. He was a partner in a retail business and cotton brokerage with his brother, I A Martin. In addition, he organized and was president of the Shellman Home Mixture Guano Company. • In 1901, the Martins built a new home at 30 E Railroad St (link). They remained there until their deaths; hers in 1942 and his in 1943. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, <i>Martin and Allied Families</i> link, <i>Men of Mark</i> link</p>	
<p><u>The Thomas Eugene Allen, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen was from Randolph County. He married Sallie Lee in Terrell County in 1878. • The Allens farmed in Randolph County. They lived on the farm until moving here in 1900. Allen almost did not live to make the move; he was poisoned, almost fatally, in 1899 (link). • In 1901, Allen and his neighbor, Mrs. R B Saxon, purchased a lot across Calhoun St on which they built a Christian Science Hall. Allen was first reader. • The Allens lived here until they died (he in 1915, she in 1929). 	



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- In 1930, the house was occupied by their son, Walter L Allen. Refer to 160 W Phelps St for information on his family.
- In 1935, their daughter, Mrs. William L (Susie Allen) Land, bought the interests of the other heirs and became sole owner (See below).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The William Nathaniel Land family

- Susie Allen was the daughter of T E Allen, Sr. (See above). Willie Land was from Jackson, Georgia. He moved to Shellman around 1910 to be a bookkeeper for his brother-in-law, O A Crittenden. Susie and Willie were married in 1919.
- Initially the Lands lived on a farm near Martin's Academy. In 1935, Susie Land bought the interests of the other heirs and became sole owner of this house on Calhoun St. In 1940, five of Shellman's school teachers boarded here. Source: 1940 census [link](#)
- Willie Land operated a grocery store.
- The Lands lived here until their deaths; his in 1958 and hers in 1974. By the 1960s, the family of her daughter, Sara Lee (Mrs. Ree) Fulford, also lived here. They occupied the house until around 2000, and sold it in 2005.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

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3091 Calhoun St



- No early deeds for this lot have been located.
- Deeds for adjacent lots reveal that J W Clark owned the livery stable (50 Randolph St) and another nearby lot on Calhoun St (#3109) by 1885.

<p>7/28/1885, 11/24/1885, 1/16/1886, 4/8/1886</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J W Clark to J B Payne in 1885 • From J B Payne to Hiram A Crittenden in 1885 • From Crittenden to Gilbert L Clark in 1886 <p>Notes: “<i>Nearly half-acre</i>” lot, apparently with house in 1885. Bounded north by lot of J W Clark; west by J W Jones; south by land of J B Payne (Church St has not yet been opened). The deed from 4/8/1886 expands the lot to the south, and reveals that Gilbert Clark has built a house and lives on the lot. Source: Deed Book/GG/542, GG/544, GG/545, GG/543</p>
<p>8/19/1887</p>	<p>From Gilbert L Clark to Mrs. A S Lester Notes: Half-acre lot with house (roughly 141’ N/S x 170’ E/W). Bounded north by lot of J W Clark; west by J W Jones; south by land of J B Payne (Church St has not yet been opened). Source: Deed Book/GG/546</p>
<p>1/17/1900, 2/10/1900</p>	<p>From Mrs. A S Lester to Mrs. S J Payne to H A Crittenden to the Trustees of the Shellman Methodist Church Notes: ¾ acre lot with house. Bounded east by Calhoun St; south by Church St; west by the Sandlin lot; and north by the Standley lot. The house becomes the Methodist parsonage. Source: Deed Book/GG/547, FF/488 (2 deeds)</p>
<p>11/22/1911, 9/30/1912</p>	<p>From Trustees of the Methodist Church to R L Hart Notes: Now bounded on the north by the John Bius lot. This Methodist parsonage is replaced by one at 160 W Phelps St Source: Deed Book/MM/208, NN/285</p>
<p>3/15/1928, 7/23/1979</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H J Williams (the Hart’s nephew) to Mrs. W E Jernigan in 1928 • From Mrs. Jernigan to her son, Gene Jernigan, in 1979 <p>Notes: Bounded north by Mrs. W Y Johnson; east by Farmers Supply Co. (formerly Sandlin). Source: Deed Book/TT/171, SS2/615</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built “<i>in 1886 of heart pine, prepared by the lumberman who built it.</i>” Source: <i>Driving Tour</i> (2015). Tax records also say the house was built in 1886. • Later deeds: SS6/361 	
<p>The Gilbert L Clark family For information on the Clark family, see 173 W Phelps St.</p>	
<p>The Barnard Hill Lester family</p>	



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B H Lester was the son of a prominent Methodist minister who served many towns in SW Georgia, including Cuthbert. B H followed his father by becoming a Methodist minister in 1872; he was assigned to Ft. Gaines.

- He and Alzoah Standley from Coleman were married in 1873.
- In 1874, he lost nearly all of his sight ([link](#)). He resigned from the ministry the next year ([link](#)), and the family lived on a farm near Coleman.
- In 1887, the family bought this house on Calhoun St. B H studied law in Dawson and was admitted to the bar in 1888 ([link](#), [link](#)). He practiced law in Shellman and became city clerk ([link](#)). He was Shellman's first known lawyer, and one of the few who ever practiced here. In 1894 he argued a case involving his wife which reached the Supreme Court of Georgia ([link](#)).
- Alzoah and her two children all suffered serious illnesses, which may have been consumption (tuberculosis). Her son moved to Ocala for his health in the 1890s. Alzoah and her daughter joined him in 1900 ([link](#)), where she died in 1901 ([obituary](#)). All three of her children died by 1905.
- Alzoah sold this house when she moved to Ocala in 1900. B H moved to Worth County, probably by 1897, where he taught school ([link](#)). He died there in 1924.

Source: Ancestry.com: B H Lester [link](#), Alzoah Standley Lester [link](#)

The Robert L Hart family

- Hart was from Alabama. He was in Randolph County by 1881, when he married Martha Williams.
- The Harts lived on their farm in Randolph County until buying this house in 1912. Robert Hart died in 1918. By 1920, his widow had moved back to the farm, where she died in 1926.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The William (Willie) Eugene Jernigan family

- Willie Jernigan was from Randolph County. He married Donnie Wall in 1921. The Jernigans bought this house in 1928 and remained here until their deaths; his in 1976 and hers in 1988.
- Jernigan operated a store on Buford St which sold groceries and dry goods.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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3041 Calhoun St

Part of a tract sold to Mrs. S A Daniel by Joseph B Payne in 1889.	
11/27/1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Dr. W R Terry (Deed not located) • In 1900, from Dr. Terry to his mother, Mary Terry (life interest), and then to his unmarried daughters, Ella & Fanny Terry (remainder interest) <p>Notes: Seven-acre tract. The 1910 census suggests that there was a rental house here, occupied by the C B George family (link).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/138</p>
10/4/1918	<p>From the Terry family to Jeff Wall</p> <p>Notes: Four acres, including a house occupied by H W Prothro. Known as “<i>the Bottom.</i>”</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/00/513, UU/431 (mortgage)</p>
2/26/1954	<p>From the heirs of Jeff Wall to A J Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes: The lot is reduced to 250’ N/S x 125’ E/W. No house is mentioned, and tax records say the current house was built in 1960. Presumably the original house was lost. <p>Source: Deed Book/KK1/245-6</p>
4/4/1960, 6/14/1960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From A J Wall to A B Branan • From A B Branan to A L & Mrs. Grace Wall <p>Notes: Lot with house (100’ N/S x 200’ E/W). Bounded north by the Mamie Hammock estate; south by the Wall estate. Sold by the family in 2019.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ1/436, QQ1/452</p>
Later Deeds: SS12/441 (Tract #1)	
<p><u>The Jefferson Wall (aka Walls) family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Wall was from Randolph County, the son of Enoch and Susan Wall. He married Josephine (Josie) West in 1885. • Wall was a farmer. The family lived on their farm south of Shellman for many years. In 1910, Wall bought the property of W S Edwards in Lot/5/257, consisting of a gin, store, and residence (Deed Book/NN/100). • The family moved to this house on Calhoun St in 1918. In Shellman, Jeff continued to farm, and he later worked in a general store. • Thee family remained here until their deaths; his in 1942 and hers in 1949. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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3020 Calhoun St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
8/7/1882, 9/14/1895	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden family to O B Stevens in 1882 From the Crittenden family to O B Stevens in 1895 <p>Notes: These two lots were adjacent to lands of H A Crittenden on the north.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 acres (660' square) in 1882. 3 acres, extending the lot 198' eastward, in 1895. The property in the 1895 deed had been sold by Stevens in 1886. This deed was likely recorded later to correct the records. <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/321, EE/521</p>
11/1/1886, 1900-2, 10/29/1914, 9/26/1919, 1/1/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From O B Stevens to his aunt, Louranie (Mrs. Thomas S) Goode in 1886 The Goode heirs sold their shares to J O Hammock, husband of their sister, Mattie (Three deeds from 1900-1902) From J O Hammock to his wife, Mrs. Mattie A Hammock, in 1914 From Mattie Hammock to her son, Olin Hammock, in 1937 <p>Notes: The tract size changed over time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12-acre tract by 1896--the original tract has been reduced by one acre sold to C W Martin. Known as the Goode Place in 1900. A house was likely built between 1886 and 1890. In 1912, a 74-acre tract to the south was added, but later sold to become part of the Crittenden orchard. In 1919, Hammock acquired six acres from the widow of R L Hart (See 3010 Calhoun St). In 1937, the tract was 19 acres; Mattie gave it to her son Olin shortly before she died. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/522, HH/10, HH/81, HH/323, NN/298, NN/450, OO/217 (mortgage), OO/237 (mortgage), PP/104, TT/527 (Mortgage), YY/274</p>
12/28/1949	<p>From J G Hammock (Olin Hammock's brother) to L D Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: Crittenden used the houses as rental property.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/GG1/164</p>
5/7/1951	<p>From L D Crittenden to Assembly of God Church</p> <p>Notes: Crittenden sold ½ acre on which a church was built (now 3010 Calhoun St). The deed located the driveway to the Hammock house, still standing, just north of the lot conveyed in this deed. Plat Book/6/112 (1986) shows the path of the driveway.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/II1/193</p>
1/1/1965	<p>From L D Crittenden to Jack & Ann Laye</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/UU1/553</p>
<p>Later deeds: AA2/461, MM3/295-8 (Tract #4), MM4/9-13 (Tract #5), GG6/247-8, Plat Book/6/112 (1986), Plat Book/12/80 (2013)</p>	
<p>Obediah Benjamin (Tobe) Stevens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O B Stevens was from Terrell County. He and Julia Lofton were married in Dawson in 1867. 	



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- He was a prominent farmer and businessman (fertilizer and warehouses) in Terrell and Randolph Counties. In 1899, he was elected Commissioner of Agriculture for Georgia and later served on the Railroad Commission.
- Stevens built a cotton warehouse nearby, owning it from 1882-1889 (See 10 Peoples St).
- He bought this tract on Calhoun St in 1882 and expanded it in 1895. His reason for buying the tract is unclear. He bought it at the time he was building a cotton warehouse nearby, so it may have been in connection with that. He sold it to his elderly aunt in 1886.
- Stevens lived in Dawson before moving to Atlanta, where he died in 1916 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

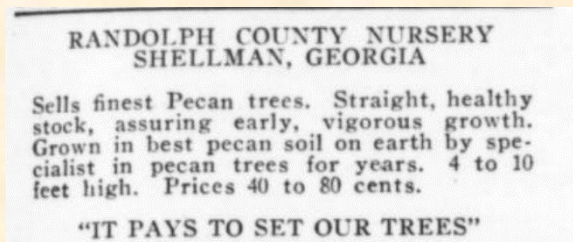
The Thomas Sydenham (Syd) Goode family

- Syd Goode was from Stewart County, but was orphaned at a young age and raised in Baldwin County. He and Louranie Pierce were married in Jefferson County in 1858. He served in the Civil War and was held prisoner for a time.
- In 1880, the Goode family operated a farm in the SE portion of Randolph County.
- In 1886, Louranie purchased this tract from her nephew, O B Stevens. It appears from the 1890 Randolph County Tax Digest that Goode owned both the farm and a place in Shellman, and probably lived in town ([link](#)).
- She died in 1889 ([notice](#)). He married Alice Breedlove in 1890 and started a second family. Alice purchased a half-interest in the Bius & Goode Warehouse (See 10 Peoples St).
- He died in Shellman in 1896 ([notice](#)). She sold the warehouse and moved to Dawson, where she died in 1925.
- Goode's children by his first wife sold the property to their sister's husband in 1902.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Joseph Oscar Hammock family

- Joseph Hammock was from Cuthbert, the son of Vincent & Amanda Hammock. He and Mattie Goode were married in 1884.
- The Hammocks initially lived on a farm south of Shellman, possibly her father's land.
- He purchased his deceased father-in-law's home on Calhoun St from the heirs over a period from 1900-1902. They likely moved here at the time of the purchase.
- In 1911, they sold a 7/8-acre parcel with house facing on Calhoun St to R L Hart. It is thought that the Hammocks lived in a house behind the Hart house, connected to Calhoun St by a driveway on the north boundary of the Hart house. Hart used his house as rental property (See 3010 Calhoun St). In 1919, they repurchased the Hart house. They also used it as rental property, but for a time it appears that the family occupied both houses: one by Mattie, and one by the family of her son, Olin.
- Hammock continued to farm. He also operated a pecan nursery ([link](#)), as shown in the ad at right from *The Progressive Farmer* ([link](#)).
- They remained here until their deaths; his in 1929, and hers in 1938 ([obituary](#)).
- Their son Olin was given the property in 1937 (See below).
- Another son, Goode Hammock, sold the house in 1949, after Olin moved away.



Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Olin Clark Hammock family



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- Olin Hammock was the son of Joseph and Mattie Hammock (See above). He served in WW I. Afterwards he attended Vanderbilt and studied law at the University of Michigan.
- Olin and Elizabeth Matteson were married in Detroit in 1924. After graduation, the Hammocks moved to Florida.
- By 1930, the family returned to Shellman. They lived in one of the two houses on this tract (#3020 or #3010). Mattie Hammock lived in the other house, as did her other son, Goode.
- Hammock was a lawyer, one of very few known to have practiced in Shellman.
- The family moved to Macon circa 1948, where he worked at Warner Robbins AFB. They later moved to Byron, where he again practiced law. He died there in 1972 ([obituary](#)). She died there in 1978 ([obituary](#)).

The Lewis D Crittenden family

For information on the Crittendens, see 3338 Pearl St.

3010 Calhoun St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Goode/Hammock Place (See 3020 Calhoun St)	
11/13/1911	From J O Hammock to R L Hart Notes: 7/8-acre lot with house. Hart used the house as rental property. Source: Deed Book/NN/210
9/26/1919	From Hart's widow to J O Hammock Notes: Six-acre tract. Hart had acquired six acres from Hammock, facing on Calhoun St, which his widow sold back to Hammock. The property conveyed in 1911 was included in this deed. Source: Deed Book/PP/104
12/28/1949	From J O Hammock to L D Crittenden Notes: The Hart property was absorbed back into the Hammock property in 1919. The house is thought to have still been standing; if so, Crittenden used it as rental property. Source: Deed Book/GG1/164
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1951, Crittenden sold ½ acre in approximately this location, to the Assembly of God Church. They built a new sanctuary here. • For further information on the property, refer to 3020 Calhoun St. 	

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2935 Calhoun St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

2/2/1910	<p>From H A Crittenden to H O Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: 1 1/8 acre, with improvements. Bounded “on east by street known as Calhoun, on the south by the street running by the Negro school house and church (now called John Smith St), on the west by church property, and on the north by the land line separating Lot 269 and Lot 270...now familiarly known as the John Butts Lot.”</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/23</p>
12/28/1944, 8/1/1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mary Ada Crittenden to her daughter, Anna Lumpkin, and son, H Albert Crittenden, in 1944 • From the estate of H Albert Crittenden to Anna Lumpkin in 1966 (half interest, giving Anna Lumpkin sole ownership) <p>Notes: The lot has now been divided. This deed conveys the northern portion (110' N/S x 185' E/W). Bounded north by the vacant lot of the estate of John Smith; south by Leroy Melton and Sarah Gardner; west by Sarah Gardner.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL1/191, WW1/370</p>
12/10/1984	<p>From Anna Lumpkin to Hubert and Alice Jewell Melton</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD3/299, Plat Book/7/10 (1984)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax records say the house was built in 1866. If so, it was built when the lot was owned by Benjamin Franklin Adams, before it was acquired by the Crittenden family. • The house was kept as rental property by the Crittenden family until 1984.
	<p><u>John Butts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little information can be found on Butts. • In 1880, there was a John Butts who was an unmarried farm laborer living in SE Randolph County who was born circa 1845. He may have worked for W J Barfield. • In January, 1910, a John Butts died and was buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery; he was born in 1845. • The next month, this house was sold. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>



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Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
2/3/1896, 3/17/1937	<p><u>Original location, south of Shellman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">From H A Crittenden to the Trustees of Sweet Home Colored Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church in 1896From the church to J M Curry & L P Jay <p>Notes: 100' N/s x 150' E/W. The original church was located in Lot 5/273, just south of the Cuthbert-Dover Rd. Source: Deed Book/EE/546, YY/136</p>
11/20/1937, 3/4/1959	<p><u>Shellman location</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acquired by the Trustees of Sweet Home CME Church (Deed not located, but likely in 1937)From the Trustees of Sweet Home CME Church to Anna C Lumpkin and H Albert Crittenden. <p>Notes: 100' N/s x 150' E/W. The church relocated from Lot 5/273 to Calhoun St for 22 years. Source: Deed Book/BB1/163, PP1/205, Plat Book/7/203</p>
Later Deeds: RR5/134 (Part of Tract #1)	
<p><u>Sweet Home Colored Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The deeds are the only record of this church.It was located in Lot 5/273, just south of the Cuthbert-Dover Rd from 1896-1937The church owned this lot on Calhoun St from 1937-1959. There is no record of a sanctuary being built.	

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2911 Calhoun St



Part of the lot sold by H A Crittenden to H O Crittenden on 2/2/1910 (see 2935 Calhoun St)

7/5/1935	<p>From H O Crittenden to A L Stallings</p> <p>Notes: 60' N/S x 115' E/W. Located in the NW corner of the intersection of Douglass St and Calhoun St. Tax records say the house was built in 1891.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/140 (mortgage), XX/161, XX/314 (mortgage)</p>
7/6/1937, 5/20/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From A L Stallings to Susie Aycock (sheriff's sale) • From Aycock to D K Bynum, Jr. <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/274-5, AA1/262</p>
9/7/1946, 8/17/1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From D K Bynum, Jr. to Leroy & Annie Bell Melton in 1946 • Sold by the estate of Annie Bell Melton in 1999 <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/591-2, AA8/93, Plat Book/12/189 (2016)</p>
<p><u>The A L Stallings family</u></p> <p>Little information can be found on the Stallings family. She was mentioned in the Shellman society news in 1934-5. There was a Dr. A L Stallings in Cordele in the late 1930s.</p>	
<p><u>The Leroy Melton family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melton was from Randolph County. After his first wife died, he married a much younger Annie Bell Coleman in the 1930s. • The Meltons bought this house on Calhoun St in 1946. Leroy died in 1970; Annie kept the house until she died in 1999. • Melton was a farmer in 1920. By 1940, he was a truck driver. In 1950, he was a trucking contractor. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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2910 Calhoun St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
1/3/1896	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden family to R L Hart • From Hart to the Crittenden Brothers in 1896 <p>Notes: One-acre lot (210' square).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appears Hart built and operated a gin on this lot which he rented from the Crittenden family. • In 1896, Hart sold the lot and the gin equipment to the Crittenden Brothers. • The lot is located on the east side of Calhoun St, but the N/S location is not specific. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/486, EE/487</p>
The Hart Gin above and the Crittenden Gin below are almost certainly the same gin. There is no evidence that the Crittendens owned a second gin in this timeframe.	
4/20/1904, 12/2/1904, 3/17/1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden Brothers to Shellman Gin Co. in 1904 • From Shellman Gin Co to C W Martin in 1904 • From Martin to his wife, Mrs. S E Martin, in 1905 <p>Notes: 270' N/S x 162' E/W. Known as the Crittenden Gin Seat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crittendens sold the lot, but removed their gin equipment, presumably installing it in their lot on 40 Bethea St. • The deed says the lot is located in Lot 5/300, but later deeds show that this is incorrect; it is located in Lot 5/301. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/101, JJ/255, JJ/324</p>
2/6/1918, 1/1/1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. S E Martin to A L & W R Crittenden in 1918 • From the Crittendens to the Crittenden Fruit Co. in 1923 <p>Notes: The Crittendens acquired their old gin lot, this time to be part of the orchards operated by the Crittenden Fruit Co. See 2850 Calhoun St for subsequent history of this lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/429 (2)</p>



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2850 Calhoun St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
10/16/1901	<p>From O A Crittenden to J F & H O Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: This deed conveyed a one-third interest in the NW corner of Lot 5/301. It is the earliest deed that identifies this tract as a peach orchard.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/265</p>
11/13/1912, 3/12/1915	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crittendens sold 74 acres from this tract to W O Hammock in 1912, and repurchased it in 1915 under the name of "Crittenden Grove Co." • This tract became a pecan grove. Hammock operated a pecan nursery on his adjacent land; it is possible he planted the tract in pecan trees during his ownership. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/298, NN/481</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Crittenden Fruit Company consolidated the NW corner of Lot 5/301 in 1923 (Source: Deed Book/QQ/430) • Later deeds transfer the plot within the Crittenden family. By 1937, the tract is known as the Crittenden Pecan Orchard Tract. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/4, BB1/163, II1/192</p>	
<p>Later Deeds: RR5/134 (Part of Tract #1), Plat Book/5/43 (1977)</p>	
<p><u>Crittenden Fruit Co.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The company was formed by 1921, when it was the third-largest peach grower in Shellman (link). It was an equal partnership of five Crittendens: J F, H O, R S, A L, & W R. • The company acquired 128 acres in the NE corner of Lot 5/301 for use as an orchard in 1923. Part of the tract had been planted as a peach orchard by 1901. The orchard was connected to Calhoun St by a road on its northern boundary already known as Peach Orchard St. • <i>The Dawson News</i> gave an account of the firm in October, 1923 (link): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peaches: The article reported that the company was introducing 40 acres of a new variety, Hiley. ○ Pecans: the company had planted 65 acres in pecans since 1916, and were the largest of the early growers in Shellman. ○ Grapes: The company planned to plant 25 acres in grapes. ○ The acreage reported in the article equals the total tract owned by the company, so it is a complete inventory of their orchard. • It is likely that the peach orchard was located on a 54-acre tract fronting on Calhoun St, with the pecan grove on the 74-acre tract to the east). • By 1937, the tract was known as the Crittenden Pecan Orchard Tract, suggesting the peach orchard was no longer in operation. Of the original partners, only R S & H O Crittenden were still alive and deeds no longer referred to the Fruit Co. H O Crittenden was sole owner, and ownership descended in his family. 	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

2845 Calhoun St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
8/20/1902, 3/3/1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H A Crittenden to his daughter, Lizzie (Mrs. W R) Terry in 1902 • From Mrs. Terry's estate to her daughter, Carrie Frances (Mrs. C W) Pullen, in 1934 • Acquired by Mrs. Anna C Pipkin by 1939 (Deed not located) <p>Notes: Five-acre tract. The NE corner of the lot is the corner of Calhoun St and John Smith St. The lot contained one rental house in 1902 and five rental houses in 1939. Source: Deed Book/HH/475, WW/27, YY/149 (mortgage), ZZ/298 (mortgage), YY/292 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appears that these houses were always used as rental property. • The tract was converted to agri-business use by the 1960s. 	
<p><u>The Patterson Phillips family</u></p> <p>Note: The 1902 deed reveals that the Phillips family lived on the lot immediately south of this tract. The house no longer stands, and the lot has been absorbed into this tract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patt Phillips and Mariah Branch were married in Randolph County in 1869. • The family lived on a farm east of Ward's Station in 1880. By 1900, they were renting one of the houses on this tract. • Phillips was a farm laborer who worked for the Crittenden family. • Mariah died between 1900 and 1910. Patt was still living and farming in this general area in 1920. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

2705 Calhoun St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
11/10/1902	From H A Crittenden to H O Crittenden Notes: Half-acre lot (105' N/S x 210' E/W) with cabin in which Hamp Stevens lived. Bounded north by the Jesse Melton house and lot; south by the Anthony Adams house and lot (both owned by Roger S Crittenden). Source: Deed Book/HH/501
3/17/1942, 6/13/1956	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H O Crittenden to A M Roberts, Sr., in 1942 • By descent within the family until 2010 Notes: Bounded south by the Bounce Robinson lot. Source: Deed Book/BB1/454, VV10/503-5
<p><u>The Wade Hampton Stevens family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampton Stevens, Sr. was a wealthy planter from Marion County. In 1869, Stevens purchased Simon Wooten's farm, over 1,400 acres, south of the hundred-acre pond. Wooten moved to Calhoun County; Stevens moved to the Wooten Place. He died in 1876 (notice). • One of Stevens's sons, Monroe Stevens lived on a part of his father's farm (Lot 4/72). He was noted for his cabbage crops, and he advertised plants in Georgia newspapers (below). Stevens likely did not live in Shellman, but it was his mailing address. <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>FOR cabbage plants at 25c per 100 by mail prepaid, address Monroe Stevens, Shellman, . Ga.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of Monroe Stevens's sons was Hamp Stevens. • Hamp and Fannie Mae Ogletree were married at Indian Springs, Georgia, in 1901. • Hamp Stevens had at least three careers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He operated a grocery store in Dawson until 1893. ○ He operated a school near Shellman from 1894-1897 (link, link). In 1897, he took over the school in Edison, but resigned due to poor health. ○ By 1899, he was a Methodist minister (link). • It appears he lived in Randolph County from around 1895 until around 1901, when he married. It is likely, but not certain, that he lived in this house. There is no record of another Hamp Stevens living in Shellman. • He died of tuberculosis in 1924 (obituary). Source: Ancestry.com: Hampton Stevens, Sr. link ; Rev. Hamp Stevens link ; Stevens family (USGenWeb)	
<p><u>Ira V Roberts family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I V Roberts was the son of Rev. A M Roberts. He moved to Shellman as a child with his parents. He and Cloudie Roberts were married around 1940. They moved into this house in 1942. • Roberts was a farmer. • He was still living here in 1993. He died in 2010. Source: Ancestry.com link	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

2689 Calhoun St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- By descent to Mrs. Massie Crittenden Lane.

10/22/1929,
6/13/1956

- From Mrs. Massie Crittenden Lane to Augustus M Roberts, Sr.
- By descent to his widow (life interest), Mamie Roberts, in 1956; then to his children.

Notes: 20-acre tract with house. Known as the Jim Lippett Place in 1929.

Source: Deed Book/UU/28-9, MM1/247

- Tax records say the house was built in 1926.
- The property is still owned by the family.

Rev. Augustus Malachi Roberts, Sr. family

- Rev. Roberts was from Shorterville, Alabama. He moved to Ft. Gaines, where he and Mamie Brown were married in 1900.
- The family moved to Shellman, probably at the time they purchased this 20-acre tract in 1929. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1956 ([notice](#)) and hers in 1975 ([obituary](#)).
- In 1942, Rev. Roberts purchased the house and lot to the north, 2705 Calhoun St. The family of his son, I V Roberts, lived there.
- Roberts was a farmer and a Methodist minister. He served the Bethel AME Church on John Smith St.
- The Robertses were prominent in AME circles. In 1949, the Presiding Bishop named them the “*No. 1 Mother and Father of Georgia*”. In 1963, Shellman’s new public housing project was named for him ([link](#)).
- One of his sons, Rev. Grady Roberts, also served as a pastor at Bethel AME Church, around 1937 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

2534 Calhoun St



This ten-acre lot was part of a 302-acre tract, which included:

- Lot 5/301 (southern half), which was part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Lot 5/300, which was part of the David Ferguson Place acquired by the Crittendens in 1881

<p>11/11/1907, 2/19/1946</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From R F & F M Crittenden to John Mercer Wooten, Sr. in 1907 • From Mrs. Wooten to Mrs. Pauline Bower (Mrs. Manry) Stewart in 1946 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 302-acre tract that is the southern strip of Land Lot 5/301 and Lot 5/300. Known as the Ferguson Place. This house is in Lot 5/301. • No improvements are listed in either deed. Tax records say the house was built in 1941. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/229, DD1/401</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Manry Stewart family lived in this house in the 1940s before moving back to the Bower house at 3455 Pearl St. Refer there for information on the family. • The house was used as rental property before being occupied by the family of their daughter. The lot has been reduced to ten acres. • Later Deeds: UU4/42, Plat Book/7/203 (1992) 	

2499 Calhoun St (Fictitious street number)

Owned as farmland by Z T Phelps, Mrs. M J Oliver, and B K Arthur	
8/10/1891	<p>From B K Arthur to Chance Reddick</p> <p>Notes: Two vacant acres, the NE corner of Lot 5/271</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ OO/130</p>
3/12/1917	<p>From the Reddick family to T R Arthur & J G Thompson</p> <p>Notes: There is no further mention of this house, which likely was used as rental property until it was demolished.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ OO/207</p>
<p><u>Chance Reddick family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chance Reddick was from Houston County. He and Mariah Willis were married in Randolph County in 1876. • Chance was a farm laborer. • The family lived near Brooksville in 1880, before buying this house in 1891. • Chance died by 1900. Mariah remained here until the property was sold in 1917. She moved to Macon with her daughter, Annie. She died in Macon in 1951 (link). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Carver St

Carver St was probably created in 1913 when Mike Cox developed the Cox Addition (Refer to Cox Addition under Buford Circle). It was not named at the time. There were residential lots on the south side of the street; most were vacant until at least 1950. A few were undoubtedly the site of homes, but neither the tax records nor deeds allow them to be identified. The north side of the street was undeveloped until the Douglass School was closed and replaced by a new school in 1953. At that time, the street was referred to as New School St, and later Carver St.

Censuses of Carver St

- The few residents of Carver St residents were listed on Buford St until 1950; refer there for links.
- The 1950 census listed five families on an “unnamed street” that is Carver St.: [1950](#)

Plats of Carver St:

- Plat Book/1/200 (1952)
- Plat Book/1/220 (1953)
- Plat Book/4/30 (1969)
- Plat Book/9/37 (1988)

10 Carver St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909 (See Cox Addition).

10/6/1914,
11/13/1922

- From M W Cox to Ethel Smith in 1914
 - From Smith to James Bridges in 1922
- Notes: 165’ N/S x 33 1/3’ E/W.
- Vacant in 1922; the mortgage in 1928 reveals that there was a house on the lot.
 - The deed identifies the tract as Cox Addition, Lot #2. This conflicts with deeds for 19 Buford St, also identified as Lot #2.
 - This lot cannot be precisely located.
 - No subsequent deeds can be located, and the house has been lost, so no tax records can be found.
 - The censuses locate the Bridges family in this vicinity. The 1930 and 1940 censuses do not separately identify Carver St; any residents were listed on Buford St. The 1950 census places the family on an “unnamed street”, which must be Carver St.

Source: Deed Book/QQ/311 (2), TT/73 (mortgage), Plat Book/9/37 (1988)

The James Bridges family

- James Bridges was from Alabama. He and Evaline Hightower were married in 1899.
- The family lived in Georgetown in 1910. They bought this lot in 1922 and built this house.
- James was a farmer. After his death, Evaline was a laundress.
- James remained here until he died in the 1930s. Evaline lived here with two daughters in 1940. In 1950, she was still here; her mother and a granddaughter lived with her. There is no further record of the family or this house.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#) , censuses: [1930](#), [1940](#), [1950](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Cheney St

Cheney St extends from College St on the west to Division St on the east. It was created in 1905 to allow C M Cheney to divide his newly acquired land and sell lots. He began doing so in 1905, and completed the process with his College Place Addition in 1910.

Censuses of Cheney St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Cheney St

- Deed Book/MM/40-41 (1910)
- Plat Book/2/118 (Recorded in 1960, but it appears to have been drawn circa 1910)
- Plat Book/2/260 (1962)
- Plat Book/6/35 (1983)

Fanny Cheney Tract, Cheney St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

12/30/1895, 11/1/1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden family to Fanny A Cheney, daughter of Hiram A Crittenden, in 1895 • From Cheney's estate to her husband, C M Cheney, in 1904. <p>Notes: 70.7 acres, less about 10 acres previously sold. The tract stretches from College St on the west to the boundary of Lot/4/17, and from E Phelps St on the south to Pine St on the north. Exceptions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 acres in the SW corner for the lot of Mrs. S J Payne and the lot of Ellie Wilson • 1 acre in the SE corner, unidentified • 1 acre, formerly the AME parsonage, known as the Frank Melton lot • 4 acres in the NW corner (the cemetery lot) • A 30' strip for the street later named Division St. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/485 (Tract #2, with plat), KK/115-7 (Tract #3)</p>
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- This tract was later subdivided to create the College Place Addition and other lots on Cheney St and Division St.
- A drawing of the tract is shown in Deed Book/[EE/485](#). A later view, after subdivision, is shown in Plat Book/[2/118](#).
- For information on Fanny Cheney, refer to 4001 Pearl St.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

33 Cheney St



Part of the 60-acre tract purchased from the Crittenden family by Fanny Crittenden Cheney in 1895 (See Fanny Cheney Tract)

<p>12/19/1905, 11/8/1907, 12/6/1909, 5/15/1958</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to E E Ivey in 1905 • From Ivey to Tucker Curry in 1907 • From Tucker Curry to his wife, Belle Curry, in 1909 • From Belle Curry to her son, John M Curry, who kept a life interest, giving the remainder interest to his children in 1958. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-acre vacant lot (210' square) in 1905. Bounded east by Coxwell's lot. • Ivey probably built a house here by the time of the 1907 sale; the Currys were here in the 1910 census link. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/577, LL/234, MM/6, OO1/365, Plat Book/2/118 (1960)</p>
<p>3/20/1967</p>	<p>From the Curry family to Lorene Sullivan & Lorene Yvonne Sullivan</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX1/96, GG7/76</p>
<p>Tax records say the current house on the lot was built in 1957. It appears that the original house was replaced.</p>	
<p><u>The William Marion (Tucker) Curry family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curry was from Randolph County. He married Lucy Belle Manry in 1901. They lived here in 1910 and 1920. • Curry owned a barber shop. • Curry died in 1926; Belle remained here until her death in 1958. Their son John lived here with his family from the 1930s until 1967. <p>Source: Ancestry.com: W M Curry link, Belle Curry link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

48 Cheney St

- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased from the Crittenden family by Fanny Crittenden Cheney in 1895 (See Fanny Cheney Tract)
- The present-day lot was assembled from two separate lots after 1972.

9/8/1906, 9/11/1972	<p><u>Western portion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to Alice Lee Dennis in 1906 • From Miss Dennis's heirs to Robert Lee and Elizabeth Price in 1972 <p>Notes: 1-acre vacant lot ("<i>practically</i>" square dimensions). In 1906, bounded east by C M Cheney; south by Susan Wilson; west by Dr. E C McCurdy. There is no evidence of a house on this lot during the time it was owned by Ms. Dennis; the Prices appear to have built the first house in 1977.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/15, FF2/193, LL2/68-9</p>
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11/15/1909, 9/9/1910, 12/31/1921, 6/1/1928, 10/1/1929, 12/21/1939, 7/26/1947, 6/5/1957	<p><u>Eastern portion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to W D Bryant in 1909. Bryant bought a 2.5-acre tract. He built a house in the NW corner of the lot; it may have been rented to G A Roberts in 1910. Source: Deed Book/NN/17 • Bryant sold that ½-acre NW corner to D W Roberts in 1910. Source: Deed Book/NN/78 • In 1921, T H Halliburton purchased the house from Roberts' estate. Roberts' widow was now remarried to R L Halliburton. Source: Deed Book/QQ/60 • From Halliburton to S J Payne, both of Bibb County Source: Deed Book/TT/235-6 • From Payne to Mrs. Nellie Johnson in 1929. Source: Deed Book/UU/17 • From Mrs. Johnson to J W Walker in 1939 Source: Deed Book/AA1/70 • From Walker to J E McGlaun & J P Gunnells in 1947 Source: Deed Book/EE1/362 • McGlaun acquired sole ownership in 1949 Source: Deed Book/FF1/557 • From McGlaun to George & Fannie Mae McSwain in 1957. Source: Deed Book/FF1/559, NN1/379-80, Plat Book/2/260 (1962)
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Combined Lot

- The deed(s) combining these two lots have not been located.
- The house on the eastern portion of the lot was destroyed at an unknown date.

The William D Bryant family

- Bryant sold this house on Cheney St in 1910. He purchased the house at 239 E Ward St in 1917. It is not clear where the Bryants lived in the interim.
- See 239 E Ward St for information on the family.

The Daniel Washington Roberts family

- Roberts was from Georgetown. He married Mamie Walker in Randolph County in 1901.
- Roberts was an employee of the railroad. The family seems to have lived in Macon. It is unclear whether they occupied this house in Shellman. Perhaps they bought with the intent of living near Mamie's family.
- Roberts died in Macon in 1918 as a result of a fall from a railroad trestle ([link](#)).
- Mamie then married Robert L Halliburton of Macon, who also lost his spouse in 1918. She sold the house in Shellman to T W Halliburton in 1921.
- Mamie died in Macon in 1952.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

College Place Addition, Cheney St

The College Place Addition was a subdivision developed by C M Cheney on land inherited from his wife, Fanny Cheney (See Fanny Cheney Tract). Located along Cheney St and E Phelps St, it consisted of 54 lots, the majority being .17 acres (50' x 150'). The lots were sold at auction on 3/24/1910 ([link](#)). These lots have not been listed individually; some deeds have been located, and are listed below, as well as plats from 1910 and 1960.

PAGE TWELVE THE DAWSON NEWS MARCH 23, 1910.

Grand Auction Sale of Lots At "College Place"

Shellman, Georgia, Beginning at 10 O'clock, A. M.

50 beautifully located lots in this new residential addition to Shellman will positively be sold on the above date to the highest bidder. Shellman is on the eve of great expansion and has outgrown her original limitations. New territory has to be opened up for the homeseeker who would make Shellman his home. It is to meet the demand for choice residence property within reasonable distance from the business section that College Place has been developed, and it is to encourage immediate building that 50 desirable lots in this addition will be offered for sale. New streets are laid out and being graded; the lots are all surveyed and numbered; shade trees are being planted, and every improvement added that will make it a thoroughly up-to-date residence section.

<p style="text-align: center;">Why Pay Rent</p> <p>when for a small sum invested here you can be your own landlord? Easy terms will permit you to do this. Shellman is growing fast. Buy now and reap the reward in the rapid growth of values sure to come in an investment in College Place.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Hint for Country Folks.</p> <p>You could not move to a better community to educate your children, for here in Shellman you will have the best educational facilities. College Place is within one minute's walk of the Public School building. Your family here will be surrounded by the most healthful and refined influences of a splendid society of folks. Real estate is the safest investment and most productive investment in the world. College Place is your opportunity.</p>
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A \$250 Lot Will Be Given Away Free on the Day of Sale. Also \$20 in Gold.

The Shellman Military Band has been specially engaged for the day and will give one of their famous band concerts for the entertainment of those present. Col. J. C. Morrow of Pittsburg, Pa., the famous real estate auctioneer, will conduct the sale. It will be a treat to hear him alone. Railroad fare returned to persons purchasing a lot who reside within 100 miles of Shellman. Everybody invited. Everybody welcome. Remember the date,

Thursday, March 24th, 1910

Southern Land Development Co.

R. E. MORROW, Sales Manager. — — — Shellman, Georgia.

Plats: Deed Book/MM/40-41 (1910); Plat Book/2/118 (1960), 6/35 (1983)

Deeds:

- MM/40-41
- NN/38-41 & 43-4 & 47-50, 52-3, 263, 351, 433-4, 476
- XX1/365



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Church St

In the early days of Shellman, new homes were being built in the area south of the downtown commercial district. This street was opened in 1884/5 to connect Calhoun St with Buford St. It acquired its name, Church St, in 1888 when the newly formed Shellman Baptist Church purchased a lot, which they later described as "*a lot in the southeast portion of town, acclaimed at that time to be the most desirable residential section.*" Over time, the street took on more of a commercial/industrial character; only one residential lot remains today.

Plats of Church St

- Plat Book/7/269 (1994)
- Plat Book/11/123 (2010)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

13 Church St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/10/1884, 1/14/1891, 12/14/1892, 12/26/1892	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J B Payne to J H Ellerbee in 1884 • From Ellerbe to Joseph O Hammock in 1891 • From Hammock to Martha J Hart in 1892 • From Hart to H A Crittenden in 1892 <p>Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre trapezoidal lot; south along Buford St (96'); west along Church St (303'); north along street running by Wall's stables (90'); west (to starting point) along the southern line of Mrs. S J Payne's lot. The price suggests there are improvements on the lot by 1884, but they are not mentioned. Source: Deed Book/AA/384, CC/424, CC/774, CC/795</p>
10/1/1900, 11/5/1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H A Crittenden to T N Spurlock in 1900 • From Crittenden to the Peoples Bank of Shellman in 1902 <p>Notes: Same dimensions as in 1892. Bounded north by the lot of Mrs. S J Payne.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1900 deed reveals that Crittenden has erected a house and was renting it to J S Sale, who was a policeman. • Spurlock purchased the lot on credit. He did not pay the note, moving instead across the street to 46 Church St. Crittenden then sold the lot to his family's bank. <p>Source: Deed Book/II/432, HH/397, 1900 census link</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peoples Bank divided the lot in 1902: 13 Church St and 37 Church St. • Refer to 37 Church St for subsequent history of that lot. 	
10/7/1904, 10/30/1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Peoples Bank to E W Plowden in 1904 • From Plowden to J J Roberts in 1904 • From Roberts to Mrs. E M Crittenden in 1905 <p>Notes: Half-acre trapezoidal lot; south along Buford St (96'); west along Church St (223'); north along lot of Mrs. M A Young (90'); west (to starting point) along the southern line of the lot of Mrs. S J Payne (now Murrow). A 1902 deed for 37 Church St reveals that Roberts was living on this lot in 1902 while it was still owned by Peoples Bank. Source: Deed Book/II/433-4, II/431-2, JJ/459, NN/64</p>
11/14/1913, 3/3/1920	<p>From Mrs. E M Crittenden to R W Dean</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same dimensions as previous deed. Now bounded east by T W Wall; north by residence of I J Lunsford. • In 1920, Dean mortgaged the lot; he lived on the lot at the time. <p>Source: Deed Book/MM/386, PP/269, XX/505 (mortgage)</p>
8/23/1943, 8/15/1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of R W Dean to W I Thurman in 1943 • From Thurman to Ruby Belle Thurman Ferguson in 1957 <p>Notes: The lot contained a house and a store in both deeds. Dean lived in the house and operated the store during his lifetime. Source: Deed Book/CC1/165-6, NN1/499</p>
1/30/1970	<p>From Ruby Belle Thurman Ferguson to J R Melton</p> <p>Notes: The store and house were still standing. Source: Deed Book/AA2/76</p>
<p>Later deeds: TT2/557, TT2/692, XX2/505, AA3/222, AA3/230</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

The J J Roberts family

- Roberts was a blacksmith when he lived here on Church St.
- The family moved to College St, and later to 3422 Pearl St; refer there for information on the family.

The Robert Whitman Dean family

- Whit Dean was from Harris County, the son of T E and Elmina Dean. He married Dorothy Belle Devane in Randolph County in 1893. She died in 1900; later that year, he married her widowed sister, Mrs. Katie Tison.
- Dean was a farmer in Randolph County until buying this lot in 1913. He operated a grocery store here in 1920, and a general merchandise store in 1930 and 1940.
- The Deans lived here until their deaths; hers in 1929 and his in 1940.
- By 1930, the family of their daughter, Ruby (Mrs. Edward) Nichols, also lived here. After Whit's death, they moved to 3374 Pearl St.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

20 Church St (Fictitious street number)

The early history of this lot is unknown.

10/8/1888	From W S Edwards to Shellman Baptist Church Notes: Half-acre vacant lot. Bounded west by Mrs. Billingslea, south by J B Payne, east by A A Dantzer. Known as the W S Edwards lot. Source: Deed Book/CC/96
1/2/1907	From O H Jordan to the Shellman Gin Co Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Bounded on the north by Church St, on the east by lot of J A Knighton, on the west by District Methodist Church parsonage, and on the south by a street running from the church to the gin. Source: Deed Book/LL/78
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This lot is combined with the gin property in 1907. The church building was lost at an unknown date. • Later Deeds: QQ/186, AA2/268, UU3/55 	
For information on the First Baptist Church of Shellman, refer to 3317 Pearl St.	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

37 Church St

Originally combined with the lot at 13 Church St. Refer there for the early history of this lot.	
11/24/1902	<p>From the Peoples Bank of Shellman to Mrs. Mary A Young Notes: ¼ acre vacant lot (95' N/S x 82.5' E/W). Bounded north by Planters Warehouse; east by Randolph St; south by Church St; west by land of Peoples Bank where J J Roberts lives. Source: Deed Book/NN/64</p>
11/28/1911	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. M A Young to T W Wall in 1911 • In 1942, from the estate of Robert Wall to Mrs. Minnie Lee Wall Grubbs Daniel (life interest), then to Gene Jernigan & Walter Wall (remainder interest) (Deed not located) <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1911, there is a house on the lot; bounded west by Mrs. E M Crittenden. • In 1922, described as a vacant lot (Source: Deed Book/QQ/239) • In 1942, the lot is known as the "<i>Robert Wall storage barn</i>". • Wall also owned the storage house across the street (See 10 Randolph St). <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/220</p>
4/15/1982	<p>From Gene Jernigan & Walter Wall to Man Holt (life interest), then to Charles Ragan (remainder interest) Notes: The lot is larger (106' N/S x 72' E/W). Man Holt has lived here for a number of years. Source: Deed Book/YY2/192</p>
<p><u>Mrs. Mary A Young</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little is known of Mrs. Young. She was married to John Young. The family lived on a small farm east of Shellman, probably by the mid-1870s. • Mrs. Young was renting the house at 179 Buford St when she bought this lot in 1902. She built a house here, which she sold in 1911. By 1910, she had moved, possibly to Moultrie. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Tilden Washington Wall family</u> Refer to 50 Church St for information on the Wall family.</p>	

30 Church St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Pitman & Crenshaw Gin Lot (See 40 Church St)	
2/6/1900	<p>From J T Barnes to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Notes: The gin lot is reduced to one acre. The remainder will soon be sold for a Christian Science Hall. Source: Deed Book/HH/297, Plat Book/7/269 (1994)</p>
3/31/2010	<p>From Purity Lodge #93 to Quality Gin Notes: 196' N/S x 222' E/W. The Lodge swaps its lot for the adjacent lot to the east. Source: Deed Book/SS10/564-6, Plat Book/11/123 (2010), 7/269 (1994)</p>
<p>For information on the Lodge, refer to 47 Park Ave</p>	



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40 Church St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Joseph B Payne Tract purchased in 1882 (See Joseph B Payne Tract). Known as the Gin Lot. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The original gin on this lot was likely built by J B Payne. Payne had earlier operated a gin in partnership with his father-in-law, Z T Phelps, and a Mr. Chambless; it was destroyed by fire in 1877 (link). It was likely located on Phelps's land rather than here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payne purchased this lot in 1882. He operated a gin in partnership with his brother, J A Payne. When J A Payne died in 1888, J B Payne continued the business in partnership with one of the Deans (link). An 1888 deed refers to Randolph St as Payne Gin St. The extension of the street leads to this location. A 1900 deed refers to the "old Payne gin lot" (Deed Book/HH/138). Later known as the Pitman & Crenshaw Gin Lot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An 1892 deed refers to this as "the gin lot", owned by E W Pitman. 	
3/27/1893	Leslie & Sword obtained a mortgage from Pitman & Crenshaw, presumably for this property (Deed of purchase not located)
1/3/1899	From W J Leslie to J T Barnes Notes: 1.375-acre lot, seemingly vacant. Bounded north by Church St; east by Mrs. H G Powell and Reid Crittenden. Source: Deed Book/GG/524
2/6/1900	Barnes divided the lot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One acre to the Trustees of the African-American Masonic Lodge (See 30 Church St) 3/8 acre to S T Turner, then to the Christian Science Hall (See 60 Church St)

44 Church St (Fictitious street number)

Probably part of the old First Baptist Church lot which was sold to the Shellman Gin Co. in 1907 (See 20 Church St)	
11/23/1912	From the Shellman Gin Co. to the Shellman Garage Co. Notes: 110' N/S x 52' E/W. The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of T W Wall's residence lot. This is a portion of the old First Baptist Church lot. Source: Deed Book/MM/287
6/15/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by Sam Sheffield (Deed not located, but by 1922) From Sheffield to his wife, Minnie Sheffield, in 1940 Notes: Bounded north by Church St. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1922, a deed for adjacent property refers to this as the Sheffield garage In 1940, referred to as the "old Shellman Garage." Source: Deed Book/AA1/376-7 (Tract #8)
1/21/1954	From Sam & Minnie Sheffield to Harvey Jordan Notes: The building still stood, but did not appear to be in use as a garage any longer. Source: Deed Book/KK1/114
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building was still standing in 1963, but the lot is vacant today; it has been reassimilated into the Quality Gin Co. Later deeds: TT1/112, PP5/37 	



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50 Church St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the six-acre tract purchased by Joseph B Payne in 1884 (See Joseph B Payne Tract)	
3/16/1885	<p>From J B Payne to Allen A Dantzler Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre (219' N/S x 132' E/W). Bounded by Church St on the north, J B Payne on the south and east, and Billingslea on the west. Source: Deed Book/BB/275</p>
7/14/1892	<p>From Allen A Dantzler to W R Curry Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre (219' N/S x 132' E/W). The price of \$600 suggests there is a house on the lot. Bounded east and south by "<i>lands of E W Pitman known as gin lot</i>", and west by Baptist Church. Source: Deed Book/CC/687</p>
9/11/1900	<p>From W R Curry to S T Turner Notes: Known originally as the Allen Dantzler place. Source: Deed Book/GG/590</p>
11/5/1902	<p>From S T Turner to Thomas N Spurlock Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre lot; this deed confirms that there is a house in which Turner resides. The lot to the east is now owned by the Christian Science Church, and to the south by the Colored Masonic Lodge. Source: Deed Book/HH/432</p>
11/27/1905, 9/22/1909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Thomas N Spurlock to John Mercer Wooten, Sr. in 1905 • From Wooten to T W Wall in 1909 <p>Notes: Bounded "<i>on the east by street running by Christian Science Hall, and south by Masonic Lodge</i>". This confirms that the Lodge was built by 1905. Source: Deed Book/JJ/513, LL/587, QQ/239 (mortgage), 1910 census link</p>
<p>No further deeds have been located for this lot. Deeds for adjacent lots reveal that the lot was owned by Mrs. H T Daniel by 1945 until at least 1958.</p>	
<p><u>The Allen A Dantzler family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Dantzler was from South Carolina. He married Martha Miller in South Carolina in 1853. • By 1856, he had moved to Weston, where he was a wagonmaker. After serving in the Civil war, he returned to Weston. • Around 1882, the Dantzlers moved near Dover. In 1885, Dantzler bought this lot on Church St. It is likely he built the first house on the lot. In 1888, Dantzler operated a wood shop (link). This may have been the blacksmith shop and wood shop built by John M Anthony and sold back to the Crittendens in 1884. • In 1892, Dantzler moved to Dawson, where he opened a new brick wood shop with blacksmith shop attached (link). • Dantzler listed his profession as carpenter and farmer before opening the shop in Dawson. • His obituary listed him a prominent churchman and mason (link). • Dantzler died in 1899. Martha Dantzler lived with the family of her son at 3299 Pearl St when she died in 1900 (notice). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Simeon P Turner and Mary Jane Ferguson Ward Turner families</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simeon Turner was from Hancock County. Both his parents died in 1849; John McClendon of Randolph County was appointed his guardian in 1853. After serving in the Georgia Calvary in the Civil War, he returned to Randolph County. 	



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- Mary Jane Ferguson was from Randolph County. She married William Abner Ward in 1858. The family lived on a farm near Coleman, where he died in 1867.
- Simeon and Mary Jane married in 1873. They lived on her farm until 1882, when she purchased land in the SW section of Shellman from J B Payne: 40 acres of Lot 5/263 (NE corner) and the west half of Lot 5/270. The land was part of the old David Ferguson Place; Mary Jane was likely his daughter. The family moved to Shellman, possibly living in a house that Payne vacated; the location is unknown.
- Mary Jane died in 1899. In 1900, Simeon purchased this house on Church St, and lived here with his two children. In 1906, he and his newly married daughter bought the lot at 84 E Railroad St, but did not build on it. By 1909, Turner had moved to Atlanta, where he lived with the family of his daughter. He died there in 1910, only five days after his daughter died ([obituary](#)).
- In 1888-1890, Mary Jane sold 2.75 acres from her holdings in Lot 5/270. Simeon and Mary sold the rest to M W Cox in 1909 (See Cox Addition).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

The Tilden Washington Wall family

- Wall was from Shellman, the son of Enoch & Susan Wall. He married a widow, Sallie Franklin West Culpepper, in 1900.
- The Walls acquired three lots at the intersection of Randolph and Church Streets:
 - 50 Church St in 1909
 - 37 Church St in 1911
 - 10 Randolph St (Deed not located)
- The Walls lived in the house at 50 Church St. The other houses were apparently used as “*storage houses*.”
- By 1918, the Walls had moved back to the farm. It does not appear that they moved back here. He died in 1926; she died in 1939.
- The house was occupied by Man Holt in 1982 when the remainder interest was sold by Wall’s descendants.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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60 Church St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Pitman & Crenshaw Gin Lot (See 40 Church St)	
12/19/1900, 8/29/1901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J T Barnes to S T Turner in 1900 • From Turner to Christian Science Organization of Shellman in 1901 <p>Notes: .375-acre vacant lot. Bounded north by Church St; east by lots of Mrs. Powell and W R Terry; south by the vacant lot of the Colored Masonic Lodge; west by S T Turner. Known as the north part of the Pitman & Crenshaw Gin Lot. Source: Deed Book/FF/552, HH/161, HH/162</p>
6/24/1942	<p>From the Trustees of the Christian Science Society to the Assembly of God, Shellman Notes: Bounded west by Mrs. H T Daniel; on east by Mrs. Mamie Hammock Self and Mrs. J W Wall. Source: Deed Book/CC1/57</p>
4/20/1945, 8/23/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Trustees of Assembly of God, Shellman, to Mrs. H T Daniel • From Mrs. Daniel to Willie Joe Wall <p>Notes: Bounded west by Mrs. H T Daniel; on east by Mrs. Mamie Hammock Self and Mrs. J W Wall. Source: Deed Book/DD1/239, DD1/240, FF1/393</p>
10/4/1958	<p>From Willie Joe Wall to Herman Hilton Notes: Wall sells the northern half of the lot, which includes to still-standing church building. Source: Deed Book/RR1/63</p>
Later deeds: NN2/85 (Tract #2), PP5/37, Plat Book/7/269 (1994)	
<p><u>Christian Science Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This lot was purchased in 1901 by T E Allen (First Reader) and Mrs. Tyree Martin Saxon (Second Reader) on behalf of the Christian Science Organization of Shellman. Two weeks earlier, the Organization had sold property adjacent to the Cristian Science Reading Room near Fountain Bridge (Deed Book/HH/157), likely to fund this purchase. • Mrs. Saxon came from a family of prominent Baptists; she converted to Christian Science after a miraculous healing (link). Allen was poisoned, almost fatally, in 1899 (link); perhaps that was a factor in his conversion. • The Hall was dedicated in October, 1902 (link). • The Christian Science congregation sold the hall in 1942. There is no further mention of a Christian Science congregation in Shellman, so presumably they were inactive by this time. • The Hall was purchased by the Assembly of God congregation. They sold it in 1945. They built a sanctuary at 3010 Calhoun St in 1953; it is not known where they worshipped in the interim. 	



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66 Church St (at Calhoun St)

Part of the Joseph B Payne Tract purchased in 1882 (See Joseph B Payne Tract).	
4/1884, 11/27/1884, 12/4/1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From J B Payne to F B Arthur to H G Powell in 1884From Powell to J R Mercer (possibly his father-in-law) in 1890 Notes: One-acre lot, "lying west of the public road leading by the residence of H A Crittenden and south of the street to be opened to road leading by the residence of G W Oliver". The "street to be opened" is Church St. <ul style="list-style-type: none">It appears that a house was built on the property in 1884, between the April and November deeds; the price of the lot increased from \$75 to \$525.The sale in 1890 seems to be a sale by Powell to his wife's family; perhaps her father purchased the house for her. Source: Deed Book/AA/318, AA/472, CC/380
9/3/1903	From Mrs. Hattie J Powell to B F Crittenden Notes: Half-acre lot, with improvements. Bounded north by Church St; east by Calhoun St; south by W R Curry; west within 3' of the Christian Science Hall. The lot has been reduced by half, presumably by selling the southern half to W R Curry. Source: Deed Book/HH/594
11/19/1906, 11/21/1907, 12/5/1921	From B F Crittenden to A C, C M, & W S Hammock in 1906/7 Notes: Bounded north by Church St; east by Calhoun St; south by W R Terry; west within 3' of the Christian Science Hall. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The 1906 purchase was subject to a mortgage by Crittenden, which was paid in full.Mamie Hammock (daughter of Amanda Powell, now Mrs. Mamie Self) again mortgaged the house in 1921. Source: Deed Book/KK/48-9, LL/236, QQ/54
Later deeds: JJ4/223	
<u>The Hiram Graves Powell family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hiram (Hight) Powell was from Crawford County. He was in Shellman by 1884, when he purchased this house. Three months later he married Harriet Mercer in Bibb County.Powell owned a store in Shellman in partnership with his brother (link). In 1898, he was operating as Powell & Dean, carrying "fancy groceries, dry goods, and shoes" (link).In 1903, the Powells sold this house and moved to Fitzgerald (link). They remained there until their deaths: his in 1939 and hers in 1950. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Amanda Powell Hammock family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amanda Powell Hammock was the mother of J O Hammock (see 3020 Calhoun St). She was a widow when she moved here in 1906, across the street from her son's family.She lived here with two children in 1910, and remained here until she died in 1919.Her widowed daughter, Mamie Hammock Self, occupied the house until at least 1950. No further record of her can be located after the 1950 census. Source: Ancestry.com link , link	



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College St

College St extends from the RR northward past Eastview Cemetery.

- The section north of E Phelps St (previously Plum St) is referenced in deeds by 1891. It was known as Cemetery St in its early days. No deed transferring it to the town has been located.
- The section from E Ward St north to Cemetery St (some 873') was sold to the town in 1901. It was called College St because the new Shellman Institute was built there. Source: Deed Book/NN/32

Censuses of College St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#), [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of College St

- Plat Book/2/210 (1960)
- Plat Book/2/118 (1960)
- Plat Book/3/279 (1967)
- Plat Book/4/72 (1964)
- Plat Book/4/82 (1964)
- Plat Book/6/279 (1989)

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26 College St



Part of the 7-acre tract purchased by Fernando Crittenden in 1883 (See 27 E Ward St).

6/17/1904,
8/10/2001

- From Fernando Crittenden to R G McCurdy in 1904
 - From the estate of Sara McCurdy Weathers to her son in 2001
- Notes: 1 acre (167' N/S x 265' E/W). Starting 285' along the east side of College St north of the center of the RR track.
Source: Deed Book/JJ/267, 007/193-5

The Robert Grant McCurdy family

- McCurdy was born in Villa Rica, the twin brother of E C McCurdy. He moved to Shellman from Carroll County in 1895 to take a position as a telegraph operator.
- In 1898, McCurdy married Ella Ethridge. The family rented a house on E Railroad St in 1900, and moved here circa 1904. Tax records say the house was built in 1906.
- McCurdy was a salesman for Crittenden Brothers for many years, and afterwards a farmer. He was also an investor in real estate and a agent of the Life Insurance Co. of Virginia.
- The McCurdys remained here for the rest of their lives; he died in 1942 ([obituary](#)) and she died in 1956.
- Their daughter, Sarah, married A F Weathers Jr., in the 1930s. The Weathers were living here by 1940, and remained here until their deaths; his in 1994 and hers in 2001 (See below).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Andrew Fletcher Weathers, Jr. family

- A F Weathers, Jr. grew up in Shellman, the son of Dr. A F Weathers, Sr. He and Sarah McCurdy were married in 1933 ([link](#)).
- The Weathers were living here by 1940, and remained here until their deaths; his in 1994 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 2001.
- A F Weathers was a farmer, and also operated a dry-cleaning business in Shellman. He twice served as mayor of Shellman.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

29 College St



Part of the 7-acre tract purchased by Fernando Crittenden in 1883 (See 27 E Ward St)

5/21/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Fernando Crittenden to his son, Dr. Albert Leroy Crittenden (Deed not located, but around 1906) From Dr. Crittenden's widow to J D Pipkin in 1935 <p>Notes: 330' N/S x 176' E/W. Source: Deed Book/ UU/563 (Mortgage), XX/87</p>
After the Pipkins died, the house was occupied by the family of their daughter, Betty (Mrs. Dean) Robinett	
12/16/1971	<p>From Pipkin's heirs to J R Curry, Jr.</p> <p>Notes: Occupied by the family of Charles Adams Curry for many years. Source: Deed Book/DD2/628-9</p>
Later deeds: OO12/510-2 (Tract #6)	
<p><u>Dr. Albert Leroy Crittenden family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crittenden was the son of Fernando Crittenden, growing up around the corner on E Ward St. After graduation from medical school in Atlanta, he returned to Shellman to practice. Crittenden went on to become a prominent physician and civic leader in Shellman. In 1903, he married Pearl Reid of Eatonton. The house was likely constructed about this time. Fernando Crittenden provided contiguous lots for three of his children: sons W R & A L, and daughter Lillian Sears). Dr. Crittenden was murdered while playing a round of golf at Magnolia Lake. The event was widely covered in the press (<i>Butler Herald</i>, February 1, 1934, Page 1 & Page 4, and <i>Macon Telegraph</i>, January 26, 1934 link) His family sold the house after a year; by 1940, Pearl was living with the family of her daughter, Ada, in East Point. She died there in 1963 (obituary). <p>Source: Ancestry.com family tree link, biographical sketch from 1926</p>	
<p><u>The Jefferson Davis Pipkin, Sr, family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipkin was from Alabama. He came to Shellman by 1910, when he was a boarder at the Sasser house. That year, he joined a partnership (C M Cheney, J A White, and Pipkin) operating Cheney's commercial interests (See 57 W Railroad St). Pipkin and Anna Cheney (daughter of his partner, C M Cheney) were married in 1914 (link). After the marriage, Pipkin became a farmer, and the family appears to have lived on the farm. In 1930, the family purchased the house at 2734 Fountain Bridge Rd, and lived there until 1935. The Pipkins moved to College St. in 1935. Anna Pipkin died in 1943. Jeff remained here until he died in 1958. The family of his daughter, Betty (Mrs. Dean) Robinett, also lived here after Anna Pipkin's death. 	



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), 1950 census [link](#)

The Dean Henderson Robinett family

- Dean Robinett was born in North Carolina, the son of G E (Edgar) and Eula Robinett. The family moved to Shellman in the late 1920s.
- Robinett married Betty Pipkin in 1938 ([link](#), [link](#)). They purchased the house at 266 E Railroad St in 1939 and lived there until 1943.
- They moved into this house shortly after Anna Pipkin died in 1943. They remained here until moving to Texas around 1970. They later returned to Shellman.
- Dean was involved with the Robinett Family Lumber Businesses. Refer to 670 E Railroad St for more information.
- Dean died in 1987([obituary](#)); Betty died in 2004.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

50 College St



- Part of the 7-acre tract purchased by Fernando Crittenden in 1883 (See 27 E Ward St)
- The image at left is of the original school, probably taken when newly built in 1901.
- The image at right shows the rear of the school, taken after the 1921 renovation.



12/7/1901	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to Shellman institute</p> <p>Notes: 2.8 acres (210' N/S x 582' E/W). The SW corner of the lot is 50' east of the NE corner of J F Crittenden's patch (his garden). A 2-story school had already been built.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/486</p>
7/5/1910, 11/11/1929, 4/13/1960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Shellman Institute to Town of Shellman in 1910 • From the Town of Shellman and its Board of Education (BOE) to the Randolph County BOE in 1929 • From the Randolph County BOE to the City of Shellman in 1960 <p>Notes: 2.8 acres (210' N/S x 582' E/W). Bounded north by O A Crittenden; east by C J Greene. The school was transferred to the Shellman BOE when it formed, and to the Randolph County BOE when public schools in the county were consolidated into a county-wide system.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/237, UU/113, QQ1/287-8</p>
11/10/1963	<p>From the City of Shellman to Wyman Rice & Bruce Johnson</p> <p>Notes: The school was no longer used and in disrepair. It was sold under the condition that the lot be cleared within 180 days.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/WW1/302-3</p>

Later deeds: OO12/510-2 (Tract #5)

Shellman Institute and Shellman Public Schools

- This school was the second location of Shellman Institute, the first being on E Ward St. It opened in 1901.
- In 1909, the city charter of Shellman was amended to authorize a board of education ([link](#)). The Trustees of Shellman Institute formally transferred the school property to the town in 1910.
- In 1916, a survey of Randolph County Schools gave a description of the Shellman school ([link](#)).
 - 180 pupils were enrolled in 11 grades.
 - Staff consisted of a superintendent, six assistants, and seven teachers.
- In 1921, a major renovation of the school took place, including steam heat, brick veneer, and a new room ([link](#)). Funds were raised by donation ([link](#)) and bonds were issued for \$16,000 ([link](#)).
- In 1929, the schools in eastern Randolph County were consolidated. An election was called for April 9, 1929; Shellman voted to annul the law authorizing its system, and to consolidate with the County system. This school was sold to the County BOE in November 1929.
- The County BOE built a new public high school at 185 Pecan St; it opened in the fall of 1930 ([link](#)). The elementary grades remained on College St until 1958, when they too transferred to Pecan St ([link](#)).
- The unused school building was sold in 1963 and demolished within 180 days.



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71 College St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 7-acre tract purchased by Fernando Crittenden in 1883 (See 27 E Ward St) After 1956, this tract was divided into three lots: 61 College St, 81 College St, and this lot which is between them. 	
2/8/1928	<p>From Fernando Crittenden to his son, W R Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: 1.6 acres (330' N/S x 210' E/W). The NE corner of this lot is the SW corner of the intersection of E Phelps St and College St. Crittenden already lived on the lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/TT/131-2, TT/135 (mortgage)</p>
1/17/1956	<p>From Crittenden's heirs to Herman Hilton</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM1/173-4, 1950 census link</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Crittendens died in 1937; the heirs kept the lot until 1956. The house was likely rented to George Robinett in 1940. The house seems to have been lost by 1950. Later deeds: ZZ2/198-9, PP3/354, YY1/323, VV1/243, VV1/459, XX1/123, GG2/21, XX6/149-50 	
<p><u>The William Robert Crittenden family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crittenden was the son of Fernando Crittenden, growing up around the corner on E Ward St. He married Clyde Allen in 1909. In 1910, they were living here. Fernando Crittenden provided contiguous lots for three of his children: sons W R & A L, and daughter Lillian Sears. Crittenden managed a dry goods store in 1920; in 1930, he owned a retail store, suggesting that he took over his father's store after his death in 1929. In 1936, the family moved to Waycross, where he was employed by The Georgia Cotton Cooperative. In 1937, both adults were killed in an auto accident while returning to Shellman; a son was with them, but survived (link). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

74 College St (Crittenden's Orchard, **fictitious street number**)

<p>Known as Crittenden's orchard. No structure is known to have been built on this tract.</p>	
1/2/1913	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to H O Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: .64-acre vacant lot (90' N/S x 308' E/W). Bounded by College St on the west, by 80 College St on the north, and on the south by the school lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/334</p>
9/17/1937	<p>From H O Crittenden to the Board of Education of Randolph County</p> <p>Notes: The lot is expanded to roughly three acres.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/546</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lot was at one time a pecan orchard, but is today wooded. Later deeds: HH6/343-4, OO12/510-2 (Tract #4) 	



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80 College St (Fictitious street number)

Part of H O Crittenden's 3.3-acre tract in the SE corner of the intersection of College St and E Phelps St.

<p>1/2/1913, 12/14/1928, 5/3/1988</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Crittenden Brothers to J F Crittenden in 1913 • From J F Crittenden to his son, Beverly Malcolm Crittenden, Sr., in 1928 • From Crittenden to his sister, Martha Frances Crittenden. • Then from her estate to the children of Beverly Malcolm Crittenden, Sr. in 1988. <p>Notes: 1.15-acre vacant lot (162' N/S x 308' E/W) in 1913. Bounded west by College St; north by Plum St; east and south by H O Crittenden.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the NW corner of the H O Crittenden tract, split off in 1913. • The 1928 deed conveys the lot and house in which Malcolm Crittenden already lives. • A deed for 74 College St reveals that this lot is vacant in 1937. The 1988 deed for this lot reveals the house was destroyed by fire. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/335, TT/367, UU/390 (mortgage), AA1/29-30, UU3/161-2, KK6/316-8, KK6/319-20</p>
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Later deeds: OO12/510-2 (Tract #3)

The Beverly Malcolm Crittenden family

- Malcolm Crittenden was born in Shellman, the son of Fernando Crittenden. He served briefly in the Army during WW I, before returning to Shellman, where he married Marilu Pinkston in 1921.
- The Crittendens built this home in 1923 ([link](#)).
- Malcolm was a bookkeeper in his father's retail company until his father died. By 1943, he was employed by the WPA in Albany.
- In 1930, the Crittendens were living in this house on College St. The house was destroyed by fire, probably in the 1930s. In 1940, the family lived in the house of his deceased parents at 27 E Ward St. They moved to Albany by 1943, but eventually returned to the house on E Ward St. They remained there until their deaths; his in 1974, hers in 1978.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

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94 College St



This lot was purchased from the Crittenden Brothers as two half-acre lots in 1891 and 1892. The two were joined in 1905 by C M Cheney, and remain together today.

<p>11/20/1891, 10/24/1892, 3/5/1900</p>	<p><u>Western Half</u> From Crittenden family to Robert L Cheshire to Mrs. J A Payne, then from the Payne estate to C M Cheney Notes: ½ -acre lot, no improvements through 1906. Bounded north by land of Mr. McCurdy and where Owen Sale now lives; south by street running east to town lot of Susan Wilson; west by Cemetery St. Source: Deed Book/CC/736, CC/737, FF/577-8</p>
<p>12/2/1892, 3/18/1905</p>	<p><u>Eastern Half</u> From Crittenden family to Susan Wilson to C M Cheney Notes: ½ -acre lot (210' N/S x 105' E/W), no improvements through 1905. Source: Deed Book/EE/71</p>
<p>6/25/1906, 2/17/1936</p>	<p><u>Combined Lot</u> From C M Cheney to Mrs. Annie L Bower. Then from her heirs to her daughter, Mrs. Lois Bower Latimer. Notes: 1 acre (210' square). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two lots are combined in a 1-acre lot, which is shown in a 1964 plat. • The Bowers soon built a house on the lot. • After Mrs. Bower moved to Pearl St, the family used this house as rental property until the 1960s, when Lois Bower Latimer moved back to Shellman. Source: Deed Book/LL/180, XX/307-8, XX/308; Plat Book/4/72 (1964)</p>
<p>7/27/1971</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mrs. Lois Bower Latimer to Ann Harbison • Sold by Harbison in 1988 Notes: Occupied by Mrs. Latimer at the time of her death. Source: Deed Book/DD2/3-5, XX2/274 (mortgage), VV3/151
<p>Later deeds: FF4/116</p>	
<p><u>The Richmond Marmien Bower family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bower was from Whigham. He married Annie Laurie Buchannon of Blakely in 1884. • The family initially lived in Whigham; in 1900, Bower was a dry goods merchant there. • The family moved to Shellman around 1906, where Bower was proprietor of the Shellman Hardware Co. and served in the Legislature. • They purchased this lot and in 1906 and built a house here. He lived here until his death in 1925 (obituary); she moved in with the family of her son Harry on Pearl St, living there until she died in 1933 Source: 1930 census link. 	

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- This house on College St remained in the family. It appears to have been rental property.
- After R M Bower died in 1925, it his son Harry took over the hardware store. Refer to 297 Buford St for information on the business.
- In 1936, this house passed to the Bowers' daughter, Lois Bower Latimer. She lived in Sparta, and apparently kept the house as rental property. She was widowed in 1961, and moved back to Shellman. She lived in this house at the time of her death in 1970.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Mrs. Harold (Ann) Harbison

For information on the Harbison family, see 57 W Phelps St.

105 College St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- The original lot now is divided into three lots: 47 E Phelps St, 105 College St and 111 College St.

12/18/1889	<p>From the Crittenden Brothers to C J Greene Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (210' square). The SW corner of this lot is the SE corner of the JG Sasser lot. Source: Deed Book/EE/447</p>
1/2/1903	<p>A deed for an adjacent lot reveals that this lot belongs to the Crittenden Brothers, and it has a rental house occupied by a Mr. Jones. Source: Deed Book/HH/468</p>
3/24/1923, 2/17/1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of R F Crittenden to R M Bower in 1923 • From Bower's estate to his daughter, Mae Bower White, in 1936 <p>Notes: .79-acre lot with house (163' fronting on Plum St; 210' fronting on College St). Known as the "old Orr Lot". Source: Deed Book/QQ/474, XX/306-7</p>
2/1/1969, 11/1/1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mae Bower White to Carl Lawhorn in 1969 • From Lawhorn's estate to his widow, Maudine Thurmond Lawhorn, in 1974 <p>Notes: The lot has now been divided; this northern portion is 104' N/S (fronting on College St) x 163' E/W. This portion contains the house. Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/66-67, JJ2/33-4, Plat Book/4/82 (1964)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax records say the house was built in 1920, but there was perhaps a rental house on the larger lot in 1903. • The 1923 deed refers to this as the "old Orr lot", but no record can be found of an Orr family living in this vicinity. • Censuses indicate this house was rented until acquired by Carl Lawhorn in 1969. 	



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- Later deeds: TT11/507-9

111 College St

From H A Crittenden to W S Curry on 1/2/1903

Notes: 3/8-acre vacant lot. Bounded north by Jane Culbreth; south by lot of Crittenden Brothers where Tom Jones lives; west by Mrs. C D Crittenden.

Source: Deed Book/HH/468

2/3/1931,
2/17/1936,
6/17/1969,
7/27/1971

- Purchased by Mrs. Annie L Bower (sheriff's sale) in 1931
- From Bower's estate to her daughter, Mae Bower White, in 1936
- From White's estate to her sister, Lois Bower Latimer, in 1969.
- From Latimer's estate to Ben F Lunsford in 1971

Notes:

- ¼ -acre lot with house in 1931 (67' frontage on College St). Known as the "*old Dannelly house and lot*". Dannelly lived here in 1920. Source: 1920 census [link](#)
- Vacant lot in 1969

Source: Deed Book/UU/427-8, XX/306, ZZ1/315 (Tract 2), DD2/17-9, Plat Book/4/82 (1964)

- It is unclear as to whether there were two houses on the adjacent lots (105 and 111 College St) or only one.
- Later deeds: TT2/10-1, WW3/100-2, GG4/345-51, Plat Book/6/279 (1989)

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119 College St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

12/14/1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by J D Dantzler (Deed not located) From Dantzler to Crittenden Brothers in 1903 <p>Notes: 1/3-acre lot, likely with house. Bounded north by H O Crittenden; south by Crittenden Brothers; west by the Glaze estate. Known as the Jane Culbreth Place (she rented from Dantzler by 1902, see Deed Book/HH/501). Dantzler moved to Eufaula shortly before the sale in 1903.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/77</p>
2/3/1931, 2/18/1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by H O Crittenden (sheriff's sale) in 1931 From Crittenden to his wife, Mrs. Mary Ada Crittenden, in 1933 <p>Notes: Bounded north by vacant lot of Mrs. H L Walker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The house was occupied by Warren McLeod in 1931. The house was occupied by L G Brown in 1933. <p>Source: Deed Book/UU/427, WW/519</p>
1/1/1948, 3/25/1958, 5/6/1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Mrs. Mary Ada Crittenden to W R Puckett in 1948 From Puckett to A Floyd Scarborough in 1958 From Scarborough's heirs to Walker Hurt <p>Notes: 100' N/S x 173' E/W.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puckett appears to have purchased this house to rent to Scarborough, who was his employee. The Scarboroughs lived here by 1950, then bought the house in 1958. They were the first owners to occupy the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/550, AA2/528-30</p>
<p>Later deeds: WW3/100 (Tract 1), EE7/103</p> <p><u>The Astor Floyd Scarborough family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floyd Scarborough was from Damascus. He married Aillene Jones in the early 1930s. In 1940, they lived in Ft. Gaines, where he was employed by the Columbian Peanut Co. By 1950, they had moved to Shellman, where he was superintendent for the Columbian Peanut Co. Scarborough was killed in an automobile accident in 1963 (link). His widow remained here for a time. She remarried later in the 1960s; the family sold the house in 1970. She died in 1995. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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122 College St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

2/23/1893, 5/23/1900	From Crittenden family to S J Payne; then from his estate to C M Cheney Notes: 1 acre (210' square), no improvements. Bounded south by the old Cheshire lot (later Mrs. S J Payne). Source: Deed Book/EE/40, FF/577
10/23/1905	From C M Cheney to Dr. E C McCurdy Notes: 1-acre vacant lot. The house was built by 1910. Source: Deed Book/JJ/453, 1910 census link
January, 1917	Acquired by H P Whaley (Deed not located) Notes: 1 acre (210' square), with house. The purchase probably occurred around January, 1917: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCurdy bought a house on Park St in February, 1917. • Whaley sold his house on Pearl St in November, 1916. • Whaley did not live here long, if at all. He was back on his farm by 1920. Source: Deed Book/TT/293-4, TT/294, Plat Book/4/72 (1964)
9/3/1928	From H P Whaley to J S McLeod Notes: 1 acre (210' square), with house. Source: Deed Book/TT/293-4, TT/294, Plat Book/4/72 (1964)
2/2/1964	From J S McLeod to Joe Wyatt Mason Notes: Source: Deed Book/UU1/487, RR8/1
<u>Dr. E C McCurdy family</u> See 122 Park St for information on the McCurdy family.	
<u>The H P Whaley family</u> See 3477 Pearl St for information on the Whaley family.	
<u>The John Sydney McLeod, Sr. family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McLeod was from Alabama. After serving in WW I, he moved to Shellman. In 1920, McLeod was employed as a farm manager, supporting three of his siblings. They were boarding at the S L Arthur house on Pearl St. • Later in 1920, McLeod married Annie Thompson. In 1928, they purchased this house on College St, where they lived until their deaths; his in 1962; hers in 1964. • McLeod was a policeman in 1930, but later returned to farming. Source: Ancestry.com link	



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125 College St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
11/28/1905	From H A Crittenden to J J Roberts Notes: Fronting 120' on College St, no improvements. Bounded south by lot of Crittenden Brothers known as the Culbreth lot. Roberts probably built a house soon after buying the lot. Source: Deed Book/JJ/503
4/15/1910	From Mrs. S V Roberts to Mrs. H L Walker Notes: Lot with house (120' N/S x 137' E/W). The Robertses enlarged the house (link). The house was lost by 1931, likely the reason the Walkers moved to Pearl St in 1927. Source: Deed Book/NN/47
4/12/1982	From Ruth Orr Clare (daughter of Lota Walker Orr) to Dan & Marcia Boyd Notes: The deed conveys this vacant lot and the house on Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/YY2/107, Plat Book/2/210 (1960)
<u>The James J Roberts family</u> The Roberts family moved to 3422 Pearl St; refer there for information on the family.	
<u>The Herbert Lee Walker family</u> The Walkers moved to 3410 Pearl St in 1927; refer there for information on the family.	



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130 College St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871. Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895. 	
<p>12/26/1905, 3/19/1906, 7/2/1935, 7/4/1936</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From C M Cheney to R F Ivey in 1905 From Ivey to Inez Naomi & Annie Virginia Coxwell in 1906 <p>Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (210' square). Bounded north by the Union Baptist Church lot (aka the Primitive Baptist Church lot).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The house was probably built shortly after the Coxwell purchase in 1906; the 1910 census shows that the family lived here. The house was seized by the City of Shellman for back taxes in 1935, but reclaimed by Inez Coxwell Hood in 1936. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/601, JJ/602, XX/420</p>
<p>7/7/1936, 7/20/1945</p>	<p>From Inez Coxwell Hood to Martha Sale (later Martha Ferman)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transfer occurred in 1936; there was a mortgage, which was paid in 1945. Mrs. Ferman lived in Tampa, so this house was likely used as rental property or vacant until it was lost at an unknown date. <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/421, DD1/227, Plat Book/2/118 (1960)</p>
<p>10/26/2006</p>	<p>From Martha Sale Ferman to the City of Shellman</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/UU9/429</p>
<p><u>The Martha Miller Coxwell family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mattie Miller was born in 1842 in Randolph County, one of the first children to be born here. In 1861, she married Dr. George Washington Coxwell, who died in 1880. The widow and several of her children remained on the Coxwell's farm SE of Shellman until moving here in 1906. The youngest daughter, Florence, married Owen Sale in 1905; they built a home across the street at 141 College St. Mattie Coxwell died in 1926. In 1930, the house was occupied by two of her children, Virgil and Ann. They both died in 1932 (link), and the house was probably vacant for a time. The house was seized by the City of Shellman for back taxes in 1935. Inez Coxwell (now Inez Hood) reclaimed the house in 1936, and sold it to her niece, Martha Sale, for \$1. Miss Sale had just graduated from the University of Georgia. In 1937, she married James Ferman of Tampa and moved there (link). She went on to become a prominent member of the Tampa community (obituary). Mrs. Ferman kept the house until 2006. She lived in Tampa, so this house was likely used as rental property or vacant until it was lost at an unknown date. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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141 College St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

5/9/1908	<p>From H O Crittenden to O C Sale</p> <p>Notes: Fronting 105' on College St, no improvements. Bounded north by Mrs. Love Arthur; south by J J Roberts; west by vacant lot of Glaze estate. Sale mortgaged the property to Sam Sheffield in 12/1908, by then with a house. This dates the house to 1908, and suggests it was built by Sheffield.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/357, LL/457, NN/24, OO/128, YY/329</p>
8/23/1937	<p>From Owen C Sale to Floye C (Mrs. Charles W) Allen</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sale family lived here at the time of the sale in 1937. • Mrs. Allen still owned this lot in 1960. <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/329-30, Plat Book/2/210 (1960)</p>
7/15/1977	<p>From Mrs. Floye C Allen to Mary (Mrs. Ruby Lee) Addison</p> <p>Notes: Mrs. Allen lived in this house at the time of the sale</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/OO2/209-10, UU8/183</p>
<p>Later deeds: UU8/183</p>	
<p><u>The Owen Cornelius Sale family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale was raised near Brooksville by his grandparents, John H and Martha Ward Cox. He married Florence Coxwell in 1905. • Sale was a rural mail carrier in 1910, a farmer in 1920, and an automobile salesman in 1940. • In 1917, Sale was involved in a duel (link). • Sale sold the house in 1937, moving to Florida. He died suddenly in Ocala the next year (notice); his widow moved to Jacksonville and later to Tampa where her children lived. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Charles Wesley Allen family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen was a Randolph County farmer who married Floye Coleman in Alabama. • His family moved from their farm to this house in Shellman in 1937. • The Allens divorced in the 1940s. She remained in this house until selling it in 1977. She died in 1980 • Charles Allen moved back to the farm. He died in 1973. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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149 College St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

10/3/1907	<p>From H O Crittenden to Mrs. Love C Arthur Notes: Fronting 105' on College St, no improvements. Bounded south by O C Sale lot; west by T W Glaze estate and B F Crittenden. The house was built by 1910. Source: Deed Book/LL/199</p>
1/16/1919, 6/13/1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Arthur to her brother, W R Curry, in 1919 • Acquired by C W Curry, brother of W R Curry and Love Arthur (Deed not located, but by 1920) • From J R Curry (half-interest), son of C W Curry, to W R Curry in 1927 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/MM/418, QQ/99, SS/491, UU543</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house seems to have been used as rental property until around 1919. In 1910, it was rented to the J S Sale family. Mr. Arthur's mother was a Sale, so they were probably related to the landlords and their neighbors to the south, the Owen Sale family. Source: 1910 census link • In 1920, it was owned and occupied by the C W Curry family (See below). Curry was a brother of Love Arthur and W R Curry. Source: 1920 census link • C W Curry died in 1921. The family sold their interests back to W R Curry, who gain used the house as rental property. In 1930, it was likely rented to the James Bryant family. Source: 1930 census link
11/11/1931, 7/24/1934, 4/13/1949, 10/2/1950	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W R Curry to J C Jackson in 1931 • From Jackson to Mrs. Lizzie Reese in 1934 • From Mrs. Reese's heirs to her widower, B T Reese, in 1949 • From B T Reese to Myrtle & Paul Byrd in 1950 <p>Notes: Mrs. Reese lived in the house beginning in 1931, but did not purchase it until 1934. Source: Deed Book/UU543, WW/300, WW/305, FF1/463, GG1/503</p>
2/4/1964, 5/2/1964, 12/10/1966, 8/12/1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Paul Byrd to James Bethea in 1964 • From Bethea to True Turner in 1964 • From Turner to Lenora Brown in 1966 • By descent to James Ferguson in 1988 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/UU1/32, UU1/201, WW1/517, WW1/517-8 (mortgage)</p>
<p>Later deeds: WW8/7</p>	
<p><u>The Robert Lee Arthur family</u> See 179 Buford St for information on the Arthur family.</p>	



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The Charles Willard Curry family

- Charles Curry was from Randolph County. He was the son of W S & Hester Martin Curry, and brother of W R Curry.
- He moved to Shellman by 1900. In 1904, he married Louella Cannon in Dawson.
- In 1905, The Curry Co. opened a store in Dawson under Charles' management ([link](#)). It sold "*pianos, organs, and buggies of high grade*". By around 1910, Curry was operating the store independently, no longer as a partner. The store closed around 1916 and Curry moved back to Shellman, where he again worked for the Curry Co. The move may have been related to the death of his wife sometime after 1910. By 1920, he had married Ethel Haddock and was living here on College St.
- Charles died suddenly in 1921 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Benjamin Thornwell Reese family

- Reese was from Buena Vista. He married Lizzie James in 1897.
- The Reeses moved to Shellman by 1909. He leased and operated the Sasser Hotel until 1910, when he was an insurance agent.
- They lived in rented quarters until moving here on College St in 1931, then buying the house in 1934. They were the first owners known to occupy the house.
- The Reeses remained here until 1950. Mrs. Reese died in 1945; Mr. Reese took ownership from the other heirs in 1949, but sold the house in 1950. He died in 1951.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

161 College St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
10/5/1936, 6/19/1942, 8/5/1943	From H O Crittenden to Mrs. Mamie Turner Notes: In three deeds, Mrs. Turner assembles three vacant lots lot fronting 375' on College St. Bounded south by Mrs. S T Reese. The 1942 deed reveals that Mrs. Turner has built a house on the original lot. Source: Deed Book/XX/550, BB1/513, CC1/193
1/11/1969, 5/24/1979, 2/9/2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the estate of Mamie Belle Turner in 1969<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Life interest: to her husband and daughter○ Remainder interest: to her brother, Arthur R Turner• In 1979, to daughter Lenora Turner Brown Sills.• In 2000, sold from Mrs. Sills estate. Notes: Lot (150' square) with house. Lot to the south owned by Lenora Turner Brown in 1969. Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/17, SS2/361, BB7/147, Plat Book/3/279 (1967)
The deeds suggest that the house on this lot was present in 2000. The current structure was built in 2017.	
<u>The Truman Turner family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truman Turner was from Calhoun County. He and Mamie Turner were married in Randolph County around 1915. The couple farmed in Calhoun County, and later just south of Shellman.• In 1936, Mamie Turner bought this lot and soon built a house here. In 1940, the house was occupied by Emma Turner, Mamie's widowed mother (link). She died in 1945.• In 1950, the Truman Turners lived here (link).• Later in 1964, Truman Turner bought the lot to the south, 149 College St. Source: Deed book/UU1/32• Mamie died in 1968; Truman died in 1978. The house passed to their daughter. Source: Ancestry.com link	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

190 College St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895.

7/26/1905

Given by C M Cheney to the Deacons of the Union Primitive Baptist Church
Notes: One-acre lot (210' square). The NW corner of this lot is the SW corner of the cemetery lot. The deed was not recorded until 1941.
Source: Deed Book/BB1/91, Plat Book/2/118 (1960)

- There is no record of this church before the 1905 deed. The church had been formed and elected Deacons by 1905. There is no mention of a sanctuary; the deed implies that one is to be built.
- A newspaper article in 1882 mentions a new church building in Ward ([link](#)). None of the other churches in Shellman were building in 1882, so it may have been this church.
- In 1906, the Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Association met in Shellman, suggesting that there was a church building there at the time. ([link](#)).
- Cheney gave the land with the stipulation that it would revert to him if no longer used for church purposes. A circa 1960 plat refers to the "old Union Primitive Baptist Church", and seems to say the lot has reverted to Cheney.
- No further deeds have been found until 2006, when the vacant lot was donated to the City of Shellman.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

200 College St (East View Cemetery, fictitious street number)



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871

5/20/1910

From Crittenden Brothers to Town of Shellman
Notes: 4 acres (300' N/S x 600' E/W). Bounded north by street to Negro Baptist Church; east by C M Cheney; south by Primitive Baptist Church and C M Cheney; west by Cemetery St. Already in use as a cemetery.
Source: Deed Book/MM/68-9

The present-day cemetery lot is seven acres (304' N/S x 1003' E/W). This is shown on a plat drawn circa 1910, but no deed has been located to convey the additional acreage.
Source: Plat Book/2/118 (1960)

East View Cemetery

- The cemetery contains three gravestones from 1885, suggesting that it began that year.
- An 1895 plat shows "Eastview Cemetery" and locates the old, four-acre tract (Deed Book/EE/485)
- The land was donated to the city in 1910:
- Oldest gravestones: three gravestones are dated 1885 ([link](#), [link](#), [link](#))
- Earliest deed to reference "Cemetery St": 1891
- Earliest deed to reference: 1895 (Deed Book/EE/485)
- The lot may have been used as a cemetery by the adjacent Union Primitive Baptist Church before it became a municipal cemetery.
- In 2023, the Find A Grave website ([link](#)) recorded 1,002 graves in the cemetery.



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Dean St

Dean St follows the dividing line between Lots 5/264 and 5/269. It connects US 82 with the railroad. It is referenced in an 1881 deed, and was referred to in subsequent deeds as the Cuthbert Rd and the Dawson-Cuthbert Rd.

Censuses of Dean St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Dean St

- Plat book/2/135 (1933)
- Plat Book/2/228-239 (1962)



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6 Dean St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract) Originally part of a larger lot that was divided to form three present-day lots: 1263 W Ward St, 6 Dean St, and 20 Dean St (See 1263 W Ward St). 	
11/30/1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by William Grimes (Deed not located, but probably from Jim Odum, see 1263 W Ward St) From William Grimes to H H Hart <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house. This does not seem to be the original house built by Paschal on the larger lot; it was likely built around 1900. Source: Deed Book/II/389, RR/53 (mortgage)</p>
12/2/1919	<p>From H H Hart to Isaac Ford</p> <p>Notes: Lot with house (135' N/S x 128' E/W). Known as the Raymond Jones house. Source: Deed Book/PP/152</p>
2/20/1929, 4/13/1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Isaac Ford to E C McCurdy in 1929 From McCurdy to Omie Jackson in 1931 <p>Notes: Bounded north by Ella Riley; east by Watson. Ford defaulted on a mortgage obtained in 1929. Source: Deed Book/TT/425, UU/41-2 (mortgage), UU/419, OO1/25</p>
<p>Acquired by Rev. Hank Williams (Deed not located, but after 1950 (Referenced in Deed Book/BB7/342).</p>	
<p>Early occupancy of this house in unclear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Grimes family cannot be identified. They are not listed in a census in this vicinity, so they presumably did not live in the house. Raymond Jones apparently rented this house in 1920 link. Isaac Ford also purchased 26 Dean St, but lived at 75 Buford St. Information on his family can be found there. The Tom & Omie Jackson family apparently occupied the house by 1930. 	
<p><u>The Tom Jackson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom and Omie Jackson were married in 1904. The family rented houses in this immediate area by 1920. They purchased this house in 1931. Tom operated a farm in 1920; in 1930, he worked at the fertilizer plant. In 1940, he was a gardener for a private home. Tom died in 1948; Omie was still here in 1950, as were her daughter and granddaughter. Source: 1950 census link. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

20 Dean St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract) Originally part of a larger lot that was divided to form three present-day lots: 1263 W Ward St, 6 Dean St, and 20 Dean St (See 1263 W Ward St). 	
11/19/1903	<p>From Jim Odum to Ed Odum</p> <p>Notes: Lot with house. Bounded south by William Grimes; east by Jesse Hawkins; north By Worthy(?) Place. This does not seem to be the original house built by Paschal on the larger lot; it was likely built around 1900. Ed Odum is probably the first owner to occupy the house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/298</p>
10/26/1908	<p>From Ed Odum to Henry Hart</p> <p>Notes: Bounded south by William Grimes; east by Jesse Hawkins; north By C M Cheney.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/411</p>
<p>Occupancy of this house in unclear. No deeds have been located after 1908. A 1929 mortgage for the houses to the north and south reference this lot as still owned by Hart.</p>	
<p><u>Ed Odum</u></p> <p>Little information can be found on Odum. He was likely a relative of Jim Odum, from whom he bought the house.</p>	

26 Dean St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract). This lot formed the NW corner of the Ellis Tract. 	
6/18/1881, 12/3/1888	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From J B Payne to J A Payne in 1881 From Payne's estate to Mrs. C M Cheney in 1888 <p>Notes: 90' N/S x 180' E/W. The lot contains a 3-room frame cabin with garden; the 1881 deed specifies that the house is to be "<i>blocked up and finished, being covered with boards, chimney and all to be repaired, and made perfect and in good condition.</i>"</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF/576-8</p>
10/14/1926, 4/29/2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Mrs. C M Cheney to Isaac Ford in 1926 Acquired by Clifford Henderson (Deed not located) Quitclaim deed from Henderson in 2010 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2010 deed quotes an unidentified earlier deed, mentioning that the three-room house still stands on the south part of this lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/260, UU/41-2 (mortgage), TT10/283-4</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear when/if the house was owner-occupied. The old cabin was lost at an unknown date. Isaac Ford also purchased 6 Dean St, but lived at 75 Buford St. Information on his family can be found there. 	



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40 Dean St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the Worthy Lot purchased by O Z Dean, Sr. in 1903 (See 12 W Phelps St)

4/17/1931	<p>From the heirs of O Z Dean to his daughter, Mrs. Rosa Pearl Lester Notes: .62-acre lot with house (128' N/S x 210' E/W). Source: Deed Book/UU/421</p>
10/1/1944, 4/27/1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Rosa Pearl Lester to Lola May Lemons in 1944 • From Lemons to her husband, Jessie Lemon, in 1974 • Sold by the family in 2012 <p>Notes: .62-acre lot with house (128' N/S x 210' E/W). Source: Deed Book/DD1/21</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is likely that there was a house on the original, two-acre Worthy lot by 1884. The most likely candidate for that house is one that stood at 12 W Phelps St. Tax records say this house was built in 1908, when the lot was owned by O Z Dean. • Later deeds: GG11/139 	
<p><u>The Jessie M Lemon family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessie Lemon was from Shellman. He married Lola Mae Parker in 1929. • The family rented houses nearby before buying this house in 1944. • Jessie was a farm laborer when younger; in 1950, he worked at the sawmill. • Jessie died in 2006. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

52 Dean St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the Worthy Lot purchased by O Z Dean, Sr. in 1903 (See 12 W Phelps St)

4/17/1931,
1/3/1944

- From the heirs of O Z Dean to his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Estelle Jones in 1931
 - From Jones to Elijah Parker in 1944
 - The property is still registered to Parker.
- Notes: .62-acre lot with house (128' N/S x 210' E/W)
Source: Deed Book/UU/421, CC1/331

This house appears to be quite old. It has two front doors and a center chimney, suggesting it was a sharecropper cabin.

The Elijah J Parker family

- Elijah Parker was from Randolph County, the son of Edmond and Liza Parker. He and Mary Parker were married in 1905.
- Elijah lived in Edison for a time, but was back in Shellman by 1930.
- In 1930 and 1940, the Parker family lived in rented quarters. Parker bought this house on Dean St in 1944.
- Parker was a farm hand, likely working for the Dean family.
- Parker died in 1954.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

67 Dean St



The early history of this lot is unknown.

9/22/1910	<p>From Mrs. Ellen G Hewell to H H Hart Notes: Vacant lot (210' N/S x 105' E/W). Hart built a house here, which was rented by, and soon sold to, George D Coleman. Source: Deed Book/NN/114</p>
6/23/1911, 2/5/1912	<p>From H H Hart to George D Coleman Notes: Coleman already lived on the lot in 1911. In 1912, the lot is expanded by 25' westward. Coleman moved to 3518 Pearl St in 1929. Source: Deed Book/NN/175, NN/252</p>
7/13/1928	<p>From G D Coleman to J P Merritt Notes: The lot is now 210' N/S x 130' E/W. Coleman lived in the house at the time of the sale. Source: Deed Book/TT/256</p>
4/19/1935, 12/2/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J P Merritt to W J Paul in 1935 • From Paul to C E Mainor in 1937 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/XX/56, YY/455</p>
2/12/1944, 7/5/1958	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C E Mainor to Obe Roby in 1944 • By descent in 1958 to Mae Roby (life interest) and his daughter, Frances R Mason (remainder interest) • Notes: <p>Source: Deed Book/CC1/364, OO1/445 (Tract #1)</p>

Later deeds: TT9/263 (Tract #1)

The George Daniel Coleman family

- George Coleman was from Terrell County. He and Annie Richardson were married in Shellman in 1900.
- The family rented on Church St in 1910. They bought this house in 1911, and lived here until 1928/9, when they purchased the house at 3518 Pearl St.
- Their house on Pearl St was sold in 1940, and they moved in with their daughter in Auburn, AL. They remained there until their deaths; his in 1947 and hers in 1962.
- Coleman was a clerk in various stores in Shellman.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Joe Payne Merritt family

- Payne Merritt was from Shellman, the son of George & Ida Merritt. After serving in WW I, he returned to the family farm. He and Voncile Hilton were married in 1928.



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- Merritt purchased this house in 1928.
- Merritt was a farmer.
- They died in Shellman: Payne in 1981 and Voncile in 2003.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Abraham Obe Roby family

- Obe Roby was from Randolph County, the son of Alex and Fannie Roby. He and Mae Hilton were married in 1921.
- Roby was a farmer.
- The Robys bought this house in 1944. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1957 and hers in 1962.
- Their daughter, Mrs. Frances Mason, then owned the house until 2006.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

127 Dean St



Part of the holdings acquired by Henry Dean in 1869.

12/27/1924, 6/6/1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descended in the Dean family • O Z Dean, Jr. acquired sole interest in 1924 • From Dean to his wife, Arlena Dean, in 1931. <p>Notes: 38.1 acres; the NE corner of Lot 264. Source: Deed Book/RR/319, VV/177, Plat Book/2/135</p>
2/25/1974	<p>From the estate of Mrs. O Z Dean, Jr. to J C & Irma S Kimbrell Notes: 1.43-acre lot with house. Source: Deed Book/HH2/633</p>

The O Z Dean, Jr. family

- O Z Dean was born in Shellman, the son of O Z Dean, Sr, and Tallulah Phelps Dean. He married Arlena Bynum by 1920.
- In 1920, the family lived at 12 W Phelps St. This house seems to have been lost by 1930, when the Deans were renting an apartment from Mrs. Ivey at 3300 Pearl St.
- By 1940, they had moved to this house on Dean St. Tax records say the house was built in 1935.
- O Z was a railroad station agent in several places, including Leary, Graves ([link](#)), and Comer, AL ([link](#)). He returned to Shellman around 1908. In 1910, he was vacationing in Salt Lake City when he was knocked unconscious and robbed while visiting the zoo ([link](#)).
- He was a farmer later in life. He and his brother, Phelps Dean, farmed their family land.
- The Deans remained here until their deaths; his in 1961 and hers in 1973.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Division St

An 1886 deed refers to this as a “wagon road”. It later became known as the street that connected the railroad on the south to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on the north. Each census gave the street a different name. Today it is Division St.

Censuses of Division St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1950 ([link](#))

Plats of Division St

- Plat Book/2/118 (1960)

300 Division St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871

- The first African American Episcopal (AME) Church in Shellman was located here. It was built on land owned by the Crittenden family, so there are no deeds to date the construction; it was likely in the 1870s.
- The church was replaced by the Shellman Institute in 1885. The replacement church was located at 97 John Smith St.
- There was an associated parsonage located at 648 Division St.

448 Division St

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895

9/30/1947, 1/26/1948	From Mrs. C M Cheney to Peter & Josie Henry Notes: Lot with house where the Henrys have lived for several years. Bounded north by Em Spear; east by Gilbert Lattimore. Source: Deed Book/EE1/431 (mortgage), EE1/567
8/18/1972	From the Henry’s sole heir to Joe Cooper Notes: Source: Deed Book/FF2/21-2

Later deeds: CC4/115

The Peter Henry family

- Peter Henry was from Randolph County, the son of George and Mary Henry. He and Josie were married in 1908; both had been married before.
- In 1910, the Henrys lived on a farm in Calhoun County. In 1920, they were farming near Shellman.
- In 1930, the Henrys were retired and renting this house, which they purchased in 1947.
- Peter Henry died in Worth County in 1953. The date of Josie Henry’s death is unknown. Their sole heir sold the house in 1972.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

522 Division St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895

<p>9/25/1905, 1/18/1907</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to Isom (Ike) Smith in 1905 • Foreclosed by Shellman Banking Co. in 1907 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half-acre vacant lot (105' N/S x 210' E/W). The SW corner of this lot is 210' N of the intersection of Plum St and Division St. • The 1907 mortgage reveals that there is a house on the lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/391, LL/93 (mortgage)</p>
<p>10/15/1907, 12/19/1907, 4/15/1909, 1/2/1913</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Shellman Banking Co to R L Compton in 1907 • From Compton to J F Crittenden in 1907 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1910, Ike Smith still lived in the house and listed himself as owner. • In 1913, John Spear was renting the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/194, LL/303, LL/615, MM/112 (mortgage), NN/333</p>
<p>1/20/1937, 9/4/1979</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H O Crittenden to Em Spears in 1937 • Descended from Spears to her son, James Williams, thence to his son, Willie Arthur Williams, in 1979. • Sold by Williams in 1984 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1937 deed reveals that Crittenden had agreed to sell the house to John Spears, and it was then occupied by his widow, Em Spears. The Spears had been paying for the house over time. • A deed for the lot to the south (448 Division St) confirms that Em Spears lives here in 1948. The 1950 census also confirms she is here. • The 1960 plat does not show this lot. It may be that the ownership of the lot was unclear at the time. <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/55-6, TT2/282-3, BB3/871-2, Plat Book/2/118 (1960)</p>
<p><u>The Isom (Ike) Smith family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few records of Smith can be found. • Ike and Delia Bibb were married in Randolph County in 1894. • Smith bought this lot in 1905 and built a house here. The house was foreclosed, but he remained there for a time. • By 1913, the house was rented to John Spears. • In 1920, the Smiths were living in Sylvester. There is no further information on the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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The Emmie Spears family

- John and Emmie Thomas were married in 1904.
- They were renting this house in 1913. They divorced by 1920.
- Emmie remained in this house, paying for it over time. It was conveyed to her in 1937.
- John was a ditch digger. Emmie was a laundress, and later a maid.
- Emmie remained here until her death. The house descended in her family.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

564 Division St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895

12/29/1906,
11/21/1911

From C M Cheney to Dan Owen to R F Crittenden, Jr.
Notes: 78' N/S x 210' E/W, with house. The NW corner of this lot is the SW corner of the Eliza Melton lot.
Source: Deed Book/LL/278, NN/218

1/9/1931,
12/5/1997

- From W R Curry to Sarah Rivers in 1931
- By descent in 1997

Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Bounded north by George Hadden; east by Frank Cox; south by house of H O Crittenden. Better known as the Charlotte Spear house; now known as the Sara and Alonzo Rivers house.
Source: Deed Book/UU/337, OO1/396 (mortgage), II6/370, Plat Book/2/118 (1960)

The Dan Owen family

- Dan and Missouri Owen were married in 1887. Dan was a farm laborer in 1900; the family rented a house on Railroad St.
- In 1906, they bought this house on Division St. In 1910, Dan was a contractor providing cross ties to the railroad.
- Owens sold the house in 1911. No further information can be found on the family.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Sarah Rivers family

- Lonzie and Sarah Rivers were married in 1918.
- Lonzie was a farmer, employed by J W Lunsford, in 1918. Later he was a domestic servant and butler.
- The family remained here until their deaths. The house descended within the family in 1997.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

660 Division St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871. This house was built as the parsonage for the first African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church in Ward's Station. It was built before 1894, while the lot was still owned by the Crittenden family. When the church relocated to John Smith St, this house was sold. 	
2/3/1894, 2/11/1895	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden family to Frank Melton in 1894 From Melton to his wife, Eliza Melton, in 1895 <p>Notes: One-acre lot (209' square). Bounded west by "the street from Shellman Institute to Negro Baptist Church." Known as "the parsonage lot", near the old Methodist Church lot. There is likely a house on the lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/373, EE/374</p>
4/9/1909	<p>From Eliza Melton to R G McCurdy</p> <p>Notes: One-acre lot with house. Mrs. Melton now lives in Terrell County.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/531</p>
12/5/1906	<p>From C M Cheney to George, Fannie, and Pauline Hadden</p> <p>Notes: Four square acres in the NE corner of the Cheney tract.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/47, LL/56 (correction)</p>
1/17/1923, 9/6/1938, 2/4/1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by M M Crittenden (Deed not located) From Crittenden to Fannie Hadden in 1923 By descent from Fannie Hadden to Joe Nelson; then Julia Nelson From the heirs of Julia Nelson to Andrew Nelson in 1970 <p>Notes: The 1923 deed conveys the house and lot "known as the Frank Melton House", plus the four acres acquired in 1906.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/384, QQ/404, AA1/55, AA2/84-5 (Tract #2), Plat Book/2/118 (1960)</p>
2/4/1970, 8/30/1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Andrew Nelson to James A Horne in 1970 From Horne to Clifford & Rachel McDaniel in 1972 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1938 deed conveys the house, which is identified as the Frank Melton House. It also reveals that George Hadden occupied the house at one time, and Fannie Hadden occupied it at the time of her death. The deed also conveys the four-acre tract. The 1972 deed conveys the entire five-acre tract and the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/AA2/94, FF2/275, HH2/261 (mortgage), Plat Book/2/118 (1960)</p>
<p>There is conflicting information in the deeds concerning the additional four-acre tract. The tract was included in deeds by 1923, and still included in the 1972 deed. However, the four-acre tract was purchased by Jeff Pipkin in 1938, and sold to the City of Shellman from his estate in 1979.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/55, RR2/459-60</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This lot is located on the east side of Division St, but none of its deeds pinpoint the exact location in the north/south direction. It is possible to place the lot at this particular location from two sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A deed for the adjacent lot on the south (564 Division St) identifies this lot as being the one occupied by George Hadden. The 1960 plat shows the location of the Nelson lot. Later deeds: QQ2/546-7 (Half interest, East half), JJ5/286 	
<p>The Frank Melton family</p>	



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- Frank Melton moved to Shellman, along with three brothers, from Alabama. He was in Randolph County by 1879, when he married Eliza Daniel. Both would have been born into slavery.
- In 1880, Daniel was a laborer; by 1900, he owned both his house and a farm. There is no census record of them in 1910 or later.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#) 1910 [link](#)

The George Hadden family

- Few details can be found of George and Fannie Hadden. They were married in 1890. They worked on rented farmland around Shellman.
- They seem to have been divorced when Fannie bought this house in 1923.
- The house descended from Fannie to the Nelson family, until sold in 1970.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

678 Division St (Fictitious street number)



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895

<p>10/6/1905, 9/21/1909, 4/7/1913</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to the Spear family (Nicey, Gilbert, and Mattie) in 1905 • Nicey and Mattie deeded their shares to Gilbert in 1909 and 1913 <p>Notes: ½-acre lot (105' N/S x 210' E/W). The SW corner of this lot is 30' north of the NW corner of the Eliza Melton lot. The lot was vacant in 1905, but the 1910 census confirms that the house has been built on the lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/411, LL/614, NN/358, QQ/232 (mortgage), UU/85 (mortgage)</p>
<p>8/2/1932, 9/22/1945, 10/11/1952, 4/27/1972</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Gilbert Spear to the Curry Co. (sheriff's sale) in 1932 • From the Curry Co. to Jentsey & Everitt Morris in 1945 • Everitt Morris gives his half-interest to his wife, Jentsey Morris, in 1952 • Descended to Morris's heirs in 1972, who kept the house until 1987. <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/VV/358, CC1/363-4, CC1/372-3 (mortgage), II1/506, II2/349-50, Plat Book/2/118 (1960), 5/104 (1979)</p>
<p>Later deeds: VV3/338 (Tract #1)</p>	
<p><u>Gilbert Spear</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilbert Spear was from the Brooksville area, the son of Herrod and Nancy (Nicey) Spear. He and Martha (Mattie) Simolton were married in 1901. • The family purchased this house in 1905. By 1910, Gilbert was single and living here with his mother. • Gilbert worked at odd jobs and farm labor. However, in 1920, Gilbert was married to Essie Dykes Humphries and living in Dawson, where Gilbert worked for the railroad. • Gilbert returned to Shellman in the 1920s; he lived here until the house was sold for back taxes in 1932. He died in 1937. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Everitt Morris family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everitt Morris was from Alabama. He was in Shellman by 1920. • In 1940, Everitt owned a house on Prince Rd. By 1945, he had married Jentsey Christian; the couple purchased this house on Division St. • Everitt worked for the town of Shellman in the water works and electric plant. Jentsey was a teacher. • Jentsey Morris died around 1972; Everitt died in 1976. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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690 Division St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895	
8/7/1948	<p>From Annie Cheney to Oscar & Dollie Mae Jones Notes: Half-acre vacant lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bounded south by Morris; west by Division St.The 1950 census suggests the Jones family built a house and moved here shortly after they purchased the lot (link). <p>Source: Deed Book/FF1/179-80, II1/69 (mortgage)</p>
12/1/1981	<p>Purchased by James A Horne Notes: Horne assumed the mortgage, and in this deed purchased the foreclosed property. Source: Deed Book/XX2/574 (sheriff's sale)</p>
Later deeds: VV3/338 (Tract #2)	
<p><u>The Oscar A Jones family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Little can be found on this family.Oscar worked for the Robinett Brothers Lumber Co.; Dollie was a nurse and midwife.Oscar died in 1969. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Fountain Bridge Rd

Fountain Bridge crosses the Pachitla Creek in a swamp in south-central Randolph County. This was a strategic place for a bridge; it provided a gateway for farmers in the southern part of Randolph County and the northern part of Calhoun County to access the railroad depot in Shellman. A plank bridge already existed here in 1870, when the need to improve the bridge, and make it passable even under wet conditions, was recognized ([link](#)). The work was probably done in the mid-1870s. Fountain Bridge Rd probably existed by that time. The Crittenden family owned the east side of Fountain Bridge Rd; they began selling lots along the road in the mid-1890s. Mary Jane Turner owned the west side of Fountain Bridge Rd; she sold lots on the northern end of the street before 1890, but the lots further south were not sold until 1910-15, after they were acquired by Mike Cox.

Censuses of Fountain Bridge Rd

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Fountain Bridge Rd:

- Deed Book/HH/340 (1895, [plat](#))
- Plat Book/6/38 (1984)
- Book/6/158 (1987)
- Plat Book/6/218 (1988)
- Plat Book/7/262 (1988)
- Plat Book/8/176 (1995)
- Deed Book/ UU10/201 (2010)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

R G McCurdy Farm

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
8/9/1895, 8/20/1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden family to H Reid Crittenden in 1895 • Crittenden family divisions of property in 1902 <p>Notes: Reid Crittenden assembled a tract of 43 acres from Crittenden family holdings in the eastern section of Lot 5/270. Bounded north by the lots of Vandergriff and Moorman; east by Shellman-Morgan Rd; south by Mrs. M L Oliver; west by Fountain Bridge Rd. Eight lots along Fountain Bridge Rd had already been sold and were excluded, as shown on the plat.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/340 (plat), HH/337-39</p>
11/30/1908	<p>From Reid Crittenden to R G McCurdy</p> <p>Notes: 43-acre tract described above.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/314-5</p>
1/18/1911	<p>From Mrs. M J Oliver to R G McCurdy</p> <p>Notes: 99.45-acre tract. The northern half of Lot 5/271. McCurdy's Farm now comprises 143 acres.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/150</p>
7/16/1920	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCurdy divided the farm into six tracts, which were offered at auction on 7/16/1920. No tracts were sold at the auction. • The reason for the auction is unclear, but McCurdy was an active investor in real estate, so perhaps this was just another transaction for him. • A plat was drawn to show the six tracts. The plat also locates six dwellings on the tract. <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/345 (plat)</p>
<p>McCurdy later sold the six tracts as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tract 1: Purchased by Anna C Pipkin in 1920 (See 2365 Fountain Bridge Rd). • Tracts 2 & 3 (southern section): Purchased by W R Terry in 1927. Source: Deed Book/SS/585 • Tract 3 (northern section): Purchased by W R Curry in 1920 (See 2365 Fountain Bridge Rd). • Tracts 4,5,6: Purchased by Mercer Wooten and Oscar Crittenden in 1923. Source: Deed Book/QQ/431 	
<p>Later deeds: WW/322</p>	
<p>McCurdy was listed as a salesman through the 1910 census, but as a farmer from 1920 on. This suggests he farmed this land, although he continued to live at his home at 26 College St. He owned other farmland, which he kept. Refer to 26 College St for information on the McCurdy family.</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Fountain Bridge Rd (East Side)

3454 Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

11/25/1889	From Crittenden Brothers to Trustees for New Harmony Baptist Church Notes: One-acre lot, with the church already built. Bounded on the north by the land of Ben Moorman. Source: Deed Book/CC/221, HH/340 plat
4/5/1921	From the Trustees for New Harmony Baptist Church to the Trustees for Union Baptist Church. Notes: Bounded on the east by Ben Moorman, north by Ben Moorman and Lennie Tennell, and south by Ben Shed. Source: Deed Book/PP/59, KK2/217
<u>Union Baptist Church</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 1921, New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (located on Bethea St) and New Harmony Baptist Church (located at this site) and merged to form Union Baptist Church.• The lots of each were deeded to the new church.• The original sanctuary has been replaced.	



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2760 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
5/27/1897	From Mariah Adams to Ben Shed Notes: 1 acre (210' square), no improvements. Bounded north by New Harmony Baptist Church. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1911 mortgage reveal that Lou Shines was renting a house on this lot. Source: Deed Book/GG/70, NN/221 (mortgage, Tract #2), PP/598 (mortgage release), 1910 census link
	OO/162 (description of houses)
11/24/1956	From Mattie Shed & Roger Jamison (the heirs of Ben Shed) to Charlie Benton Notes: The lot appears to have been vacant. Source: Deed Book/OO1/544-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lot appears to have been vacant in 1956. The current house on the lot was built in 1962, Later deeds: RR1/66, QQ2/542
<u>The Ben Shed family</u> Ben Shed lived on Buford St before moving here; for information on the Shed family, refer to 100 Buford St.	

2734 (or 3428) Fountain Bridge Rd

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/31/1902, 9/12/1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden Brothers to M M & Oscar A Crittenden in 1902 From the Crittendens to Virginia Jones in 1905 Notes: Half-acre vacant lot. Bounded north by Ben Shed. Source: Deed Book/HH/466, JJ/412
11/18/1930, 9/26/1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Virginia Jones to J D Pipkin in 1930 By descent in the family until 2010 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1930, half-acre lot with house. Bounded north by Ben Shed; south by house and lot of Virginia Jones. The deeds in 1979 and 2010 mistakenly say that this was a one-acre lot which included the lot owned by Virginia Jones (which is correct) and the lot owned by T J Jones (which is incorrect). This may have been caused by misunderstanding a 1943 mortgage loan made by Jeff Pipkin (Deed Book/CC1/118-9), which never resulted in a transfer of the lot to Pipkin. Source: Deed Book/UU/298 (mortgage), PP1/439, TT2/245-7 (Tract #1), VV10/233
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It appears that the Pipkins lived in the original house on this lot from 1930-1935. The current house on the lot was built in 1970, when the lot was owned by the Pipkins. 	

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2710 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

10/12/1911, 4/11/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H O Crittenden to T J Jones in 1911 • From T J Jones to Emma Burney & Lorene Jones in 1945 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1911, the vacant lot is bounded north by Virginia Jones; east by McCurdy; south by Kimbrough; west by Fountain Bridge Rd. • In 1945, the lot with house is bounded north by J D Pipkin; south by Jack Davis. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/195, OO/162 (mortgage), CC1/118-9 (mortgage), DD1/311</p>
12/11/1945	<p>From Emma Burney & Lorene Jones to Jack & Eva B Davis</p> <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with improvements. This deed combines the T J Jones lot with the Currington lot to the south (2708 Fountain Bridge Rd). Refer there for subsequent history.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/312</p>
<p>Thomas J Jones and Virginia Jones owned several rental houses in Shellman. Refer to 74 Buford St for information on the family.</p>	

2708 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- G W Kimbrough acquired this one-acre vacant lot in 1891. From 1904-1909, he divided his lot. He retained the northern quarter-acre lot on which he lived; the remaining three-quarter acre was sold as three parcels (See 3408 and 3404 Fountain Bridge Rd).

10/27/1891	<p>From Crittenden family to G W Kimbrough, Hancock County</p> <p>Notes: 1 acre (210' square). The NW corner of this lot is the SW corner of the Brookins lot. Bounded west by road from Shellman to Fountain Bridge.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/102, HH/340 plat, UU/320 (mortgage)</p>
1/2/1935	<p><u>The Northern Quarter of the Kimbrough lot</u></p>



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	<p>From Frank Kimbrough to Jack and Eva Davis Notes: 52.5' N/S x 210' E/W. Bounded north by Tom Jones; south by Felix Glover. Source: Deed Book/DD1/311</p>
12/11/1945	<p>From Emma Burney & Lorene Jones to Jack & Eva B Davis in 1945 Notes: Half-acre lot with improvements in 1945.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Curringtons purchased the lot to the north from Tom Jones's family. It appears that there were two houses on the lot in 1945: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One (still standing today) on the southern portion of the lot. Eva Currington likely used this for her grocery store. ○ One (torn down in 2010) on the northern portion of the lot. This house was sold in 1947 (See below). • The 1954 mortgage reveals the Curringtons have a store on this lot; it may be the house built by Jones, or another structure built as a store. <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/312, KK1/307-8 (mortgage)</p>
12/27/1947, 2/14/1968	<p>Notes: The northern portion of this lot was sold to Jim & Essie Lee Collins in 1947, and purchased back from them in 1968. They lived on their lot. A wooden house was located there which was torn down in 2010. EE1/534, YY1/110</p>
7/7/1992	<p>From the Davis estate to their heirs in 1992 Notes: Source: Deed Book/VV4/255 (Tract #1), FF7/43-6</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is Tax Lot SH03 073. Tax records list two houses standing on this lot. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One was built in 1915; likely one of the T J Jones houses. This house was likely used by Eva Currington for her grocery store. ○ One was built in 1936; likely built by the Curringtons as their residence. ○ This implies the Kimbrough house is no longer standing. ○ In addition to the house still standing on the lot purchased from Jones, there was a house torn down in 2010. • Later Deeds: SS10/537-9, UU10/201 (plat, 2010)
	<p><u>G W Kimbrough</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G W Kimbrough was a resident of Hancock County when he bought this lot in 1891. He quickly divided the lot, selling three quarter-acre vacant lots, leaving himself a quarter-acre lot on the northern boundary on which he apparently built a house. • In 1920, he was a widower living here alone. • Kimbrough was a Methodist minister. A 1917 deed for the lot to the north refers to this as the "Preacher Kimble house". In the 1910 census, there is a George Kimble, likely a misspelling link <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>
	<p><u>The Jack Davis family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack and Eva Bell were married in 1927. In 1930, they rented a house on Fountain Bridge Rd, possibly this house which they purchased in 1935. • By 1940, both Jack and Eva worked for Columbian Peanut Co. In 1945, they bought the adjacent lot, where Eva was proprietress of a grocery store in 1950. • Jack died in 1989. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>



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2690 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Kimbrough lot (See 3412 Fountain Bridge Rd). The northern half-acre of the Kimbrough lot was divided into two lots. This is the southern parcel, a quarter-acre lot. 	
<p>10/29/1909, 11/15/1909</p>	<p>From Frank Kimbrough to Lula E Cooledge</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter-acre vacant lot (45' N/S x 210' E/W). The second quarter of the Kimbrough lot. Cooledge bought the lot for \$30 and sold it to the Sheffield Brothers for \$400 two weeks later. Cooledge then repurchased the lot and house in 1913. A possible scenario is that the Sheffields built a house for the Cooledges in 1909, but retained ownership until the Cooledges had fully paid for it. <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/551, NN/27, QQ/469, QQ/464-5 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No deeds for this lot have been located between 1923 (when John Cooledge obtained a mortgage) and 1957 (when the Glover family sold it). Deeds for the lot to the north reveals that Felix Glover lived here in 1930 and 1935. No censuses record the Glover family living in this area. 	
<p>7/8/1957</p>	<p>From Benny & Willie J Glover to Fannie Mae Johnson</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN1/503, TT3/178-9, TT3/180-3 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is Tax Lot SH03 072. The house on this lot was lost after 1988. 	
<p><u>The John H Cooledge family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Cooledge was from Clay County. He and Lula Davenport were married there in 1889. They lived on a farm south of Shellman in 1900. They purchased this lot in 1909. They built a house and likely a shop here. John was a cobbler; he owned a shoe shop. Lula was a dressmaker and laundress. Lula died in 1920. John mortgaged the house in 1923; there is no further record of the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	



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2680 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Kimbrough lot (See 3412 Fountain Bridge Rd). The southern half of the Kimbrough lot was divided into two side-by-side lots. One fronted on Fountain Bridge Rd; the other was behind it, and had access to the road via a 12' strip. A rental house was likely built on each lot, but there is no record of that. The lots are now vacant. This lot is not mapped. 	
10/24/1904	<u>SW Quadrant of Kimbrough lot, fronting on Fountain Bridge Rd.</u> Notes: Quarter-acre vacant lot. Source: Deed Book/JJ/220
2/9/1905, 10/10/1905	<u>SE Quadrant of Kimbrough Lot</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From G W Kimbrough to C W Martin From Robert Harris to C J Greene Notes: ¼ acre. The SE quadrant of the Kimbrough lot. The deed reserves a 12' strip for access to Buford St. Source: Deed Book/JJ/421, JJ/422
10/12/1911	<u>SE Quadrant of Kimbrough Lot</u> From H O Crittenden to T J Jones Notes: In 1911, the half-acre lot is bounded north by Lula Cooledge; east by McCurdy; south by Liza Davis; west by Fountain Bridge Rd. Source: Deed Book/NN/195
This is Tax Lot SH03 071.	

2670 (or 3392) Fountain Bridge Rd

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
1895	Acquired by John Daniel (Deed not located) Notes: Davis purchased his lot by 1895, as shown on the plat. Source: Deed Book/ HH/340 plat
1/16/1961, 3/26/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by the Crittendens (Deed not located) From the estate of M M Crittenden to R C Bell in 1961 From R C Bell to Ben & Ruby Powell in 1975 Notes: Lot with house (100' N/S x 200' E/W). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 1917 deed for the lot to the south reveals that the Crittendens had already re-acquired this lot. The 1975 deed states that the lot was owned by M M Crittenden for more than 30 years in 1961. Known as the John Daniel place. Source: Deed Book/SS1/185, JJ2/298
The current houses on the lot were built in 1950 and 1976.	
Little information on the Daniel family can be identified in Ancestry.com link	



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2650 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
3/26/1894, 9/19/1896, 9/25/1896	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the Crittenden family to Tom Thomas• From Thomas to John Newkirk• From Reid Crittenden to John Newkirk <p>Notes: Newkirk assembled a half-acre vacant lot. In 1896, bounded north by Davis; south by Richmond Brown.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/392, HH/393, HH/391, HH/340 plat, OO/163 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This now-vacant lot is still owned by the Newkirk family.• This is Tax Lot SH03 069.	
<p><u>The John T Newkirk family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John was from Randolph County. He married twice:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ He and Lula Williams were married in 1894. Lula died in 1919.○ He then married Isophene Brown by 1920.• John assembled a tract on the east side of Fountain Bridge Rd (#2650) from 1894-96; he built a house there between 1900 and 1910.• In 1918, he purchased a lot across the street (2631 Fountain Bridge Rd). Census records confirm that he lived in this vicinity, but do not identify whether he continued to live here at 2650 Fountain Bridge Rd, or if he built a house and moved to the new lot.• The family remained here until at least 1950. In 1949, Newkirk sold the property across the street to the family of his daughter, Susie (Mrs. Rawleigh) Parsons.• John was a farmer in 1900, living in a rented farm house in this vicinity. Later he was a laborer and then he worked at Shellman Oil Co. before returning to farm labor.• John died in 1952. The family still owns both lots, now vacant. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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2630 (or 3370) Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

10/20/1893	<p>From the Crittenden family to Richmond Brown</p> <p>Notes: Half-acre vacant lot (105' N/S x 210' E/W). Brown purchased the lot and built a house, where he lived in 1894.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/123</p>
12/1/1894, 9/20/1897	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Richmond Brown to I A & C W Martin in 1894 • From the Martin Brothers to Davis Martin in 1897 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot, now with house (105' N/S x 210' E/W).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/238, GG/257</p>
2/28/1901	<p>From Davis Martin to Sophie Jackson</p> <p>Notes: Bounded north by the John Newkirk lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/103</p>
10/14/1946, 1/2/1958	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by William Bell around 1940 (Deed not located) • From William Bell to his two youngest sons, Harry Lee & Anthony James Bell, in 1946 • From the Bells to Garfield Daniel in 1958 <p>Notes: Bounded north by Newkirk. William Bell retained life interest in 1946</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/10, OO1/209</p>
<p>Definitely 3370 FB Rd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax records say the house was built 1936 • Later deeds: YY2/589, EE6/358 	
<p><u>Richmond Brown</u></p> <p>No information can be found on Brown.</p>	
<p><u>Steven & Sophia (Sophie) Jackson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven and Sophie were married in 1877, and lived in Stewart County before moving to Shellman by 1900. They bought this house in 1901. • Steven was a farmer. He died in 1919; Sophie remained here until at least 1920. • There is no further information on the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The William Bell family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little information can be found on the Bell family. • Bell bought the house around 1940. It descended to his two youngest sons, who sold it in 1958. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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2620 (or 3368) Fountain Bridge Rd

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
3/26/1894, 9/19/1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From the Crittenden family to Thomas Williams in 1894From W J Oliver to Virginia Jones in 1904 Notes: Quarter-acre vacant lot. The SW corner of the Richmond Brown lot is the NW corner of this lot. The 1904 handwritten deed was subsequently misread; "Richmond Brown" was mistakenly transcribed as "Richard Brenew". That mistake is carried forward with all deeds from that point. Source: Deed Book/TT/15 (2), JJ/209
11/26/1927, 11/6/1935, 2/2/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From Virginia Jones to Dowell Shingles in 1927Mortgaged by Shingles in 1935; foreclosed in 1937 Notes: Quarter-acre lot (105' square). Vacant in 1927; with house in 1935. Source: Deed Book/TT/15, XX/216, YY/93 (3)
3/11/1937	From Mrs. Leila Watson & J E McGlaun to James & Weeda Crumley Notes: Quarter-acre lot with house (105' square). Source: Deed Book/YY/154 (mortgage), YY/187
12/30/1982	From James Crumley to Jimmie & Millie Marie Allen Notes: The house was still standing. Source: Deed Book/ZZ2/306-7, ZZ2/308 (mortgage)
Later Deeds: UU3/170-3 (Tract #1), UU3/174-5 (Tract #1), WW3/59 (Tract #1, mortgage), II4/209, EE13/678-80	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The original house was replaced in 1997.Later deeds (Tax Lot SH03 067): JJ5/295, AA6/171-7, FF10/413-5, Plat Book/7/262Later deeds (Tax Lot SH03 067A): UU3/174, VV10/160	
<u>The Dowell Shingles, Jr. family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dowell was from Americus. Dowell and Ada Shingles were married in 1898.In 1900, the family was living on a farm in Davis County; his widower father lived with them.By 1920, the family was renting a house on W Railroad St in Shellman. Dowell was a house carpenter; Ada took in laundry.They bought this lot on Fountain Bridge Rd in 1927 and built a house here by 1930. Dowell died in 1935. Ada then took out a mortgage, which was foreclosed in 1937.Ada seems to have moved away from Shellman after the house was foreclosed, perhaps back to Sumter County. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>James C Crumley family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">James was from Benevolence, the son of Paul Crumley. The family was living on a farm near Shellman in 1930.James married Weeda Hill in the 1930s. They bought this house in 1937. By 1940, they were using the house as rental property.James seems to have to Florida by 1940, where he eventually settled in Miami. There is no further record of Weeda until 1961, when she married a Mr. Days.In 1982, Paul sold this house and his parents' house. Source: Ancestry.com link	

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2606 (or 3354) Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/21/1895	<p>From Reid Crittenden to Pinkey Harris Notes: Half-acre vacant lot (105' square). Bounded north by Williams. Source: Deed Book/EE/386</p>
11/23/1903	<p>From Pinkey Harris to Thomas Jones Notes: Irregular lot with house, ¾ acre (210' square, with the NW quarter excluded). Bounded north by Steve Jackson and W J Oliver; east by Reid Crittenden; south by Ben Shed; west by road. Known as the A L Harris place. Seems to include Tax Lots SH03 67A, 66, 66A Source: Deed Book/JJ/1</p>
1/27/1913	<p>From Tom Jones to Alonzo Burks Notes: Bounded west by Buford Rd; south by school. The lot is one square acre less the quarter-acre in the NW corner, now owned by Virginia Jones. Seems to include Tax Lots SH03 67A, 66, 66A Source: Deed Book/NN/320</p>
12/1/1994	<p>From the heirs of Alonzo Burks to Mary W Saunders Notes: Seems to include Tax Lots SH03 66, 66A Source: Deed Book/NN5/145-189 (affidavits), NN5/191-3</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lot has changed in size over the years, but it appears that only one house was built here. • Later deeds: QQ10/521, AA11/128-9, AA11/440 (correction)
	<p><u>The Abram L Harris, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little can be found of the family history. • Abram and Pinkey Harris married in 1887. • The family built a house here shortly after the 1900 census. • In Shellman, Abram was a farmer. By 1910, the family had moved to Shreveport, LA, where he was a clergyman. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>
	<p><u>Thomas Jones</u> For information on Tom & Virginia Jones, refer to 74 Buford St.</p>
	<p><u>The Alonzo (Lonzo) Burks family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alonzo Burks was from Terrell County, the son of Harrison & Carrie Burks, and brother to Arthur Burks. The family moved to Shellman by 1900. • Alonzo and Mittie Terrell were married in 1895; she died by 1900. He then married Emma Gary in 1903, and later married Alice Speed. • Burks was a farmer.

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- Burks bought this house in 1913. He remained here until his death in 1948. His family kept the house until 1994.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

2588 (or 3350) Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/30/1895, 10/31/1902	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Reid Crittenden to Ben Shed in 1895 From Shed to the Trustees of the Benevolence Baptist Association in 1902 <p>Notes: One-acre vacant lot (210' square). Bounded north by Reid Crittenden and Pinkie Harris; east by Reid Crittenden; west by Buford Rd.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/370, HH/384</p>
4/12/1937, 6/10/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Trustees of the Benevolence Institute of Davis County to J A Grubbs in 1937 From Grubbs to Milledge Walker in 1937 By descent within the family <p>Notes: Bounded north by Lonzo Burks; south by Melvina Simpson.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/187, ZZ/167-8, YY/267 (mortgage)</p>
12/22/1958	<p>From the heirs of Milledge Walker to Andrew Lee Johnson</p> <p>Notes: Two houses were on the lot, which is now divided into three lots: #3350, #3342, and #3340. One of the houses was on #3350; it is still standing. The other seems to have been replaced.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP1/90</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax records say the house at 3350 Fountain Bridge Rd was built in 1936. It appears older, and may have been used by the school. The double front door supports this possibility. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Later deeds-3342 Fountain Bridge Rd: TT2/529-30, EE5/223 Later deeds-3340 Fountain Bridge Rd: TT2/427, YY10/96 (Tract #3) 	
<p><u>Benevolence Baptist Institute of Davis County</u></p> <p>The Benevolence Missionary Baptist Association purchased this lot in 1902 and owned it until 1937. Deeds for adjacent property refer to the Benevolence Institute of Davis County during this time, but no historical records have been found to tell the history of the school.</p>	
<p><u>The Milledge Walker family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milledge and Julia Thomas were married in 1888. Walker was a farmer. The Walkers bought this house in 1937. Milledge Walker died in the 1940s; Julia died in 1949. Their heirs sold the house in 1958. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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2558 (or 3334) Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

10/16/1897	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by Kate Gardner (Deed not located) From Kate Gardner to Will Hawk in 1897 Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Bounded north by Ben Shed. <p>Source: Deed Book/GG/167</p>
10/10/1901	<p>From Will & L B Hawk to Moses Jordan</p> <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/II/66-8</p>
3/30/1914	<p>From Silvie Jordan to her daughter, Melvina Simpson</p> <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house (105' N/S x 210' E/W). Known as the Moses Jordan house. Simpson assumed Jordan's mortgage.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/394, PP/394 (mortgage), WW/395 (quitclaim), WW/417 (mortgage)</p>
4/15/1942	<p>From Melvina Simpson to her grandson, J B Mabry (gift)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/170</p>
1/9/1971	<p>From J B Mabry to Leavy Hart, Sr.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/BB2/419-20</p>
<p>Later Deeds: TT7/103-5</p>	
<p><u>Edd & Katie Gardner</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is little record of the Gardner family. They lived in this area, perhaps in this house, in 1880. Edd worked for C D Crittenden, who owned a farm in the area. The family may have moved to Butts County around the time they sold this house. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The Moses Jordan family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moses Jordan was from Terrell County, He and Silvia (Silvie) were married in 1848. They lived near Ward's Station by 1880. Moses was a farmer. They bought this house in 1897. In 1914, Silvie sold the house to their daughter, Melvina Jordan Simpson. Melvina and Glen Simpson were married in 1881. Glen died by 1900. Melvina and her children lived with her parents that year. Moses Jordan died in 1905 and Silvie Jordan died by 1920. Melvina lived here alone in 1920. Other family members later joined her. 	



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- Melvina was a laundress. In 1942, she gave the house to her grandson, John Mabry. Mabry sold the house in 1972.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#), [link](#)



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Fountain Bridge Rd (West Side)

2755 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the David Ferguson farm acquired by Mary Jane Turner in 1881 The original lot included four present-day lots: #3445 and #3439 Fountain Bridge Rd; #634 Prince Rd and an unnumbered lot on Prince Rd. Only one house seems to have been built on the lots prior to 1950. 	
5/15/1888	<p>From Mary Jane Turner to Sandy Anderson</p> <p>Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$-acre triangular, vacant lot. The lot lay in the fork of Prince Rd (about 400' frontage) and Fountain Bridge Rd (315' frontage); the southern border is 252'.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/266</p>
11/8/1890, 10/15/1891, 1/2/1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Sandy Anderson to Crittenden Brothers in 1891 J F Crittenden acquired sole ownership from his brothers in 1913 <p>Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$-acre triangular lot, now with house. Bounded south by Isham Brookins and Mrs. S P Turner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anderson mortgaged his house to Mrs. Payne in 1890, then sold it to the Crittendens in 1891, using the proceeds to repay Mrs. Payne. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/458 (mortgage), EE/461 (mortgage satisfied), CC/785, NN/335</p>
8/4/1919	<p>From J F Crittenden to Josie & Charlie Stanford in 1919</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/587</p>
7/21/1971, 5/31/1980	<p>The Stanford heirs divided the lot and sold the parcels in 1971 and 1980.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD2/232-3, DD2/259 (mortgage), GG2/486, QQ2/452, UU2/427-8</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lot was intact in 1971, and apparently vacant. The location of the original house on the lot is unknown. It may have been located on the lot that became 3445 Fountain Bridge Rd; its current structure is used as a laundromat and may have replaced the original house. 	
<p><u>The Sandy Anderson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy was from Virginia. He and Lavonia Lamar were married in Davis County in 1873. Sandy was a farm laborer, and later a gardener. Lavonia died before 1920; Sandy died of pneumonia in Shellman in 1920. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>Charlie & Josie Stanford</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie and Josie were brother and sister, the children of Warren & Emiline Stanford. The family was in Shellman by 1900. They were renters until they bought this house in 1919. In 1920, the widowed Emiline, three of her children, and a granddaughter lived here. Josie married George Jenkins around 1924. The Jenkins family lived here in 1930 (link). Josie later married a Mr. Swanger, but was a widow when she died in 1936. The use of the house is unclear from this point. In 1971 and 1980, the heirs of the three Stanford siblings (Charlie, Josie, and Alice) divided the lot. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	

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2717 Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the David Ferguson farm acquired by Mary Jane Turner in 1881.



10/23/1888	<p>From M J Turner to Mollie Brookins</p> <p>Notes: One-acre vacant lot (210' square). Bounded north by lands of Sandy Anderson; south by Mrs. Turner.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/131</p>
3/7/1916, 2/3/1917, 11/20/1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mollie Brookins to H R Watson in 1916 • From Watson to Beatrice Brookins in 1917 • From Brookins's estate to her daughters, Mary O Ross & Beatrice B Jackson, in 1972 <p>Notes: One-acre lot with house in 1916. Bounded north by J F Crittenden; east by Buford Rd; south by Tom Coats; west by M W Cox.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/184, OO/184, OO/184-5 (mortgage), OO/332 (mortgage release), OO/332-3 (mortgage), UU/479 (mortgage), XX1/86 (mortgage), FF2/473</p>
12/8/1972, 4/2/1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mary O Ross & Beatrice B Jackson to Dazzie Ella & Ulysses Davis in 1972 • Dazzie Ella Davis became sole owner in 1994 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF2/475-6, KK5/5-8 (Tract 3)</p>
<p>In 1996, the lot was split in half:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house is #2717 Fountain Bridge Rd. Tax records say the house was built in 1906, but the 1900 census reveals that the Brookins family already owned a house in this vicinity. • The commercial structures are #2735 Fountain Bridge Rd. Tax records say that the structure facing Fountain Bridge Rd was built in 1926. <p>Source: Deed Book/WW5/216-7, WW5/218-9</p>	
<p>Two tax lots (SH03 048, SH03 048A) are grouped here since they were split only recently.</p>	
<p><u>The Isham Brookins family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isham Brookins was from Davis County. He and Mollie were married in 1863. • The family bought this lot in 1898; they built a house soon after and were living here in 1900. • Brookins was a farmer. • Mollie Brookins died by 1910. Isham lived here in 1910, but seems to have died before 1920. • Perhaps his death was the reason for the sale of the house in 1916. It was purchased by their daughter-in-law, Beatrice Brookins, in 1917. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Solomon Brookins family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solomon Brookins was from Shellman, the son of Isham & Mollie Brookins. He and Beatrice Taylor were married in 1901. 	



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- The family lived here on Fountain Bridge Rd, at first with his widower father, then as a single family after his father died.
- The family was entrepreneurial:
 - In 1910, Solomon was a mail clerk for the railroad; Beatrice operated a grocery store.
 - In 1920 and 1930, both were teachers.
 - By 1935, Solomon and Beatrice's names were appearing on death certificates as the undertaker. In 1940, Solomon listed his profession as undertaker. Beatrice also continued to teach.
- Solomon died in 1940. After his death, some of Beatrice's fellow teachers boarded with her. Beatrice died in 1972.
- The Brookins family operated a mortuary on this lot by 1935. The 1968 mortgage confirms that the one-acre lot contains both a house and a mortuary. In 1971, shortly before Beatrice died, a new funeral home was built on the adjacent lot to the north (3439 Fountain Bridge Rd), operated by the Ward family.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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2701 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the David Ferguson farm acquired by Mary Jane Turner in 1881.	
The current lot is ½ acre. It appears that Robert Nathan purchased a half-acre lot by 1897, and built a house on the northern half of the lot. In 1897, he sold the southern half of the lot (See below). The lots were rejoined under the ownership of Arie Adams. No deeds have been found for these transactions.	
Mortgage 1/23/1897, 5/10/1897, 2/12/1898 Crittenden Brothers	
12/8/1897, 6/1/1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Robert Nathan to Mollie Thornton in 1897 • From Thornton to Crittenden Brothers in 1917 Notes: ¼-acre lot. The lot was vacant in 1897, but had a house in 1917. Bounded north by Robert Nathan. Source: Deed Book/00/237-8, 00/238
10/17/1919	From Crittenden Brothers to Arie Adams in 1919 (subject to mortgage) Notes: Bounded south by Frank Cox (known as Charley Thornton lot). Adams bought the northern half. Source: Deed Book/EE1/229
10/13/1944	From Mrs. J G Thompson to Arie Adams Notes: Adams purchased land to the west and south, originally assembled by Floyd Gray. Source: Deed Book/DD1/4
1/22/1949	Notes: Adams divided her lot, giving two of her children lots off the west side, facing on Buford Circle. Source: Deed Book/FF1/356, FF1/358
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later Deeds: UU12/491 • This is Tax Lot SH03 049. 	
<u>Robert Nathan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little information can be found on the Nathans. • Robert & Annie Brown were married in Sumter County in 1873. They acquired this lot by 1897, and lived here in 1900 Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Jack Thornton family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Thornton was from Springvale. He married Mary (Mollie) Nathan in 1878. • Mollie Thornton bought this vacant lot in 1897; the family lived here in 1900. • She sold the house in 1917; the family moved to Connecticut. • Jack died in 1942 (obituary). Source: Ancestry.com link , link	
<u>The Arie Adams family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arie Ford was from Shellman, the daughter of Emmanuel & Julia Ford. She and Jasper (Git) Adams were married in 1897. The family lived in Shellman; they were divorced by 1920. • Arie bought this house in 1919. In 1944, she expanded her lot. In 1949, she divided it, giving two of her children lots off the west side, facing on Buford Circle. • Arie died in 1970 in a “home for the incurables” in Louisville, KY. • Arie was a laundress. Source: Ancestry.com link	



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2695 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
1/5/1910, 1/14/1916, 10/6/1917, 1/30/1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From M W Cox to Mrs. H R Watson in 1910From Mrs. Watson to since F C Cox in 1916From Cox to Floyd Grays in 1917 Notes: 50' N/S x 150' E/W, with house (in 1916). Bounded north by Mollie Thornton/Brookins; east by Buford St; south by Eliza Green. A house is built by 1916. Cox Addition, Block 2, Lot #1. Source: Deed Book/NN/10, OO/8-9, OO/277-8, OO/278 (mortgage)
1917, 1918	Floyd Grays later expanded his lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/470, ZZ/288 (2), ZZ/289
1/30/1939, 10/13/1944	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From Floyd Grays to Mrs. J G Thompson in 1939From Mrs. Thompson to Arie Adams in 1944 Notes: Grays sells his assembled lot to Mrs. Thompson, who sells it to Arie Adams. Adams owns the lot to the north; from this point the two lots are combined. Source: Deed Book/ZZ/289, DD1/4
This is Tax Lot SH03 050.	
<u>The Floyd Grays family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Floyd & Georgia Grays were married in 1905.The family rented nearby before they bought this house in 1917. They later expanded the lot.Floyd was a farmer.Georgia Grays died in the 1920s. Floyd remained here until he sold the lot in 1939. No further record of him can be found. Source: Ancestry.com link	



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2675 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. This lot was assembled from Cox Addition, Block 2, Lot #2 (southern half), Lot #3, and Lot #4. 	
1/10/1914	<p>From M W Cox to Dock & Eliza Green Notes: 50' N/S x 150' E/W. Bounded south by William Hill. Cox Lot #2. The Greens later sold this lot to Ernest Lee, who divided it in 1918. Source: Deed Book/NN/417</p>
10/21/1910, 11/19/1918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From M W Cox to William Hill in 1910 From Ernest Lee to William Hill in 1918 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hill purchased Cox Lot #3 in 1910 and the southern half of Cox Lot #2 in 1918. Hill acquired Cox Lot #4 at an unknown date. The assembled lot was 125' N/S x 150' E/W. There is a house on Cox Lot #3 by 1913. It was no longer standing in 1977. There is no evidence of a house on Cox Lot #2. Hill also owned Cox Lot #5 from 1918 to 1940. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/104, NN/148, NN/405, OO/315-6, OO/470</p>
10/14/1910, 10/14/1918, 7/12/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From M W Cox to Noah and Minnie Pierce in 1910 From Noah Pierce to William Hill in 1918 From M L Walker to Verla Keyes in 1940 <p>Notes: Vacant lot (50' N/S x 150' E/W). Cox Addition, Block 2, Lot #5. Hill owned this vacant lot, immediately south of his home lot, from 1918-1940.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Source: Deed Book/NN/94, OO/519, BB1/493
9/12/1977	<p>From William Hill's sons to West & Bertha Coleman in 1977 Notes: Vacant lot (125' N/S x 150' E/W). Bounded north by Pierce, south by Parson (SH03 052) Source: Deed Book/OO2/378</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Later Deeds: II2/684, GG11/83 This is Tax Lot SH03 051. 	
<p><u>The William Hill family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William & Bennie Hill were married around 1910. The family lived here in 1920, but were gone by 1930. Hill's sons sold the vacant lot in 1977. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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2635 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
3/18/1912, 7/14/1919, 12/12/1923, 2/7/1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From M W Cox to S J Jackson in 1912• From Jackson to Clarence Turner in 1919• By descent to Turner's wife, Mary B Turner• From Mary B Turner (remainder interest) to her son, Walter Lee Turner, in 1968 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50' N/S x 150' E/W, vacant in 1919. Bounded south by George Wheeler.• Deeds refer to this lot as Cox Addition, Block 2, Lot #7. The lot to the south is also referred to as Cox Lot #7. Despite the duplicate numbers, they are separate lots.• Turner built a house here, probably at the time of the mortgage in 1920. Source: Deed Book/PP/43-4, PP/162 (mortgage), PP/415 (mortgage), RR/24-5 (mortgage), YY1/51
3/21/1972	From Walter Lee Turner to Parker Powell Notes: Source: Deed Book/EE2/251
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is Tax Lot SH03 054• Later Deeds: DD3/346• The house was replaced in 1997.	
<u>The Clarence Turner family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarence and Mary Bussey, a widow, were married around the time he bought this lot in 1919. They built a house here, probably at the time of the mortgage in 1920.• Clarence Turner was a carpenter in 1930 and 1940. In 1950, he was a taxi driver. Mary Turner was a laundress in 1930. In 1940 and 1950, she was proprietor of a café.• The Turners remained here until their deaths. She died in 1969. Source: Ancestry.com link , link	



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2631 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the M W Cox Addition	
10/3/1918	<p>From F C Cox to John Newkirk Notes: Vacant lot, unspecified size. Bounded north by Floyd Grays; west by Buford Circle; south by Cenella Thompson. This may be Tax Lot SH03 037, which is 1.69 acres. Source: Deed Book/PP/318</p>
10/16/1918	<p>From F C Cox to John Newkirk Notes: Vacant lot (50' N/S x 150' E/W). Cox Addition, Block 2, Lot #6. Bounded north by Noah Pierce; east by Fountain Bridge Rd; south by Steve Jackson. This is Tax Lot SH03 053. Source: Deed Book/PP/319</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newkirk assembled a multi-acre tract stretching from Buford Circle on the west across Fountain Bridge Rd.• His family lived on the east side of Fountain Bridge Rd (#2650) at the time they purchased this tract. It is unclear whether they built a house and moved here, or remained in the old house, using this tract as farmland.• For information on the Newkirk family, refer to 2650 Fountain Bridge Rd.
6/23/1949	<p>From Newkirk to the family of his daughter, Susie (Mrs. Rawleigh) Parsons Notes: Same property in Deed Book/PP/319 Source: Deed Book/FF1/530</p>
1/26/1950	<p>From John Newkirk to William Lee Newkirk Notes: 50'x 150'. Bounded north by Sam Nelson; east by Buford Circle. This lot is located on the west side of Buford Circle, across the street from Newkirk's main tract. The deed of purchase is not located. Source: Deed Book/GG1/278</p>



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2621 Fountain Bridge Rd (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.	
4/4/1905, 11/10/1910, 12/2/1913	<p>From M W Cox to George Wheeler</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wheeler bought Cox Addition, Block 2, Lot #8 in 1905 (50' N/S x 150' E/W)• Wheeler sold Cox Lot #8 to the Sheffield Brothers in 1910 and bought it back from them in 1913. A house was built here by 1910.• When Wheeler repurchased Cox Lot #8, he also purchased Cox Lot #7, thus expanding his lot to 100' N/S.• In 1917, Wheeler lived in the house, which is bounded on the south by Blossom Daniel. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/112 (2), NN/381, NN/382 (2), NN/383, OO/222 (mortgage)</p>
5/24/1921, 5/28/1921, 10/7/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From George Wheeler to Alonza Burk in 1921• From Alonza Burk to Lucious Daniel in 1921• From Lucious Daniel to his daughter, Susie Daniel, in 1932 <p>Notes: The Wheelers had vacated the house by 1921; it was rented to Ella Reddick.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/563, VV/219</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are no further deeds; still registered to the estate of Susie Daniel.• This is Tax Lot SH03 055.	
<p><u>The George Wheeler family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• George and Leola Wheeler lived here in 1910, but had moved by 1920. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Lucious Daniel family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucious Daniel was from Cuthbert, the son of Washington & Martha Daniel. He and Fanny Daniel were married in 1899.• Lucious was a farmer. The family lived on different farms through the 1940s, and used the house on Fountain Bridge Rd as rental property.• In 1950, Lucious was a school janitor; the family had moved into this house on Fountain Bridge Rd.• Susie Daniel was the unmarried daughter of the Daniels; she lived with them. The now-vacant lot is registered to her estate. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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2567 Fountain Bridge Rd



Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909.

8/18/1910	<p>From M W Cox to Frank Reddick Notes: Two vacant lots (each were 50' N/S x 150' E/W). Cox Addition, Block 2, Lots #14 & #15. Source: Deed Book/NN/74</p>
12/16/1929	<p>From Frank Reddick to Mamie & Norm Brown Notes: Lot with house. Bounded north by Arthur Burks; west by William Bell. Source: Deed Book/UU/83</p>
1/14/1980	<p>From Mamie J Brown to Robert & Katie McDaniel Notes: Source: Deed Book/TT2/585</p>
<p><u>The Frank Reddick family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Reddick was from Benevolence, the son of Chance & Mariah Reddick. The family moved to Shellman by 1900. Frank and Ella Reddick were married around 1910. • Frank sold the house in 1929 and the family moved to Macon. • Frank died in Macon around 1952. Ella remained in Macon, where she died in 1961. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The Norm Brown family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norm & Mamie Davis(?) were married in 1922. They lived on a farm south of Shellman until at least 1930. • They bought this house in 1929, but did not immediately move in; they were here in 1940. • Norm was a gardener; Mamie was a laundress. • Mamie sold the house shortly before she died in 1983. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	



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2365 Fountain Bridge Rd

Part of the R G McCurdy farm (See McCurdy Farm under Fountain Bridge Rd)	
11/1/1920	<p>From R G McCurdy to Anna C Pipkin</p> <p>Notes: 51.84-acre farm. Tract #1 of the McCurdy Farm. The 1920 plat shows a farmhouse and farm buildings on this tract.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/TT/213-4, TT/416 (mortgage), PP/345 (plat)</p>
11/1/1920, 11/20/1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From R G McCurdy to W R Curry in 1920• From Curry to Ada Bramlett in 1929 <p>Notes: 12.65-acre tract. The north part of McCurdy Tract #3. Known as the John Hill place in 1929. The 1920 plat shows a house in this tract facing on Fountain Bridge Rd.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/345 (Tract #3, plat), PP/590-1, UU/53,</p>
12/30/1940	<p>From Will Davis to J D Pipkin</p> <p>Notes: 6.325-acre tract; no improvements mentioned. The deed conveyed the southern half of the tract purchased by W R Curry in 1920.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP1/439, TT2/245-7, Plat Book/8/176</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The J D Pipkin, Sr, family assembled this tract. It descended in the Pipkin family until 2015.• Tax records say the house was built in 1946. However, the 1920 plat shows a house in this location.• UU11/605-9 (Tract #5), UU11/610	
<p><u>The Jefferson Davis Pipkin, Jr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeff Pipkin was from Shellman, the son of Jeff (Sr.) and Anna Pipkin. After serving in WW II, he returned to Shellman. He and Helen Sauls were married in 1947 (link).• Pipkin was a farmer. The family moved to this farm, which had been assembled by his parents, and built a house here.• The Pipkins remained here until their deaths; his in 1978 and hers in 2013. The son John lived with them. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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John Smith St

John Smith St was here by 1880, before the town of Ward was incorporated. Early deeds refer to it based upon the school situated on its north side from around 1880 until around 1953. It was called Colored College St, and then for many years as Douglass St. Finally, it was changed to honor John and Ethel Smith, who owned property in the area. The street is central to African-American culture in Shellman; a school and two churches were located here.

Censuses of John Smith St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#) (Called Terry Ave)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of John Smith St

- Plat Book/2/106 (1959)
- Plat Book/2/242 (1962)
- Plat Book/6/56 (1984)
- Plat Book/6/156 (1987)

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106 John Smith St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

12/19/1891	<p>From the Crittenden family to W S Edwards Notes: ½-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 93' E/W). Bounded north by Douglass St. The NW corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Glover lot. Edwards built a rental house here. Source: Deed Book/EE/292</p>
1/28/1919, 8/23/1947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of W S Edwards to Harry & Patsy Richardson in 1919. • Descended through their son Nathaniel Richardson to his wife, Floy Richardson. in 1947. <p>Notes: ½-acre (210' N/S x 93' E/W). Bounded north by Douglass St; east by W R Terry; west by the AME parsonage; this lot is "<i>better known as the Alex Crittle house and lot</i>". In 1953, Nathaniel Richardson sold a small, vacant parcel on the SW corner of this lot (102 John Smith St). Source: Deed Book/PP/225, EE1/383, JJ1/105, UU1/36 (mortgage), DD4/259-60, BB11/180</p>

There are two houses on the lot. Tax records say the frame house was built in 1954; it appears older, and may be the original house from the 1890s.

The Harry Richardson family

- Harry and Patsy Richardson were married in 1896. In 1910, they were renting a house further west on John Smith St; Alex Crittle was renting this house at 106 John Smith St.
- In 1919, the Richardsons bought this house and moved here.
- Harry was a farm laborer; Patsy was a cook.
- Patsy died in the 1920s; Harry remarried and moved by 1930. He retained ownership of the house but lived elsewhere in subsequent censuses. He died in 1947.
- In 1930, the house was rented. By 1940, their son Nathaniel occupied the house with his wife Floy and their son.
- Both Nathaniel and Floy worked for the Columbian Peanut Co.
- They remained here until their deaths; Nathaniel in 1960 and Floy in 1989.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

97 John Smith St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

8/5/1892	From Crittenden Brothers to Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church Notes: .11 acre (80' N/S x 68' E/W). The SW corner of this lot is the SE corner of the Frederic Douglass school. Source: Deed Book/FF/68, EE2/132 (mortgage satisfaction)
3/8/1995	The church acquired the .66-acre tract to the west in 1995. Source: Deed Book/AA2/854, MM3/297 (Tract #3), PP5/35; Plat Book/2/106 (1959), 6/156 (1987)
<p><u>Beulah (Bethel) African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first AME Church was located on Division St; it was replaced by the Shellman Institute in 1885. That suggests that the church building on this lot predates the 1892 deed, as the congregation would have needed a place to worship. • Early deeds do not give a name to the congregation other than its denomination, AME. A 1970 deed refers to this as the Beulah AME Church; a 1995 deed refers to it as the Bethel AME Church. • Tax records say the current sanctuary was built in 1990. • The church still occupies this lot. • The house across the street (94 John Smith St) served as a parsonage by 1903. 	



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94 John Smith St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
11/26/1887	<p>From the Crittenden family to James Glover Notes: 1 square acre, vacant lot. Bounded north and east by Crittenden & Brother; south by College St; west by Vandergriff lot. This deed was not recorded until 1894, and the description appears to be incorrect; this lot is south, rather than north, of John Smith St. Source: Deed Book/EE/190</p>
11/29/1887	<p>From James Glover to L S Ingraham Notes: Glover quickly sold the west half of his lot (See 82 John Smith St). Source: Deed Book/AA/730</p>
10/6/1896, 10/15/1901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From James Glover (sheriff's sale) to Joseph Ethridge & Son in 1896 • From Ethridge & Son to T R Arthur in 1901 <p>Notes: Bounded north by AME Church and Crittenden Brothers; east by Sim Hill (renter); south by Crittenden brothers; west by house originally owned by C J Greene. House is occupied by the Glover family. Source: Deed Book/FF/80, HH/193</p>
10/15/1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Ben Shed (Deed not located) • From Ben Shed to the Trustees of the AME Church in 1903 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot known as the Jim Glover place. The house became the parsonage for the AME church across the street. The lot was vacant when sold in 1995. Source: Deed Book/HH/607</p>
12/27/1929	<p>From the Trustees of the Shellman Circuit Parsonage to Milledge Walker Notes: About ¾ acre. It appears the house was transferred from the AME church to the committee who provided housing for circuit pastors. Source: Deed Book/UU/548</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the 1930s, Rev. James Richard Gardner was pastor of the AME church. His family purchased the lot next door (82 John Smith St) in 1940. • The lot was reacquired by the church before being sold by them in 1995. • Later deeds: PP5/3, Plat Book/6/156 (1987) 	
<p><u>The James Glover family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little information can be found on the Glover family. • Jim Glover married Louisa Williams in Randolph County in 1879. • Glover bought this lot in 1887 and built a house here. The property was sold at a sheriff's sale in 1896. • The Glovers appear to have left the area; no further information on them can be found. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

61 John Smith St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Site of the Frederick Douglass School by 1880.
- The image at left is of the main building, and probably the oldest, of a three-building complex. The date is unknown, but the car is probably from around 1950.

2/22/1964

- Acquired by the Randolph County Board of Education (Deed not located)
 - From the BOE to James Bethea in 1964
- Notes: No details are given in the deed. A 1959 plat shows the original dimensions of the lot (331' of frontage on John Smith St). It also shows the lot has been divided into five tracts. The school, still standing in 1959, is located on the westernmost tract, Tract #1.
- Source: Deed Book/AA2/854, Plat Book/2/106 (1959)

The Frederick Douglass School

- The Frederick Douglass School for African-American students was in operation on this lot by 1880.
- No early deeds have been located; the school was likely built on land owned by the Crittenden family.
- The first superintendent is thought to have been J P Vandergriff, who lived across the street (60 John Smith St).
- The school consisted of three buildings. It was replaced by a new school on Carver St around 1953 (See Deed Book/II1/474). The buildings were still standing in 1959, but have since been torn down.

82 John Smith St

Created in 1887 by dividing the lot to the east (See 94 John Smith St)

12/7/1888	From R S Ingraham to Charles J Greene Notes: ½ acre, no improvements mentioned. Bounded north by College St; east by Glover; south by Crittenden & Brother; west by Vandergriff. Greene built a rental house here. Source: Deed Book/EE/148
9/9/1940, 9/18/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C J Greene to J R Gardner in 1940 • Gardner conveyed a half-interest to his wife, Sarah Gardner, later that month Source: Deed Book/AA1/347, AA1/347-8 (mortgage), AA1/356
11/21/1978	From the heirs of Sarah Gardner to Freddie Mae and Henry Lee Flowers, Jr. Source: Deed Book/RR2/86-7

Later deeds: TT4/105

The Rev. James Richard Gardner family

- James Gardner was from Thompson, GA. He married Sarah Ellen Harper in 1914 in Laurens, SC.



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- James was an AME pastor, first in Atlanta and later in Savannah. Sarah was a schoolteacher who graduated from Morris Brown College. They probably met while she was a student at Morris Brown.
 - In the 1940 census, the Gardners were in Shellman, renting a house on John Smith St. Later in 1940, they purchased this house. It is next door to the parsonage owned by the church. The Gardners seemingly were moving to a nicer house, one more like the ones they were used to in Atlanta and Savannah.
 - Rev. Gardner died in 1944. Sarah soon moved away. She died in Chicago in 1972 ([obituary](#)).
 - The family retained ownership of the house until 1978. It appears to have been vacant in 1950.
- Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

60 John Smith St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of a two-acre lot acquired by J P Vandergriff (Deed not located, but he lived in the area in 1880)
- Divided into two lots in 1913: #60 and #50 John Smith St

12/12/1898	From J P Vandergriff to Crittenden Brothers Notes: 2-acre lot with house. Bounded north by street; east by Greene; south by Reid Crittenden; west by Ben Moorman. Source: Deed Book/GG/309
1/2/1913	The Crittendens divide the property; Reid Crittenden receives the east half (#60), with the house (420' N/S x 105' E/W). Source: Deed Book/NN/334
11/13/1919	From R S Crittenden to Virginia Jones Notes: Jones lived on Buford St, so this was rental property. Source: Deed Book/EE1/54
2/4/1957, 10/31/1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Virginia Jones to Emma Rivers • From Rivers to John and Lula Wilson • By descent to Minnie Lee Baldwin (Deed not located, but by 1992) Notes: Source: Deed Book/NN1/81, OO1/49, TT4/375

The James P Vandergriff family

- Vandergriff was born into slavery in Randolph County. He and Laney Clark were married around 1872.
- The Vandergriffs lived in/around Ward's Station by 1878, when tax records reveal him as owning household items but not a house.
- Vandergriff attended Atlanta University to prepare for a teaching career ([link](#)). The 1880 census identifies him as the first known African-American teacher in Ward's Station ([link](#)).
- Vandergriff was living in this area of Ward's Station in 1880, and bought this house at an unknown date. The house is across the street from Douglass Academy.
- By 1892, the Vandergriffs had moved to Boston, GA, where he was a prominent educator and pastor ([link](#)). He sold the house in 1898, already a resident of Thomas County.
- Laney died around 1900, and he remarried in 1901. He died in 1904 ([notice](#)). His will indicates that he owned a school.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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50 John Smith St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of a two-acre lot acquired by J P Vandergriff (Deed not located, but he lived in the area in 1880)
- Divided into two lots in 1913: 60 John Smith St and 50 John Smith St

1/2/1913	<p>The Crittendens divided the property: Fernando Crittenden received the vacant west half (420' N/S x 105' E/W) Source: Deed Book/NN/335</p>
4/13/1963, 11/18/1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Oscar A Crittenden to George Neal, Sr. in 1963 • From the heirs of Oscar A Crittenden to George Neal, Sr. in 1971 • By descent to Neal's wife in 1999 <p>Notes: Neal assembled a lot in two transactions (448'N/S x 55' E/W). Tax records indicate that there were two houses on this lot in 1963:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One built in 1940, which still stands, and • A mobile home added in 1963, presumably by Neal shortly after he bought the lot. <p>The southern portion of the lot purchased in 1971 is vacant. Source: Deed Book/TT1/264, FF2/653, YY6/115</p>

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49 John Smith St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

The early history of this lot is uncertain It was acquired by Thomas and Virginia Jones , perhaps in 1905 (See 74 Buford St).

6/2/1914, 1/3/1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Thomas Jones to R G McCurdy in 1914 • From Thomas Jones to E C McCurdy in 1917 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1914 deed mortgages two houses on John Smith St and Jones's home on Buford St. It was satisfied with the 1917 deed. • Jones immediately mortgages the same properties to R G McCurdy's brother, E C McCurdy. This mortgage was also satisfied, but the deed has not been located. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/395 (mortgage), OO/162 (mortgage quitclaim),</p>
11/12/1962	<p>From the estate of Virginia (Mrs. Thomas) Jones to Joye Barber Wooten (sheriff's sale)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS1/583-4, (Parcel #2), Plat Book/2/242 (1962)</p>
2/21/1977	<p>From Joye Barber Wooten to Dazzie Ella Davis</p> <p>Notes: The property has descended within the Davis family.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN2/377-8 (Parcel #2), PP10/55 (Parcel #2)</p>

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44 John Smith St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

4/8/1963,
7/23/1996

- From Oscar A Crittenden to Mary Lee & Tiny Maude Beverly in 1963
 - In 1996, the heirs of Mary Lee Beverly give a life interest to Tiny Maude Beverly and a remainder interest to her children
- Notes: Lot with house (150' N/S x 69' E/W). Known as the place where Frank Adams lived for a number of years.
Source: Deed Book/TT1/198, YJJ2/526 (mortgage), Y5/275

- Tax records say the house was built in 1891; it has been since expanded/modernized.
- The 1963 deed reveals that Frank Adams lived here for a number of years. Adams was renting on John Smith St, and probably in this house, in 1910. He was in a different house in every other census, before and after. There is no indication that he owned this house.

The Carlton H Beverly family

- Little can be found of the Beverly family.
- Carlton Beverly married Mary Lee Adams in 1927. In 1930, he was a farmer.
- Mary Lee Beverly and her daughter, Tiny Maude Beverly, purchased this house in 1963. Tiny, who was still living her mother, received a life interest in the house in 1996. The life estate still owned the property in 2022.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

24 John Smith St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871	
12/28/1888	<p>From the Crittenden family to Ben Moorman Notes: 2.33 acres (420' N/S x 264' E/W). Bounded north by College St. The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the Vandergriff lot. It appears that Moorman already lives in the NW corner of the lot. Source: Deed Book/CC/229</p>
4/23/1895, 11/1/1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Ben Moorman to Charles G Greene in 1895• From Greene to James M Wooten in 1913 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 1895 deed to Greene appears to have been a financing arrangement, as Moorman owned the lot in 1913.• The 1913 deed was apparently a sale. Moorman continued to live on John Smith St, but as a renter. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/303, NN/379</p>
1/29/1948	<p>From James M Wooten to Hattie Johnson Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The house was standing in 1948.• The now-vacant lot is still registered in Johnson's name. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/573, Plat Book/6/56 (1984)</p>
<p><u>The Ben Moorman (or Moman) family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Little can be found of Moorman's early history. He and Pallie Moorman were married in 1893.• Moorman apparently already lived on this lot when he purchased it in 1888.• After selling the lot in 1913, the Moormans continued to live on John Smith St (presumably in this house) through the 1930 census.• In 1910, Moorman worked at a warehouse. In 1913, he sold the house to James M Wooten, who operated the Farmers Warehouse; likely Moorman worked there. In 1930, Moorman, by then about 70, was a gardener for a private family.• There is no record of the Moormans after the 1930 census. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Green Johnson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He and Hattie Harris were married in 1899.• Green was a farm laborer. The family lived in Springvale and Cuthbert before moving to Shellman in the 1920s.• They purchased this house in 1948. They lived here in 1950, but there is no further record of them. The now-vacant lot is still registered to them. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	



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14 John Smith St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
From Tom Jones to Oscar A Crittenden (Deed not located) Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 1943 deed reveals that Lizzie McRae lived in the house at the time.• The early history of the lot is unknown, but there appears to have been a rental house here in 1910.	
9/6/1943	From Oscar A Crittenden to J W & Ella Johnson Notes: Lot with house. Bounded north by John Smith St; east by Ben Moorman lot; south by lands of Lennie Tennille; west by Buford St. house bought from Tom Jones and now occupied by Lizzie McRae. Source: Deed Book/CC1/172
10/3/1973	From the heir of J W & Ella Johnson to Jim & Hattie Johnson Notes: Source: Deed Book/HH2/99, HH2/101 (mortgage), Plat Book/6/56 (1984)
<u>The J W Johnson family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Johnsons bought this lot in 1943. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1963 and hers in 1972.• No further information can be found on the family.	



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Park Ave

Park Ave runs east and west at the northern edge of the 10-acre reserve given to the South Western Rail Road by John P Ward in 1858. It is old; there is no deed granting it to the city. In the early 1900s, it was called Northview Ave.

Plats of Park Ave

- Plat Book/2/17 (1956)
- Plat Book/3/246 (1966)
- Plat Book/7/123 (1991)
- Plat Book/10/221 (2007)

5 Park Ave



Originally combined with the lot to the east (See 21 Park Ave)

12/18/1907

From Mrs. M J Oliver & Mrs. Ida J Powell to Sam Sheffield
Notes: 300' N/S x 100' E/W. Mrs. Oliver & Mrs. Powell used the proceeds from this sale to help pay off an earlier mortgage they had on this property.
Source: Deed Book/LL/275

9/11/1913,
1/4/1914,
12/6/1921,
2/8/1922

From the Sheffield Brothers to A F Weathers to F G Watson to H C Bower to R M Bower
Notes: (134' N/S x 100' E/W). Bounded east by Mrs. Ida Powell; north by G M Sears. No improvements mentioned. The lot is reduced from 300' N/S to 134' N/S.
Source: Deed Book/NN/365, MM/410, QQ/50, QQ/118

10/2/1950,
4/11/1950,
8/14/1969

- From Mae Bower White to G E Robinett
 - From Robinett to J W Walker to his wife, Mrs. Harriet K Walker
- Notes: It appears that the first house on this lot was built by Walker in 1952.
Source: Deed Book/GG1/508, II1/373, tax records

Later deeds: ZZ1/380-1, MM8/239

The John Watson Walker family

See 57 W Phelps St for information on the Walkers.

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21 Park Ave



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- The original lot included two present-day lots: 5 Park Ave and 21 Park Ave.

<p>Around 1879, 12/25/1884</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Crittenden Brothers to J B Payne in 1879 • From Payne to B F Brimberry in 1884 • From Brimberry to George W Oliver in 1884 <p>Notes: 1 acre (135' N/S x 321' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounded east by the Masonic Hall; south by the SW RR reserve. • The sales prices suggest that Brimberry built a house on the lot before selling it to Oliver. An 1882 newspaper article reports that Oliver is planning a new house (link). Tax records give the date of the house as 1866, but this appears unlikely. <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/365, HH/366, HH/367</p>
<p>8/26/1890</p>	<p>From the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver</p> <p>Notes: 1221' frontage on the south side of Phelps St; extending from lands already owned by Mrs. Oliver westward to the Worthy lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/592</p>
<p>11/15/1901</p>	<p>From J T Oliver to his sister, Mrs. Ida J Powell</p> <p>Notes: Undivided 1/3 interest in 2.5-acre lot with house known as the George W Oliver Place, "bounded on the south by rail road reserve, on the west by lots of Mrs. D E Pace and T R Arthur, on the north by Phelps, and on the east by lots of M W Cox, Reid Crittenden, and court house." The lot surrounding the Oliver house is now 2.5 acres; it appears one sibling is selling his share of the house and lot to his sister.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/368</p>
<p>8/9/1907</p>	<p>From Ida Powell to Mrs. M J Oliver</p> <p>Notes: Conveys her 1/3 interest in the house and lot which is the George W Oliver lot. The lot is now subdivided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vacant lot on the corner of Park Road and Park St: 100' E/W and 152' N/S. This is now 5 Park Ave. • A vacant lot facing west on Park St: bounded by R F Watson's lot on the north and on the east by Cox's land (86' N/S). This is now 60 Park Ave. • Of the original 2 ½ acre lot, 1 ½-2 acres remain, including 21 Park Ave. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/186, see NN/342, NN/409</p>
<p>3/23/1915</p>	<p>From Frankie Mae Powell to Sam Sheffield</p> <p>Notes: .96 acres (irregular 323' N/S x 210' E/W). Bounded north by Mrs. Dixie Watson; east by Masonic Hall and M W Cox; south by Park Ave; west by Dr. Weathers, Mrs. Sears, and Sam Sheffield. Frankie Mae Powell was the daughter of Ida J Powell; both Ida and her mother were deceased.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/485</p>



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1/12/1916, 4/21/1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sam Sheffield to F C Cox in 1916 • Claimed for taxes due in 1934 • Reclaimed by the family (Deed not located) <p>Notes: .7 acres (210' N/S x 144.5' E/W), Bounded north by Mrs. Sears and M W Cox; east by Masonic Lodge; south by Park Ave; west by Dr. Weathers. Sheffield had reduced the lot by selling the northern "dog leg" to Mrs. Sears (60 Park St). Known as the Ida J Powell house and lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/5, QQ/623 (plat), SS/21, SS/21-2, VV/138 (mortgage), WW/77 (mortgage), WW/103</p>
1/2/1961	<p>From Mabel Cox Robinson to Robert Edward Cook</p> <p>Notes: Mrs. Robinson had lived here for many years.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/RR1/134-5, RR1/135</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early deeds mention a "barn or stable" as the southwest boundary of the lot. • Later deeds: UU4/364, Plat Book/7/123 (1991) 	
<p><u>The George Washington Oliver family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Oliver was from Randolph County, son of James H Oliver and brother of W J Oliver. He served in the Civil War, losing a leg at Chancellorsville (link). He returned to Randolph County in 1863, where he married Mary Jane Phelps in 1865. • George Oliver was a farmer. The family lived on their farm until buying this lot on Park Ave in 1884. He was also tax collector, mayor, RR stationmaster, Southern Express agent, and postmaster. • In 1873, Oliver did not promptly remit all of the taxes he collected to the State of Georgia, and a 20% penalty was levied on him. However, he soon paid the taxes, and the legislature passed an act cancelling the penalty (link). • George died in 1887 (link). Mattie Oliver remained in this house until her death in 1913. • In 1890, Mattie inherited 1,221' frontage on the south side of W Phelps St from her father, Z T Phelps. She and her daughter, Ida Powell, divided this tract and sold the lots. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, biographical sketch</p>	
<p><u>The Jesse Robert Powell family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Powell was from Terrell County. Ida was the daughter of George and Mattie Oliver. Robert and Ida were married in this house in 1890 (link), and lived here until Ida's death in 1915. The family sold the house and moved to Alabama. Robert died in 1943 in Mississippi. • Robert was a farmer, then a cotton buyer, while living in Shellman. <p>Source: Ancestry.com; Robert link; Ida link</p>	
<p><u>The Frank C Cox family</u></p> <p>Information about the Cox family is found at 204 W Phelps St.</p>	



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47 Park Ave

Part of Z T Phelps's 53-acre purchase from the Crittenden family (See Z T Phelps Tract)	
4/7/1887	<p>From Z T Phelps and the Crittenden family (R F, Fanny, and Hiram A) to the Master and Wardens of Ward's Station Masonic Lodge 284 and the Trustees of Shellman Methodist Church</p> <p>Notes: .2 acres (105' N/S x 81' E/W). Bounded south by the SWRR reserve; east by John A Payne; west by G W Oliver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deed transfers only the land, stating that the Masonic Lodge owns the 2nd floor and the Methodist Church owns the 1st floor. It is unclear why both parties are grantors on this deed, but perhaps the boundaries of Phelps's 53-acre tract are not precisely defined. <p>Source: Deed Book/GG/310</p>
10/4/1889, March-June, 1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1889, the Methodist Church gave its interest to the Ordinary of Randolph County & the City Council of Shellman In 1967, the member of the Lodge each signed a quitclaim deed to the City of Shellman. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1889, the Methodists built a new sanctuary on the lot to the east, and relinquished their interest in this building. This allowed the 1st floor to be used for civic purposes. In 1967, the Lodge also relinquished its interest, giving sole ownership to the City. A plat was drawn showing the building and lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/ CC/141, XX1/205-312, Plat Book/3/246 (1966)</p>
<p><u>First Public Building in Shellman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 2-story frame building was erected in 1873, the first public building in Shellman. Its use evolved over the years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2nd floor was used as a Masonic Hall. The 1st floor was used as a school from 1873-85. The 1882 closing ceremony was documented in the <i>Dawson News</i> (link). The 1883 newspaper advertisement at right announced the beginning of the third term. The school relocated to 229 E Ward St when Shellman Institute was built. A Methodist Church was formed in 1878, and met on the 1st floor until 1890, when their new sanctuary was built. The Methodist Church relinquished its interest to the Ordinary of Randolph County & the City Council of Shellman. This suggests the room was used as a courthouse and as a city hall. This is confirmed by the 1902 map, which labeled the building "city hall lodge". The building was demolished to build a new city hall, probably shortly after the 1967 transfer by the Masonic Lodge. 	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Ward High School.</p> <p>THE THIRD YEAR of the above School, located at Ward Station, Ga., will begin on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 1, 1883.</p> <p>Thirty-eight weeks constitute the year; six months the first term Health of location unsurpassed. Discipline best. Instruction thorough in all branches taught in high schools generally. Terms moderate. dec15-1m J. G. DEAN, Principal.</p> </div>	
<p><u>Free and Accepted Masons (F&AM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a Masonic Lodge in Cuthbert by 1844; Masons living in the vicinity of present-day Shellman were members there, including Edmund W Hodges and Simon Wooten (link). 	



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- Later a Masonic Lodge was formed in Brooksville, Lodge #184 (See Deed Book/AA/271)
- Rehoboth Lodge 192, Nochway ([link](#)) was chartered in 1854. The lodge building was erected on a plot adjacent to Rehoboth Academy. See Rehoboth (US Highway 82) for more information on this lodge.
- When the first public building was erected in Shellman here at 47 Park Ave in 1873, the upper floor held a Masonic Hall. The new chapter was #284 ([link](#)).
 - The property was deeded to the church and the lodge in 1887 (Deed Book/GG/310).
 - The chapter was active well into the 20th century, but gradually declined. The building stood was demolished around 1968.
- The Masons were a secret society, but they also sponsored public activities. In 1887, they held a grand celebration on the grounds of Rehoboth Church; over 1,200 were present from surrounding lodges ([link](#)). For a time they hosted annual celebrations of birthday of John the Baptist ([link](#)); in 1899, there were 2,000 present ([link](#)).
- The Masons were segregated. Shellman's African-Americans formed a Masonic Lodge by 1900.
 - The Lodge building was erected at 30 Church St between 1902 and 1905.
 - A 1902 deed for an adjacent lot identifies this as "*property of Masonic Lodge Colored*" (Deed Book/HH/432); the lot was vacant at the time.
 - A 1905 deed refers to the Lodge (Deed Book/JJ/513).
 - The location of the building is shown in a 1994 plat; the Lodge was still active and using the building.
 - The building was no longer standing in 2010, when the Lodge swapped the lot for the adjacent lot to the east.
 - The Lodge is still active: Purity Lodge #93, Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia ([link](#)).

Knights of Pythias

- The Knights of Pythias were a fraternal organization formed in 1864 ([link](#)).
- In 1892, Shellman Lodge 61, Knights of Pythias, was organized ([link](#)). The location of its meetings is unknown; it may have been here at 47 Park Ave. The organization was prominent in the social life of Shellman ([link](#)).
- Around 1869, a separate order for African-Americans was formed (Knights of Pythias of North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa)
- Endeavor Lodge #42, Knights of Pythias was formed by African-Americans in Shellman ([link](#)). The lodge was already in operation when it purchased the house and lot at 111 Buford St in 1923. It was presumably inactive when the lot was sold in 1937.

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56 Park Ave South (City Park, fictitious street number)



- Shellman’s City Park was part of the 10-acre reserve that John P Ward sold to the SWRR in 1858. It was conveyed to the City of Shellman in 1996 (See 58 Park Ave for details).
- The image of the military band in front of the bandstand dates to circa 1910.

Shellman City Park

- The ladies of Shellman formed a Mutual Improvement Club in 1901 ([link](#)). The club supported the new Shellman Institute and was taking the first steps for a public park.
- The SWRR leased the land for the park to the Club in November, 1901 (Deed Book/II/70-72, plat on Page 72). They initially proposed to name the park for the Central of Georgia RR President, John Egan. A plat from 1905 shows “Egan Park” (Source: Deed Book/II/514).
- In 1902, landscaping of the park began on a small scale. A plat from 1908 shows that a bandstand has been built (Deed Book/KK/241, [plat](#)). By this time, the park was known as City Park. In 1911, the Club began a major project to landscape the park ([link](#)).
- Two additional cupolas were eventually added. All have been demolished.
- IN 1928 the lease of the defunct Shellman Cotton Oil Co was divided. The Shellman Garden Club acquired 70’ x 72’ plot, located in the SE corner of the intersection of Payne St and Park Ave, for a flower garden. This extended the park across Payne Ave. (Deed Book/TT/260-1)



SHELLMAN MILITARY BAND
Back row-left to right: Mr. Carter, Marvin Mizelle, Dr. Charles Roberts, Thad Oliver. Second row: Oscar Edwards, Hugh Cheney, Hewlett Wells, Glenn Sears, Jim Curry, Ozie Dean, Ben T. Reese. Front row: Edgar Green, Truitt Martin, Mr. De Trentis, Director: Arthur White, Carl Crittenden, James Wooten. Mascot: James Reese.

Shellman Military Band

- The Shellman Military Band was formed in 1909 ([link](#)). Professor S V DeTrennis of Eufaula was the initial director. Its debut was a concert at the 1909 commencement of Shellman Institute ([link](#)).
- In 1911, the band was honored by being mustered as the Second Ga. Regiment Band ([link](#)). The *Macon Telegraph* declared it “*the pride of all Southwest Georgia*” ([link](#)). Georgia’s Adjutant General described it in his 1912 report (image below right)

- The band gave concerts in the park on Sunday afternoons and holidays.
- The band also traveled, and were given private railroad cars when they attended the annual regimental convention.
- In 1919, the Regiment placed an armory in Dawson, and moved the band there. Presumably the Shellman band ceased to function at that time ([link](#)).

BAND, SHELLMAN.

Chief Musician J. T. Oliver, in charge.

There is no commissioned officer at this station available for command, and military instruction of this Band. Consequently this organization, newly organized and largely without any previous military experience, is almost entirely without military training, though apparently an excellent musical organization. All seem greatly interested and desirous of becoming efficient in all ways; continued improvement may therefore be confidently expected.

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Source: *RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES.* Randolph County Historical Society. 1977

58 Park Ave



Part of the John P Ward Homeplace purchased from Edmund Hodges in 1856.

3/25/1858

From John Ward to the South Western Railroad Co. of Georgia (SWRR)

Notes:

- Ward sold the right-of-way (75' on either side of the track) to the railroad extending through Lots 4/17, 5/302, and 5/269. The depot is built on this strip.
- Ward also granted a 10-acre reserve to the railroad, just north of the depot (Deed not located).
- The location of the depot was largely determined by two factors:
 - There was a major highway from Brooksville to Bainbridge passing through this area. This appears to be the only major road running north and south for several miles in either direction. The depot would logically be placed with convenient access to this road, which is likely why Ward purchased the Hodges Homeplace in 1856.
 - Ward charged \$1 for the right-of-way and the 10-acre reserve, while most landowners charged much more. Ward made it attractive for the railroad to choose his preferred location.
- When the town of Ward was incorporated in 1883, the city limits were defined as a circle extending one mile in all directions from the depot.
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Source: Deed Book/P/159-60

See *Land Ownership Around Shellman (1827-1883), Appendix C: The Railroad* for a discussion of the history of the railroad in Southwest Georgia and how it came to this area ([link](#)).

Key Dates for the railroad in Shellman

- The railroad tracks were built from Smithville westward toward Cuthbert with a crew of 400.
- The tracks reached Little Ichaway-Notchaway Creek around New Year's Day, 1859 ([link](#)). Trains were running to Ward's Station by March, 1859 ([link](#)).
- Regular scheduled service, including the first mail train, began on March 17, 1859 ([link](#)).
- Service to Cuthbert began on June 2, 1859.
- In 1890, the railroad extended the side tracks in Shellman ([link](#)), testifying to increased activity in loading and unloading freight at the depot.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

- The original depot was probably built at the time the tracks arrived. In 1889, the Georgia Railroad Commission ordered the by-then dilapidated depot to be replaced ([link](#)); the work was completed in 1892 ([link](#)).

3/15/1996

From the SWRR to the City of Shellman
Notes: The SWRR conveys the remainder of its original 10-acre reserve (3.6 acres) and the depot.
Source: Deed Book/WW5/161

79 Park Ave



- Part of the 1880 purchase by J B Payne (See 81 Park Ave)
- The picture above left shows the 1890 church in the background; the picture above right shows the 1917 church.

11/5/1889

From the estate of John A Payne to Shellman Methodist Church
Notes: vacant lot (80' N/S x 60' E/W).
Source: Deed Book/DD/635-6

1/31/1917

From F Reid Crittenden to the Trustees of the Shellman Methodist Church
Notes: Crittenden sold his lot (with house) to the Church, but retained ownership of a plot on the NE corner that is the site of the Princess Theater (75' N/S x 150' E/W). This extends the Church's lot east to Payne St.
Source: Deed Book/OO/182-3

Shellman Methodist Church

- A Methodist Church was formed in 1878, and met on the 1st floor of the Masonic Hall (See 47 Park Ave).
- The 1889 purchase allowed the Church to construct its first stand-alone sanctuary ([link](#)). It was completed in 1890 at a cost of \$3,000 ([link](#)). A plat included in Deed Book/PP/522 shows the location of this building.
- The 1917 purchase allowed the Church to build a larger sanctuary, just east of the 1890 building. It was completed at a cost of \$15,000 and seated 500.



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81 Park Ave (Fictitious Address)

Part of the 53-acre tract purchased in 1873 by Z T Phelps from the Crittenden family.	
1/1/1880	<p>From Z T Phelps to his son-in-law, J B Payne, who on the same day sold it to his brother, J A Payne.</p> <p>Notes: 1.68 acres (185' N/S x 396' E/W). Bounded south by SWRR reserve; west by the "Academy lot" (Masonic Hall and school). The deeds do not reference a house, but there likely is one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the price (\$500) is high for a vacant lot, ○ the lot is already fenced and known as the J B Payne place. <p>A house was probably built here shortly after J B Payne married Phelps's daughter in 1874. J A Payne died in 1888. His widow did not transfer the property from his estate until she remarried and moved to Tifton in 1900.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/464, AA/466</p>
3/5/1900, 1/3/1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of J A Payne to his son-in-law, A B Stephens, in 1900 • From Stephens to Reid Crittenden in 1905 • In a series of deeds from 1914-1917, Crittenden sold this property to E C McCurdy, and then repurchased it. <p>Notes: 2-acre lot with house. Bounded north by the lots of Eva C Payne and Jessie C Payne; east by Payne St; south by Methodist Church; west by M W Cox. Crittenden later mortgaged the property, and sold the NE corner to J M Curry.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF/518-9, KK/112-3, MM/455, NN/365, NN/487, OO/180</p>
1/31/1917	<p>From F Reid Crittenden to the Trustees of the Shellman Methodist Church</p> <p>Notes: Crittenden sold the lot to the Church, but retained ownership of the NE corner (75' N/S x 150' E/W), which was the site of the Princess Theater (See 85 Payne St). The house was on the portion of the lot which was deeded to the Church, as shown on the 1902 map. It was demolished for the new sanctuary.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/182-3, II/72 (plat)</p>
<p><u>The J B Payne family</u> Information on the family is found at 227 W Phelps St.</p>	
<p><u>The John Ashley Payne family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payne was from Gilmer County. By 1860, his mother had remarried and lived near Dover. Source: 1860 census link • After serving in the Civil War, he lived in Lee and Dougherty Counties. He married Sarah Jane (Sallie) Pickett in Terrell County in 1870. • The Paynes moved to Shellman from Albany in 1880. He purchased this lot from his brother, Joseph B Payne. • Payne was a store clerk before moving to Shellman. Upon moving to Shellman, he built a warehouse (link). • Payne died in 1888; his widow remained here. When she remarried and moved to Tifton in 1900, she distributed the property among family members. She died there in 1913 (obituary). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Albert B Stephens family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephens and Eva Payne were married at the family home in 1896 (link, link). • Stephens worked for the Central of GA Railroad. The newlyweds moved to Columbia, AL where Eva died in 1897 (link). 	



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- Stephens purchased this house in 1900, and sold it in 1905, During this time, the house was likely rented to Reid Crittenden.

The Fernando Reid Crittenden family

- Reid Crittenden was from Shellman, the son of H A Crittenden. He married Eula Wells of Smithville in 1894 ([link](#)).
- Crittenden bought this house in 1905, but rented it earlier, as confirmed in a plat drawn in 1901 ([Deed Book/II/72](#)).
- In 1917, Crittenden sold this lot to the Methodist Church, allowing them to build a new, larger sanctuary. Crittenden died in 1918 ([obituary](#)); his widow and a son moved to 3436 Pearl St. Source: 1920 census [link](#)
- Crittenden was a farmer and land owner. In 1910, he operated a clothing store, which he sold in 1912 ([link](#)). In 1913, Crittenden opened the Princess Theater (See 85 Payne St).
- Later Eula moved to Memphis to be with the family of her son Donald (1927-1936), then moved to New York where she died in 1948 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Donald Crittenden Family

- Donald Crittenden was the son of Reid Crittenden. He grew up in the family home on Payne St. He served in World War I, returning to Shellman in 1919.
- Upon his return, he became manager of the Princess Theatre, which had been built by his late father.
- In 1920, Crittenden was renting an apartment at 3436 Pearl St with his widowed mother.
- In 1921, Crittenden took charge of a new section of *The Dawson News* which provided news from Shellman ([link](#)).
- In 1922, Crittenden moved to Atlanta and then by 1923 to Memphis. He married Sadie Horton of Shellman in 1928 ([link](#)); they lived in Memphis. They were divorced by 1932, when he married Iva Mauzy of Memphis ([link](#)).
- Crittenden was in marketing and sales before becoming EVP of the Home Builders Association of Memphis in 1947 ([link](#)).
- Donald died in Memphis in 1978 ([link](#)); Iva died there in 1985.

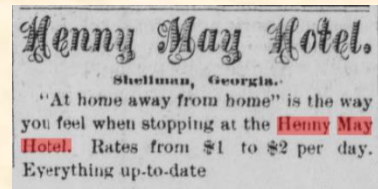
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Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

89 Park Ave

Part of the Joseph B Payne Home Place	
<p>9/2/1895, 10/21/1895, 10/1/1896, 12/20/1898</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J B Payne (half interest) to Wistar T Jay in 1895 • From Jay (half interest) to Mrs. F R Sasser in 1895 • From Mrs. S J Payne (half interest) to J G Sasser, then to his wife, Fannie Sasser, in 1896 and 1898 <p>Notes: Two-acre vacant lot in 1895. Bounded north by Phelps St; west by Payne St; south by SWRR right-of-way; east by an 8-foot-wide alley. Known as the John A Payne Block. These four deeds give sole ownership of the lot to Mrs. Sasser. Source: Deed Book/EE/347, EE/348, GG/465, GG/466, FF/471 (mortgage), PP/521-2 (plat)</p>
<p>2/2/1909</p>	<p>From the Saspers to G A Dozier</p> <p>Notes: One-acre lot with the hotel building, including furniture. Bounded on the north by the town waterworks, lighting power plant, and lands of Mrs. Sasser. This deed conveys only the southern half of the lot. The Saspers had earlier conveyed the land for the waterworks and power plant to the City of Shellman (See 86 Payne St). Source: Deed Book/LL/576</p>
<p>9/10/1910</p>	<p>From G A Dozier to E R Cheney</p> <p>Notes: Same property as in 1909 deed Source: Deed Book/NN/82</p>
<p>11/23/1921, 4/19/1922, 11/3/1927, 8/22/1932</p>	<p>From E R Cheney to his brother-in-law, T H Anthony</p> <p>Notes: Known as the lot where the Hotel was destroyed by fire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony built a gas station on the lot. • In 1922, Anthony leased the gas station to the Texas Corp. • In 1932, Anthony leased the gas station to Sinclair Refining Co. <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/82 (mortgage), QQ/176, TT/20-1 (lease), VV/195-7</p>
<p>5/8/1946</p>	<p>From the estate of T H Anthony to L D Acker</p> <p>Notes: Acker buys the lot, with the gas station. He then divides the lot. The western portion is now 52 Payne St; the eastern portion is now 99 Payne St. Refer to those lots for further details. Source: Deed Book/EE1/23</p>
<p><u>The Sasser/Hennie May Hotel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Saspers purchased a two-acre vacant lot in 1895. They built a hotel on the southern half of the lot, facing on Park Ave, in 1896 (link). It was known as the Hennie May Hotel, presumably for Mrs. E R (Hennie May) Cheney (link). • In December, 1897 the hotel hosted a New Year's celebration and banquet that was reported by the <i>Macon Telegraph</i> (link). • In 1898, the hotel advertised in the <i>Morgan Monitor</i> (at right, link). • The hotel had 12 bedrooms, a dining hall, and a parlor. Later an annex with six bedrooms was added. • In 1900, the Saspers were resident hotel keepers with five boarders. Later they leased the hotel. Source: 1900 Census link • A plat prepared by the SWRR (circa 1907) shows the placement of the hotel and annex on the lot. 	





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- In 1909, the Sassers sold the hotel to G A Dozier of Dawson ([link](#)). At the time, the hotel was leased to Benjamin Reese, who continued to operate the hotel for a time. In 1910, Dozier lived in and operated the hotel with seven boarders. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
- In 1910, Dozier sold the hotel to E R Cheney.
 - Cheney lived nearby (230 W Phelps St) and owned a grocery store across Park Ave (40 Payne St).
 - In 1920, the hotel was leased to R E Taylor with five boarders. Source: 1920 census [link](#), [link](#)
- The hotel was completely destroyed by fire on 8/17/1921. Newspaper articles give a detailed account of the fire as well as a history of the hotel ([link](#), [link](#)).



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

99 Park Ave



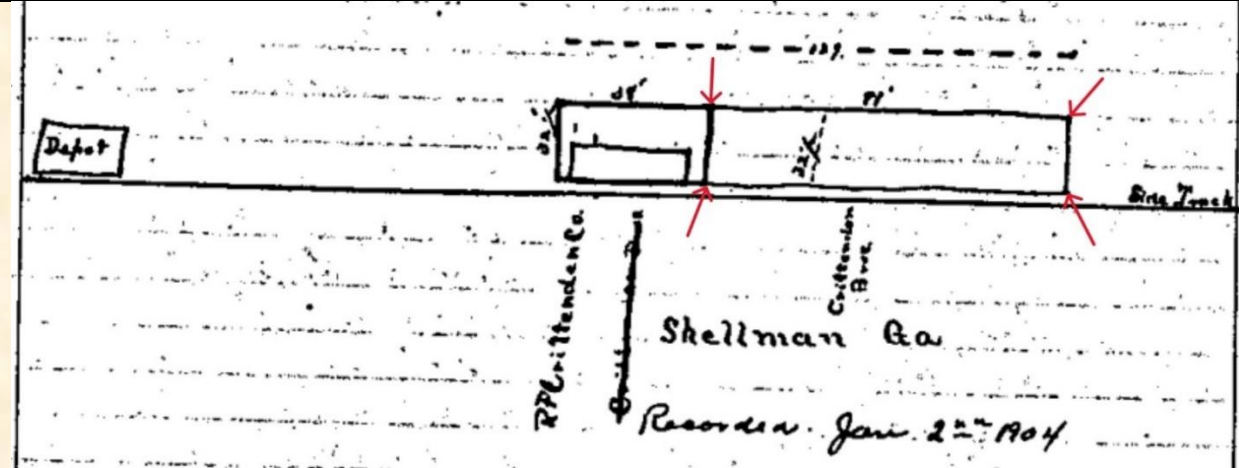
- Part of the Sasser Hotel Lot (See 89 Park Ave)
- Divided in 1947

7/7/1947	From L D Acker to A F Weathers, Jr. Notes: Vacant lot (100' N/S x 40' E/W). Acker divided his lot, selling the eastern portion bounded east by the alley. Weathers built a drycleaning establishment on this lot. Source: Deed Book/EE1/336
2/28/1974	From A F Weathers, Jr. to T C Goddard Notes: Source: Deed Book/HH2/722, HH2/723 (mortgage)
Later deeds: NN2/660 (Tract #2)	

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100 Park Ave (Fictitious street number)

This tract was part of the 10-acre tract reserved for the SWRR in 1858.



1904	Notes: In 1904, the Crittendens leased a tract (32.5' N/S x 91' E/W) on which to erect a seed house. The deed included a plat (above) which shows the larger guano warehouse immediately to the east. Ownership was transferred to the Crittenden Guano Co., probably in 1905. Source: Deed Book/II/304
12/15/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden Guano Co. to H O Crittenden in 1932 Acquired by A R Kenney (Deed not located) Notes: Iron-clad building. Source: Deed Book/WW/524
7/3/1942	From A R Kenney to W W Lewis and Raymond Coleman Notes: Lewis & Coleman purchased the western 60' of the warehouse; Kenney kept the eastern side. Lweis was a truck farmer; presumably they used the warehouse for storing produce for shipping by rail. Refer to 3556 Pearl St for information on the Lewis family. Source: Deed Book/BB1/517

There is a building in the approximate location of the one built by the Crittendens. It is of roughly the same size, and also iron-clad. However, it is further north than the building on the plat, suggesting that the original Crittenden Guano house is no longer standing, and its site now houses grain silos.

The Crittenden Guano Company

- The guano house was built by 1886 by Crittenden & Brother on land leased from the SWRR ([link](#)). It measured 87' E/W x 32.5' N/S. It is shown on the 1902 map and a plat drawn in 1904 (above). The Crittenden Guano Co. was formed in 1905 by J F, H O, and R S Crittenden. The company assumed ownership of the guano house.
- Guano was blended with other substances to make a complete fertilizer. In 1909, the company offered five blends (at right, [link](#)).
- In 1914, the Crittenden Guano Plant had a capacity of 2,000 tons ([link](#)).
- The company transitioned to synthetic fertilizers, invented in 1913, as they replaced

Crittenden Guano Co., Shellman, Ga.-----	Crittenden's Randolph Guano No. 1----- Crittenden's Randolph Guano No. 23----- Crittenden's Randolph Guano No. 933----- Acid Phosphate 14%----- Acid Phosphate 16%-----
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Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

guano. The company also owned the iron-clad building at 3127 Calhoun St, which had been used as a feed mill at one point. Its use by the Guano Company is unknown.

- The Guano Co. was still mixing fertilizer in 1925. It divested its assets in 1932, with most going to H O Crittenden, including the guano house. It isn't known when the company ceased operations, but it is reasonable that it did so around 1932.
- The Crittenden family interests in the fertilizer business were carried on by O A Crittenden's Notchaway Fertilizer Co. (See 116 Park Ave).

111 Park Ave

- Joseph B Payne owned a warehouse and store north of the railroad by the mid-1880s. The warehouse was located in this approximate location; the store was on the lot to the east (See **Phelps Storehouse Lot #8**). The store was owned by Payne's father-in-law, Z T Phelps, until 1890. It then passed to Payne's wife, Nancy. This suggests the store and warehouse were operating together.
- The store was operated with different partners over time:
 - J B Shelley operated a hardware and grocery store "*in the Payne stand, north of Depot*" here in 1887 ([link](#))
 - John Ward and Payne were partners in the 1890s
 - Payne was sole proprietor in 1897 when the ad at right was published ([link](#)).
- Two railroad surveys circa 1920 show this location with a building owned by H H Hart.
Source: Deed Book/PP/522-3 (plat), QQ/623 (plat)



- Lot #8 of the Phelps Storehouses was later absorbed into this lot, making the lot 119' E/W.
- Later deeds: QQ1/323, RR4/103, RR4/105

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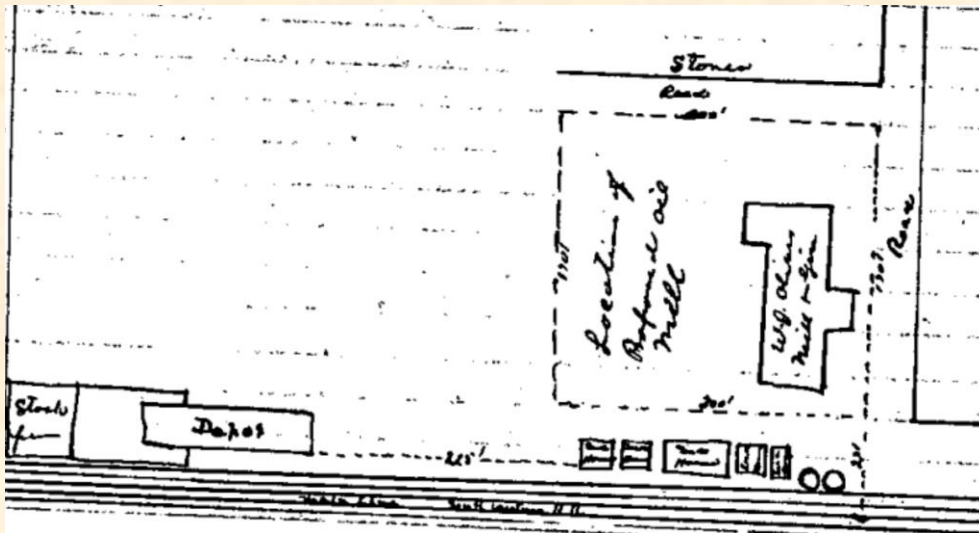
116 Park Ave

- This tract was part of the 10-acre tract reserved for the South Western Rail Road (SWRR) in 1858.
- W J Oliver leased the eastern portion of the tract in several different leases; not all of the leases have been located.

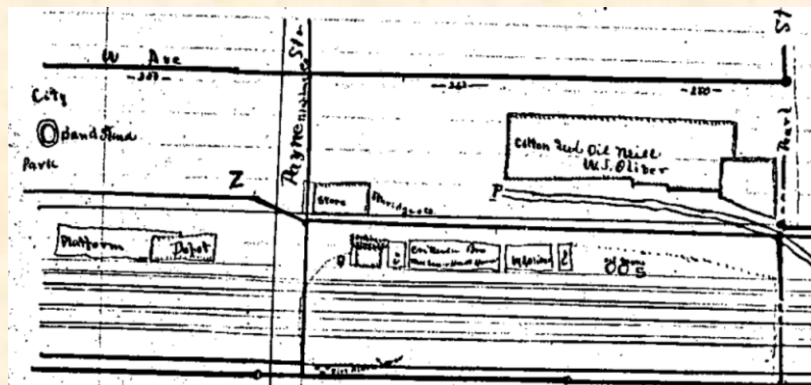
9/24/1894	From SWRR to W J Oliver Notes: Vacant tract (127' N/S x 66' E/W) for "the purpose of erecting a steam gin house". Oliver's first lease was to Source: Deed Book/DD/408 (plat)
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W J Oliver Mills & Gin

- Newspaper articles document that Oliver was operating mills in 1890 ([link](#)). He built a large brick building with "a steam ginnery, grist mill, planing mill, and other machinery" in 1894 ([link](#)).
- The plat below places Oliver's "mill & gin" on the SWRR reserve in 1901. The plat was drawn to document Oliver's plans for a cottonseed oil mill to the west, and two storage tanks to the south. It is unclear whether Oliver's mills were relocated here 1894, or if they were here from 1890 and rebuilt in 1894.

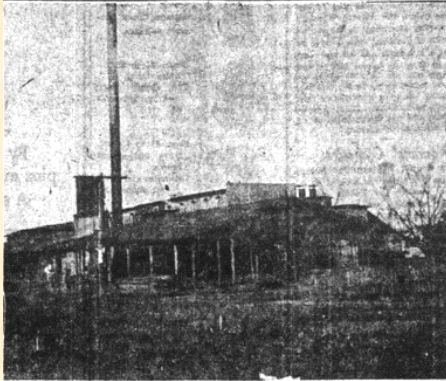


- The plat below shows the oil mill circa 1908. It does not show the "mill & gin" as a separate building. Oliver organized the Shellman Gin Co. and built a new gin by 1903; the original building on this lot was likely absorbed into the new oil mill. It is no longer standing.



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

- A 1915 fire completely destroyed the “storage house” of the oil mill, but there was little damage to the “main building and equipment” ([link](#)). Perhaps the old “mill & gin” building was being used as the “storage house.”



**W J
Oliver/Shellman
Oil Co.**

- The photo (left) of the Shellman Oil Mill was published in *The Atlanta Constitution* in 1903.



The photo (right) is of the building around 2015.

6/23/1900, 9/5/1901	Leased from the SWRR by W J Oliver in 1900 Notes: Source: Deed Book/II/44-6 (plat , 1901), KK/241 (plat , 1908)
7/15/1918	From A H Pinson to Shellman Oil Co. Notes: The deed seems to transfer the SWRR leases of the mill to Shellman Oil Co. Pinson, who was from Sylvester, was apparently dissolving his partnership with Oliver. This deed refers to several earlier leases which cannot be located. Source: Deed Book/OO/441
7/23/1920	In 1920, the company leased additional space in the SWRR right-of-way to build a storage tank next to the tracks. Source: Deed Book/PP/353-4
4/27/1922, 5/3/1922, 6/24/1922, 7/17/1922	From the Shellman Oil Company to A P Vason, trustee; then to Albany Trust & Banking Co. Notes: A lien had been placed on the property by the H L Barnes Construction Co. The mill was sold by vote of the shareholders and directors. No deed can be located transferring the property by the Albany Bank & Trust. Source: Deed Book/QQ/186-7, QQ/190, QQ/233, QQ/235-6
Cottonseed Oil Mill of W J Oliver and later Shellman Oil Co. (continued on next page)	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

- In 1901, W J Oliver constructed a \$20,000 cottonseed oil mill just west of his “mill & gin” ([link](#)).
- The storage room was completely destroyed by fire in 1915, but there was little damage to the main building and equipment ([link](#)).
- Initially the mill produced cottonseed oil and hulls. As the effect of the boll weevil was felt, peanuts began replacing cotton. The mill advertised that it was offering seed peanuts as well as producing peanut oil in 1916 ([link](#)).
- W J Oliver was the organizer of the Shellman Oil Co, probably in 1918.
 - In 1918, Oliver’s cottonseed oil mill was transferred to the company
 - In 1919, the Shellman Gin Co. (Oliver was also its organizer) was consolidated into the Shellman Oil Co.
- The mill was sold in 1922. The new owner was likely the Edison Milling Co., who may have continued to operate the mill for a time, but it closed by 1928.
- In 1928, the lease held by the Shellman Oil Co for the land on which the building stood was transferred:
 - The western end was assumed by Oscar A Crittenden (see below)
 - The eastern end was assumed by L W Brown. Brown was associated with the Americus Oil Co. No further details on this section of the building have been found. Source: Deed Book/TT/163



<p>2/14/1928, 8/29/1945, 8/23/2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leased by Oscar A Crittenden in 1928, then transferred to his son, Zac Crittenden, in 1945. • In 2008, the RR conveyed the property to a descendant of Zac Crittenden. • Sold to Crittenden’s grandson in 2011 <p>Notes: Crittenden acquired the Shellman Oil Mill’s lease with the railroad in 1928. He also acquired the western end of the facility; those deeds have not been located. Source: Deed Book/TT/132, HH10/140, BB11/268, Plat Book/10/221 (2007)</p>
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Oscar Crittenden Family Businesses

Crittenden and his descendants operated a series of businesses from the facility, including:

- In 1928, Crittenden took over the 1918 lease from the railroad to Shellman Oil Co. for the “western end of the old oil mill building”. He planned to use the building as a peanut and cottonseed warehouse.
- Notchaway Fertilizer Co.-- founded by O A Crittenden in 1925 as the Crittenden Guano Co. was declining due to competition from synthetic fertilizers. It had the capacity to mix 1,000 tons ([link](#)).
- Crittenden Tractor Co.-- for many years an Allis-Chalmers dealership, operated by Zac Crittenden, Sr. (son of Oscar Crittenden) and then by Zac Crittenden, Jr.



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Phelps Storehouse Lots, Park Ave

Phelps Storehouse Lots

- Z T Phelps purchased an 8-acre tract from Benjamin F Adams in 1863 (See Z T Phelps Tract). The tract extended from his house southward along Pearl St to the railroad reserve (now Park Ave).
- Around 1890, he divided a strip of land on the southern boundary of the reserve into eight "storehouse" lots. These extended from Pearl St on the east to the Payne warehouse lot on the west (236' E/W (fronting on Park Ave). The lots were divided to his heirs in 1891.
- Deeds are unclear, but it appears that four of the lots were eventually built upon.
- Eventually the lots were acquired by T R Arthur and absorbed into his residential lot to the north (See 3265 Pearl St). A plat (Deed Book/[QQ/623](#)) shows the tract circa 1920.

Lot # 8 of the Phelps Storehouses

7/28/1890	<p>Lot # 8 of the Phelps Storehouses From Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. J B Payne Notes: .1 acre (100' N/S x 38.5' E/W), with store house. Bounded by RR reserve on south, J A Payne's warehouse lot to the west, and Lot # 7 on the east.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The store existing on the lot at the time of the sale is probably the one shown in the 1888 plat below, which was operated by G W Schramm as a shoe shop (Refer to 270 Buford St). • Source: Deed Book/CC/329, CC/125 (plat, 1888)
8/26/1891	<p>From the Phelps estate to Mrs. Nancy Payne Notes: 1/16-acre lot with tenant house. This extended Phelps's Storehouse Lot # 8 to the north. Source: Deed Book/CC/557</p>
<p>An 1899 article reported that J B Payne & Son was erecting a "crate and canning factory" (link). Its location is unknown, but it is plausible that it located near this lot. It may have been the predecessor of the canning plant owned by the City of Shellman in 1956. Source: Plat Book/2/17 (1956)</p>	
1/9/1902	<p>From Mrs. Nancy Payne to Jesse Merritt Notes: 100' N/S x 38.5' E/W, with improvements. Now bounded the alley beside Sasser's lot on west; the warehouse is not mentioned. Source: Deed Book/HH/253</p>
12/13/1905, 2/23/1907, 10/1/1908	<p>From Jesse Merritt to J S Plowden to E W Plowden to T R Arthur Notes: Lot containing Mrs. Payne's store. Source: Deed Book/JJ/511, LL/403, LL/404, QQ/623 (plat)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1956, deeds for 111 Park Ave suggest this lot was the site of a canning plant operated by the City of Shellman. Source: Deed Book/MM1/372, M1/372-3 (mortgage release), QQ1/323, Plat Book/2/17 (1956) • Later absorbed into 111 Park Ave 	
<p>See J. B. Payne & Co. Shellman, Ga., when you want Hardware, Machine Oil, Cutlery, Stoves, Linseed Oil, Paints, Axes, Guns, Tinware, Pistols, Saws, Ammunition, etc., etc. They also have a full assortment of Caskets and Coffins. Call on them and save money.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Payne & Ward Store</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1890, J B Payne & John Ward opened a store, adjacent to and likely in joint operation with Payne's warehouse next door (link). Payne became sole proprietor by 1897, when the advertisement at left was published (link). 	

Lot # 7 of the Phelps Storehouses



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1/21/1908	<p>From R L Compton to T R Arthur Notes: Lot with store house (87' N/S x 42.5' E/W). Bounded east by Mrs. S J Anthony; west by store house and lot of T R Arthur known as the Payne & Watts store house. The deed does not mention a lot #, but this must be Lot # 7 of the Phelps Storehouses. Source: Deed Book/LL/302</p>
Lot # 6 of the Phelps Storehouses	
5/6/1892	<p>From John M Anthony to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah J Whatley Notes: Vacant lot (100' N/S x 38.5' E/W). Lot # 6 of the Phelps Storehouses. Source: Deed Book/NN/439</p>
5/18/1935	<p>From Roy Crouch, Cliff Crouch, and T H Anthony to the Town of Shellman Notes: The city operated a canning plant on this lot. Source: Deed Book/XX/111</p>
9/15/1972	<p>From the City of Shellman to James E Bethea Notes: Source: Deed Book/FF2/237</p>
Lot # 5 of the Phelps Storehouses	
8/26/1891	<p>From the estate of Z T Phelps to Mrs. E C Bridgeman Notes: Two vacant lots. Lot # 4 and Lot # 5 of the Phelps Storehouses Source: Deed Book/LL/591</p>
5/12/1909	<p>From Mrs. E C Bridgeman to Mrs. S J Anthony Notes: Vacant lot (87.5' N/S x 39' E/W). Adjacent on the west to lot of Mrs. Anthony. Lot # 5 of the Phelps Storehouses. Source: Deed Book/LL/509</p>
1/15/1917	<p>From Mrs. Sarah J Anthony to T R Arthur Notes: The lot is still vacant. Lot # 5 of the Phelps Storehouses Source: Deed Book/OO/169</p>
8/10/1963	<p>From Mrs. T R Arthur to James E Bethea Notes: Mrs. Arthur sold her home and lot, which by that time included Phelps Storehouse Lots #1 - #5. Source: Deed Book/TT1/482</p>
Lot # 4 of the Phelps Storehouses	
8/26/1891	<p>From the estate of Z T Phelps to Mrs. E C Bridgeman Notes: Two vacant lots. Lot # 4 and Lot # 5 of the Phelps Storehouses Source: Deed Book/LL/591</p>
9/9/1909	<p>From Mrs. E C Bridgeman to T R Arthur Notes: 87.5' N/S x 39' E/W. Bounded east by lot of T R Arthur formerly owned by O Z Dean, so it is Lot # 4. Known as the Bridgeman office. This was likely Dr. Bridgeman's medical office, sold by his widow after his death in 1908. Source: Deed Book/LL/590</p>
8/10/1963	<p>From Mrs. T R Arthur to James E Bethea Notes: Mrs. Arthur sold her home and lot, which by that time included Phelps Storehouse Lots #1 - #5. Source: Deed Book/TT1/482</p>
Lot # 3 of the Phelps Storehouses	
8/26/1891	<p>From the Z T Phelps estate to Mrs. T C Dean</p>



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

	Notes: Vacant lot (87.5' N/S x 38.5' E/W). Lot # 3 of the Phelps Storehouses Source: Deed Book/EE/16
2/20/1907	From Mrs. T C Dean to Thomas A Arthur Notes: 87.5' N/S x 38.5' E/W. Bounded west by Mrs. Bridgeman; south by the SWRR reserve. Source: Deed Book/LL/106
8/10/1963	From Mrs. T R Arthur to James E Bethea Notes: Mrs. Arthur sold her home and lot, which by that time included Phelps Storehouse Lots #1 - #5. Source: Deed Book/TT1/482
Lots # 1 and # 2 of the Phelps Storehouses	
8/26/1891	From the Phelps estate to Mrs. V V Jay Notes: 87.5' N/S x 77'5' E/W. Bounded by Pearl St on the east and the RR Reserve on the south. Lot # 1 and Lot # 2 of the Phelps Storehouses. Source: Deed Book/CC/564
<p><u>Blacksmith Shop</u> When Z T Phelps purchased his 53-acre tract from the Crittendens in 1873, the deed references a one-acre exception in the southeastern corner, for an old blacksmith or woodshop, which is operated by someone whose name is illegible, but may be Zuniel Pounds. This is almost certainly the blacksmith shop shown in this location on the 1902 map. The shop was likely demolished by T R Arthur in the early 1900s.</p>	
12/29/1895	From Mrs. V V Jay to Thomas R Arthur Notes: ¾ acre, (190' N/S x 300' E/W, irregular in shape due to exclusion of Mrs. Whatley's lot facing on Park Ave). Bounded on the north by Mrs. Bonnie Clements. This deed is somewhat confusing, but does convey Lot # 1 and Lot # 2 of the Phelps Storehouses along with the residential lot (3265 Pearl St). Source: Deed Book/JJ/549
8/10/1963	From Mrs. T R Arthur to James E Bethea Notes: Mrs. Arthur sold her home and lot, which by that time included Phelps Storehouse Lots #1 - #5 . Source: Deed Book/TT1/482



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Park St

Park St was created around 1900 when Mrs. Mattie J Oliver began subdividing the parcel given to her by her father, Z T Phelps. In early deeds, the street was known as Oliver Ave.

Censuses of Park St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Park St

- Plat Book/2/245 (1962)
- Plat Book/5/196 (1980)
- Plat Book/7/193 (1991)

15 Park St

- Part of the 12-acre tract purchased by J W Ellis from the Crittenden family in the mid-1870s (See J W Ellis Tract)
 - Later owned by B K Arthur, Fernando Crittenden, J B Payne, and T A Wall
- Source: Deed Book/CC/30, CC/31, CC/32, CC/33

2/20/1889, 5/13/1889	From T A Wall to Crittenden Brothers to Mrs. Fanny Cheney Notes: 2 acres. Bounded by the RR reserve on the east, west by Mrs. McGuire, north by burial ground and Z T Phelps. This tract became the west side of Park Ave and the northeast section of W Ward St. The location of the house on this lot is shown in a plat drawn in 1901 (Deed Book/II/72). Source: Deed Book/EE/49, EE/50
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11/1/1904	From the estate of Mrs. Fanny Cheney to her widower, C M Cheney Notes: 2 acres. Bounded east by SWRR reserve; south by SWRR right-of-way. Source: Deed Book/KK/116-7 (Tract #1)
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9/27/1907, 1/14/1916, 11/11/1939, 6/15/1940, 4/30/1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to Sheffield Brothers in 1907 • Sam Sheffield acquired sole ownership in 1916 • Mortgaged by Sheffield in 1939 • From Sheffield to his wife, Minnie Allen Sheffield, in 1940 • From the Sheffield estate to her son, John Edgar Sheffield, in 1973 <p>Notes: One-acre lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1907, Cheney sold the western half of his two-acre lot, reducing his home lot to one acre. The deed references Cheney's residence on the eastern half. • Sam Sheffield acquired sole ownership in 1916. The deed confirms that Sheffield uses the old Cheney house as a tenant house. • The 1939 and 1940 deeds detail the three houses on the plat drawn circa 1920. They confirm that the Cheney house is the one facing Park St, and it is still standing. • The 1973 deed reveals that the lot was by then vacant. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/272, MM/97 (Tract #3), OO/10, RR/323, ZZ/569 (mortgage), AA1/376-7, HH2/759</p>
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This lot has been absorbed into 33 Park St.

The C M Cheney family

The Cheneyes moved to 4001 Pearl St in 1912. Information on the family can be found there.

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33 Park St



This 1.84-acre lot has been assembled from at least three separate parcels.

Southern parcel

- Part of the 12-acre tract purchased by J W Ellis from the Crittenden family by 1873.
- Later owned by B K Arthur, Fernando Crittenden, J B Payne, T A Wall, the Crittenden Brothers, and Mrs. Fanny Cheney.

Northern parcel

- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873.

- Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890.

3/2/1912, 12/31/1915, 12/16/1920	From C M Cheney to Dr. A F Weathers Notes: .78-acre lot (160' N/S x 210 E/W). Bounded north by the home of Sam Sheffield; east by Park Road. The <i>Driving Tour</i> (2015) states that the house was built by Sam Sheffield for Dr. A F Weathers in 1911; the sale price of \$1,000 in 1912 supports there being a house on the lot at the time of the deed. Source: Deed Book/NN/251, OO/18 (mortgage)
11/6/1925, 7/22/1959	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Citizens First National Bank of Albany to Leila (Mrs. H R) Watson in 1925 • From Mrs. Watson to her two surviving sons, William J and George F Watson, in 1959 Notes: Leila Watson was the sister-in-law of A F Weathers. Source: Deed Book/RR/561, UU1/247
7/7/1964	From William J and George F Watson to Jeff C Laye Notes: The H R Watsons remained in the house until their deaths in 1960 and 1961. Source: Deed Book/UU1/263
Later deeds: VV2/527-8, AA3/228	
<u>Dr. Andrew Fletcher Weathers, Sr. family</u> Refer to 3299 Pearl St for more information on the Weathers family.	
<u>The Huddie Russell Watson family</u> The Watsons moved here in 1925 from 3410 Pearl St. Refer there for more information on the family.	



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51 Park St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873 Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890 	
<p>4/1/1901, 10/18/1901, 5/23/1905, 3/23/1915, 6/15/1940</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Mrs. M J Oliver & Mrs. S J Powell to Mrs. L E Pace to Mrs. S A Pace in 1901 From Mrs. Pace to Sam Sheffield in 1905 From Sheffield to his wife, Minnie Sheffield, in 1940 <p>Notes: 109' N/S x 300' E/W. Lot #4 of Mrs. Oliver's Property, bounded on the north by Lot # 3. The lot is vacant in 1905, but Sheffield has built a crib or barn on the line between this lot and Lot # 3. The Sheffields were here in the 1910 census, which dates the house to 1906-1910. Source: Deed Book/JJ/186, NN/484, AA1/376-7</p>
<p>1/22/1963</p>	<p>From Minnie Allen Sheffield to Troy L Shaw Notes: The lot is now irregular in shape, and expanded to approximately 1.6 acres, by adding a tract to the north and west. The tract is described as <i>"the vacant lot and pecan grove to the west thereof"</i>; it contains the old African-American cemetery. Source: Deed Book/TT1/103-4, Plat Book/2/245 (1962)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sheffields lived here in 1940, but the 1950 census does not list a house here. This suggests the house was lost in the 1940s. This vacant has been absorbed into 33 Park St. 	
<p><u>The Sam Sheffield family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Sheffield was from Paulding County. He moved to Shellman, where he married Minnie Allen in 1904. Sam and his much older brother, Mark Sheffield, formed a partnership, Sheffield Brothers, around 1907. In 1910, they were real estate developers and housing contractors; in 1920, they operated a lumber mill on W Railroad St. In 1925, Sam Sheffield acquired the holdings of the partnership. Later Sam was a lumber broker in 1930, and a farmer again in 1940 and 1950. The Sheffields lived in this house from 1910 to 1940, taking in boarders in 1940. In 1950, the Sheffields lived on E Railroad St. Sam died in 1962; Minnie died in 1964. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

55 Park St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873 Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890 	
<p>This tract contains an old African-American cemetery which is referenced by many early deeds for adjacent lots. The dates of use are unknown, but it was probably not used for new burials by the 1890s.</p>	
<p>12/22/1910</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From J R Powell to Sam Sheffield in 1910 Absorbed into the Sheffield home place, then into 33 Park St. <p>Notes: 1-acre lot. Source: Deed Book/RR/322</p>



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60 Park St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873 Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890 	
12/18/1907	<p>From Mrs. M J Oliver & Mrs. Ida J Powell to Sam Sheffield Notes: 300' N/S x 100' E/W. Mrs. Oliver & Mrs. Powell used the proceeds from this sale to help pay off an earlier mortgage they had on this property. Source: Deed Book/LL/275</p>
4/15/1910	<p>From Sam Sheffield to Florence Inez Sears Notes: 86' N/S x 100' E/W, with house once rented by Oscar Edwards (Source: 1910 census). This lot is the middle parcel of the lot Sheffield purchased in 1907. Source: Deed Book/NN/47, MM/512</p>
3/23/1915	<p>From Sam Sheffield to Mrs. G M Sears Notes: Expands the lot to the east and south using a portion of the lot purchased from Frankie Mae Powell. It is now: north: 159'; east: 163'; south: 59'; west: 77'; south: 100'; west: 86'. Bounded north by Mrs. Dixie Watson; east by M W Cox; south by land purchased that day by Sheffield; west by Mrs. Sears' current lot and Park Rd. There is a house on the lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/484</p>
9/30/1927, 9/15/1933, 8/5/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Mrs. G M Sears to Mrs. Tommie Chancy Haddock in 1927 From Mrs. Haddock's heir, I P Jay, to C E Jay in 1933 From the Jay family to W B & J T Haley in 1935 <p>Notes: (90' N/S x 159' E/W). The lot is now a rectangle again; the southern "dog leg" has been sold to 21 Park Ave. Bounded north by L E Hays; east by F C Cox; south by R M Bower (deceased); west by Park St. Source: Deed Book/SS/553, VV/411, XX/153, Plat Book/5/196 (1980)</p>
4/22/1948, 9/13/1952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From W B & J T Haley to Jeff & Lucille Bentley in 1948 From the Bentleys to Ambrose J Gill in 1952 <p>Notes: The lot is vacant by 1948 and remains so until after 1955. Source: Deed Book/FF1/72, II1/494,</p>
<p>Later deeds: LL1/36, JJ2/244-5, LL2/151-2, LL2/153, WW2/81, ZZ2/330, MM4/320-6</p>	
<p><u>The Glenn Morse Sears family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glen Sears was from Pike County. By 1900, he was already working for the railroad. He married Inez Shealy in 1906. In 1910, the Sears lived in Shellman, boarding at the Sasser Hotel. His brother, Frank Candler Sears, also moved to Shellman about this time. Sears was Shellman's depot agent. Later in 1910, the Sears bought this house at 60 Park St. In 1914, they bought the vacant lot at 219 W Phelps St, but did not build there. In 1915, they bought the house to the north, 70 Park St. In 1920, they lived in one of the houses and rented the other. In 1922, they sold #70, which was occupied at the time by H C Bower. Later that year, they remodeled and enlarged #60 (link). In 1927, they sold #60 and moved 219 W Phelps St. In 1945, they sold the house on W Phelps St and moved to Panama City. He died in 1953 and she died in 1967. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>Tommie Jay Chancy Haddock</u></p>	



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- Tommie Jay was from Randolph County, the daughter of Jackson Thomas Jay, a veteran of the Civil War whose war recollections have been published ([link](#)).
- Tommie and John C Chancy were married in Early County in 1889.
- John Chancy died in 1918. Tommie then married Thomas W Haddock in 1919 ([link](#)). The Haddocks lived in Terrell County in 1920.
- Tommie bought this house in 1927. She lived here alone in 1930, and remained here until her death in 1933.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)



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67 Park St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890

2/16/1901	<p>From Mrs. M J Oliver & Mrs. S J Powell to Mrs. S A Pace, then from her estate to her son, D E Pace Notes: 109' N/S x 300' E/W. Lot #3 of Mrs. Oliver's Property, bounded on the north by T R Arthur. Source: Deed Book/JJ/185</p>
9/8/1911	<p>From D E Pace to A H Johnson Notes: 109' N/S x 210' E/W, with improvements. Bounded on the north by lot of Mrs. L F Short. The price of \$1,550 indicates there is a house on the lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/197</p>
7/12/1956, 6/30/1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the heir of A H Johnson to James C Edwards in 1956 • In 1960, Edwards expanded his lot 100' to the west • By descent to his widow, Marion Edwards, in 1981 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/MM1/305, QQ1/321, XX2/121-2</p>

Later deeds: KK10/432-3, KK10/434-5, KK10/436-7

Mrs. S A Pace

- In 1900, the widowed Mrs. Pace lived with the family of her son, D E Pace, in Leary.
- She bought this lot in 1901. She died by 1911, when her son sold the house and moved to Dawson ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Andy H Johnson, Sr. family

- Johnson grew up on a farm in Randolph County. He married Lucy Kate Cheney in 1908.
- The Johnsons moved to Shellman in 1911; he continued to farm.
- The Johnsons remained here until their deaths; hers in 1948 and his in 1955.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Carlton Edwards family

- Edwards was the son of George and Gladys Edwards, and grew up on their farm in eastern Randolph County. He and Marian Shivers were married in Ft. Gaines in 1949 ([link](#)). The family initially lived in Ft. Gaines.
- The Edwards moved to Shellman and bought this house in 1956. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1981 and hers in 1990.
- Edwards worked in the construction industry. Marian was the secretary of the Columbian Peanut Co. for many years.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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70 Park St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873 Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890 The current lot was formed in 1925, having earlier been the northern part of a larger lot on Park St. 	
3/23/1915	<p>From Frankie Mae Powell to Sam Sheffield Notes: .96 acres (irregular 323' N/S x 210' E/W). Bounded north by Mrs. Dixie Watson; east by Masonic Hall and M W Cox; south by Park Ave; west by Dr. Weathers, Mrs. Sears, and Sam Sheffield. Source: Deed Book/NN/485</p>
3/23/1915	<p>From Sam Sheffield to Mrs. G M Sears Notes: This purchase gives Mrs. Sears two adjacent lots on Park St, each with a house. The combined dimensions are 163' N/S x 159' E/W. Bounded north by Mrs. Dixie Watson; east by M W Cox; south by land purchased that day by Sheffield. Source: Deed Book/NN/484</p>
10/9/1922	<p>From Mrs. G M Sears to L E Hays Notes: 73' N/S x 159' E/W. Mrs. Sears sold the northern portion of her combined lot, with a house occupied by H C Bower. Source: Deed Book/QQ/273, QQ/297 (mortgage), YY/489-90 (mortgage)</p>
5/20/1925	<p>From Mrs. E D Watson to L E Hays Notes: 47' N/S x 159' E/W. Hays expands his lot to the north. Dimensions are now 120' N/S x 159' E/W. Source: Deed Book/RR/416, VV/289 (mortgage)</p>
3/30/1971	<p>From the descendants of L E Hayes to James A Horne Notes: Source: Deed Book/CC2/327</p>
9/8/1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by Fay Avery Rice (Deed not located) From Fay Avery Rice to Marian Shivers Edwards <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/YY2/578</p>
3/16/1990	<p>From the estate of Edwards to her children Notes: Lot with house. Source: Deed Book/SS4/288</p>
<p><u>The Lawrence Edgar Hays family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hays was a Randolph County farmer. He and Janie Hays were married in 1907. The family moved to Shellman in 1922, but Hays continued to farm. They remained in this house until at least 1950. He died later that year, and there is no further record of the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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81 Park St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver, in 1890
- Part of the lot at 160 W Phelps St until sold by W L Allen

1/8/1908, 12/6/1916	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W L Allen to his first cousin, Mrs. Annie Allen Short, in 1908 • From Mrs. Short's estate to her widower, L F Short <p>Notes: 85' N/S x 210' E/W. The deeds do not mention a house, but the sales prices suggest that one was built after the 1908 sale and before the 1916 sale. In addition, the 1910 census lists the Shorts living on Park St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/286, OO/163, 1910 census link</p>
2/17/1917, 11/27/1934	<p>From L F Short to Dr. E C McCurdy to his wife, Alma Haddock McCurdy</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/OO/192-3, WW/462</p>
12/7/1978, 5/31/1979	<p>From Mrs. McCurdy's estate to her heirs to Robert Stanley & Annette S Stroud</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/RR2/195-200, SS2/447-52, SS2/579 (mortgage)</p>
<p>Later deeds: YY2/276, ZZ4/268-74, RR11/356</p>	
<p><u>Annie Allen Short</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie was the daughter of Charles Allen. She married L F Short in 1899. • The Shorts lived on his farm in Randolph County in 1900, moving here around 1908. • When Annie died in 1914, Mr. Short remarried and moved to 184 E Railroad St. More information about Short can be found there. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Dr. Edward Calfax McCurdy family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCurdy was born in Villa Rica, GA, the twin brother of R G McCurdy. He was awarded his medical license in 1902 (link). He moved to Shellman by 1905, where he married Alma Haddock in 1907. • The couple first lived at 122 College St. They moved to this house on Park St in 1917. • Dr. McCurdy died in 1940; Alma remained in the house until she died in 1976 (notice). The couple had no children. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, biographical sketch</p>	



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Payne St

Payne St was likely begun around 1880 as a lane from Joseph B Payne's new house (227 W Phelps St) via his old house (81 Park Ave) to the railroad reserve. The 1902 map refers to the street as New St; the 1907 map uses the name Payne St. Later several businesses and the city water and light plant fronted on Payne St.

20 Payne St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the SWRR Reserve acquired from John Ward in 1858.

12/15/1905	From the Central of GA RR to C J Greene Notes: Greene leased the land from the RR on which to erect a 20' x 20' building which would house the express agency. Source: Deed Book/II/512-4 (plat)
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Railway Express Office

- The Railway Express Agency was an early national delivery service. It arranged the shipment of packages among the hundreds of different railroads in the US ([Wikipedia](#)). It was formed as the American Railway Express Agency in 1917 when the railroads were nationalized for a time; the Southern Express Agency was absorbed into it.
- Shellman likely had a Southern Express agent in the late 1800s. The first recorded agent was C J Greene in 1900; the office was located in Greene's store ([link](#)).
- An express office was built here circa 1906. The land was owned by the railroad until donated to the City of Shellman in 1996. The location of the office is shown in Deed Book/II/514 ([plat](#)).
- C J Greene served as agent from 1900 until he retired in 1937 (notice [link](#)). For information on Greene, see 145 E Ward St.



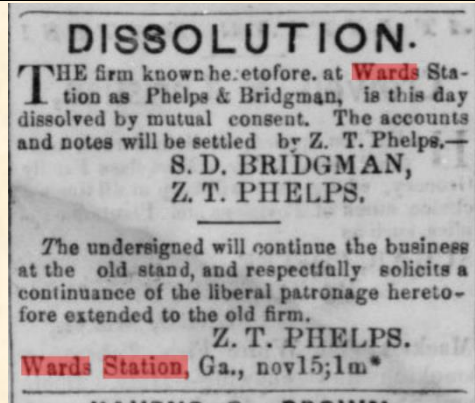
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40 Payne St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the SWRR Reserve acquired from John Ward in 1858.
- The SWRR retained title to the land until 1996. Buildings were owned by the lessee.

Z T Phelps Store

- Z T Phelps, who was stationmaster, was granted the right to operate a stable in the SWRR reserve. This may have been the location.
- Z T Phelps opened a store in this spot by early 1861, confirmed by later plats.
 - "This same Mr. Z. T. Phelps built the first store in Shellman and for ten years was the only merchant here," *The Sun* (Shellman newspaper).
 - A newspaper called it a "family grocery store" in 1861. The store also probably served as the first post office in Shellman.
 - This was the only store in Ward's Station until the Crittenden Brothers opened their store (See 41 W Railroad St).
- Phelps operated with partners at times. The 1867 newspaper notice at right announces that he had dissolved his partnership with Sampson Bridgeman ([link](#)). Around this time, Bridgeman declared bankruptcy and soon moved to Albany.
- After Phelps died, the store was sold to Joseph Ethridge & Sons.

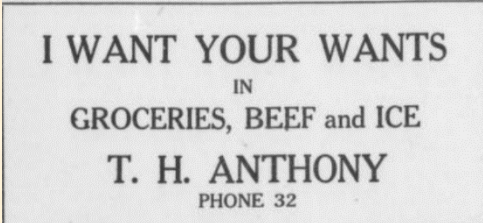


9/17/1894,
8/13/1898

- From the heirs of Z T Phelps to Joseph Ethridge & Son in 1894
 - From Central of Georgia RR to Ethridge & Son in 1898
- Notes: Located on the SW GA RR reserve on the north side of the track. Known as the old Z T Phelps store.
- Ethridge & Son bought the store in 1894, shortly after their store at 73 W Railroad St was destroyed in the fire of 8/24/1894. They were already in the store on the date the deed was executed.
 - The RR leased the land on which the store stood to Ethridge & Son in 1898.
 - The 1902 map reveals that the post office and a barber shop were houses on the south side of the store.
 - Refer to 73 W Railroad St for more information on the business.
- Source: Deed Book/DD/413, FF/282-4 ([plat](#), 1898), KK/241 ([plat](#), 1908)

2/26/1903,
5/23/1906,
2/20/1917,
3/22/1922

- From Joseph Ethridge & Son to E R Cheney & Mrs. S W Cheney in 1903
 - From Mrs. Cheney to T H Anthony & E R Cheney in 1906 (Half-interest)
 - From E R Cheney to T H Anthony (remaining half-interest) in 1917
- Notes:
- These deeds confirm that the old Phelps store was still in operation in 1903 and 1917. The plats identify the location.
 - In 1906, the store contained a soda fountain.
 - In 1910, Cheney was owner of a meat market; that was presumably this store.





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1917, Anthony gained sole ownership from his brother-in-law, E R Cheney. Anthony leased the land from the railroad in 1922. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/5, OO/193, OO/193-4, PP/522 (plat, circa 1912), QQ/151, QQ/622 (plat, Location G), 1910 census</p>
8/30/1927, 7/1/1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From T H Anthony to J M Bell & L D Crittenden in 1927 From Bell's heirs (half interest) to L D Crittenden in 1933 <p>Notes: Lot with store. Bounded south by the American Express Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1927 deed specifies that the land is owned by the railroad and leased to Anthony. Crittenden acquires sole interest in 1933; the store is still standing. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/533, XX/18</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The store was destroyed by fire in the 1940s (link) The land, which had been owned by the railroad and leased to the different merchants over the years, was given to the City of Shellman in 1996. 	

52 Payne St



- Part of the Sasser Hotel Lot (See 89 Park Ave).
- This lot was divided in 1948.

3/23/1948	<p>From L D Acker to C L Wooten</p> <p>Notes: Lot with gas station (152' N/S x 90' E/W). Wooten rented the building for use as a doctor's office. It was later used as a residence.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF1/234</p>
1/29/1973	<p>From the estate of C L Wooten to T C Goddard</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/GG2/19-20</p>
<p>Later deeds: NN2/660 (Tract #1), MM8/339-41 (Tract #2)</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

76 Payne St

Part of the J G Sasser lot purchased in 1895 (see 89 Park Ave)	
11/17/1900, 7/28/1906, 5/30/1910	<p>From Mrs. J G Sasser to the Town of Shellman (from the Sasser Hotel lot)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant lot (35' x 40') for "<i>locating and boring an artesian well and water tower</i>" in 1900. • Vacant lot (25' x 76') immediately south of the well lot in 1906. • Vacant lot (15' x 70.5') adjacent to the city power plant in 1910 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/HH/134, JJ/638, NN/54</p>
12/7/1909	<p>From G A Dozier to the Town of Shellman</p> <p>Notes: Irregular tract (10' frontage on Payne St; extending 146' eastward to the alley; 33' north to the SE corner of the J G Sasser lot; 71' west to the NE corner of the town lot). Bounded north by the water and electric light plant.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM/7</p>
3/23/1926, 4/1/1946	<p>From the City of Shellman to South Georgia Power Co.</p> <p>Notes: The City began divesting itself of the water and power duties in 1926. In 1946, the lease was partially renewed (see below).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/55, DD1/488-9</p>
8/6/1926	<p>From T H Anthony to the Town of Shellman</p> <p>Notes: This deed extends the lot southward by adding 50' of frontage on Payne St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/205</p>
<p><u>Shellman Water and Light Plant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1900, the town purchased a small tract for "<i>locating and boring an artesian well and water tower</i>". Bonds totaling \$2,000 were issued to fund the project (link). The well was drilled in 1900 (link); the tower was built in 1902 (link). • In 1906, the lot was expanded. • In 1909, the lot was again expanded; the deed reveals that the electric light plant was already in operation. • A photo of Shellman's park circa 1910 shows the water tower, extending above the Methodist Church across the street. • In 1926, the City contracted with the South Georgia Power Co (Deed Book/XX/55): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The city sold its power lines and leased its power plant. ○ The city kept its wells, but relinquished the responsibility for pumping the water into the water mains. • In 1928, the City leased the water tower that had been built by the defunct Oliver Mills, located at the corner of Park Ave and Pearl St. They also leased the right to build a 6" water main to connect the tower to this plant (Deed Book/TT/137). • In 1946, the City contracted with Georgia Power Co. (successor to South Georgia Power Co.) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continue the pumping of water for the city, and ○ remove all electric generation equipment from the building. • The lot today is still City property. 	



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85 Payne St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the J B Payne purchase in 1880 (See 81 Park Ave)
- This lot was divided from the tract in 1917

1/31/1917	From F Reid Crittenden to the Trustees of the Shellman Methodist Church Notes: Crittenden sold his lot to the Church, but retained ownership of a plot on the NE corner that is the site of the Princess Theater (75' N/S x 150' E/W). Source: Deed Book/OO/182-3
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Princess Theater

- In its early days, the town's venue for theatrical productions was the auditorium of the Shellman Institute.
- Reid Crittenden opened a new theater on this lot on October 31, 1913 ([link](#)). The *Dawson News* called it "a new enterprise which causes Dawson to turn green with envy- a new and modern opera house worthy of the name with modern scenery and other equipment. A moving picture show, which opens tonight, will occupy the building except when special attractions are on."

PRINCESS THEATRE
The Home of Good Pictures
Donald Crittenden, Mgr.

TODAY, TUESDAY, MAY 31ST
PAULINE FREDERICK in "OUT OF THE SHADOW"
How mad a thing is the unwarranted jealousy of a brutal man! Ruth Minchin innocently aroused her husband's hate and it led to his death. It was long before she emerged "OUT OF THE SHADOW."
Show hour 8 P. M. Admission 15c and 25c. Gallery, negroes only, 15c.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD.
REGULAR PICTURE PROGRAM.
The picture title has not been received.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH.
BEBE DANIELS in "YOU NEVER CAN TELL"
A check-room girl. A millionaire fur merchant. A taxi driver. There is plenty of pep and the titles just bubble with laughter. Show hour 8:00 P. M. Admission 15c and 25c. Gallery, negroes only, 15c.

- Earlier that year, Crittenden sold theater equipment and furnishings to A T George. The circumstances of this deed are not clear. It is possible that Crittenden and George were partners. Source: Deed Book/MM/360
- When Crittenden sold his lot to the Methodist Church in 1917, he retained the Princess Theater. This was the first use of the name, "Princess Theater."
- Reid Crittenden died in 1918. His son, Donald, was listed as the manager of the theater in 1920. The advertisement above was published in the *Dawson News* in 1921.
- When Donald Crittenden moved to Memphis, the theater

was closed for a few months; it was reopened in 1922 by Mr. Harden from Oglethorpe. In only the third performance of the reopened theater, there was an explosion in the projection room. The theater was full; no one was hurt, but the theater was completely destroyed. It was uninsured, and there is no evidence that it was rebuilt ([link](#), [link](#)).

99 Payne St

Part of the J B Payne purchase in 1880 (See 81 Park Ave)

3/10/1913	From Reid Crittenden to J M Curry Notes: 84' N/S x 210' E/W. Bounded north by lot occupied by E R Cheney and lot of Sam Haddock; west by lot of F C Cox; and south by alley to Reid Crittenden. Source: Deed Book/MM/348
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- It appears that no house was built on this lot, so it is not included on the map.
- Later deeds: FF1/82, FF1/518, FF1/519



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Pearl St

The road we now know as Pearl St probably existed in its current footprint by the mid-1850s. Earlier the major north-south road through this area, known as the Brooksville-Bainbridge Rd, had been located further east, so it is likely that this road began as a local path, perhaps to connect the Bynum and Ward houses to the RR depot. Its southern extension, Calhoun St, began as a public road connecting the RR station with Morgan.

- The east side of Pearl St was owned by the Crittenden family. The first house on the east side of the street was built for the Bridgeman family circa 1872 (See 3600 Pearl St). Development did not begin, however, until the Crittendens began selling lots of 2-4 acres in 1881.
- The west side of Pearl St was owned by Z T Phelps (from 3377 Pearl St south to Park Ave) and the Crittenden family (3399 Pearl St northward). The first house on the west side of Pearl St was built for the RR stationmasters circa 1858; it became known by the name of the second occupant, Z T Phelps (See 3377 Pearl St). Phelps and his son-in-law, Wistar T Jay, began building houses on their lots by 1887. The Crittendens built family homes in their section, but were selling lots also by the early 1900s.

The first known newspaper reference to Pearl St was in March, 1883 ([link](#)). The town was not to be incorporated for some six months, so the name was unofficial, but it stuck. Pearl St was paved from US 82 to the downtown in 1937.

Censuses of Pearl St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#) (Note: The census taker missed several residences, and later listed them in random order under "Catchup Road" [link](#))
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Pearl St

- Deed Book/MM/142-3
- Plat Book/1/266 (1955)
- Plat Book/1/280 (1955)
- Plat Book/2/50 (1957)
- Plat Book/2/210 (1960)
- Plat Book/3/71 (1964)
- Plat Book/3/90 (1965)
- Plat Book/5/130 (1979)
- Plat Book/5/131 (1979)
- Plat Book/6/92 (1985)
- Plat Book/7/3 (1989)
- Plat Book/7/76 (1980)
- Plat Book/7/134 (1991)
- Plat Book/7/172 (1993)
- Plat Book/9/235 (2003)
- Plat Book/10/55 (2005)
- Plat Book/11/194 (2010)
- Plat Book/12/140 (2015)

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Pearl St (East Side)

3256 Pearl St



This lot changed hands three times before a house was built on it:

- Part of the 4-acre tract purchased by O Z Dean in 1881, then sold to W W Cheney in 1884, and then to R F Ivey by 1903 (See 3300 Pearl St). This tract was divided, and now has three houses: 3256 Pearl St, 3278 Pearl St, and 3300 Pearl St.
- Part of the 2.7-acre lot purchased by Mrs. Hattie L Roberts in 1906 (See 3278 Pearl St)

7/20/1908

From Mrs. Hattie L Roberts to Dr. France M Martin
Notes: ½ acre (105' x 210'), no improvements.
Source: Deed Book/LL/378

Later deeds: FF2/604-5, UU2/184, ZZ7/40

Dr. Francis Monroe Martin family

- France Martin was the son of R B Martin, Sr. He married Alma Hickey in 1909 ([link](#)). Alma was from Lumpkin; she came to Shellman to be the music director of the Shellman Institute ([link](#)).
- In 1906, shortly after graduating from Emory Medical School, he wrote a poem that was published by the *Atlanta Journal* (at right).
- In 1910, the Martins were living with his parents on E Railroad St. They built this house in 1912. Source: *Driving Tour* (2015)
- Dr. Martin was an MD in private practice. His office was located in the Martin Building at 277 Buford St.
- The Martins remained in this house until their deaths: his in 1971 ([obituary](#)), hers in 1972.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families* [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

Faith.

While on life's tempestuous sea,
Tossed about by storms of iniquity,
It seems as if my hope is gone,
And that I must suffer the torments alone,
When I hear a gentle and sweet call,
Saying, I save one, I save all,
And with faith implanted in my eyes,
I see the Savior in the skies.

—FRANCIS M. MARTIN.
Shellman, Ga., 1906.

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3278 Pearl St



Part of the 4-acre tract purchased by O Z Dean in 1881, then sold to W W Cheney in 1884, and then to R F Ivey by 1903 (See 3300 Pearl St). This tract was divided, and has three present-day houses: 3256 Pearl St, 3278 Pearl St, and 3300 Pearl St.

4/6/1905	<p>From Mary Ivey to Mrs. Hattie L Roberts Notes: 2.7 acres (279' N/S x 420' E/W), likely including the O Z Dean house. Bounded south by the lot of James M Wooten. This is the southern portion of the Dean-Cheney-Ivey lot, containing 3256 Pearl St and 3278 Pearl St. Mrs. Roberts sold the house across the street (3299 Pearl St) two days earlier. Source: Deed Book/NN/22</p>
7/20/1908	<p>From Mrs. Hattie L Roberts to Dr. France M Martin Notes: ½ acre (105' N/S x 210' E/W). Roberts reduces her lot to 159' of frontage on Pearl St by selling the southern portion of her lot, which was vacant. Source: Deed Book/LL/378</p>
4/7/1914	<p>From the estate of Hattie L Roberts to Roger S Crittenden Notes: 2.25 acres, including the house where Mrs. Roberts lived. Bounded by Mrs. R F Ivey on the north, J F and A L Crittenden on the east, and Dr. F M Martin on the south. Source: Deed Book/MM/441</p>
1/29/1923, 5/23/1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Roger S Crittenden to J Truitt Martin in 1923. • Descended to Martin's widow, Caro Twitty Martin, in 1946 • Sold from Mrs. Martin's estate in 1985. <p>Notes: 168' N/S x 420' E/W (on northern side). Same dimensions as the previous deed. Bounded north by Mrs. R F Ivey. Source: Deed Book/QQ/411, EE1/364-5, EE3/249</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until 1901, the lots now known as 3278 Pearl St and 3300 Pearl St were combined, and there was a single house on them: The O Z Dean house built in 1882/3. • In 1905, Mary Ivey divided the lot; it is uncertain which lot contained the Dean house. • It seems more likely that the Dean House was on this, the southern lot (3278 Pearl St). • There was a house here by 1906; it was either the Dean house, or Roberts built a new house about the time she purchased the lot. Roberts was operating a boarding house on Pearl St in 1910. Source: 1910 census link • The <i>Driving Tour</i> (2015) says that the house was designed by the Macon architectural firm of Dennis and Dennis. Perhaps Roger Crittenden commissioned a new house, or a major renovation, for his new bride around 1915. Crittenden paid \$3,000 for the house in 1914, and sold it for \$6,000 in 1923, suggesting he significantly improved the house. 	
<p><u>Dr. Charles A Roberts family</u> Refer to 3299 Pearl St for information on the Roberts family.</p>	



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The Roger Shumbal Crittenden family

- Crittenden was the son of Hiram A Crittenden. He married Meta Elder in Cuthbert in 1912 ([link](#)); they moved to this house at 3278 Pearl St in 1914/5.
- Roger worked in the Crittenden family businesses, becoming President of the Guano Co., the Fruit Co., and the Ginnery, as well as a Director of the Peoples Bank.
- Meta died in 1917 ([link](#)). Roger moved out of the house; he was boarding at the Arthur Hotel on Arthur St in 1920. Source: 1920 census [link](#)
- Crittenden married Daisy Carter of Bluffton in 1923 ([link](#)). Daisy had taught in the Shellman school in 1922.
- Just before the wedding, he and John Truitt Martin exchanged houses; Martin moved here to 3278 Pearl St, and Crittenden moved to 3477 Pearl St. This is said to have occurred because Crittenden did not want his new wife to occupy the house he had shared with his first wife.
- The Crittendens lived at 3477 Pearl St from 1923 until 1935.
- In 1935, Crittenden again traded houses. They moved to 3556 Pearl St; Susie May Brown moved to 3477 Pearl St.
- The Crittendens remained at 3556 Pearl St until their deaths. He died after a serious illness in 1940 ([link](#)); she died in 1975. For many years, Daisy taught in the Shellman grammar school.
- Their son Carter kept the house until his death in 2018, using it on his frequent visits to Shellman ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

The John Truitt Martin family

For information on the family, see 3477 Pearl St.



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3300 Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/25/1881	<p>From the Crittenden family to O Z Dean Notes: 4 acres (417' square).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean's lot extended along Pearl St from the Fernando Crittenden lot on the south to the J M Anthony lot on the north. Dean built a house on the property which he offered for sale in November, 1883 (link, at right). This is the earliest known newspaper ad for a house in Ward. When the house did not sell, Dean reduced the price (link). <p>Source: Deed Book/Q/42-3</p>
11/8/1884, 10/5/1894	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From O Z Dean & his wife, Tallulah C Dean, to William W Cheney in 1884 Form Cheney to three of his children by his first wife in 1894: William D, Inez, and Ernest Cheney. <p>Notes: 4 acres (417' square). Now bounded south by William C Busbee's lot. The 1884 deed was not recorded for some years; Dean gave a quitclaim deed in 1901. Source: Deed Book/GG/56, FF/559, DD/479-80</p>
9/14/1901	<p>From the children of W W Cheney to Mary (Mrs. R F) Ivey Notes: 4 acres, with house. Known as the W W Cheney lot. Source: Deed Book/RR1/441</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Until 1901, the current lots at 3278 Pearl St and 3300 Pearl St were combined, and there was a single house on them: The O Z Dean house built in 1882/3. In 1905, Mary Ivey divided the lot; it is uncertain which of the two resulting lots contained the Dean house. By 1906 there was a house on each of the two lots. Neither is still standing. It seems more likely that the Dean House was on the southern lot (3278 Pearl St), which means that Mary Ivey likely built the house on this lot between 1901 and 1905. 	
4/6/1905	<p>From Mary Ivey to Mrs. Hattie L Roberts Notes: 2.7 acres (279' N/S x 420' E/W), likely with the Dean house. Bounded south by the lot of James M Wooten. Ivey sold the southern portion of her lot, keeping 145' of frontage on Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/NN/22</p>
7/19/1961	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by Mary Coxwell Crittenden (Deed not located) By descent to Mrs. Roselle Crittenden Martin From Roselle Martin to C T Martin, Sr. in 1961 <p>Notes: 1.37 acres (145' N/S x 412' E/W), with house. Bounded north by the Whaley lot now owned by A B Branan, Mrs. W N Land, and Mrs. G E Robinett; east by Herman Hilton and the Jeff Pipkin estate; south by Mrs. Caro Martin. Source: Deed Book/RR1/442</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gene Lewis, who grew up next door, remembers the house as being an older, two-story, frame house. 	

Valuable Property for Sale.

I am now offering my new 6 Room House and 4 acre Lot in the flourishing town of Ward for sale at a bargain. The House is new, has 6 good rooms newly painted, good well of water, good out buildings, barn, cribs and a splendid garden, all in good order. The Lot contains four acres, and is in three minutes walk of R. R. Depot at Wards, on Calhoun street.
For particulars call on or address me at Ward, Ga.
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O. Z. DEAN.



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- It was demolished to make way for the Truitt Martin home built in 1963.

7/31/1972

- From C T Martin to his wife, Mary Laura Martin, in 1972
 - Sold by the Martin family in 2009.
- Notes: 1.37 acres (145' N/S x 412' E/W), with house. Bounded north by the Whaley lot now owned by A B Branan, Mrs. W N Land, and Mrs. G E Robinett; east by Herman Hilton and the Jeff Pipkin estate; south by Mrs. Caro Martin. The Martins demolished the old house and built a new one in 1963.
- Source: Deed Book/TT1/11-2, FF2/172

Later deeds: KK10/536

The William Walcott Cheney family

- Cheney was from Floyd County. He served in the Civil War, and returned to Floyd County, where he was a farmer ([bio sketch](#)).
- His first wife died in 1882, leaving him with six children. He then moved to Shellman, probably influenced by his brother, Dr. W D Cheney, who lived in Calhoun County. He married Sarah Elizabeth Dennis in Randolph County in 1884. They had five more children.
- Cheney bought the 4-acre tract from O Z Dean in 1884. He died of cancer in 1897 ([link](#)). The family dispersed. It appears that Sallie Cheney and her children moved from this house to rented quarters south of the railroad in Shellman. She was a milliner. Source: 1900 census [link](#)
- After the sale of the house on Pearl St in 1901, she purchased the lot at 128 W Phelps St and built a house there. She remained there until the house burned in 1917.
- By 1920, she shared a rental house in Atlanta with three of her children. She died there in 1935.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

The Robert F Ivey family

- Ivey was born in Baldwin County, and lived in a different place in every census until the family settled in Baker County around 1860. He served in the Civil War.
- In 1868 he married Mary (Mollie) Miller in Randolph County. In 1900, the Iveys were living in Florida, where he listed his profession as "hotel man". In 1901, the Iveys purchased the old Dean house. Ivey's brother, Ernest Ivey, joined him in Shellman in 1905.
- In 1910, the Iveys lived on Pearl St between the Anthonys and the Roberts. Mary Ivey listed herself as "keeper" of a boarding house. The census listed no boarders at this house; perhaps she kept the Roberts' boarding house next door. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
- R F Ivey died in 1910. Mary's sister, Missouri Miller Wall, moved in with her by 1920.
- Mary still lived here in 1930, with two families renting here. She died in 1939. Source: 1930 census [link](#)

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Charles Truitt Martin, Sr. family

Information on the Martin family is found at 30 E Railroad St.



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3318 Pearl St

This lot was created by dividing the Anthony lot around 1907 (See 3338 Pearl St); this is the southern half.

6/1/1928	From Mrs. Sarah J Anthony to Thomas H Anthony Notes: One-acre lot (210' square) with house. Mrs. Anthony retained a life interest. Source: Deed Book/TT/237
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- This house was likely built for the John Milton Anthony family between 1907 and 1910 so that the family of their son, Hamer, could occupy their larger house at 3338 Pearl St.
- The house was occupied by Sarah Jane Anthony until her death in 1930.
- The house was then used as rental property. The Walter Lewis family lived here from the late 1930s until 1946.
- Gene Lewis remembers the house as a one-story, cream-colored, frame house with a large porch.
- For information on the Lewis family, refer to 3696 Pearl St.

3/30/1946, 10/25/1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the estate of T H Anthony to R L Anthony in 1946• From R L Anthony to Floreid S Whaley in 1946 Notes: Known as the residence of the late Sarah J Anthony. Source: Deed Book/AA1/331-3 (mortgage), CC1/424 (mortgage), DD1/381-2, EE1/29
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2/20/1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquired by A B & Susie Faircloth Branam (Deed not located)• From the Branams to Richard Howard in 1974 Notes: Half-acre lot with house (105' N/S x 210' E/W). Bounded north by L D Crittenden; east by Mrs. W N Land; south by Mrs. Rozelle Martin. Source: Deed Book/HH2/642, HH/643 (mortgage)
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- The original house was demolished around 1960. The current house was built in 1961.
- Later deeds: KK2/601-2, XX2/875

The Thomas Hamer Anthony family
See 3338 Pearl St for information on the family.

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3338 Pearl St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- The original lot included three present-day lots: 3318 Pearl St, 3338 Pearl St and 22 E Phelps St.

12/22/1881	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to John Milton Anthony Notes: 1 ½ acres (210' N/S x 315' E/W). Bounded south by the O Z Dean lot. The price of \$50 suggests the lot was vacant, but the <i>Driving Tour</i> (2015) says the house was built in 1870. Source: Deed Book/P/614</p>
11/20/1884, 4/6/1907	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From John Milton Anthony to Sarah Jane Whatley, his mother-in-law in 1884 • From Mrs. Whatley to her daughter-in-law, Sallie J Anthony, in 1907. <p>Notes: 2 acres (210' N/S x 420' E/W; the lot is now deeper than in 1881). The 1907 deed confirms it is still a 2-acre lot and that the Anthonys live there. This suggests that the division of the lot and the construction of 3318 Pearl St occurred around 1907. Source: Deed Book/AA/349, NN/432, AA1/331-3 (mortgage), BB1/302 (mortgage)</p>
12/14/1944	<p>From the estate of T H Anthony to Howell T Prothro Notes: ½ acre (105' N/S x 210' E/W). Known as the T H Anthony home place, and the house where he lived at his death. Source: Deed Book/DD1/73, EE1/120 (mortgage), HH1/173 (mortgage)</p>
4/30/1950	<p>From Howell T Prothro to L D Crittenden Notes: Source: Deed Book/JJ1/225</p>
4/1/1978	<p>From L D Crittenden to James A Horne, Sr Notes: Horne used the house as rental property. Source: Deed Book/PP2/71</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house at 3338 Pearl St has an apartment, facing on E Phelps St. It was rented to Lee and Virginia Anthony in the 1940s. • Later deeds: TT4/371
	<p><u>The John Milton Anthony family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Anthony was from Forsyth. In 1870, he was living with the family of his brother in Cuthbert. He married Sarah Jane Hamer in Muscogee County in 1874. • The Anthonys initially farmed in Randolph County, but moved to this lot in 1881. He operated a blacksmith shop and a carpentry shop for a time (See 274 Buford St). • In 1901, he bought the Ethridge store at 73 W Railroad St. From 1905-1910, it served as the post office, and he was assistant postmaster. Mrs. Anthony was the postmistress by 1900. • By 1910, this lot was divided and a second house was built. It is not certain which Anthony family lived in which house, but Hamer Anthony likely lived here at 3338 Pearl St, along with three



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members of his wife's family. In that case, the J M Anthonys and her mother, Mrs. Whatley, lived at 3318 Pearl St until their deaths. Mrs. Whatley and J M Anthony died in 1914; Mrs. Anthony died in 1930.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), 1900 census [link](#), 1910 census [link](#), 1920 census [link](#), 1930 census [link](#), 1940 census [link](#)

The Thomas Hamer Anthony family

- Hamer Anthony was the son of John Milton and Sarah Jane Anthony (See above), He moved to Shellman with them by the time he was six. He married Inez Cheney in 1899. Inez was the daughter of W W Cheney, who lived next door at 3300 Pearl St.
- By 1910, this lot was divided and a second house was built. It is not certain which Anthony family lived in which house, but Hamer Anthony likely lived in 3338 Pearl St, along with three members of his wife's family, in 1910.
- In 1922, Hamer completed a major renovation of the house, adding rooms and enlarging the porch ([link](#)).
- Because of his size-- 6'4" tall, 300 lbs. plus, and his size 16 shoe-- Hamer was known as "Big Daddy"
- Hamer operated a barber shop at 73 W Railroad St. He was later the postmaster, just as his parents had been. The Anthonys also had a grocery store at 60 Park St, in partnership with his brother-in-law, E R Cheney, which was operated by Inez Cheney.
- Inez Anthony died in 1934; Hamer Anthony died in 1943.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [bio sketch](#)

The Howell Woodfin Prothro family

- Howell Prothro was from Griffin, the son of C P Prothro. He and Grace Harris were married there in 1914 ([link](#)).
- The family moved to Shellman around the end of 1915, where the firm of C P Prothro & Son was the second largest peach grower in Shellman in 1921 ([link](#)). In 1923, the family moved back to Griffin ([link](#)). They divorced in the 1930s, and Howell moved back to Shellman.
- He remarried and owned this house from 1944 until 1950.
- His second wife died, and he married a third time. In 1973, he and his third wife purchased the house at 96 Pecan St. Prothro died in 1974 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Lewis Denson Crittenden family

- Lewis Crittenden was from Shellman, the son of R M and Mary Crittenden. He grew up on Phelps St. He and Etta Moore were married in 1934 ([link](#)).
- The Crittendens were renting a house on Pearl St by 1935. They purchased this house in 1950.
- In 1949, Crittenden purchased the Hammock Place (3020 Calhoun St), but there is no record that he lived there.
- Crittenden operated grocery stores. He operated the old Z T Phelps Store (40 Payne St) from 1927 until it burned in the 1940s. Later he operated a store in the Crittenden Building on W Railroad St.
- Etta Crittenden died in 1963; Lewis remarried in 1964. He eventually moved to Cuthbert, where he died in 1985 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3354 Pearl St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Part of the J G Sasser purchase in 1881 (See 3374 Pearl St)

8/29/1890	<p>From J G Sasser to Mildred S Watts, mother of John Norman Watts Notes: 1.1-acre vacant lot (114' N/S x 410' E/W). Bounded south by the J M Anthony house; north by the J G Sasser house. In this deed Sasser divided his four-acre lot, selling the southernmost portion. Source: Deed Book/CC/328</p>
8/26/1907	<p>From Mildred S Watts to her son, John Norman Watts Notes: .55-acre lot (114' N/S x 210' E/W). Bounded north by Cincinnatus D Crittenden, Jr; south by an alley separating this lot from Mrs. Anthony. Mrs. Watts sold the large house to her son, but retained ownership of the eastern 200' of this lot, on which she built a smaller house for herself (see 25 E Phelps St). Source: Deed Book/LL/188</p>
12/28/1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descended within the Watts family • From the Watts descendants to Stanley and Dorothy Cramer in 1989 <p>Notes: The two lots are again combined. Source: Deed Book/FF4/2</p>
<p>The house was built around 1890 in an ell-shape. It was remodeled and columns added between 1905-7. At that time, Watts' mother, Mildred Snell Watts, moved to a house on the eastern portion of the lot (see 25 E Phelps St). Source: <i>Driving Tour</i> (2015)</p>	
<p><u>The John Norman Watts, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watts was born in Randolph County, the son of William N Watts. He married Mary Belle Henderson in Beaumont, TX, in 1895 (link). Watts was a traveling salesman, and presumably met her in his travels for work. • In addition to his sales career, Watts was a farmer, civic leader, and member of the Georgia Senate (1913 biographical sketch). • The Watts lived in this house until their deaths: hers in 1931 (obituary), and his in 1939 while visiting a daughter in Columbus, after a period of declining health (obituary). • The house was then occupied by the family of their son, John Norman Watts, Jr. (See below). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The John Norman Watts, Jr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watts was the son of John Norman Watts, Sr. He grew up in this house on Pearl St. He and Nellie May Hinely were married in Florida in 1930. • John operated the family farm. 	



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- Later in life, they spent much of their time in Tampa where their daughter lived. She died in 1967; he died in Tampa in 1984 ([obituary](#)).
- The family sold the house in 1989.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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3374 Pearl St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Part of the J G Sasser purchase in 1881 (See below) The Sasser lot was later divided to create four present-day lots on Pearl St: 3354, 3374, 3394, and 3410 	
12/23/1881	<p>From the Crittenden family to Mrs. J G Sasser</p> <p>Notes: Four-acre vacant lot (417' square), bounded by John M Anthony on the south.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/270</p>
8/29/1890	<p>From J G Sasser to Mildred S Watts</p> <p>Notes: 1.1 acres (114' N/S x 410' E/W). Bounded by J M Anthony house on the south, and J G Sasser house on the north. In this deed, Sasser divided his four-acre lot, selling the southernmost acre, which was vacant. Sasser's house was now on a three-acre lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/328</p>
9/7/1896	<p>From J G Sasser to T W Glaze</p> <p>Notes: Three acres (303' N/S x 417' E/W), with house. Bounded south by J N Watts. The Sassers moved into their new hotel at 89 Park Ave.</p> <p>Source: Source: Deed Book/GG/207, 1900 Census link</p>
11/18/1903	<p>From the Glaze children to Mrs. Cincinnatus D (Emmie) Crittenden, Jr.</p> <p>Notes: 1.5 acres (144' N/S), including the Sasser/Glaze house. Bounded south by the Watts lot. This is the southern section of the tract Glaze purchased in 1896.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/20, II/186-7 (mortgage)</p>
3/11/1910	<p>From the Glaze children to W T Jay & J S Pratt</p> <p>Notes: The children sold the remainder of their father's tract, that is, the four acres immediately north of this lot; it was vacant. Jay & Pratt dived the tract and built houses on the lots.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM/38</p>
12/22/1939, 8/13/1941, 8/9/1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The heirs of C D & Emmie Crittenden appointed Mrs. Emma Crittenden Herring as their attorney-in-fact in 1939 From Mrs. Herring to Ruby Dean Nichols in 1941 From Mrs. Nichols' heirs to Daniel H Boyd in 1981 <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ/274, BB1/434, XX2/159-60</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The original house on this lot was destroyed by fire after 1981. The owner at the time of the fire was Dan Boyd. In 1982, the Boyds moved to 3410 Pearl St, suggesting that was the date of the fire. The present house on the lot was built in 1993. Later deeds: MM4/9-13 (Tract #2), SS4/120, RR4/33-6 (Tract 1), AA5/129-132, Plat Book/7/172 (1993) 	
<p><u>The Justice Guard Sasser family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sasser was born in Lee County. After serving in the civil war, he settled in Calhoun County, where he married a widow, Jane Elizabeth Johnson Cozart, in 1867. By 1880, he had acquired farmland southeast of Shellman. He purchased this tract on Pearl St in 1881, and moved here by 1885. Sasser's first wife died here in 1885 (link); he married Fannie Riley in 1889. Sasser built the Sasser Hotel on Park Ave in 1896, and his family moved there. He sold the hotel in 1909, but operated a boarding house in his home on W Phelps St. 	



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- Sasser also bought and sold land, and made real estate loans, in and around Shellman.
- Fanny died in 1924 ([notice](#)). When J G died in 1934 at age 97, he was the oldest Mason in Georgia and recognized as a major force in the development of Shellman ([notice](#), [obituary](#)).
- See 89 Park Ave and 236 W Phelps St for more information on the Sassers.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Thomas Wesley Glaze family

- Glaze was from Putnam County. He married Fannie Miller in Dougherty County in 1869. By 1880, they owned a farm in Terrell County near Brooksville.
- He purchased the Mizell house to the north of this tract in 1886 (3468 Pearl St, [link](#)), and lived there until he purchased this home in 1896. The 1900 census confirms that Glaze lived in town but still owned the farm ([link](#)).
- Glaze died suddenly in 1902 ([notice](#)); the house was sold in 1903. His widow moved to Americus; she died in 1908 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#), Martin and Allied Families [Page 122](#)

The Cincinnatus Decatur Crittenden, Jr. family

- C D Crittenden, Jr. was the son of C D Crittenden, Sr. and one of four brothers who played a prominent role in the development of Shellman, the others being R F, H A, and J F Crittenden. He came to Ward's Station by 1875, when he married Emma Pruet.
- In 1880, the family lived on a farm on the Fountain Bridge Rd. In 1881, Emma was given farmland by her father (Source: Deed Book/P/427-8).
- In 1899, the family moved to Albertville, AL, where he was a dry goods merchant. The family returned to Shellman in 1900 ([link](#)). The reason for such a brief move is unclear, but one of his daughters graduated from the Seventh District Agricultural School while they were there. Perhaps the move was to allow her to complete her education.
- They purchased the house at 3374 Pearl St in 1903. Emma died in 1916; he retained ownership of the house until he died in 1939, but in later years moved among his children's homes ([obituary](#)).
- After returning to Shellman, he worked in the Crittenden furniture store for a time, and later was an overseer of Crittenden farming interests.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The William Edward Nichols family

- Edward Nichols was born in Carnegie. After serving in WW I, he returned to live with his widowed mother in Cuthbert.
- He and Ruby Dean, daughter of Whit Dean, were married in 1923 ([link](#)). They initially lived in Lumpkin.
- In 1930 and 1940, the Nicholse lived with her father at 13 Church St. Whit Sean died in 1940; in 1941, the Nicholse moved to this house on Pearl St.
- Nichols owned a blacksmith shop. In 1952, he was elected sheriff of Randolph County ([link](#)).
- The Nicholse were in a tragic auto accident in 1955. She was killed; he was badly injured but recovered ([link](#)). Ironically, they had lost their eldest son in an auto accident in 1943 ([link](#)).
- He later remarried, and died in 1973.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3394 Pearl St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Later owned by J G Sasser, then T W Glaze (See 3374 Pearl St)
- The Glaze estate was acquired by a partnership of Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt, who divided the tract into five lots on Pearl St: 3394, 3410, 3422, 3436, and 3450. They built houses on the lots from 1909-12.

4/10/1909, 12/20/1912	From Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt to W S Short to his wife Notes: .87 acre (95' N/S x 400' E/W). Bounded west by Pearl St; south by Mrs. Emmie Crittenden; east by H O and J F Crittenden. The 1912 deed includes a house. Source: Deed Book/NN/31, NN/310, SS/442 (mortgage)
5/2/1933, 10/30/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Short to Oscar Aycock in 1933 (sheriff's sale) • Sold from his estate to John Mercer Wooten, Jr. in 1935. Notes: The Wootens already lived in the house when they purchased it. Source: Deed Book/VV/351, XX/201-2, BB1/427, CC1/373, DD1/85, EE1/577-8, FF1/436, FF1/437
8/16/1991	From Joye Barber Wooten (widow of John Mercer Wooten, Jr.) to James Melvin & Dedra Lane Edwards Notes: Source: Deed Book/PP4/207-11, TT4/80 (mortgage), Plat Book/7/76 (1980)

The Washington Stewart Short family

- Stewart Short was from Marion County, the son of Rev. Joseph Short and brother of L F Short. He moved to Calhoun County, where he was a teacher. He married Eugenia (Jenny) Tinsley in Calhoun County in 1901.
- The Shorts moved to Shellman, where he was proprietor of a grocery store in 1910 and a dry goods store in 1920 (See 271 Buford St for more information). In 1930, he was a farmer.
- The Shorts bought this lot in 1909, but lived on Payne St until they built this house in 1912.
- In 1930, they had three boarders, all of whom were teachers. They still lived here in 1933 when the house was foreclosed. The family moved from this house, but remained in Shellman.
- He died in 1936 ([obituary](#)); she moved to Atlanta.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Driving Tour* (2015)

The John Mercer Wooten, Jr. family

- Mercer Wooten grew up further north on Pearl St, the son of Mercer and Emmie Crittenden Wooten, Sr. The family had extensive land holdings, including much of Pearl St before it was divided.
- Wooten married Joye Barber in Bainbridge in 1929 ([link](#)). They initially lived with his mother at 3559 Pearl St. They moved here circa 1933, and purchased the house in 1935.
- Wooten was a farmer and operated a municipal supply business (See 61 W Railroad St). He also served as mayor and state representative ([biographical sketch](#)).
- The Wootens remained here until around 1990, when they moved to Huntsville, AL, to be near their daughter. He died in 1995 ([obituary](#)); she died in 2001.



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3410 Pearl St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871

- Later owned by J G Sasser, then T W Glaze (See 3374 Pearl St)
- The Glaze estate was acquired by a partnership of Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt, who divided the tract into five lots on Pearl St: 3394, 3410, 3422, 3436, and 3450. They built houses on the lots from 1909-12.

3/9/1910	From Wistar T Jay and James S Pratt to Mrs. Huddie R (Leila) Watson Notes: .92 acre (100' N/S x 400' E/W). Bounded by W S Short on the south. Source: Deed Book/NN/31
12/2/1910	From Mrs. S V Roberts to Mrs. H R Watson Notes: Mrs. Watson expanded her lot by adding a vacant strip that was the eastern 100' of the lot to the north, 3422 Pearl St. She now has an ell-shaped lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/148
10/19/1927, 8/15/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. H R Watson to Mrs. Herbert (Sara) Walker in 1927 • From Mrs. Walker to her daughter, Lota Walker Orr, in 1932. Notes: Mrs. Walker bought the house and lot on Pearl St that was adjacent to her lot at 125 College St. That house was destroyed by fire about this time. Source: Deed Book/TT/26-7, SS/582 (mortgage), VV/191, Plat Book/2/210 (1960)
4/12/1982	From Ruth Orr Clare (daughter of Lota Walker Orr) to Dan & Marcia Boyd Notes: Source: Deed Book/YY2/107, Plat Book/2/210 (1960)

During the period from shortly after 1930 until 1982, this house was often rented. In 1940, it appears to have been rented by the Julian Gunnells family [link](#).

The Huddie Russell Watson family

- Huddie was the son of E D Watson. He grew up on the Watson farm in Randolph County, moving to Shellman in the 1890s.
- Three of the children of E D Watson married into families who were prominent in Shellman and active in Shellman real estate:
 - Mattie Mae Watson married Dr. A F Weathers in 1896
 - Huddie Watson married Leila Oliver (Dixie Oliver Watson's sister) in 1898
 - R T Watson married Dixie Oliver (Leila Oliver Watson's sister) in 1902.
- Huddie was a merchant in 1910, likely in his father-in-law's business interests. In 1920 and 1930, he owned a general merchandise store. In 1940 and 1950, he was a farmer.
- The Watsons lived with her father on W Railroad St until 1910. They likely built this house shortly after buying the lot in March, 1910.
- They moved to 33 Park St in 1925, where they were near other family members. They remained there until their deaths; Leila in 1960, and Huddie in 1961.
- One of Shellman's more exciting events occurred in 1931, when the Watsons' son, Lt. G F Watson, who was Chief Engineer of the dirigible *Los Angeles*, flew over Shellman in tribute to his family ([link](#)).



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families* [link](#)

The Herbert Lee Walker family

- Walker was from Terrell County. He married Sallie Bridges in 1890. They lived on their farm in Terrell County until 1910, when they bought the house at 125 College St. and enlarged it ([link](#)).
- The Walkers moved to 3410 Pearl St from College St. in 1927. The house on College St was destroyed around this time, presumably the reason for the move. The lot on College St adjoined the lot on Pearl St, giving the Walkers frontage on both Pearl St and College St.
- The house on Pearl St was converted to apartments; the Walkers probably did so shortly after they moved in. The Milton H Trippe family rented a part of the house in 1930. Source: 1930 Census [link](#)
- Herbert Walker was a farmer through 1910; he listed no profession in later censuses.
- After 1930, it appears the Walkers moved about, and probably did not spend much time in this house. Sallie Walker died at her daughter's house in Atlanta in 1945 ([notice](#)). In 1940, Herbert Walker was a patient at the Milledgeville State Hospital. He returned to this house on Pearl St in 1950. In 1956, he died in Milledgeville.
- The two lots remained in the family until 1982.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3422 Pearl St



- Part of the Ambrose E Mizell purchase in 1883, subsequently sold to Thomas W Glaze in 1886 (See 3468 Pearl St).
- The Glaze estate was acquired by a partnership of Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt, who divided the tract into five lots on Pearl St: 3394, 3410, 3422, 3436, and 3450. They built houses on the lots from 1909-12.

4/14/1910, 12/2/1910	<p>From Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt to Mrs. J J (Sallie V) Roberts Notes: .92 acre (100' N/S x 400' E/W). Bounded south by Mrs. Leila Watson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Roberts bought the lot in April. A house was probably built shortly after the Roberts moved here from 125 College St. • In December, she sold the eastern 100' of her lot to her neighbor to the south, Mrs. H R Watson. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/55, NN/148</p>
12/2/1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. S V Roberts to J A White in 1919 • By descent to White's widow, Mae Bower White, in 1956 • By descent to her nephew, F M Stewart, Jr. in 1968 <p>Notes: .59 acres (85' N/S x 300' E/W), with house. The lot has been reduced by the 1910 deed. White assumed a \$500 mortgage held by D B Brown. Source: Deed Book/QQ/93, YY1/420-1, Plat Book/2/210 (1960)</p>
<p>Later deeds: MM7/137, MM7/139, Plat Book/10/55 (2005)</p>	
<p><u>The James J Roberts family</u> James J and Sallie V Roberts lived in Shellman from around 1900 until around 1920. During this time, they owned three different houses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberts was a blacksmith who purchased the house at 13 Church St in 1904. Source: 1900 census link • In 1905, they purchased the lot at 141 College St. Roberts had become a furniture salesman. • They moved to Mitchell County in 1919. • They then moved to Calhoun County; Roberts owned a general store in Morgan in 1940. Source: 1940 census link 	
<p><u>James Arthur White family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur White was from Randolph County. • In 1910, he was boarding with Joseph B Payne and working as a salesman at a retail store. In 1914, he married Mae Bower that year (notice). He purchased the lot next door to Payne (on Phelps St), but quickly sold it to his new father-in-law, R M Bower, and did not build on it. • The Whites purchased this house in 1919. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1956 and hers in 1968. 	

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- White was a retail merchant.
 - Around 1910, he joined a partnership with C M Cheney and J D Pipkin. The firm, located at 57 W Railroad St, sold “dry goods, notions, and shoes.” Cheney died in 1916; his widow sold the store in 1919.
 - White continued the business at 30 Arthur St.
 - In 1921, he relocated his store to the Martin Brothers building at 271 Buford St ([link](#)). He probably continued to operate his business there until around the time he died. The advertisement at right is from 1923 ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com: J A White [link](#), Mae Bower White [link](#)

J. A. WHITE

“Shellman’s Leading Dry Goods Store”

A Beautiful DOLL For 99c

To our customers who spend as much as \$10 cash with us we are giving for 99 cents a life-size, handsomely dressed doll, which retails for \$3.00. Or if you spend \$40 cash with us we will give you one of these dolls FREE. This is no make-believe doll, but a real one; one with life-like eyes, beautiful curly hair and a genuine, unbreakable body. See them on display in our windows.



Silk Hosiery

in every hosiery desire. We carry only the standard brands—those that have stood the test and bear the stamp of approval. Beautiful hosiery of sheer chiffon and thread silk; silk and wool, in all colors and sizes.

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Ever note the impression a well-dressed man makes upon entering an office—on the streets—at social affairs? Yes, it’s the clothes that go a long way. And here we have men’s wearing apparel that was designed for **tasty dressers**. No-Name Hats, Florsheim Shoes, Selz Shoes, Nobby Suits for young men, Shirts in wide variety of pattern, Socks, Ties of latest design—all that the well-dressed man can wish for.



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3436 Pearl St



- Part of the Ambrose E Mizell purchase in 1883, subsequently sold to Thomas W Glaze in 1886 (See 3468 Pearl St).
- The Glaze estate was acquired by a partnership of Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt, who divided the tract into five lots on Pearl St: 3394, 3410, 3422, 3436, and 3450. They built houses on the lots from 1909-12.

3/17/1910, 10/11/1911	<p>From Wistar T Jay and James S Pratt to Claude P Payne to H R Watson & T W Wall Notes: .87-acre vacant lot (84.66' N/S x 400' E/W). Bounded by Pearl St on the west, McCurdy lot on the north, H O and J F Crittenden on the east. Known as part of the T W Glaze Estate lot. Payne lived across the street; it isn't obvious why he purchased the lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/34, NN/313</p>
12/5/1912, 4/24/1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H R Watson & T W Wall to Rena (Mrs. C P) Slaphey in 1912 • From Mrs. Slaphey's heirs to her daughter, Mrs. T S Saxon, in 1934 <p>Notes: Bounded north by lot occupied by D W Howell; east by O C Sale. Mrs. Slaphey built her family home here; it was still standing in 1934. Source: Deed Book/MM/294, RR/473-4 (mortgage), WW/163</p>
1/4/1937, 5/31/1937, 12/4/1957, 2/8/1989, 2/9/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. T S Saxon to D K Bynum, Jr. in 1937 • From Bynum to his wife, Lois Knight Bynum, in 1957 • From Bynum's widow & son to his daughter, Anita Bynum Cox, in 1989 • Sold by Anita Cox's widower, W R Cox, in 2007 <p>Notes: The price suggests the lot was vacant by 1937. Bynum obtained a mortgage and a house here in May, 1937. Source: Deed Book/YY/33, YY/251 (mortgage), YY/285 (mortgage), OO1/99, ZZ3/45, WW9/311</p>
<p>The Bynum family bought this lot in 1937. The lot was either already vacant, or they immediately demolished the house, to build a new, brick house (link).</p>	
<p><u>The Charles Pinkney Slaphey family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Slaphey was from Schley County, where he and Lorena (Rena) Crittenden were married in 1882. • The family moved to Shellman by 1900. They rented houses on Buford St (in 1900) and W Phelps St (in 1910) before buying this vacant lot on Pearl St. They built a house and remained here until they died; she in 1932 and he in 1935 (obituary). Her brother, Frank Crittenden, lived two houses to the north. • He was the rural mail carrier and a truck farmer. • By 1920, the house was divided into apartments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 1920, Reid Crittenden's widow (Eula) and three of her sons rented here. Source: 1920 census link ○ In 1930, the family of the Slaphey's daughter, Hortense (Mrs. T S) Saxon, also lived here. Source: 1930 census link 	



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- The house seems to have been lost between 1934 and 1937.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Daniel Kleckley (D K) Bynum, Jr., family

- Bynum was a grandson of Reuben Bynum, who drew Lot 5/269 in the 1827 land lottery. He served briefly in WW I and returned to the family farm near Shellman.
- He and Lois Knighton were married in 1922 and settled in Shellman, renting on E Railroad St.
- Bynum retained his family's farming and timber interests. In 1940, he sold farm implements. By 1950, he was in the farm machinery business, later to be joined by his son, D K Bynum III.
- The Bynum family lived here until their deaths: his in 1958 and hers in 1991 ([obituary](#)). Their son, D K Bynum III, also lived here until he married later in life.
- In 1972, the Bynum's daughter and her husband, Billy and Anita Cox, built a small house behind the main house, where Mrs. Bynum lived until 1991.
- The Cox family lived in the rear house until Anita Cox died in 1999; Billy Cox moved to Atlanta not long afterwards, where he died in 2007.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

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3450 Pearl St



- Part of the Ambrose E Mizell purchase in 1883; subsequently sold to Thomas W Glaze in 1886 (See 3468 Pearl St).
- The Glaze estate was acquired by a partnership of Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt, who divided the tract into five lots on Pearl St: 3394, 3410, 3422, 3436, and 3450. They built houses on the lots from 1909-12.

3/16/1910, 4/2/1918	<p>From Wistar T Jay & James S Pratt to E C McCurdy to David W Howell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes: .78 acre (84.66' N/S x 400' E/W). Bounded west by Pearl St; north by lot of B F Crittenden; east by O C Sale. E C McCurdy built this house for rental in 1910. The Howells seem to have been the only tenants. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/34, OO/405</p>
11/6/1939, 5/21/1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From David Howell to his daughter, Ruby Sandlin, in 1939 • From Sandlin to her sister, Mrs. Catherine Booker, a remainder interest in 1970 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deed reveals that Howell lived on the lot from 1910 to 1937. • The Sandlins, who had no children; Mrs. Booker, her sister, was given their power of attorney. <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ/615, AA2/488-9, Plat Book/1/266</p>
3/29/1971	<p>From Mrs. Catherine Booker to James A Horne</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC2/12-13</p>

Later deeds: II2/358, TT2/178, WW2/4, YY2/863

The David Wesley Howell family

- Howell was from Florida. He married Katie Snipes in Mitchell County, GA, in 1896.
- The Howells were living in Shellman, and renting on Phelps St, in 1910. They moved here later in 1910; they were probably the first tenants, and rented the lot for seven years before purchasing it.
- In 1910, Howell operated a hardware store. By 1917, he was selling shelled peanuts ([link](#)).
- In 1920 and 1930, he listed his profession as beekeeper. He advertised nationally; the ad above is from 1921 ([link](#)).
- A newspaper account from 1930 reports that he operated a farm at Lake Notchaway, one mile east of Shellman on US Highway 82, from which he shipped "goldfish, queen bees, and cultivated lilies" ([link](#)). He published a brochure in 1933 (illustration at right, [link](#)).
- The Howells moved to Terrell County in 1937, likely living on the site of their business. She died in 1942 ([notice](#)); he in 1954.

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Gentle three-band Italians. Untested \$1.25. Select untested \$1.50. Send your order now for April and May delivery. Your honey crop depends on good queens. I guarantee mating and quality.

D. W. HOWELL
Shellman, Georgia

Howell's Water Garden

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NOCHAWAY LAKE

HIGHWAY ROUTE 50
SHELLMAN, RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA

WATER LILIES WATER PLANTS GOLDFISH



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Zac Mathews Sandlin family

- Zac Sandlin grew up on a farm in Randolph County. He and Ruby Howell (daughter of D W Howell, see above) were married circa 1939.
- Ruby probably remained in this house when her parents moved to Terrell County. When she and Zack were married, they lived here, and remained here until their deaths; his in 1964 and hers in 1970. Source: 1940 census [link](#)
- In 1940, Zac listed his profession as laborer in the peanut industry; in 1950, he was a farm laborer. Ruby was chief telephone operator for many years, and in the 1960s drove a school bus.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3468 Pearl St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

2/1/1883	<p>From the Crittenden Brothers to Ambrose E Mizell Notes: Three-acre vacant lot (399' N/S x 328' E/W). Bounded south by the J G Sasser lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mizell built a cottage on lot one month after he bought it (link). Mizell's tract was later subdivided to create four present-day lots on Pearl St: 3422, 3436, 3450, and 3468. The house was here at 3468 Pearl St. <p>Source: Deed Book/GG/103</p>
4/28/1886	<p>From Ambrose E Mizell to Thomas E Glaze Notes: Three acres (399' N/S x 328' E/W), with house. Source: Deed Book/GG/104</p>
9/13/1901, 11/17/1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From T W Glaze to J F Ohr in 1901 From Ohr to H O Crittenden in 1903 <p>Notes: 1.15 acres (122' N/S x 410' E/W). Bounded north by the Bridges lot; south by a vacant lot from the Glaze estate. This is the northernmost part of the Mizell/Glaze tract. Sales prices and later deeds reveal that the Mizell/Glaze house is located on this lot. Source: Deed Book/HH/177, HH/635</p>
12/19/1907	<p>From H O Crittenden to his father-in-law, B F (Frank) Crittenden Notes: 1.15 acres (122' N/S x 410' E/W). Bounded north by the Bridges lot; south by a vacant lot from the Glaze estate. Frank Crittenden already lived on this lot at then time of the sale. Source: Deed Book/LL/263</p>
9/6/1932	<p>From Merle C Evans to Mrs. Mary Ada Crittenden Notes: Grantor and grantee were daughters of Frank Crittenden Source: Deed Book/VV/279</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ownership of the house after Frank Crittenden's death in 1926 remained with his heirs; the house seems to have been used as rental property. It is not clear who lived here in 1930; perhaps it was vacant. Source: 1930 census link In 1940, the house may have been rented by the Martin Hardage family. Hardage was a policeman. Source: 1940 census link
4/23/1955	<p>From Crittenden's heirs to Wilbur F Smith Notes: Source: Deed Book/LL1/130, LL1/131-3 (mortgage), LL1/143 (mortgage), Plat Book/1/266 (1955)</p>



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12/19/1964	From W F Smith to James A Horne Notes: Source: Deed Book/UU1/535
Later deeds: GG2/565	
<u>The Ambrose E Mizell family</u> For information on the Mizell family, refer to 170 E Railroad St.	
<u>The Thomas E Glaze family</u> For information on the Glaze family, refer to 3374 Pearl St.	
<u>The Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Crittenden family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frank Crittenden was from Sumter County, a first cousin to the Crittenden brothers who developed Shellman. He and Caroline (Carrie) Greene were married in Schley County in 1876.• He was farming near Shellman by 1880; in 1907, he moved to town while still operating his farm.• The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1926 (link).• When he died later in 1926, his widow moved in with her daughter, Ada, who was married to their cousin, H O Crittenden. She died in Kentucky in 1932. Source: Ancestry.com link ; Censuses: 1910 link 1920 link	
<u>The Wilbur Franklin Smith family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wilbur Smith was from Wilkinson County. He married Pauline Duggan in 1931 (link). Pauline died in 1940. Wilbur then married Beatrice Henderson around 1943 and began a second family.• Smith was a school principal and superintendent. Prior to moving to Shellman, the Smiths lived in Georgetown, Bogart, Marietta, and Cuthbert.• In 1948, the Smiths purchased the house at 56 W Phelps St. However, in 1950, the Smiths were renting here on Pearl St; they purchased the house in 1955.• In Shellman, Smith was principal of the High School.• The Smiths moved to North Carolina in 1964, where Smith was education services officer at Johnson AF base (link). They remained in North Carolina until their deaths; his in 1974 (obituary) and hers in 2005. Source: Ancestry.com link	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

3486 Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

4/1905, 12/12/1936, 12/14/1936, 11/19/1951	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquired by the Bridges family (Deed not located, but by 1902)• From R L Bridges to Artie R Bridges in 1905• From Bridges to her sister, Mrs. O S Smyth, in 1936• From Smyth to Martha Smyth Rutledge in 1951 <p>Notes: Two-acre lot, apparently vacant in 1905. Source: Deed Book/EE1/564, TT1/555-6, I11/505</p>
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A partial history of the lot can be derived from deeds for adjacent lots and censuses.

- They suggest that there was a house on the lot by 1910, which was definitely gone by 1955.
- Deeds for adjacent lots in 1902, 1907, and 1934 identify this as the lot of Miss Artie Bridges. Source: Deed Book/HH/501, LL/263, WW/113, Plat Book/1/266
- The 1910 census reveals that Bridges does not live here. It lists two families renting houses on Pearl St between Frank Crittenden (3468 Pearl St) and B L Bridgeman (3556 Pearl St). The likely occupant of this house was the S H Page family. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
- Later censuses are unclear on the occupancy of this lot, but Bridges did not live here.
- A 1955 plat for the lot to the south refers to this as a vacant lot belonging to the Bridges estate. Source: Plat Book/1/266
- A street was cut through this lot in 1974, allowing Cemetery St to be closed.

Later deeds: SS1/493, HH4/15, Plat Book/7/3 (1989)

Artisia (Artie) Ruth Bridges

- Artie Bridges was from Dover, the daughter of John and Martha Bridges.
- In 1900, she was single, living with her parents on a farm near Dover, and listed no profession.
- The family moved here soon after 1900. Artie Bridges's parents were elderly; they died in 1903 and 1905. Perhaps they moved after her father's death in 1903.
- Artie received a half-interest in the house in 1905. Artie left Shellman and moved about. She lived in Thomasville in 1919; in 1930, she was living in Birmingham with a niece and nephew. Shortly before she died, she sold her interest in this house to a sister.
- Artie's sister, Sarah Jane, married Herbert Lee Walker, and lived at 3410 Pearl St.
- Bridges died in Birmingham in 1937 ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

3518 Pearl St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

- Acquired by Emmie Crittenden (Mrs. J Mercer) Wooten, presumably from her father, H A Crittenden (Deed not located).
- In 1902, a deed refers to this as “*the lot of J M Wooten, where Moses Carthon now lives.*” (Deed Book/HH/501). No information on Carthon can be found.
- Tax records say the house was built in 1906. Perhaps it replaced a tenant house.
- In 1910, this house appears to have been rented by Dr. G L Clark. Source: 1910 Census [link](#)

<p>2/5/1915, 10/16/1915, 9/3/1920</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to James M Wooten in 1915 • From Wooten to O A Crittenden in 1915 • From Crittenden to Estelle Wooten Wells in 1920 <p>Notes: .6 acres (120' N/S x 220' E/W), with house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounded west by sidewalk along Pearl St; north by street running to Negro Church (Pine St). At the time, Pine St connected all the way westward to Pearl St; it has since been closed off at its western end. • The house had a tenant when Wooten bought it in February; when he sold it in October, the tenant was J T Martin. This was presumably J Truitt Martin, who soon purchased a house across the street (3477 Pearl St). • After buying the house in February, Jim Wooten, a widower, remarried in June. The sale of the house in October suggests that his new bride wanted a different house. Refer to 7 E Ward St for information on the Jim Wooten family. • Estelle Wooten Wells purchased the house in 1920. Recently divorced, she was the sister of James M Wooten. She was the first owner known to occupy the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/474, PP/368, PP/368</p>
<p>6/13/1929, 6/30/1934, 4/26/1934, 7/2/1940</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Estelle Wooten Wells to George D Coleman in 1929 • Mortgaged by Coleman in 1930 and 1934; foreclosed in 1940. <p>Notes: The Colemans moved from 67 Dean St. Source: Deed Book/TT/555-7, UU/223 (mortgage), WW/65, WW/113-4, AA1/309-10</p>
<p>8/9/1941</p>	<p>From the bank to Dr. Walter D Martin</p> <p>Notes: Dr. Martin lived and conducted his medical practice here. He obtained a loan to improve the house. Source: Deed Book/BB1/246, BB1/247 (mortgage)</p>
<p>5/30/1949</p>	<p>From Walter D Martin to Anita Bynum Cox & W R Cox, Jr.</p> <p>Notes: The Coxes purchased the lot and assumed Martin's mortgage. Source: Deed Book/FF1/524</p>



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2/1/1974	From Anita Bynum Cox & W R Cox, Jr. to Gary Martin Notes: Source: Deed Book/HH2/507
<p><u>The Estelle Wooten Wells family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estelle Wooten was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of Simon Wooten, Jr. Her parents died in the 1890s. In the 1900 census, Estelle is listed twice:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ At her parent's home, now occupied by the family of her older brother, James M Wooten. She is listed as being at school.○ With the family of her uncle, Mercer & Emmie Wooten, on Pearl St. Presumably she boarded there while attending Shellman Institute.• Estelle and William Hulit Wells were married in 1905. They divorced between 1910-1920.• In 1910, the Wells family rented a house on W Phelps St, likely #239.• Mrs. Wells purchased this house on Pearl St in 1920, and sold it in 1929.• In 1930, Mrs. Wells' children were grown, and she was a boarder with the Stewart Short family at 3394 Pearl St (Source: 1930 census link).• Mrs. Wells married James Austin Brim later in 1930 and moved to Dawson (link, link).• He died there in 1951; she died in 1971. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The George D Coleman family</u> Refer to 67 Dean St for information on the Coleman family.</p>	
<p><u>The Dr. Walter Dozier Martin family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walter Martin was the son of R B and Mary Dozier Martin, Jr. He grew up on the Martin farm in the fourth district of Randolph County. He married Sybil Price in 1941.• After graduating from the Medical College of Georgia, Dr. Martin began his practice in Shellman, purchasing this house in 1941. He used the house as both office and residence, obtaining a loan to improve the house.• In 1942, Martin accepted a position as Jefferson County (GA) public health officer, and moved to Louisville (link). In 1950, he was public health officer in Richmond County.• The Martins then set up practice in Dawson in the early 1950s, remaining there until their deaths; hers in 1980 and his in 2011. <p>Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The William Reid (Billy) Cox, Jr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Billy Cox was from Dawson.• After serving in the navy in WW II, he returned to Dawson and began his career in education as a principal, teacher, and coach. He married Anita Bynum in 1947.• Initially the Coxes lived in Dawson (link). They bought this house in 1949; Cox continued his career as principal and coach in Dawson, Shellman, and Bronwood.• His moment of fame came when he coached the Shellman High School Wildcats to the state baseball championship in 1956 (link). The feat captured the imagination of Georgia sportswriters because the team had only eleven players, 1/3 of the male enrollment of the high school. The championship was recorded in <i>Billy and the Boys: The Shellman Wildcats' Run to the 1956 Georgia Class C High School Baseball Championship</i> (2009).• The Coxes remained here until 1972, when they built a small house behind her mother's house at 3436 Pearl St. They remained there until Anita died in 1999; Billy Cox moved to Atlanta not long afterwards; he died in 2007. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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3556 Pearl St



This lot is the SW corner of the 20-acre tract given to B E Bridgeman in 1877 (See 3600 Pearl St)

12/2/1909	<p>From Mrs. Maggie Whaley to her brother, Bennie Bridgeman Notes: Two-acre lot (210'N/S x 420' E/W). The SW corner of the 20-acre tract where his family lived. Mrs. Whaley sells her future interest in the two-acre lot where her brother has recently built a house. Source: Deed Book/NN/267</p>
12/14/1911	<p>From Mrs. E C Bridgeman to her son, Bennie Bridgeman Notes: Mrs. Bridgeman gives her son the house and lot in which he lives. Source: Deed Book/NN/268</p>
4/24/1912	<p>From Bennie Bridgeman to his wife, Virginia Bridgeman Notes: Mrs. Bridgeman paid \$1,200 for the family home, which she borrowed from W R Curry. The mortgage was paid when she sold the home on 1/28/1913. Source: Deed Book/MM/254, MM/319</p>
1/28/1913	<p>From Virginia Bridgeman to K L Wright Notes: Source: Deed Book/NN/329</p>
1/5/1916, 1/23/1917	<p>From K L Wright to Mrs. R L Cheney to Mrs. Louise Fulton, who obtained a mortgage from John Mercer Wooten Notes: Source: Deed Book/MM/620, OO/178, OO/179</p>
2/7/1920, 5/2/1927, 11/2/1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Fulton to W R Curry in 1920 • From M A Mizell & Mrs. Annie Ross Clements Mizell to W R Curry (sheriff's sale) in 1927 • From Curry to Miss Susie May Brown in 1934 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fultons moved, likely due to her health; she died of cancer in September. • Curry apparently sold the house to the Mizells, who were mother and daughter-in-law. They likely purchased the house for the family of the son, Marvin Arrington Mizell. They defaulted by 1926. • Occupancy of the house is unclear until 1935. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/503, WW/443</p>
9/5/1935	<p>From Miss Susie May Brown to Mrs. Daisy Carter Crittenden Notes: Brown and Crittenden are exchanging houses; this house for 3477 Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/XX/168, XX/168-9 (mortgage), JJ2/483-4</p>

The Benjamin Lee Bridgeman family



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- Bennie Lee Bridgeman was the son of Dr. B E Bridgeman; he grew up on in the family home at 3600 Pearl St.
- He and Virginia Marshall were married in Eatonton in 1908 ([link](#)). They built this house soon afterwards. The Bridgemans divorced around 1912; she moved to Macon, and later remarried. He sold the house in 1913.
- Bennie was a rural mail carrier ([link](#)). He later served in the Army in WW I, and returned to Shellman afterwards. In 1920, he was living with his mother in the family home to the north.
- By 1930, he had moved away from Shellman. He died in Mississippi in 1952.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Kleber Lowell Wright family

- K L Wright was from Texas. He and Annie Hawkins were married in 1907 in Geneva, AL.
- The Wrights moved to Shellman and bought this house in 1913. They sold the house in 1916; in 1920, they were renting a house on W Phelps St, perhaps #120.
- K L was proprietor of a garage by 1918. In 1919/20, he acquired the C M Cheney stores (See 57 W Railroad St) and operated Wright's garage there.
- K L died in an automobile accident in 1925 ([link](#)). Annie moved back to Geneva, and lived in Atlanta when she died in 1974 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

William Robert Fulton family

- Fulton was the son of John and India Fulton (See 198 E Railroad St). Information on him is sketchy.
- He moved away from Shellman sometime after 1900. He married Louise Whitaker in Macon in 1910. They returned to Shellman, where they bought this house in 1917.
- In 1920, they lived in Shellman; he was a barber and she a stenographer. Source: 1920 census [link](#)
- Later in 1920, she died of cancer. He moved to Miami, where he operated a barber shop in Miami ([link](#)). He became ill, and returned to Shellman to live with his mother. He died in 1923.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Marvin Arrington Mizell family

- Marvin Mizell was the son of Ambrose Edwards Mizell (See 170 E Railroad St). He served briefly in the Army in WW I and returned to Shellman.
- He and Annie Ross Clements (the daughter of Bonnie Clements, see 3279 Pearl St) were married in 1919. In 1920, they were renting at 91 E Ward St.; Marvin operated a butcher shop and grocery store at 253 Buford St. until 1925.
- Around 1920, they bought this house on Pearl St, but defaulted on the mortgage in 1926. They moved to Macon, and then Tampa, where he and Annie divorced in 1930 ([link](#)). He married Susie Leigh Sage of Albany later that year ([link](#)).
- Annie returned to Shellman and lived with her mother until her death in 1951.
- In Tampa, Marvin was first an insurance salesman. He began working for the City of Tampa in 1931 and appointed police captain in 1935. That year, he was falsely charged with assault of a demonstrator, but acquitted ([link](#)). By 1938, he worked for the WPA.
- He died of cancer at the VA Hospital in Memphis in 1956 ([obituary](#)). Susie died in 1971 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Roger Crittenden family

Refer to 3278 Pearl St for information on the Crittenden family

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3578 Pearl St (Fictitious street number)



Part of the 20-acre tract given to B E Bridgeman in 1877 (See 3600 Pearl St)

7/27/1944,
5/20/1994

- From Mrs. Maggie B Whaley to G L Spann in 1944
 - From Spann's estate to his widow, Grace Hiller Spann, in 1994
- Notes: 178' N/S x 365' E/W. Spann built a house on the lot in 1944.
Source: Deed Book/CC1/479, CC1/528 (mortgage), JJ5/301

- Later deeds: ZZ8/88-89
- The house was destroyed by fire around 2010.

The Glinn Linwood Spann, Jr. family

- Linwood Spann was from Terrell County. In 1940, he lived in Claxton, but then moved back to Dawson. He moved to Shellman in 1941 ([link](#)).
- Grace Hiller was from Bronwood. In 1940, she was a teacher in Shellman.
- Linwood and Grace were married in Shellman in 1940 ([link](#)).
- Linwood managed the Curry Co. Hardware store and was a mortician. He also was a ham radio enthusiast, operating from a small building behind his garage.
- The Spanns lived in this house until his death in 1994 ([obituary](#)). Grace Spann later moved to Statesboro to be near a son, where she died in 2014.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

3600 Pearl St



- Z T Phelps acquired this land, presumably from the Crittendens, but the deed has not been located.
- The photo was taken in 1903. Likely candidates for the subjects are:
 - The older couple on the right is Benjamin E and Virginia Bridgeman;
 - Son Benjamin L (Bennie) Bridgeman is in the middle;
 - Daughter Maggie, with her husband Joseph D Whaley holding their child, are on the left.

8/1/1877	<p>Gift from Z T Phelps to his daughter, Eliza Caledonia (Mrs. Benjamin E) Bridgeman</p> <p>Notes: 20-acre lot, where the Bridgemans already resided. The property is square, and bounded on west by the public road to Morgan (now Pearl St) and on the south by the road to B W Orr's residence (now Pine St), as confirmed in the will of Mrs. I I Crittenden in 1881 (Deed Book/FF/8-9).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/Q/382-3, Randolph Tax Digest 1878 link (erroneously placed in Land Lot 5/304 rather than 5/303), WW/371</p>
3/25/1884	<p>From Mrs. E C Bridgeman to J T Jay</p> <p>Notes: 20-acre lot (933' square), where Mrs. Bridgeman resides. Bounded "on the west by the public road leading from Ward Station to Brooksville (now Pearl St), on the south by road of B W Orr" (Now Pine St, which at the time extended all the way west to the public road). This deed may have been a mortgage; it does not appear to be a sale because Mrs. Bridgeman owned the lot in 1909.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/263</p>
12/2/1909	<p>From B L Bridgeman to Mrs. Maggie Whaley</p> <p>Notes: "known as the Mrs. E C Bridgeman property, and where she now lives containing 20 acres (except 2 acres in the SW corner which said B L Bridgeman has recently erected thereon a dwelling...)" This deed comes soon after the death of Dr. B E Bridgeman. His son, Bennie Bridgeman, sold his interest in the lot to his sister, Maggie Whaley. Mrs. Bridgeman continues to live in the house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/23</p>
7/17/1946	<p>From Mrs. Maggie Whaley to E E O'Kelly</p> <p>Notes: The lot is reduced to 17 acres (from the original 20 acres) due to the sale of lots to B L Bridgeman (3556 Pearl St), G L Spann (3578 Pearl St), and T E Allen (3682 Pearl St).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/534-5</p>
8/25/1947	<p>From E E O'Kelly to Mrs. Mattie Ethel Sword Thompson</p> <p>Notes: O'Kelley sold the tract, roughly 16 acres, north of the Bridgeman house, but keeps the house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/462</p>
8/25/1947, 11/2/1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From E E O'Kelly to Rehoboth Baptist Church in 1947 • From Rehoboth to Mrs. Mattie Ethel Sword Thompson in 1948 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregular lot (212' of frontage on Pearl St), with the old Bridgeman house, in 1947.



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- In 1948, the church sold 72' of frontage on the north side of the lot, reducing it to 140' of frontage on Pearl St.
Source: Deed Book/EE1/523, FF1/345

- Later deeds: XX1/44 (mortgage)
- The Bridgeman house was demolished in 1967 when Rehoboth Church built a new pastorium beside the old house.

The Benjamin Elliot Bridgeman family

- Bridgeman's father, Samson Bridgeman, was part of an investor group in Harris County who acquired a great deal of land in Randolph County shortly after the Civil War. Bridgeman then acquired the land personally, briefly owning over 4,000 acres around present-day Shellman. He moved to the area to manage his holdings, but quickly declared bankruptcy, and by 1870 had moved to Dougherty County.
- Benjamin E Bridgeman married Elizabeth Caledonia Phelps, daughter of Z T Phelps, in 1867. They lived with his father in Dougherty County in 1870. Source: 1870 Census [link](#)
- The Bridgeman family moved to Shellman in 1872, and built this house by 1877.
- He became a doctor in 1882, and practiced in Shellman until his death in 1908.
- Mrs. Bridgeman remained in this house until her death in 1927. Her son Bennie Bridgeman moved in with her around 1918.

Source: *Randolph County History* (1977), Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Maggie Verdell Bridgeman Whaley family

- Maggie Bridgeman was the middle child of Dr. B E and Eliza C Bridgeman. She and Joe Davis Whaley were married in 1897.
- The Davises lived on a farm near Crittenden's Mill. Maggie acquired this property on Pearl St when her father died, but continued to live on the farm.
- After Eliza Bridgeman's death in 1927, Mrs. Whaley retained ownership of house but continued to live on the Whaley farm. This house appears to have been rented or vacant. Source: 1930 census [link](#), [link](#)
- Mrs. Whaley was widowed in 1935. In 1940, she was living here with the family of her daughter, Alva (Mrs. Autrie) Cannon. Source: 1940 census [link](#)
- Mrs. Whaley sold the house in 1946. In 1950:
 - Mrs. Whaley lived in Cuthbert with the family of her daughter, Maggie (Mrs. Wilbur) Wood. Source: 1950 census [link](#)
 - The Cannons lived in Albany. Source: 1950 census [link](#)
 - This house was used as a pastorium by Rehoboth Baptist Church, and occupied by Rev. Claude Grimes. Source: 1950 census [link](#)

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Edward Elwood O'Kelley family

- O'Kelley was from Greensboro, GA. His family were prominent educators and coaches in Georgia.
- He moved to Shellman to be athletic director of the high school. He and Mary Foye Weathers were married in Shellman in 1931 ([link](#)).
- The O'Kelleys lived in Mitchell County by 1935. By 1937, O'Kelly was a school superintendent in Forsythe.
- In 1946, they moved back to Shellman and purchased this house. They kept it for only a year, moving to Columbus, where O'Kelley was a CPA.
- She died in Columbus in 1962 ([notice](#)). He later remarried, and died in 2003 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

The James Claude Grimes family

Refer to 3317 Pearl St for information on the Grimes family.

3682 Pearl St



Part of the 20-acre tract of Mrs. B E Bridgeman (See 3600 Pearl St)

<p>12/7/1939, 12/17/1941</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Maggie Whaley to T E Allen, Jr. in 1939 • From Allen to Shep Oil Co. in 1941 <p>Notes: .25-acre vacant lot (105' square) in 1939. The NW corner of the Bridgeman tract. Allen purchased the lot for \$50 and sold it for \$1,200, so he had clearly built something on the lot, but the deed does not provide details. It seems reasonable that Allen built a gas station, which he sold to Shep Oil.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/111, BB1/378</p>
<p>10/17/1946</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Shep Oil to C W Lawson in 1946; then to Lawson's widow • From Mrs. Lawson's estate to her daughter, Mrs. Jack Lay, in 1978 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1946 deed details the service station equipment which Shep Oil used to operate a gas station on the lot, but the price of \$10 suggests the business was worthless. • The Lawson family lived on the lot, probably converting the original structure to a house. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/318, PP2/283-4</p>
<p>Later deeds: GG11/509-11</p>	
<p><u>Shep Oil Co.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shep Oil was begun by B B Shepard of Leary in 1937 (link). • The main station was in Leary; it was still in operation in 1980. • The Shellman station closed by 1946. 	
<p><u>The Clarence Milton (Tap) Lawson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tap Lawson was from Stewart County. He married Essie Hawk in Morgan in 1908. • The Lawsons farmed in Calhoun County, and he was later a mail carrier there. After farming in Dougherty County in 1940, the family moved to Shellman in 1946. In Shellman, Lawson owned a grocery store. • They remained here until their deaths; his in 1958 (obituary) and hers in 1976. • The family of the Lawson's daughter, Mrs. Jack Laye, was living here with the Lawsons by 1950, and worked at the family grocery. The Lays remained here until their deaths. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

3696 Pearl St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- The current tract combines two earlier tracts created in 1910 and combined in 1945.
- The current house was built circa 1945 (picture at left, comments below).

Coxwell Lot

6/29/1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Crittenden Brothers to Charles W Coxwell in 1910 • Coxwell's heirs consolidated their interests with Mrs. Inez Coxwell Hood in 1943 <p>Notes: One-acre vacant lot (209' square). Beginning "<i>on Pearl St, at an oak tree north of the lands of Mrs. B E Bridgeman.</i>"</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/53, CC1/460-1</p>
5/2/1945	<p>From Mrs. Hood to Walter Lewis</p> <p>Notes: One-acre vacant lot. This is the same lot purchased by Coxwell in 1910; it appears to have always been vacant.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/202</p>

Arthur Lot

1/5/1910, 1/11/1910	<p>From the Crittendens to E R Cheney to M A (Mrs. Stanley L) Arthur</p> <p>Notes: 10.6 acres (524' N/S x 965' E/W, except for Coxwell's 1-acre lot in the SW corner). The NW corner of the Coxwell lot is the SW corner of this lot, fronting west on Pearl St. The Arthurs moved here from 3109 Calhoun St. in 1910 (link). They lived here in 1920, but moved to W Phelps St by 1930.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/10, NN/11, OO/96 (mortgage), 1920 census link</p>
11/24/1943	<p>From the heirs of M A Arthur to Walter Lewis</p> <p>Notes: This is the same property purchased by Mrs. Arthur in 1910. No improvements are mentioned.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC1/316-7</p>

Combined Lot

<p>The status of the original house on the Arthur lot is unclear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps it was lost in the 1920s, and that was the reason the Arthurs moved away. • Tax records say the house and shed on the property were built in 1936; if true, the original house no longer stands. • The Lewises assembled this tract in 1943 and 1945. The family recalls that they moved here in 1946. This would be consistent with their building a new house, or making significant renovations to an older house. It would have been difficult to build until WW II ended in 1945. 	
10/14/1976	<p>From the estate of Walter Lewis to his widow, Tot Lewis</p> <p>Notes: 11 acres, including both the Coxwell Lot and the Arthur Lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM2/283-4</p>

The Stanley L Arthur family

See 3109 Calhoun St for information on the family.



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

The Walter Wilburn Lewis family

- Walter Lewis was from Edison. By 1930, he had moved to Shellman, where he was a druggist. In 1932, he and Totsie Sheppard were married in a double ceremony in Edison ([link](#)).
- Between 1935 and 1940, the Lewis family moved into the rental house at 3318 Pearl St.
- In 1940, Walter was proprietor of a drugstore; Tot worked at the movie theater.
- In 1942, Lewis and Raymond Coleman purchased a part of the old Crittenden Guano House. It was located on a side track of the railroad, perfect for storing crops for transport by rail. Presumably this was in connection with Lewis becoming a truck farmer. In 1946, the Lewis family moved here to this small farm where he grew his crops; he was known for onions. Source: 1940 census [link](#), family information
- The family remained here until their deaths; his in 1976 and hers in 1985. The lot remains with their descendants in 2024.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

3786 Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

1/7/1949,
3/12/1999

- From Hennie Mae Bell to George M Robinett in 1949
- From Robinett to his children (remainder interest) in 1999. Robinett retained life interest.

Notes: Vacant lot (200' N/S x 242' E/W) in 1949
Source: Deed Book/FF1/342, UU6/96-7

Later deeds: EE10/543-5

The George Meredith Robinett, Sr. family

- George Robinett was from North Carolina, the son of G E (Edgar) and Eula Robinett. The family moved to Shellman in the 1920s.
- George and Mable Eller were married in South Carolina in 1942. After serving briefly in the Navy, the Robinetts settled in Shellman.
- Max was involved with the Robinett Family Lumber Businesses. Refer to 670 E Railroad St for more information.
- Mable died in 1972. George remarried; he and his second wife remained here until his death in 2005.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)



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3918 Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

1/20/1941, 11/8/1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From Mrs. Hennie Mae Bell to her son, Robert C Bell in 1941• From Bell's estate to his widow, Halcyon A Bell, in 1982 Notes: Three-acre vacant lot (triangular lot, 514' of frontage on Pearl St). Tax records say the house was built in 1941. Source: Deed Book/MM1/280, MM1/528-9, YY2/856-7 (Tract #1)
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Later deeds: BB7/211, CC11/35-6, Plat Book/11/194 (2010), Plat Book/12/140 (2015)

The Robert Crittenden (Crit) Bell family

- Crit Bell was from Shellman, the son of John and Hennie Mae Bell. He married Halcyon (Chon) Alsop of Dublin in 1935 ([link](#)).
- Crit operated a gas station on the NW corner of this lot (the corner of Pearl St and US Highway 82).
- The Bells lived here until their deaths; his in 1980 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 1996.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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Pearl St (West Side)

3206 Pearl St



- Part of the John P Ward Homeplace purchased from Edmund Hodges in 1856.
- Part of the 10-acre reserve granted by Ward to the South-Western Railroad Co. in 1858.

2/16/1928

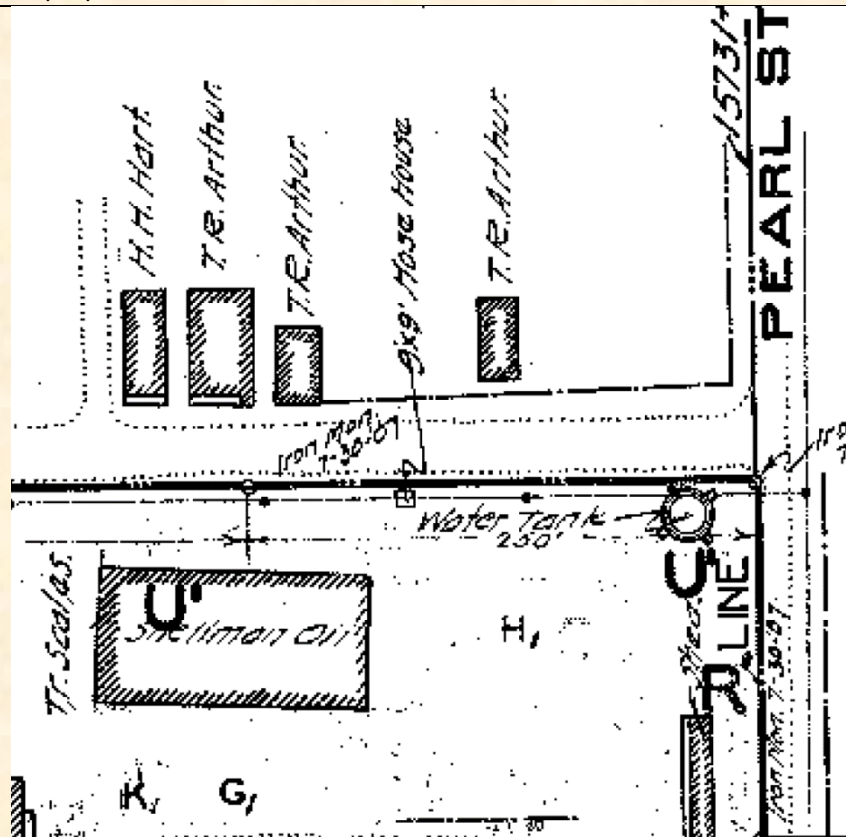
From Central of GA RR to the City of Shellman

Notes: 30'-square tract "occupied by steel water tanks", plus the right to build a 6" water main connecting the tower to the water works on Payne St (See 76 Payne St)

Source: Deed Book/TT/137

Oliver Mills Water Tower

- W J Oliver leased a tract from the SWRR and built steam-powered mills here in 1894 (See 116 Park Ave).
- The mills would have needed a water tower as a pressurized source of water for the steam engine and for fire safety. There is no record of when the tower was built.
- The plat at right (circa 1922) shows one tank; the 1928 deed mentions multiple tanks.
- The current tower is almost certainly the one shown in the plat, possibly the original tank built circa 1894.
- Oliver's mill failed in the early 1920s; the property was broken up and released by the railroad in 1928.
- The City of Shellman acquired the lease and has used the tower for municipal water ever since.





Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

3261 Pearl St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)	
6/6/1887	<p>From Z T Phelps to Luther P Arthur Notes: .74 acre (105' N/S x 309' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bounded north by Z T Phelps; south by W T Jay; west by J A Payne.• By September, 1887, Arthur <i>"is having his beautiful residence on Pearl St painted in the most artistic style."</i> (<i>Cuthbert Appeal</i>, September 8, 1887). <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/765</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arthur purchased this vacant lot in June, 1887.• In September, Arthur <i>"is having his beautiful residence on Pearl St painted in the most artistic style."</i> (link).• In November, the house burned (link).• The lot seems to have reverted to Z T Phelps by 1890. The Arthurs moved to Cuthbert in 1891.
	<p><u>The Luther Porter Arthur family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luther Arthur was a son of Basil K & Sallie Arthur (See 160 W Phelps St).• Luther came to Shellman to work in the mercantile business circa 1873, almost certainly working for the Crittendens. In 1880, he was a boarder with H A Crittenden, and listed his profession as clerk in a retail store.• He and Mattie Kaigler were married in 1886. They briefly lived in the house at 7 E Ward St; in 1887, they bought this lot and built the house.• In 1891, the Arthurs moved to Cuthbert (link), where he was a cotton buyer.• Mattie died in Cuthbert in 1917.• Luther moved in with a daughter in Athens, where he was a salesman. He died at a hospital for invalids in Milledgeville in 1935 (obituary). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

3265 Pearl St

- Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)
- A house was built on a lot in this approximate location in 1887 (See 3261 Pearl St). It burned later that year, and the lot seems to have reverted to Z T Phelps.

1/30/1890,
11/17/1894

- From Z T Phelps to Wistar T Jay
- From Jay to his wife, V V Jay

Notes: .6-acre lot (105' N/S x 250' E/W).

- Bounded north by the "house rented to H A Crittenden" in 1890 (3275 Pearl St).
- Z T Phelps sold a half-interest in the lot to his son-in-law, W T Jay, in 1890.
- Phelps died in 1891, and his daughter apparently inherited her father's half-interest.
- W T Jay sold his half interest to his wife in 1894.

Source: Deed Book/CC/310, EE/544

12/29/1905

From Mrs. V V Jay to Thomas R Arthur

Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, (190' N/S x 300' E/W, irregular). Bounded on the north by Mrs. Bonnie Clements. The deed conveys:

- The residential lot, possibly with a house already built,
- The tenant house on the alley which forms the western boundary, and
- **Lots # 1 and # 2** of the Phelps Storehouses.

Source: Deed Book/JJ/549

12/3/1953,
8/10/1963

- Leased by Arthur's widow to J W Bell in 1953
- Sold by Arthur's widow to James E Bethea in 1963

Notes: Two-acre lot with "dwelling and other improvements."

Source: Deed Book/JJ1/517, TT1/482

- Later deeds: II2/587, GG4/205
- Demolished when the Post Office relocated to the lot in 1999.

The Thomas Roland (Tommy) Arthur family

- Tommy Arthur was a son of Basil K & Sallie Arthur (See 160 W Phelps St). He was also a brother of Luther Arthur, who built a house on this lot in 1887 (See 3261 Pearl St). He married Annie Pound in Barnesville in 1902 ([link](#)).
- The Arthurs lived at 160 W Phelps St until 1905, when they moved into this house.
- Arthur was cashier of Shellman Banking Co. by 1900, and remained in the position until becoming president. The bank failed in 1932; Arthur was indicted in the failure, and at first convicted ([link](#)), but later acquitted due in large part to the support of the community ([link](#)). In 1940, he listed his profession as farmer.
- Tommy Arthur died in 1953; Mrs. Arthur remained in the house until 1963, and then moved to Edison where a daughter lived. She died there in 1977.
- The house was vacant for a time, and fell into disrepair. It was demolished for the post office built in 1999.

Source: 1940 census [link](#), Ancestry.com [link](#)



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3275 Pearl St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)	
5/28/1887	<p>From Z T Phelps to Wistar T Jay Notes: 1 acre (105' N/S, the SW corner of lot is 204' north of the RR right-of-way on Pearl St), no improvements. Bounded west by John A Payne; north and south by Z T Phelps. Source: Deed Book/AA/704</p>
7/5/1889	<p>From Z T Phelps to his daughter, Virginia Verdelle Jay Notes: Half-interest in house and lot, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre (209' N/S x 309' E/W). Bounded south by land of L P Arthur; north and west by Z T Phelps. The deed is confusing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The lot seems to be the one sold by Phelps to Wistar Jay.• The N/S dimension is confusing, and probably incorrect. These lots in this block of Pearl St were 105', which would make the lot $\frac{3}{4}$ acre as stated. <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/311</p>
4/20/1894	<p>From Wistar T Jay to Isaac A Martin Notes: 1 acre, known as the Methodist Parsonage lot. The price of \$1,000 suggests there is a house on the lot, as does the fact that it was identified as a parsonage. Source: Deed Book/EE/159</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wistar Jay apparently constructed a home on this lot which was rented by H A Crittenden in 1890. It is unclear if Crittenden lived here, or rented it for use by the Methodist pastors.• A newspaper article from 1894 (link) reports that fire destroyed a house owned by W T Jay and occupied by J S Williams. The location of that house is not certain, but this is the most likely candidate.• No record of J S Williams in Shellman can be found; perhaps he was a Methodist minister.• This lot apparently remained vacant until 1900. For subsequent history of the lot, see 3279 Pearl St.	



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3279 Pearl St



- Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)
- An earlier house on this lot was destroyed by fire (see 3275 Pearl St).

6/28/1900	From Isaac A Martin to W R Curry Notes: One-acre lot, known as the " <i>old Methodist Parsonage</i> " lot. The price of \$350 suggests the lot is vacant. Source: Deed Book/GG/574
10/3/1900	From W R Curry to his sister, Mrs. Bonnie Clements Notes: One-acre lot with house, bounded on the north by the lot of J D Dantzer, west by an alley, south by land of W T Jay. Source: Deed Book/GG/614
1/3/1957, 1/22/1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Clements' son, John N Clements, to Lintry Williams • From Williams to Kendrick Weathersby Notes: Half-acre lot with house (100' N/S x 200' E/W). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Williams bought the house on 1/3/1957 and mortgaged it. • He sold it to Kendrick Weathersby on 1/22/1957. Weathersby assumed the mortgage. Source: Deed Book/NN1/9-10, NN1/10 (mortgage), NN1/66
5/1/1959	From Mrs. Clements' son, John N Clements, to Kendrick Weathersby Notes: Half-acre lot with tenant house (105' N/S x 100' E/W). Clements sells the remainder of the lot to Weathersby. Source: Deed Book/PP1/318, PP1/318 (restrictions)

Later deeds: AA3/614-5, AA3/618-20, CC5/205

The Bonnetta Jane (Bonnie) Curry Clements family

- Bonnie Curry married W J Clements in 1891; he died in 1897, leaving her with two young children. She moved to Shellman in 1900, purchasing this new house from her brother, W R Curry.
- Mrs. Clements remained in the house until her death in 1956. Her divorced daughter, Annie Mizell, lived with her from 1930 until her death in 1951.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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3299 Pearl St

Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)	
Circa 1900	Acquired by J D Dantzler (Deed not located). Notes: Dantzler lived on this lot by 1900, but moved to Eufaula later that year. Source: Deed Book/GG/614, 1900 census link
01/1901	Acquired by Dr. C A Roberts (Deed not located) Notes: The Robertses moved here from Dawson in January, 1901. A 1904 deed identifies this as their lot (Deed Book/JJ/241).
4/4/1905	From Hattie L Roberts (wife of Dr. C A Roberts) to A F Weathers Notes: (105' N/S x 309' E/W). Bounded north by the Baptist Pastorium; west by Mrs. J G Sasser; south by Mrs. J W Clements. Source: Deed Book/JJ/330
9/9/1910, 4/14/1944, 11/6/1974, 11/26/1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From A F Weathers to Mrs. J F Bynum in 1910 • By descent to J R Bynum and Minnie Jewell Bynum in 1944 • Minnie Jewell Bynum (now Mrs. Harden) acquires sole ownership in 1974 • By descent to Betty Jane Harden Arrington in 1980 Notes: ¼ acre, bounded north by Baptist Church; west by Mrs. J G Sasser; south by Mrs. J W Clements. The deed also gives a 12-foot strip on the north side of the lot to the Baptist Church. Source: Deed Book/NN/79, CC1/428, DD2/108-10, II2/297-9, II2/608-9, VV2/378-9
7/6/1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by the First Baptist Church in 1983 (See 3317 Pearl St). Demolished in order for the FBC to build the Bethea Building around 1996. • Later deeds: WW2/845-7, AA3/726
<p><u>The Jacob D Dantzler family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dantzler was from Weston, the son of Allen A Dantzler (See 46 Church St). He and Fannie G ?? were married in 1872. • The Dantzlors lived near Dover by 1880. His parents joined them there around 1882. • In 1900, the Dantzlors lived here on Pearl St (link). His mother, widowed the year before, lived with them. Later in 1900, the family moved to Eufaula (link). • Dantzler was a doctor in 1880, and listed his profession as salesman in 1900. This suggests that he may have been a pharmacist, and was the Dantzler in the firm of Cheatham, Dantzler, & Co., who operated a drugstore in Shellman that was destroyed in the fire of 1894. • In Eufaula, Dantzler was a partner in a retail store, McCrae & Dantzler (link). He died in Eufaula in 1917. His widow still lived in Eufaula in 1920; no further record can be found of her. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<p><u>Dr. Charles A Roberts family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberts was from Terrell County. He married Hattie L Cheney (daughter of W D Cheney) in Calhoun County in 1892. The family lived in Dawson in 1900 before moving to Shellman in January, 1901. They initially lived here at 3299 Pearl St. • In 1905, they sold this house and moved across the street to 3278 Pearl St. • Roberts was a merchant in Dawson, then moved to Shellman “to engage in the mercantile business” (link). It is plausible that he joined the Cheney family business. Hattie Roberts operated the house at 3278 Pearl St as a boarding house. • Hattie Roberts died in 1912. The house was sold from her estate. Dr. Roberts moved to Morgan, and remarried in 1920. He also resumed his medical practice. Source: Ancestry.com link , biographical sketch	



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The Dr. Andrew Fletcher Weathers, Sr. family

- Weathers was from Talbot County, moving to Randolph County by 1896.
- He married Mattie Mae Watson (daughter of E D Watson) in Randolph County in 1896. They lived on a nearby farm in 1900, moving to Shellman in 1904.
- Three of E D Watson's children married into families who were prominent in Shellman and active in Shellman real estate:
 - Mattie Mae Watson married Dr. A F Weathers in 1896
 - Huddie Watson married Leila Oliver (Dixie Watson's sister) in 1898
 - R T Watson married Dixie Oliver (Leila Oliver's sister) in 1902.
- Dr. Weathers was a prominent physician as well as a real estate investor.
- The Weathers' first Shellman house was here at 3299 Pearl St. He sold the house in 1910. The family may have lived on E Ward St for a short time, before moving to a house he built at 33 Park St in 1911/12.
- In 1923, the family moved to Albany ([link](#)). Later in the 1920s, they returned to Shellman, living at 239 W Phelps St.
- Dr. Weathers died in 1938 ([obituary](#)). Mattie then lived with her daughter, Sadie Sutton, at 172 W Phelps St until her death in 1964.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families* [link](#)

The John F Bynum family

- John Bynum was the son of Reuben Bynum. He married Nancy Jane (Nannie) Manry in Randolph County in 1888.
- The Bynums lived on a farm in Randolph County, His health failed; they bought this house in 1910.
- John Bynum died at a sanitarium in Atlanta in 1912 ([link](#)); Nannie remained here until her death in 1943. Her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Hardin, lived with her by 1940, and remained in Shellman until moving to Florida in 1978 ([link](#)). She died there in 1980.
- In 1950, the family of Minnie Hardin's daughter, Betty Hardin (Mrs. Charles) Arrington, lived here.
- Minnie's brother, Ross Bynum, lived primarily in Florida, but apparently spent time here and contributed to the upkeep of the house.
- Mrs. Hardin's daughter sold the house in 1981.

Source: Ancestry.com: J F [link](#); Nannie [link](#)



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3315 Pearl St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract).	
8/26/1891	<p>From the Z T Phelps estate (half-interest) to Mrs. V V Jay</p> <p>Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$-acre lot, with house. Bounded north by Phelps St, east by Pearl St, south by lands of B K Arthur, and west by lands of the Payne estate. This largely illegible deed conveys the house that was rented to the Baptist pastors, which seems to include the land on which 3279 and 3299 Pearl St would be built. Mrs. Jay had been given the other half-interest in 1889.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/565</p>
1/5/1904, 10/17/1904	<p>From Mrs. V V Jay to the trustees of the First Baptist Church of Shellman</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounded north by Phelps St, Pearl St; south by Dr. C A Roberts; west by Mrs. J G Sasser. • Known as the Baptist Pastorium. • The church bought this lot to build a new brick sanctuary, replacing the frame sanctuary on Church St. The pastorium was relocated to the western portion of the lot, facing on Phelps St, to make room for the new sanctuary. <p>Source: Deed Book/II/312-3, JJ/241, <i>FBC Shellman History</i> (1931)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1887 Wistar T Jay built a house on this block of Pearl St; it can't certain which lot it was on (link). It was rented by the RR stationmaster, A H Morris (link). • It is likely there was a house on this lot by 1888 when the First Baptist Church called its first pastor. • The 1891 deed confirms there was a house by that time. 	
<p><u>First Baptist Church (FBC) Pastorium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1888, the FBC was organized. The first sanctuary was built on Church St. This house became the pastorium, and was likely rented by the first pastor, W S Rogers. • The FBC bought the lot in 1904 to build a new brick sanctuary; the house was moved to the western end of this lot to make room. • In the early 1960s the FBC built an annex and a parking lot on the western side of the lot. The annex was later named for the pastor who built it, George Bobo. • The old pastorium was again moved, this time to W Phelps St. • The FBC also acquired the lot to the west, where a new pastorium was built (Plat Book/3/71, 1964). 	

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3317 Pearl St



Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)

8/26/1891	<p>From the Z T Phelps estate (half-interest) to Mrs. V V Jay</p> <p>Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$-acre lot, with house. Bounded north by Phelps St, east by Pearl St, south by lands of B K Arthur, and west by lands of the Payne estate. This largely illegible deed conveys the house that was rented to the Baptist pastors, as seems to include the land on which 3279 and 3299 Pearl St would be built. Mrs. Jay had been given the other half-interest in 1889.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/565</p>
1/5/1904, 10/17/1904	<p>From Mrs. V V Jay to the trustees of the First Baptist Church of Shellman</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bounded north by Phelps St, Pearl St; south by Dr. C A Roberts; west by Mrs. J G Sasser. • Known as the Baptist Pastorium. The pastors of FBC had rented this house for over a decade. • The church bought this lot to build a new brick sanctuary, replacing the frame building on Church St. The pastorium would be relocated to the western portion of the lot, facing on Phelps St, to make room for the sanctuary. <p>Source: Deed Book/II/312-3 (mortgage), JJ/241, <i>FBC Shellman History</i> (1931)</p>
<p><u>First Baptist Church (FBC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In July, 1888, a group of citizens met at the Shellman Institute to consider starting a Baptist Church in Shellman. W W Cheney and J B Payne were given charge of the initiative (link). • The FBC was organized in September, 1888. The first services were held in the first floor of the Masonic Hall, where the Methodists met. • A lot on Church St was purchased in October, and a frame soon church was built there (See 20 Church St). The first pastor, W S Rogers, was called in December, 1888. • The FBC pastors rented the house on this lot on Pearl St from Mrs. Wistar Jay. The church purchased the lot in 1904 as a site for a new sanctuary. • Funds for the new sanctuary were raised by March, 1905. Plans were drawn, and a construction contract made with Wistar Jay in August, 1905. Jay was a major contractor with a number of concurrent projects in Southwest Georgia. He was briefly in bankruptcy in 1907, and the situation may have prolonged the construction here. The sanctuary was dedicated in November, 1907. The Sunday School Annex was completed in 1915. Source: <i>FBC History</i> (1931), link • In the early 1960s the church expanded by adding the Bobo addition and a parking lot on the western side of the lot. The old pastorium was again moved, this time to W Phelps St. FBC also acquired the lot to the west, where a new pastorium was built. A plat was recorded in 1965. (Plat Book/3/71). • By 1996, the church acquired the lot to the south (3299 Pearl St). They demolished the house to build a new addition named for James Bethea. 	



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The following section contains biographical sketches of some of the pastors of the First Baptist Church. In addition to the sources cited below, invaluable information was obtained from *HISTORY OF SHELLMAN BAPTIST CHURCH*, compiled by the Bethel Baptist Association in 1932 ([link](#)).

Rev. Zachary Taylor Weaver family

- Z T Weaver was from Alabama. He and Martha Ann Russell were married in 1875.
- Rev. Weaver was pastor from 1895-1901. He served two Sundays per month at a salary of \$400 per year.
- *"Bro. Weaver was one of the foremost pastors in the list of good men who have served this church. He possessed the highest ideals and sanest principles. It was due in large measure to his purposeful leadership, his force of character and pleasing personality that brought to bear a feeling of utmost confidence and serene harmony among all denominations."*
- Rev. Weaver moved to Reynolds in 1901, and later to Perry. He died in 1918; she died in 1940.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The William Franklin Weaver family

- Willie Frank Weaver was the son of Rev. Z T Weaver. When his family moved to Reynolds, Willie Frank remained in Shellman, where he was a bookkeeper.
- In 1904, he left Shellman to study law at the University of Georgia. The newspaper reported, *"He has been a prominent member of society here and his departure will be a source of genuine regret."* ([link](#))
- After graduation, he set up practice in Blakely, where he married Jetta Alexander in 1907 ([link](#)).
- He moved to Reynolds circa 1910, where his parents lived. There he was elected mayor, and later state senator.
- He died in 1918 as a result of injuries from an automobile accident while in Atlanta ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Rev. Washington Lee Culbertson family

- W L Culbertson was from a prominent South Carolina family. He and Annie Margaret Sitz were married in 1888.
- He served First Baptist Church from 1902 to 1909, having served Cuthbert Baptist Church from 1900-1902.
- *"Bro. Culbertson came highly recommended as a preacher of noteworthy achievements. He had to his credit the constitution of two churches in Alabama, and during his ministry the erection of five churches, two in Alabama at Hoke's Bluff and Coats Bend, and three in Georgia, namely: Sasser, Ellaville and Shellman."*
- Under his leadership, the FBC built (and paid for) the new brick sanctuary on Pearl St in 1907.
- Rev. Culbertson resigned in 1909, but remained in Shellman until 1916. During this time, he served as pastor of several smaller churches in the Bethel Baptist Association, serving 3-4 at a time ([link](#)). By leaving the FBC, he could no longer occupy its pastorium, so he purchased the house at 239 E Ward St in 1912.
- His first wife was in poor health for several years and died in 1910 ([obituary](#)). He remarried in 1911 ([link](#)).
- In 1916, he accepted a call to the Norman Park Baptist Church. He later moved to Atlanta, where he died in 1932. He was buried at the family plot in Shellman ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Rev. James Pressley Craft, Sr. family

- James Craft was from Hartwell. He and Edith Galphin were married in 1910.



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- Rev. Craft served from 1918-1919.
- *"The ministry of Bro. Craft was characterized by a marked growth in all branches of church endeavor. During the first few weeks of his pastorate our hundred copies of the Baptist Hymnal were purchased with book racks to hold the books when not in use. A little later a beautiful new communion service was purchased."* Edith led the remodeling of the pastorium.
- He resigned in 1919 to become Chair of Bible and Sociology at Shorter College. He was later president of Averett College in Virginia and Hardin College in Missouri ([link](#)).
- He returned to Georgia to become a minister again. He died in Rome in 1975; she died there in 1985.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Pressley Craft, Jr. family

- Jim Craft was the son of Rev. Craft. He lived in Shellman but a short time, but it had a lasting impact on his life, because he met Carolyn Martin, daughter of J T Martin.
- In 1937, they were married. He was a Navy Ensign on the USS Kane, based in France. He was unable to return to the US, so the wedding party travelled from Shellman to France ([link](#)).
- Craft was a decorated Navy veteran of WW II who retired as Captain in 1964. He served as Dean of Men at the University of Pennsylvania while obtaining his PhD there ([link](#)).
- He died in 2003 ([obituary](#)); she died in 2010 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Claude Grimes family

- Claude Grimes was from Coweta County. He and Ruth Bird were married in 1914.
- Rev. Grimes served from 1925-1932. He also served Elam, Carnegie, Friendship and Rehoboth Churches on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.
- Grimes's tenure was marked by growth, by improved operations, and improvements to the facilities. *"Whenever the name of Bro. Grimes is mentioned, it voluntarily evokes this epithet from the lips of all who knew him. 'He is indeed a good man.' This characterization comes not only from his own people, but from other denominations and from the colored people of the town as well because he had rendered inestimable service to them."*
- After resigning from FBC, he continued to serve Rehoboth Church until 1937. He then served a church in Columbus until 1945. He then returned to Shellman to serve Rehoboth Church again. In 1951, he retired and returned to Columbus, where he died in 1952 ([obituary](#), [biographical sketch](#)).

Sources: Ancestry.com [link](#), *History of Bethel Association Including Centennial Meeting (1932, [link](#))*

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3333 Pearl St



- Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)
- The post card at right was taken from a photo circa 1907-8.

8/26/1891	<p>From the estate of Z T Phelps to the widow, Mrs. Rhoda Phelps</p> <p>Notes: this deed (partly legible) conveys a house and lot known as the Z T Phelps Place, approximately 7 acres. Bounded as follows: <i>“fronting east on Pearl St, on the south by Phelps St to the corner of J B Payne’s lot, thence north to the northeast corner of said J B Payne’s lot, thence west to the north west corner of W T Jay’s lot, thence north to lands of Crittenden & Bro. thence east to Pearl St”</i> The western boundary is not entirely clear, but W T Jay owned the lot at 173 W Phelps St; if that lot is used as the western boundary, then this tract is 6.3 acres, and consistent with later deeds. Whatever the western boundary, it clearly deeds the land on which the original Phelps house stands (3377 Pearl St), as well as the land on which Wistar T Jay built three additional houses: 3365, 3351, and 3333 Pearl St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/563</p>
5/1/1937, 3/28/1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Mrs. V V Jay, daughter of Mrs. Phelps (Deed not located). • From Mrs. Jay to her son, Willie Jay, in 1937 • Mrs. Jay died intestate in 1938; the children assigned this house to the oldest son, Willie Jay, which confirmed the 1937 deed. <p>Notes: Mrs. Jay lived here, probably by 1910, and remained until the time of her death. Willie Jay immediately obtained a mortgage on the house, which he satisfied in 1946 when he sold the house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/211, ZZ/378, ZZ/380 (mortgage)</p>
2/6/1946	<p>From W W Jay to C B Wooten</p> <p>Notes: Wooten had recently returned from service in WW II.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/375, <i>Atlanta Constitution</i> link</p>

Construction of the House

- It appears that Wistar Jay intended that four adjacent lots on Pearl St (3333, 3351, 3365, and the old Phelps home at 3377) would be a Jay family compound; a house for the parents and one for each child.
- According to the *Driving Tour* (2015):
 - This house was built in 1904 by Willie Jay for Dr. A F Weathers.
 - When finished, Jay’s wife decided that she wanted to live here, but that windows would have to be added, which would explain the unusual arrangement of the windows in the house.



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- While there is no reason to doubt the overall story, it is likely that Wistar Jay (the father) built the house rather than Willie Jay (the oldest son).
- Willie Jay was only 19 and single when the house was built. He married 11 years later in 1915, and there is no evidence that he ever lived here. In 1920, his family lived in Brooks County, and then moved to Dawson.
- It appears that the Wistar Jay family moved from their home at 3377 Pearl St into this house by 1910, and probably immediately after it was completed.
- Dr. Weathers bought the house at 3299 Pearl St in 1905. This supports the idea that he was interested in this house, but Mrs. Jay claimed it for her family.

Occupancy History

The Wistar Jay family likely occupied this house from the time it was built until Mrs. Jay's death in 1938. For information on the family, see 3377 Pearl St.

- The 1910 census shows the Jay family living at this location on Pearl St. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
- In 1920, Mrs. Jay (now widowed) and her youngest son Lem lived here. Source: 1920 census [link](#)
- In 1930, Mrs. Jay lived here alone. Her son Lem married in 1925; his family was living in the old Phelps home at 3377 Pearl St. Source: 1930 census [link](#)
- The house was divided into upstairs and downstairs apartments by 1935, when the newlywed, John Willis Lay family rented "*the Jay apartment*" ([link](#)). It is thought that Mrs. Jay lived in the downstairs apartment until her death in 1938 (See 1939 deed above).
- In 1940, the apartments were occupied by the Lays and the Tom Crittenden family. Source: 1940 census [link](#)
- In 1946, the house was purchased from Willie Jay by Brooks Wooten, and occupied by his family until their deaths: his in 1999, and hers in 2020.

The Council Brooks Wooten family

- Brooks Wooten was born in Shellman, the son of James M Wooten. He married Jane Forrester in 1941. Jane was from Tifton, but the couple married in New Jersey just before Brooks was shipped overseas for his WW II service.
- After the war, the Wootens returned to Shellman and purchased this house in 1946. They lived here until their deaths: his in 1999 ([obituary](#)), and hers in 2020 ([obituary](#)).
- Brooks Wooten was manager of the Columbian Peanut Co. He was active in civic affairs, serving as mayor, and also the First Baptist Church.
- Jane Wooten taught at Shellman High School in the 1950s. She also was an active member of the First Baptist Church, where she taught the Love Sunday School Class for over 50 years, when failing eyesight caused her to retire.

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3351 Pearl St



Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)

6/15/1937,
11/2/1961

- From Mrs. V V Jay to her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Mae Curry, in 1937
 - From Mrs. Curry to her son, Charles Lemuel Curry, in 1961
- Notes: Mrs. Curry lived on the lot to the north.
Source: Deed Book/YY/264, CC2/423

Later deeds: EE5/50

Construction of the House

- It appears that Wistar Jay intended that four adjacent lots on Pearl St (3333, 3351, 3365, and the old Phelps home at 3377) would be a Jay family compound; a house for the parents and one for each child.
- Jay built this house in 1906. It is a two-story frame house, finer than a typical rental house in Shellman, supporting the idea that he built it for the eventual use of one of his children, and rented it until that time. It does not appear that any of them ever occupied the house, but a grandchild did.

Occupancy History

The house served as a boarding house for a time; many of Shellman's teachers boarded there. It was later a rental house for one or two families at a time.

- Rented by the Walter Dozier family in 1910, with three boarders. Dozier was the town clerk in 1910, but returned to farming by 1920. Source: 1910 Census [link](#)
- Perhaps rented by two families in 1920: the Leon Mullins family and the Knox Walker family. Source: 1920 Census [link](#)
- Rented by the Harvey Church family in 1930 (see below). Source: 1930 Census [link](#)
- Perhaps rented by two families in 1940: the Edward Whaley family and the Paul Martin family. Source: 1940 Census [link](#)
- Occupied by the Charles Curry family from 1947 until around 1955.
- After 1955, rented to several families before becoming the Curry Co. Funeral Home in the 1960s. The Curry family retained ownership of the funeral home until 1993.

The William Harvey Church family

- Harvey Church was from North Carolina. He and Susan Edwards were married in North Carolina in 1900.
- Harvey was a lumberman in North Carolina into the 1920s. He then moved to Georgia to practice his trade.
- In 1929, the Church-Smith Lumber Co., based in Cusseta, was reorganized to form the Church-Robinett Lumber Co., based in Shellman ([link](#)). In 1930, Harvey was living in Shellman, renting this



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house, and president of the company. See 670 E Railroad St for more information on the company.

- Harvey died in 1931 as the result of a heart attack ([link](#)).
- Although the Churches were here for a short time, he had a lasting impact on the First Baptist Church, where he was Sunday School Superintendent. After Church's death, Lem Jay organized a young men's bible class known as the Harvey Church Bible Class. Source: *HISTORY OF SHELLMAN BAPTIST CHURCH* [1932]
- Susan moved back to North Carolina and later remarried.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Charles Lemuel Curry family

- Charles Curry was from Shellman, the son of J M and Jennie Mae Curry. After serving in the Army in WW II, he returned to Shellman, where he was involved in the Curry's farming interests.
- Sara Turner, born in Atlanta, was the daughter of Shellman native Jessie Weathers Turner. Charles and Sara were married in Shellman in 1947 ([link](#)).
- Charles soon took over the Curry Co. hardware store and the funeral home. He was also noted for his singing voice.
- The family lived here at 3351 Pearl St until they built a new house at 3755 Pearl St around 1955.
- Charles died in 1970 ([link](#)). Saraa took over his business interests, and remained in the house until she died in 2019 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3365 Pearl St



Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)

2/26/1909,
4/8/1976

- From Mrs. V V Jay to James M Curry in 1909
- By descent to his widow, Mrs. Jennie May Curry
- By descent to Mrs. Curry's grandsons in 1976

Notes: Vacant lot (85' N/S x 291' E/W) in 1909. Bounded on the north by the Phelps Home Place, west by a 30-foot alley, and on the south by Dozier lot.
Source: Deed Book/KK/547, XX/160 (mortgage), LL2/186-8 (Tract #1), TT2/443 (mortgage)

Later deeds: JJ4/175-6

Construction of the House

- It appears that Wistar Jay intended that four adjacent lots on Pearl St (3333, 3351, 3365, and the old Phelps home at 3377) would be a Jay family compound; a house for the parents and one for each child.
- Daughter Jennie Mae Jay married J M Curry in 1908. In 1909, Curry purchased this lot from his mother-in-law; his father-in-law built the house.

The James Martin Curry family

- Curry was the son of William S and Hester Curry, growing up on their farm in the 4th District. He moved to Shellman, where he married Jennie May Jay in 1908.
- Curry was a principal in the Curry Co., a retail furniture and hardware store (See 54 Randolph St). He also was President of the First National Bank, a member of the Georgia Legislature, and a farmer.
- The Currys remained here until they died; he in 1946 and she in 1974. Son Wistar Curry lived here in an apartment for many years, and other family members also lived here until 2020.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

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3377 Pearl St



Part of the 8-acre tract purchased in 1863 by Z T Phelps from Benjamin F Adams (See Z T Phelps Tract)

This house was built for RR stationmasters around 1858; John Ward owned the land at the time and probably built the house. It was first occupied by a Thomas Jackson, then by Z T Phelps when he became stationmaster in 1859/60.

8/7/1863	<p>From Benjamin F Adams to Zebulon T Phelps</p> <p>Notes: 8 acres (approximately 975' N/S x 400' E/W). Bounded north by the north-side fence of Phelps's house; east by Pearl St; south by the railroad reserve (Park Ave). This is the earliest deed subdividing Lot 5/269 for residential purposes. Phelps already lived in this house located on the NE corner of the eight-acre lot, and with this purchase now owned it.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/BB/771</p>
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- Phelps turned this house over to his daughter, Virginia (Jennie), and her husband, Wistar T Jay. The date is uncertain. The Jays married in 1884 and lived in Early County for a time. Perhaps the transfer occurred when they returned to Shellman.
- The Jay family remained in this house until around 1904, when they moved to 3333 Pearl St.
- This house seems to have been kept as rental property.
 - The 1910 census shows the E A Dantzler family living here. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
 - In 1920, occupancy is unclear. Source: 1920 census [link](#)
- When son Lem Jay married in 1925, his family moved here.

5/13/1926	<p>From Lem Jay to his wife, Mary S Jay, in 1926.</p> <p>Notes: .64-acre lot (96' N/S x 291' E/W), with house. The original 8-acre tract has been reduced to a single lot. Referred to as the Phelps Home Place.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/59</p>
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11/25/1984	<p>From Mary Jay to Homer L Whaley</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC3/676-7</p>
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Later deeds: XX11/32

<p><u>The Zebulon T Phelps family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z T Phelps was born in North Carolina. He married Rhoda Johnson in Georgia in 1839. • The Phelpses were living in Baker County by 1843; in 1850, they owned a 210-acre farm there. They moved to Ward's Station in 1859 or 1860. • Phelps was a man of several professions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He came to Shellman to be the railroad agent and stationmaster, and remained so for many years. 	
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- He operated the first store in Ward's Station, opened by 1860. It was located on the SWRR reserve (40 Payne St). Early deeds describe it as a stable, but by 1861 it was a "family grocery store", and Shellman's only store until the Crittenden Brothers opened their store in 1872. In 1879, it was operating in partnership with J B Payne. Source: 1879 Georgia Directory [link](#)
- He was postmaster for many years. He took the position before the Civil War, and continued serving (under the Confederate government) during the Civil War. He received a pardon in 1866 ([link](#)) so that he could officially be reappointed (under the US government).
- He owned farmland south of Shellman.
- He owned real estate in Ward's Station and began to develop late in his life.
- The house was renovated in 1882-3; the *Cuthbert Appeal* called it "decidedly the most desirable and prettiest place within the corporate limits" of the new village of Ward ([link](#)).
- The Phelps moved to W Phelps St in the late 1880s, turning this house over to the family of their daughter, Jennie (Mrs. Wistar T) Jay.
- The Phelps remained in the house on W Phelps St until their deaths; his in 1891 and hers in 1897.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Driving Tour* (2015), *Randolph County History* (1977)

The Wistar Thaddeus Jay family

- Wistar Jay was born in Bibb County. The family moved to Dawson before moving to Eufaula circa 1880 ([link](#)).
- Jay and Virginia Verdelle (Jennie) Phelps were married in Shellman in 1884. Newspaper articles indicate that the couple lived in Hilton (Early County) for a time ([link](#)).
- The Jays returned to Shellman by 1887 and were living in her parents' old house on Pearl St circa 1890. In 1904, they moved to the newly built house at 3333 Pearl St. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1914 ([link](#)) and hers in 1938 ([link](#)).
- In 1903, a small wound in Jay's leg became infected, causing the leg to be amputated ([link](#), [link](#)).
- The Jay family was involved in construction and building supply businesses. The father, J L Jay, was a lumber dealer in Eufaula in 1880.
 - By 1887, Wistar was operating a lumber mill and lumberyard five miles south of Shellman ([link](#)).
 - In 1894, the family operated a contracting and building supply business in Albany (see ad at right).



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W. T. JAY & CO.,
W. T. Jay and Company offer their services to the people of Americus and vicinity. They are probably the oldest firm of contractors in South Georgia. Thirty years practical experience.
HOME OFFICE, Shellman, Ga., Branch Offices, Americus, Ga., and Pelham, Ga.

- By 1900, the father seems to have retired, and Wistar Jay concentrated on his contracting business based in Shellman. He left a mark on Shellman by building many of the fine homes in the early 1900s, as well as the First Baptist Church. The advertisement at left was published in the *Americus weekly times recorder* in 1911.
- The firm built many commercial and government buildings in South Georgia, including Americus, Milledgeville, Blakely, Pelham, and Valdosta ([link](#)).

- Jay was also active in politics, serving as mayor of Shellman for several years. In 1904, Randolph County formed a Board of Commissioners; Jay was elected its inaugural chairman.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Driving Tour* (2015), *Randolph County History* (1977)

The Lemuel Phelps Jay family

- Lem Jay was from Shellman, the son of Wistar and Jennie Jay. After serving in France in WW I, he traveled for a time. In 1921, he decided to return to Shellman, living with his widowed mother.
- Lem and Mary Smith of Tennille, GA were married in 1924/5 ([link](#)). They lived in this house.
- Lem became a partner in the Curry Co. (with his brother-in-law, J M Curry) in 1921 ([link](#)). After 1940, that relationship seems to have dissolved; he was a farmer, as well as owning the old Wright's Garage.
- The Jays remained in this house until his death in 1950. Mary Jay kept this house, but spent a good bit of her time in Atlanta. In 1984, she sold this house and moved back to Tennille to be near family. She was later an invalid at a nursing home in nearby Sandersville, where she died in 1988 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3399 Pearl St



Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)

5/8/1901	<p>From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to H O Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: Two deeds conveying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two-acre vacant lot (300' square). The SE corner of Mrs. Wooten's 40-acre lot. • An additional 40' strip on the south side of the lot, later known as Jay St. <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/166, HH/165, VV/204 (mortgage), YY/186 (Release of mortgage)</p>
12/28/1954, 7/18/1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Ada Crittenden (widow of H O Crittenden) to her daughter, Anna C Lumpkin, in 1954 • Sold from Mrs. Lumpkins' estate in 1990 <p>Notes: The lot, now L-shaped, has been reduced by the sale of the NE corner.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL1/32-3, II4/249</p>
<p><u>The Hiram Oscar Crittenden family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H O Crittenden was the son of H A & Anna Crittenden. He was born in Alabama, and moved to Shellman with the family as an infant. • He married his cousin, Ada Crittenden, in 1900. The newlyweds acquired this lot and built a house on it in 1901. • H O Crittenden was involved with several of the family businesses. In addition, he was prominent in civic activities, especially education (link). • When Ada Crittenden's mother, Carrie (Mrs. Frank) Crittenden, was widowed in 1926, she moved here for a few years. • The family lived here until their deaths; his in 1945 and hers in 1953. • Their daughter, Anna Crittenden Lumpkin, moved back here after her divorce in the early 1930s and lived here until her death in 1990. • The family sold the house in 1990. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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3419 Pearl St

Part of the H O Crittenden lot (See 3399 Pearl St)	
4/10/1937, 10/24/1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From H O Crittenden to his son Albert Crittenden in 1937From H A Crittenden to Bess Duncan Crittenden in 1939 Notes: 100' N/S x 200' E/W. Crittenden bought this lot shortly before his wedding in 1937, then built this house, which he gave to his wife in 1939. Source: Deed Book/YY/186-7, ZZ/583
10/1/1941	From Bess Crittenden to Annie Dean Notes: The lot now has a house. Source: Deed Book/BB1/364
3/29/1949, 4/30/1949	From the Dean heirs to W M Robinett Notes: Two deeds conveying the property from the Dean heirs to Max Robinett. Source: Deed Book/FF1/443, FF1/493
11/8/1949	From H C Bower to Max Robinett Notes: Vacant lot split from the Bower lot to the north. Robinett expanded his lot northward. The lot was later sold, and is now 3435 Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/DD1/260, GG1/63, Plat Book/6/92 (1985)
1/8/1968	From W M Robinett to Melvin Peavy Notes: The Robinetts moved to a new home on US Highway 82. Source: Deed Book/YY1/11
Later deeds: TT2/420, GG5/203-6 (Tract #IV), Plat Book/5/131 (1979)	
<u>The Hiram Albert Crittenden family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Albert Crittenden was the son of H O Crittenden; he grew up next door at 3399 Pearl St.He and Bess Duncan were married in Buena Vista in 1937 (link). They built this house shortly after the wedding (link).By 1940, Albert was a civilian employee at Ft. Benning and a lodger in Columbus. Bess remained in this house.They sold the house in 1941 and moved to Albany. Initially he was assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Albany. Later he was branch manager of the Georgia Insurance Adjustment Bureau. He was very active in civic affairs in Albany, as well as at his church. Bess worked in a dental office.He died in 1966 (obituary, notice). Bess died in 2007. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>Annie Jean Fulton Dean</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annie Fulton was from Shellman, the daughter of John & India Fulton (See 198 E Railroad St).Annie was a grammar-school teacher. She taught in Americus in the 1920s, which is likely where she met her future husband.She and Lucious Dean were married in Marietta in 1930 (link). The Deans lived with her mother in Shellman before moving to Valdosta, where he died in 1941.Annie returned to Shellman, buying this house in 1941. She remained here until she died in 1947. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Walter Max Robinett family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Max Robinett was born in North Carolina, the son of G E (Edgar) and Eula Robinett. The family moved to Shellman circa 1927.After serving in WW II, Max returned to Shellman. He married Laura Barfield of Louisville, GA in 1948 (link).	



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- The couple bought this house on Pearl St in 1949 and lived here until they moved to a new house on US Highway 82 in 1968.
- Max was involved with the Robinett Family Lumber Businesses. Refer to 670 E Railroad St for more information.
- The Robinetts remained in their home on US 82 until their deaths; his in 2007 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 2017 ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3455 Pearl St



- Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)
- Part of the 13.5-acre tract purchased from Mrs. Wooten by the Sheffield Brothers in 1910

10/10/1910	<p>From the Sheffield Brothers to J A Knighton</p> <p>Notes: .53 acre-lot (113.5' N/S x 202' E/W) with house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SE corner of this lot is 10' north of the NE corner of the H O Crittenden lot. • The Sheffield Brothers built a house on the lot in the short time they owned it. • Knighton purchased the property on credit, but apparently did not keep it. • Source: Deed Book/MM/94
11/23/1915, 8/1/1924, 9/29/1925	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Mrs. Emmie Wooten (Deed not located) • From Mrs. Wooten to Mrs. J H (Edmonia) Holmes in 1915 • From Mrs. Edmonia Holmes to D H Bickers in 1924; then back to Mrs. Holmes in 1925 <p>Notes: Lot (113.3' N/S x 202' E/W) with house. Source: Deed Book/NN/509, RR/199-200, RR/521-2</p>
10/10/1925	<p>From Mrs. Edmonia Holmes to O A Crittenden in 1925</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/RR/521</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A newspaper reported that the house of H G Crittenden was destroyed by a major fire in 1926 (at right, link). No record of an H G Crittenden in Shellman can be found; this house was occupied by H E Crittenden at the time. • <i>The Macon News</i> reported that Bower engaged Dennis & Dennis Architects of Macon to design the new residence and O L Jay of Albany to build it (link). 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Stubborn Fight Halts Fire at Shellman, Threatening Town</p> <p>ALBANY, Ga., Feb. 27.—(P)—Reports that a conflagration was raging in Shellman, in Randolph county, and was beyond the control of the volunteer fire department resulted in calls for aid being sent to neighboring towns shortly after noon Saturday, but the blaze was extinguished after destroying one home, damaging two others and threatening the entire residential section.</p> <p>The home of H. G. Crittenden was a total loss, all the contents being destroyed. Two neighboring houses caught fire, and, fanned by a heavy wind, the blaze threatened for a time to sweep over the town but was put out after valiant work by the townspeople.</p> </div>
3/28/1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From O A Crittenden to H C Bower in 1927 • By descent to Pauline Bower Stewart in 1951 • Sold from Mrs. Stewart's estate in 1999 <p>Notes: The lot is unchanged from the original deed in 1910, but the old house is gone.</p>



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Source: Deed Book/SS/437, HH1/256-7, WW6/285-7, Plat Book/6/92 (1985)

The J A Knighton family

Refer to 179 Buford St for information on the Knighton family.

The James Turner Holmes family

- James Holmes and Edmonia (Edna) Sanderson were married in Tennessee in 1885. The family moved to Blakely between 1900 and 1910, to Shellman in 1912.
- James Holmes was the superintendent of an oil mill in Blakely; he came to Shellman to be superintendent of the Shellman Oil Mill in 1912 ([link](#)).
- He died in 1915; later that year Edna bought this house. She sold it in 1925, after she moved to Greensboro, GA to live with her daughter. They then moved to Vidalia, where she died in 1931.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Hiram Edward Crittenden family

- Ed Crittenden was from Sumter County, a cousin of the Shellman Crittendens. He married Bess McGuire in Savannah in 1894 ([link](#)).
- The family lived in Savannah until moving to Union Springs, AL in 1918. They moved to Shellman in 1923, renting this house from Mrs. Holmes ([link](#)).
- In 1925, Ed's brother-in-law, O A Crittenden, bought the house for Ed's family. They moved back to Union Springs after the house was destroyed by fire in 1926.
- Ed was in poor health for a time before he died in Union Springs in 1937 ([obituary](#)).
- Bess moved back to Shellman after 1940; she died here in 1969.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

The Harry Carlisle Bower family

- Harry Bower was the son of R M & Annie Laurie Bower (See 94 College St). He moved to Shellman from Whigham with his family in 1906.
- Harry and Hattye Tinsley were married in 1911.
- Harry worked at the family hardware store (Shellman Hardware Co.) while his father was alive, then took over the store when his father died in 1925. He operated it until his death in 1936, when it was sold to C L Wooten. Refer to 297 Buford St for information on the business.
- After Harry's father died, his mother moved in with them until her death in 1933.
- The Bowers lived here until their deaths; his in 1936 ([obituary](#), [obituary](#)) and hers in 1945.
- In 1940, their daughter Pauline and her husband, Manry Stewart, also lived here (See below).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The France Manry Stewart, Sr. family

- Manry Stewart was from Shellman, the son of Grady and Bessie Stewart (See 120 W Phelps St).
- Manry and Pauline Bower were married in 1937 ([announcement with family histories](#), [wedding](#)).
- Manry worked for the First National Bank before serving in WW II. Afterwards, he raised Duroc hogs on a farm south of Shellman and was a rural mail carrier. He was President of the Georgia Duroc Breeders' Association in 1955 ([link](#)).
- Pauline was an accomplished musician. She taught music in the Shellman schools and later gave piano lessons in her home.
- The Stewarts lived on their farm south of Shellman in 1950 (2534 Calhoun St); this house on Pearl St was vacant. The Stewarts were back here by the early 1950s.
- The Stewarts separated in the 1960s. Manry moved in with his mother on W Phelps St. Pauline remained here until her death in 1996.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3477 Pearl St



Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)

8/31/1911	<p>From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to H P Whaley Notes: .7 acres (150' N/S x 202' E/W) with improvements. Located at the "corner of Pecan St and facing Pearl", bounded south by the lot owned by J A Knighton. The price of \$2,600 confirms there is a fine house on the lot. It is a nicer home than the typical Shellman rental; perhaps it was built for the Whaley family and purchased together with the lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/184</p>
11/2/1916	<p>From H P Whaley to J Truitt Martin Notes: Bounded south by Mrs. J T Holmes. Source: Deed Book/OO/5</p>
1/29/1923	<p>From J Truitt Martin to Roger S Crittenden Notes: 150' N/S x 202' E/W. Martin and Crittenden are exchanging houses: this house for 3278 Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/QQ/405, UU/570 (mortgage), WW/311 (mortgage), WW/364 (mortgage), WW/512 (mortgage)</p>
9/5/1935	<p>From Roger S Crittenden to Miss Susie May Brown Notes: Brown and Crittenden are exchanging houses; this house for 3556 Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/XX/167-8</p>
5/26/1975	<p>From Brown's estate to Riley & Bonnie Curry Source: Deed Book/JJ2/483-4</p>

The Homer P Whaley family

- Whaley was a farmer in the Brooksville area. He married Frances Angeline Cleveland in 1900.
- Whaley purchased this house in 1911 and sold it in 1916. He then purchased the house at 122 College St, but the census shows that he moved back to his farm.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The John Truitt Martin family

- Truitt Martin was the son of Charles W Martin (See 3072 Calhoun St). He was born in Shellman, and married Carolyn (Caro) Twitty in Pelham in 1911 ([link](#)).
- In 1916, the Martins purchased the Whaley house at 3477 Pearl St. They lived there until 1923. Then Martin exchanged houses with Roger Crittenden; Martin moved to 3278 Pearl St, and Crittenden moved to 3477 Pearl St. This is said to have occurred because Crittenden did not want his new wife to occupy the house where he lived with his first wife.
- Martin was employed in the Martin's fertilizer business. He was also was a farmer and banker, serving as president of the First National Bank (now the First State Bank of Randolph County).



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- The Martins lived at 3278 Pearl St until their deaths; his in 1946 ([obituary](#)), and hers in 1985 ([obituary](#)).

Source: *Driving Tour* (2015), Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families* [link](#)

The Roger Shumbal Crittenden family

See 3278 Pearl St for information on the family.

Susie May Brown

- Brown was from rural Terrell County. When her father died, the family moved to Dawson, where she taught music in 1910.
- In the fall of 1910, she began teaching in Shellman ([link](#)).
- In 1920, Brown was boarding with the W R Curry family.
- Brown soon became a bookkeeper; she worked for Curry's bank (First National Bank) for many years, but also kept books for his farming interests.
- In 1930, she was renting from Mrs. Bynum on Pearl St. By 1935, she had purchased the house at 3556 Pearl St, which had been owned by W R Curry for several years. She bought this house from Roger Crittenden, who purchased her house at 3556 Pearl St.
- Brown remained here until her death in 1975.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3501 Pearl St



Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)

5/8/1908,
11/7/2003

- From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to her brother, Oscar A Crittenden, in 1908
 - By descent to their daughters, Marianna Crittenden & Rachel Crittenden Denison, in 1968
 - Sold by the sisters' heirs in 2003
- Notes: 105' N/S x 210' E/W
- No improvements in 1908. Tax records say the house was built in 1911.
 - A small apartment was built on the SW corner of the lot in 1926.
- Source: Deed Book/LL/356, SS/515, QQ8/176-201, Plat Book/9/235 (2003)

The Oscar Alexander Crittenden family

- Oscar Crittenden was from Shellman, the son of R F & Fanny Crittenden. He married Helen Land in 1904.
- The couple lived on E Phelps St until building this house on Pearl St in 1911.
- Oscar was a farmer and was also involved in agribusiness. In 1938, he filed suit challenging his crop allotments. The story was published in newspapers in Georgia and nationally, which gave a good picture of the extent of his farming operations ([link](#)).
- The Crittendens lived here until their deaths. She died in 1939 ([obituary](#)). He remained here, although when his health failed, he lived with his daughter in LaGrange, where he died 1968 ([obituary](#)).
- Their daughter, Marianna (Bitsy), lived here until her death in 2001.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Wooten Addition, Pearl St

Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)

- The plans to subdivide this tract were developed by the heirs of Mrs. Emmie C Wooten in 1948 (See 3559 Pearl St).
- Some of the lots were sold at auction in 1957, but the plan was never fully implemented. The street providing access to Pearl St was never built.
- The western portion of the tract was acquired by the Thompson family and later absorbed into Randolph Southern School.
- A small portion in the NE section of the tract was absorbed into 3559 Pearl St.
- The remaining land in the SE and central sections of the tract is now 3527 Pearl St.

Source: Plat Book/2/50 (1957)



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3559 Pearl St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/1/1898	<p>From the Crittenden family to Mrs. Emmie V Wooten, daughter of R F Crittenden Notes: 40 acres (1225' N/S x 1425' E/W). Bounded north by a similar lot owned by H O Crittenden; east by Pearl St; west by the estate of F A Cheney. The tract was undeveloped; Mrs. Wooten divided it into lots extending from 3399 Pearl St on the south to 3559 Pearl St on the north. Source: Deed Book/GG/525, LL/579</p>
<p>After the death of Emmie Wooten in 1948, the house was used as a boarding house and then was vacant for many years.</p>	
8/22/1967	<p>From the heirs of Mrs. Emmie Crittenden Wooten to Mrs. R R Whaley Notes: Irregular lot fronting 153.5' on Pearl St. Lots 11 and 12 on the 1957 plat. Contains the house where Mrs. Wooten lived during her lifetime. Source: Deed Book/XX1/447-8, Plat Book/2/50 (1957)</p>
<p><u>The John Mercer Wooten, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercer Wooten was born in Dawson, the son of Council Burney Wooten and grandson of Simon Wooten, Sr. He grew up in Dawson and on the Wooten's farm in Calhoun County. • He married Emmie Virginia Crittenden, daughter of R F Crittenden, in 1891 in Shellman. An account of the wedding was published many years later (link). • The Wootens built this house in 1896 (per tax records) and remained here until their deaths; his in 1918 and hers in 1948. • Mercer was a farmer. He also participated in the real estate development endeavors of the Crittenden family. • After Mercer's death, Emmie was active in real estate development. Shortly before she died, the <i>Macon Telegraph</i> published an article giving a biographical sketch (link). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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3581 Pearl St



Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)

11/11/1947, 4/12/1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to G E & Eula Robinett in 1947 By descent to their daughters in 1979 <p>Notes: Vacant lot (140' N/S x 300' E/W) Source: Deed Book/EE1/446, SS2/179-80 (Tract #1)</p>
10/2/1979, 12/19/1979	<p>From the Robinett heirs to Raymond Everitt</p> <p>Notes: 140' N/S x 299' E/W Source: Deed Book/TT2/287, TT2/494 (mortgage), Plat Book/5/130 (1979)</p>
<p>Later deeds: HH3/193, XX2/187, HH11/571</p>	
<p><u>The George Edgar Robinett family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edgar Robinett was from North Carolina. He married Eula Henderson in 1913. He was manager of a lumber mill in North Carolina in 1920. In the late 1920s, the family moved to Shellman. The Robinett family held a reunion in South Carolina in 1932, in which their service to various Baptist Churches was noted (link). The family rented on College St until buying this lot on Pearl St in 1947. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1952 (obituary) and hers in 1976. In 1929, the Church-Smith Lumber Co., based in Cusseta, was reorganized to form the Church-Robinett Lumber Co., based in Shellman (link). Harvey Church was president; Edgar Robinett seems to have been the manager. Harvey Church died in 1931 (See 3351 Pearl St for information on the Church family). Robinett seems to have taken control of the business that grew into Robinett Brothers Lumber Co., Robinett Manufacturing Co., and Robinett Frame Co. He and his sons-- Max, George, and Dean-- operated these businesses for many years. Refer to 670 E Railroad St for more information. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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3597 Pearl St



Part of the 40-acre tract acquired by Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1898 (See 3559 Pearl St)

6/20/1905,
3/28/1990

- From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to Mrs. Claude P (Mary Reid) Payne in 1905
 - By descent to her daughter, Dorothy Payne, in 1959
 - Sold from Miss Payne's estate in 1990
- Notes: Three-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 630' E/W). Begins at the SE corner of the H O Crittenden land. The lot was reduced in size in 1946 and 1962 by selling 100' of frontage to James Bethea. That lot became 3617 Pearl St.
Source: Deed Book/LL/470, later confirmed in /JJ/388 and HH4/321

Claude Phelps Payne family

- Claude Payne was the son of Joseph B and Nancy Phelps Payne. He married Mary Ann Reid in 1901.
- The Paynes bought this lot in 1905 and built the house soon after. They lived here until they died; she in 1938 ([obituary](#)) and he in 1959 ([notice](#)).
- Payne was superintendent of Shellman's water and electric light plant.
- Their only child, Dorothy Payne, lived here until she died in 1989. Dorothy was a well-known artist, famous for floral still-life paintings. Upon her death, the house was sold for the benefit of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home.

Source: *Driving Tour (2015)*, Ancestry.com [link](#)

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3635 Pearl St



- Part of the Phillips & Hickey Addition
- Lots in the Addition were purchased by S C Haddock and C P Payne, but not built upon.

5/4/1946,
10/18/1946,
2/14/1997,
5/21/2002

- From S C Haddock to Roy Parham in 1946
- From C P Payne to Roy Parham in 1946
- By descent to Parham's widow, Lollie Parham (life interest), and his daughters (remainder interest) in 1997
- Sold by the daughters in 2002.

Notes: 2.5-acre vacant lot (180' N/S x 610' E/W). Parham assembled a lot in two transactions. Tax records say the house was built in 1946.

Source: Deed Book/DD1/485, EE1/26, EE1/26 (quitclaim deed), BB6/326, YY7/161

The Roy Mason Parham family

- Roy Parham was from Randolph County. He and Lollie Johns were married in Shellman in 1925 ([link](#)).
- The Parhams rented on Phelps St in 1930 and 1940. They owned the house at 186 Pecan St from 1940-1944, but may not have lived there. During WW II, they lived in Newport News, VA, where Roy worked in the shipyard.
- They returned to Shellman after the war, and bought this lot in 1946. They built a house here that year, and lived here until their deaths; his in 1996 and hers in 1998.
- Roy became a barber in 1918. His shop was located at 290 Buford St. The image at right was taken in 1984 ([link](#)).



81-Year-Old Shellman Barber **Roy Parham** Began Cutting Hair in 1918

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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Phillips & Hickey Addition, Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/31/1895	From the Crittenden family to H O Crittenden Notes: 40 acres (1222' N/S x 1426' E/W). In the NW corner of Lot 5/268; bounded east by Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/EE/492
1/12/1910, 11/1/1911	From H O Crittenden to E R Cheney & T H Anthony to Joseph H Phillips, Duval County, FL Notes: 29 acres, fronting 976' on Pearl St. This is the southern portion of the 40-acre tract acquired by Crittenden. The SE corner of this lot is the NE corner of the C P Payne lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/13, NN/212
2/26/1913, 12/19/1913	From Joseph H Phillips to James M Curry Notes: Curry bought the portion of the Addition which was unsold. Source: Deed Book/MM/326, NN/337, NN/399
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phillips & Hickey planned a subdivision of this tract. A plat was recorded showing six blocks; 14-18 lots per block; lots were 50' N/S x 140'-158' E/W. Source: Deed Book/MM/142-3• An auction was held on April 4, 1911. Few deeds were recorded as of that date, but sales continued: NN/169, NN/185 (2), NN/215, NN/263, NN/291, DD1/480 & DD1/485.• Censuses from 1920 through 1950 list rental houses in this vicinity; they are probably on this tract.• In 1955, a lot on the NE corner of the addition was sold to Charles M Curry. He built his home there (3755 Pearl St). Source: Plat Book/1/280 (1955)• In 1965, Mrs. J M Curry recorded a plat showing a proposed subdivision of a portion of the Phillips & Hickey Addition (577' of frontage on Pearl St containing 20 lots). It does not appear that the plans were carried out. Source: Plat Book/3/90 (1965)	



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3785 Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
4/6/1901	From the Crittenden family to Hugh G Payne Notes: One-acre vacant lot (218.5' square). Payne added a house, but probably not until 1910 or later. Source: Deed Book/NN/45
10/10/1913	From Hugh G Payne to Mrs. Mary S Kelley Notes: One-acre lot with house (218.5' square). Source: Deed Book/NN/369
10/9/1914, 11/20/1920, 2/12/1952	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From Mrs. Mary S Kelley to her granddaughter, Gertie Dyer (Mrs. B S) Hays; a life interest in 1914In 1920, Mrs. Hays bought the residual interest, gaining full ownership.In 1952, Mrs. Hays extended the lot to the west. Notes: Source: Deed Book/OO/5, PP/401, II1/109
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Later deeds: GG4/98-101A deed for the adjacent lot to the south reveals that this lot is again vacant in 1955.	
<u>The Hugh Payne family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hugh Payne was the son of Joseph B and Nancy Phelps Payne (See 227 W Phelps St). He married Lydia (Lizzie) Rogers in Terrell County in 1909 (link).Hugh Payne bought this lot in 1901, but he and Lizzie lived with his parents in 1910. They built a house here after the 1910 census, but before they sold the lot in 1913.Hugh Payne held different jobs in different cities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manager of the telephone company in Shellman in 1910Employed by Southern Bell telephone in Clinton, SC in 1918Electrician for the railroad in Florence, SC in 1920Building maintenance for the Atlanta Journal in 1930 and 1940Contractor in Marion, FL in 1950.The Paynes later moved back to Shellman, where she died in 1970, and he died in 1971. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Bascom Sentell Hays & Gertie Dyer Hays family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bascom Hays was the son of Elijah A Hays, growing up on the Hays's farm in Randolph County before moving to Shellman around 1909. He married Gertie Dyer around 1913.The family was renting this house at 3785 Pearl St by 1920, before buying it in November, 1920.Bascom was clerk of the city court and in the insurance business. He died in 1923, leaving Gertie with one child, Logan Hays (link).Gertie moved to 76 W Phelps St in 1924 (link), where she and Logan lived with her sister-in-law, Ida George (also a widow). She worked at a furniture and hardware store, probably the Curry Co. Source: Censuses 1930 link; 1940 linkIn 1945, Gertie purchased the house at 204 W Phelps St, where she and the family of her son Logan lived. Gertie was a secre4atry, probably for the Puckett Oil Co. Source: Census 1950 linkGertie kept the lot at 3785 Pearl St through at least 1955. The house appears to have been rented, since Gertie lived elsewhere. Source: Plat Book/1/280 (1955)Gertie shared the house at W Phelps St with the family of her son until she died in 1981 (obituary). The house descended in her family until sold in 2020. Source: Ancestry.com link	



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The Logan Anderson Hays family

- Logan Hays was the son of B S & Gertie Hays (See above). He and Mary Thurman were married in the mid-1940s.
- Logan and his mother lived in the same houses until 1981, the year in which both died only one week apart ([obituary](#)).
- Logan was owner/operator of the Corner Service Station; Mary was the bookkeeper. Refer to 57 W Railroad St for information on the business.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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3817 Pearl St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/7/1910	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to C T Lay</p> <p>Notes: 1.95-acre vacant lot (209' N/S x 406' E/W). Bounded east by Pearl St; 36' north of the land of Hugh Payne. The gap of 36' on the south boundary was for a new street to be called Reid Ave, which would provide access to a development that was never built.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/142</p>
10/3/1911	<p>From C T Lay to John Henier</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lay reduced his lot to 1.5 acres by selling ½ acre to Henier. The location of the Henier lot is shown in a 1991 plat. This lot was reabsorbed into Lay's lot by 1915. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/208, Plat Book/7/134 (1991)</p>
2/20/1915, 1/10/1917, 5/9/1935, 11/3/1987, 8/7/1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From C T Lay to his wife, Mrs. Lonnie E Lay, in 1915 Mrs. Lay mortgaged her house in 1917 and again in 1935. Both were satisfied. From Mrs. Lay's estate to her son, Tilton C Lay, in 1987. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1915, bounded on the south by Mrs. Hays and the north by lot of T R McMillan. The lot now has a house, and includes the lot sold to Henier in 1911. Mrs. Lay died in 1966; the property remained in her name, and was occupied by her sons, Tilton & Ed Lay. In 1987, the house was transferred from Mrs. Lay's estate to her son, Tilton C Lay. The Henier lot has been absorbed, making a single lot again. In 1992, from the estate of Tilton C Lay to John H McDuffie <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/83, OO/166 (mortgage), XX/69 (mortgage), SS3/44-5, WW4/41-2, Plat Book/7/134 (1991)</p>
<p>Later deeds: WW4/43-6, KK5/128-9 (mortgage), XX6/34-6, DD7/272</p>	
<p><u>The Charles Tilton Lay family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie Lay was the son of John Willis Lay, and grew up on the Lay farm just east of Shellman in Terrell County. He married Lonie Cooper about 1902. Charley operated the family farm, but chose to live in Shellman. The family moved to this lot on Pearl St in 1910 (link). They remained here until their deaths; his in 1960, and hers in 1966. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>Edwin E Lay</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Lay was the son of Charley & Lonie Lay (See above). 	



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- He served in WW II, where he lost both legs in the Battle of the Bulge. He returned to this house after the war.
 - Despite the loss of his legs, Ed became a farmer. He developed the Lay family farm on US 82 east of Shellman ([link](#)), and eventually moved there. He also rode and bred horses.
 - Ed and Martha Greene Goodman were married around 1967.
 - He died in 1988 ([obituary](#)). Martha died in 1992 ([obituary](#)).
- Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

3819 Pearl St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the C T Lay lot (See 3817 Pearl St).

10/3/1911	<p>From C T Lay to John Henier</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ½-acre lot, probably with house, carved from Lay’s larger lot. • The location of the Henier lot is shown in a 1991 plat. • This lot was reabsorbed into Lay’s lot by 1915. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/208, Plat Book/7/134 (1991)</p>
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- There is a house in the approximate location of this lot which the tax records say was built in 1901. This suggests that the house was on the lot that C T Lay purchased in 1910, being used as rental property or a tenant house.
- The Heniers may or may not have lived here.
- The house was apparently rented to farm labor; in 1950, it was rented to “Uncle John” Dukes, who worked for Ed Lay ([link](#), [link](#)).

John Edward Henier and Mamie Henier

- John and Mamie were brother and sister. They grew up in Randolph County, and were living on a farm below Shellman with their parents in 1900.
- John Henier purchased the western portion of CT Lay’s lot on Pearl St in 1911. There is no evidence that either Henier ever lived here.
- In 1910, John and Mamie were renting a house on E Ward St. In 1920, they were renting a house on Cheney St.
- John Henier suffered a stroke in 1924 ([link](#)); there is no further record of him.
- In 1930, Mamie Henier was a boarder with Mrs. Lucy Gholston on Payne St. She remained there in 1940, when she was listed as housekeeper. In 1944, Mrs. Gholston (later Hardage) left her a life interest in the house, which she sold in 1947. She then moved in with a cousin in Carnegie. She died in 1954.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)



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3845 Pearl St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
9/20/1910, 11/2/1916	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to W H Bridges to T R McMillan.</p> <p>Notes: 105' N/S x 408' E/W. The NE corner of the Lay lot is the SE corner of this lot. The lot appears vacant in 1916.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/80, NN/552</p>
6/27/1951, 9/6/1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From J C McMillan, son of T R McMillan, to Mrs. Walker Hurt in 1951• From Mrs. Hurt to George & Lillie Stanko in 1978 <p>Notes: The house appears to have survived to this point.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH1/439, QQ2/598</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighbor Gene Lewis described the house circa 1950, <i>"next to the pecan grove was a weather-beaten, unpainted wooden gray house with small front porch and wooden steps leading up to the front door, where an older couple lived with grown children."</i>• The house was destroyed by fire and was replaced by a brick house around 1984.• Later deeds: EE3/437-8, WW8/121, Plat Book/7/134 (1991)	
<p><u>The Thomas Randolph McMillan family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T R McMillan was from Randolph Co. He married Nannie Austin in 1873.• The family lived on a farm near Brooksville until buying this lot on Pearl St in 1916. They built a house and were living here in 1920.• McMillan was a farmer, but owned a general store after moving to Shellman.• He died suddenly in 1922 (notice). His widow moved to Columbus, where she died by 1936.• Both were intestate. Their son, Jim, took possession of the house (See below). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The James C McMillan family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim McMillan was the son of T R and Nannie McMillan (See above). He and Mary Lou McGrotha were married in 1907. Initially they farmed with his father near Brooksville, then moved to Shellman with his family circa 1916.• Jim took possession of this house; the family lived here at least 1950. Source: 1950 census link• Jim McMillan worked at a general store in 1920, probably his fathers. After his father's death, he worked at a lumber mill, then did odd jobs.• Jim sold the house in 1951. He died in 1959, and she died in 1971 (notice). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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3917 Pearl St



- Part of the tract purchased from the Crittenden Brothers by C M Cheney 1911 (See 4001 Pearl St)
- The house lot is today part of a 38-acre tract, most of which is agricultural.

7/30/1946, 8/7/1946	From L P Jay to R G Puckett Notes: 1.5-acre vacant lot (100' N/S x 660' E/W). Puckett bought the lot and then obtained a mortgage to construct a home. Source: Deed Book/DD1/552, DD1/577 (mortgage)
7/30/1946, 11/1/1958	From Mrs. Annie Hall Cheney to Tinsley S Short to R G Puckett Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (270' N/S x 161' E/W). Puckett expanded his lot in 1958. Source: Deed Book/DD1/547-8, OO1/596

The Robert Green Puckett family

- Bob Puckett was born in Ft. Gaines, the son of Rupert Puckett. The family moved to Shellman around 1935. He and Ann Patterson were married in 1946 ([link](#)).
- Bob was owner/operator of the Puckett Oil Co (See 71 W Railroad St).
- The family built this house soon after their marriage. They remained here until his death in 1970 ([notice](#)).
- Ann remained here, and later remarried. She has been active in the civic and social life of Shellman as well as the First Baptist Church.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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4001 Pearl St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/12/1911

From Crittenden Brothers to C M Cheney
Notes: 10 acres (660' square). Bounded by the intersection of the Cuthbert-Shellman Road and Pearl St.
Source: Deed Book/NN/184

Charles Mortimer Cheney family and descendants

- Cheney was the son of Dr. W D Cheney; he grew up in Calhoun County. He was also the nephew of W W Cheney (See 3300 Pearl St).
- Cheney was twice married:
 - He married Fannie Crittenden, daughter of Hiram A Crittenden in 1889. She died in 1898.
 - He then married Anna Hall in 1900.
- The Cheney family lived at 15 Park St until Cheney built this home in 1911. Finer than the old house, it was surrounded by 10 acres of farmland rather than being next door to the steam-powered lumber yard that the Sheffield brothers had built behind his old house.
- Cheney was a merchant, operating two stores on W Railroad St (See 57 W Railroad St). When his health began to fail, he took up agriculture with great success ([link](#)).
- After Cheney's death in 1916, his widow and daughter Nell remained here and daughter Elinor moved back here later in life. The house is owned by descendants today.

Source Ancestry.com: C M Cheney [link](#); Fannie Cheney [link](#); Annie Cheney [link](#).

Nell Hall Cheney

- Nell Cheney was the daughter of Annie and C M Cheney.
- After graduating from GSCW, she returned to Shellman. She never married and lived in this house (with other family members) until her death in 1965.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Harry Mogford & Jessie Elinor Cheney Mogford

- Elinor Cheney was the daughter of Annie and C M Cheney, born only two years before he died (See above). After graduating from GSCW, she moved to Knoxville. Her sister Beth also lived in Knoxville.
- In Knoxville, she worked for the University of Tennessee and later the TVA.
- Harry was from Fredericksburg, TX. After graduating from Texas A&M, he moved to Leary to become manager of the Bermuda Plantation. The Bermuda Plantation was owned by the Order of Railroad Conductors of America who intended to develop the 3,700-acre tract as a pecan orchard which with homes for retired railroad conductors. It later became a showplace for the production of polled Hereford cattle. His first wife died in 1963 ([link](#)).



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- Elinor and Harry Mogford were married in 1965 ([link](#)). They lived in Shellman. He died in 1985; she died in 1991.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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Pecan St

Pecan St was created in 1909 when Mrs. E V Wooten and J L Thompson each conveyed a 40'-wide tract to the Town of Shellman. The center of the road was the center line of pecan trees in the Crittenden orchard on Pearl St. It extended westward past Thompson's house to the "street running by the Martin Woods (now Dean St)." Source: Deed Book/NN/32, NN/33, OO/154

Censuses of Pecan St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Pecan St

- Plat Book/1/244 (1954)
- Plat Book/5/138 (1977)
- Plat Book/9/164 (2002)
- Plat Book/12/156 (2015)
- Plat Book/12/158 (2015)
- Plat Book/E2017/109 (2019)

237 Pecan St



Descended in the Crittenden family to Emmie Crittenden Wooten.

10/13/1936,
12/4/1957,
3/28/1969.
6/1/2002

- From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to Zac Crittenden, Sr. in 1936
- From Mrs. Wooten's estate to Zac Crittenden in 1957
- From Crittenden to his wife, Mary Elise Mattox Crittenden, in 1969
- From Mrs. Crittenden's estate to her heirs in 2004

Notes:

- .93-acre vacant lot (trapezoid, 180' N/S x 225' E/W) purchased in 1936
- Crittenden added the vacant lot to the west in 1957 (.81 acres) in 1957

Source: Deed Book/XX/490, OO1/99, ZZ1/168, WW8/63 (Item #3)

The Zac Alexander Crittenden, Sr. family

- Zac Crittenden was the son of Oscar Crittenden, growing up next door on Pearl St. He married Mary Elise Mattox of Cuthbert in 1935 ([link](#), [link](#)).
- Crittenden was employed by his father as manager of Peoples Warehouse until around 1945, He then assumed the leases of O A and H O Crittenden for the old Oliver Cotton Oil Mill, where he operated an Allis-Chalmers farm machinery dealership (See 116 Park Ave).
- The Crittendens built this house and lived here until their deaths; his in 1973 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 2004. She later married Ross Bynum, who also predeceased her.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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202 Pecan St



Descended in the Crittenden family to Emmie Crittenden Wooten.

6/24/1910, 12/16/1911	<p>From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to Mrs. J L (Margaret M) Helm</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1910: .6 acres (263' N/S by 100' E/W). Bounded north by Pecan St; east by Wooten Ave. Lot #6 on Pecan St. • 1911: .6 acres (263' N/S by 100' E/W). Added the lot to the west, presumably Lot #7. Mrs. Helm now owns a double lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/ NN/62, NN/238</p>
3/18/1920, 4/17/1922, 11/7/1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. J L Helm to A P Sams in 1920 • A series of deeds executed in 1922 resulted in Mrs. Helm foreclosing on this house and lot. <p>Notes: Both lots are conveyed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sams purchased the house subject to a note to Mrs. Helm, which he did not pay. • Mrs. Helm obtained a judgement, which resulted in a sheriff's sale in 1922. <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/179, QQ/293, QQ/331-2</p>
12/5/1922	<p>From A P Sams (sheriff's sale) to Mrs. Anna West</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/332</p>
8/2/1926, 6/25/1934, 6/24/1936, 7/14/1936	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Anna West to LeDon & Alma E Melton in 1926 • From Alma Melton to Alton Branan in 1936 • From Alton Branan to Dr. Loren Gary, Jr. in 1936 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1926 deed retains a life interest for West; the Meltons will rent the house for \$10 per month. • Alton Branan purchased the house and assumed the mortgage in 1936. He sold the house one month later. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/199, SS/463 (mortgage), UU/13 (mortgage), WW/257 (mortgage), XX/415, XX/432</p>
6/27/1941	<p>From Loren Gary to M H Trippe</p> <p>Notes: The house is formerly that of Mrs. Melton, now occupied by Gary.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/BB1/238</p>
9/18/1988, 3/15/1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mrs. M H Trippe to her son in 1988 • Purchased by Kelly and Beverly Thompson in 1991 <p>Notes:</p>



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- After the 1941 deed, Trippe acquired the vacant lot to the west (which would have been **Lot #8**), increasing his lot to 299' of frontage on Pecan St.
 - Formerly the home of Mrs. Jewel Trippe.
- Source: Deed Book/WW3/185-7, NN4/50-1, TT4/79

Later Deed: NN5/110-11

The John Laney Lewis Helm family

The Helms moved here from 158 E Railroad St; refer there for information on the family.

The Albert Page Sams family

- A P Sams was from Fayetteville, GA. After his first wife died in 1912, he married Dollie Belle Horne in Pulaski County in 1913.
- The Sams family moved to Shellman in 1915 ([link](#)). In 1920, they rented a house on W Phelps St. They acquired this house on Pecan St shortly thereafter.
- Sams was manager and secretary of the Shellman Oil Mill. The mill was sold in 1922, and the Sams moved to Boston, GA ([link](#)). They later moved to Worth County, where he died in 1937.

Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Loren Gary, Jr. family

- Loren Gary was from Georgetown, where his father was a prominent physician.
- Gary was a physician who set up practice in Shellman in 1934. Later that year, he married Ethel Robinson of Macon ([link](#)).
- In 1941, the Garys moved to Tuscumbia, AL. Dr. Gary died there in 1987; Ethel died in 1993.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Milton H Trippe family

- Milton Trippe was from Randolph County, the son of F M Trippe. He married Jewel Warwick in the mid-1920s.
- The Trippes rented houses in Shellman prior to moving to Pecan St in 1941: on Pearl St in 1930 and on Phelps St in 1940.
- Milton Trippe worked for the Shellman Home Mixture Guano Co.; first as a bookkeeper, then as secretary and treasurer. Jewel Trippe also worked there for a time, and also as a teacher.
- The Trippes lived for many years. He died in 1973; she still owned the house when she died in 1988, but was living with her son in Gwinnett County ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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186 Pecan St



Descended in the Crittenden family to Emmie Crittenden Wooten.

2/20/1913	<p>From Mrs. Emmie Wooten to Parsonage Committee, Methodist Church South, Shellman Circuit</p> <p>Notes: .6 acres (263' N/S by 100' E/W), with improvements. Bounded north by Pecan St; east by Sheffield Brothers; south by alley; west by Rose Ave. Lot #9 on Pecan St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM/328</p>
10/12/1939	<p>From the Trustees of the New Prospect & Brooksville Methodist Churches to T E Allen, Jr.</p> <p>Notes: 263' N/S x 100' E/W. Lot #9. The family of Allen's son, T E Allen, III, lived here for a year before moving to the family farm south of Shellman.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/354</p>
12/31/1940	<p>From T E Allen, Jr. to Roy Parham</p> <p>Notes: Lot #9. It is not clear whether Parham lived here (See 3635 Pearl St).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/536, AA1/536 (mortgage)</p>
8/18/1944, 6/22/1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Roy Parham to D W Sauls, Sr. in 1944 • In 1965, Sauls sold the house to his daughter, Helen Sauls Pipkin, but later cancelled the deed. <p>Notes: 263' N/S x 100' E/W. Lot #9. Lollie Parham and Ethel Sauls were sisters.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC1/523, VV1/151, VV1/221</p>
8/6/1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From D W Sauls, Sr. to Jerry M Sauls in 1965 • From the estate of Jerry Sauls to his widow in 2007 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/VV1/224, VV1/227 (mortgage), DD3/547 (mortgage), HH10/46</p>
<p><u>The Doc Weathers Sauls, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doc Sauls was from Randolph County. He and Ethel Johns were married in 1919. • The family initially lived on a farm near Farmers' Academy. In 1944, they moved to Shellman, buying this house on Pecan St. • Sauls was a farmer in and a school bus driver in; after moving to Shellman, he was a clerk in a hardware store. The Sauls also operated the movie theater in Shellman. • The family remained here until Ethel died in 1963. Doc sold the house in 1965, shortly before he died in 1969. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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185 Pecan St



- Descended in the Crittenden family to Emmie Crittenden Wooten
- This image is of the gym; built in 1945 and still standing.

12/11/1929

From Mrs. Emmie V Wooten to the Randolph County Board of Education (BOE)
Notes: 432' N/S x 807' E/W. Bounded west by J L Thompson; east by other lands of Mrs. Wooten.
Source: Deed Book/UU/113

Later deeds: CC7/194-6, YY11/557-8, Plat Book/9/164 (2002), 12/156 (2015), 12/158 (2015)

Shellman High School and later schools

- In 1929, the schools in eastern Randolph County were consolidated. A called election was held on April 9, 1929; Shellman voted to annul the law authorizing its town system, and to consolidate with the county system. At the time, Shellman operated an 11-grade school at 50 College St.
- A new high school was built on this lot in 1930 ([link](#)). The new building had “*nine classrooms, study hall, library, laboratory, and offices.*” The school was opened for the 1930-31 school year. The football team defeated Cuthbert 28-7 in its first game ([link](#)). The elementary grades continued at the old school on College St.
- A gym was built in 1945; it still stands.
- The elementary grades remained on College St until 1958, when they also transferred to this campus.
- In the fall of 1963, the high school was consolidated with Cuthbert High School to form Randolph County High School, located in Cuthbert. This building then housed an elementary school for a few years.
- In the 1970s, this campus housed a twelve-grade private school, Randolph Southern, which closed in 2010.
- The original school was destroyed by fire; it was replaced in 1980.

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96 Pecan St

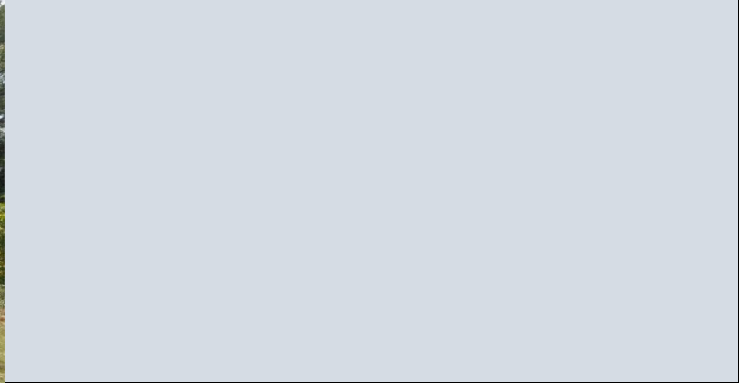


Part of the 40-acre tract purchased by J L Thompson in 1907 and 1909 (See 68 Pecan St)

2/21/1920	<p>From James L Thompson to his son, J G Thompson Notes: 212' N/S x 158'. The lot already had a house built by J G Thompson, which tax records say was built in 1913. Source: Deed Book/PP/249, Plat Book/5/138 (1977)</p>
7/31/1973	<p>From the Thompson heirs to Howell W and Nelle J Prothro Notes: Source: Deed Book/GG2/640-1</p>
<p>Later deeds: LL2/317-8, OO2/407, GG10/337</p>	
<p><u>The Jesse Grady Thompson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grady Thompson was the son of J L Thompson. He moved to Shellman with the family in 1904, where he married Maude Bynum in 1913. • Tax records say they built this house in 1913; they took title to the lot in 1920. • Thompson worked for the Shellman Banking Co.; initially as assistant cashier, later as cashier (link). After the bank failed in 1932, he became a farmer. • The Thompsons remained here until their deaths; his in 1972 and hers in 1973. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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68 Pecan St



10/8/1907,
8/26/1909,
1/4/1949

- Acquired by C M Cheney (Deed not located)
- From C M Cheney to J L Thompson in 1907
- From the Crittenden family to J L Thompson in 1909
- From J L Thompson's estate to his son, R F Thompson, in 1949
- From R F Thompson's estate to his sons in 1997

Notes:

- Thompson assembled a 39.5-acre tract in two transactions (1,242' N/S x 1,386' E/W). Bounded west by Dean St.
- Pecan St did not exist until 1909; Thompson's initial access to Shellman was the alley on the east side of his house that connected to W Phelps St, which became known as Thompson St.
- The house was probably built in 1908.
- J L Thompson died in 1932, but his estate was not settled until his wife died in 1948.

Source: Deed Book/LL/525, FF1/345, FF1/346, JJ6/9-16

The James Lafayette Thompson family

- Thompson was from Thomaston. He married Mattie Ellington there in 1885.
- The Thompsons moved to Shellman in 1904, and purchased this farm in 1907. They built this house soon afterwards.
- Thompson farmed the tract on which his house was built, as well as land in the 10th district.
- The Thompsons remained here until his death in 1932. His widow was still here in 1940, but was with her daughter in Thomaston when she died in 1948 ([obituary](#)). The Thompson's youngest son, R F Thompson, lived here all of his life (See below).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Roy Fenious Thompson family

- Fenious Thompson grew up in this house, and lived here his entire life. He married Mattie Ethel Swords(?) in Shellman in the late 1930s.
- While single, Thompson worked in the retail grocery business, presumably with his brother, Roy. After his father's death, he was a farmer.
- The Thompsons remained here until their deaths; hers in 1987, his in 1997.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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Peoples St

Peoples St stretches from Buford St on the west to Calhoun St on the east, just south of the stores built by the Crittenden family facing on W Railroad St. It was conveyed to the Town of Shellman on 4/16/1912 by the Crittenden family. In addition, they granted an unnamed alleyway, extending south from Peoples St, between the Crittenden Warehouse and the stores on Randolph St. The alleyway no longer belongs to the town.

Source: Deed Book/NN/268, NN/269

Plats of Peoples St

- Plat Book/5/121 (1979)

10 Peoples St (Fictitious street number)



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

The early deeds for the lot have not been located, but newspaper articles provide partial information.

- O B Stevens of Dawson built this warehouse in 1882 ([link](#)).
- Stevens seems have leased the warehouse to others. An 1884 deed for adjacent property refers to this as the Oliver & Goode warehouse (Deed Book/CC/325).
- The warehouse was purchased by the Randolph Alliance in 1889 ([link](#)).

7/4/1892
through
11/1/1912

The ownership of the warehouse changed many times. Among the owners were:

- John Bius (Circa 1890-1892)
- John Bius & Mrs. A B Goode (1892-1896)
- Reid Crittenden & Mrs. A B Goode (1896-1897)
- Reid Crittenden & T E Allen (1897-1903)
- Reid Crittenden, Rodger Crittenden, & T E Allen (1903-1906)
- Various Crittenden partnerships (1906-1912)
- The Peoples Warehouse (1912 onward)

Notes: Until 1912, the warehouse lot extended all the way to the railroad on its north side (297' N/S). In 1912, the Crittendens deeded Peoples St to the Town of Shellman, and reduced this lot to the area south the new street. Its dimensions became 225' N/S x 177' E/W.

Source: Deed Book/EE/523, EE/524, EE/574, GG/234, HH/471, KK/21-22, KK/22-23, NN/1, NN/294, XX/179

9/28/1979

From Peoples Warehouse to the Curry Co.

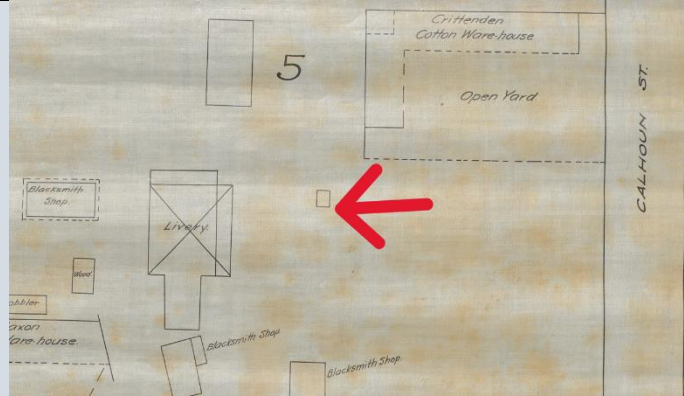
Notes:

Source: Deed Book/TT2/271-2, Plat Book/5/121, EE5/93

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

20 Peoples St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.



Deeds for adjacent properties reference a guard house, or calaboose, in this location. Deeds in January 1888 do not mention it, while a deed in May 1888 does, suggesting an 1888 construction. The 1902 map and a 1978 deed provide the location of the now-vacant lot. This is the earliest known jail in present-day Shellman.

Source: Deed Book/GG/348, GG/349, EE5/91

40 Peoples St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

11/30/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J F Crittenden (Deed not located) • From the estate of J F Crittenden to H O Crittenden in 1935 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/XX/233 (Tract 1), MM1/103</p>
6/16/1960	<p>From the heirs of H O Crittenden to J R Curry</p> <p>Notes: The garage building was still standing. Source: Deed Book/ QQ1/408-9 (Tract 1)</p>
<p><u>Crittenden Brothers Furniture, Coffin, and Casket Warehouse</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few details of this building have been found. The location is shown in the 1902 map. • The 1935 deed reveals that the Crittenden Brothers Furniture, Coffin, and Casket Warehouse was located on this lot. The Crittenden Brothers operated a furniture store at 35 W Railroad St. This may have been a warehouse used to store inventory not on display. • By 1935, the warehouse was being used as a garage. 	



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E Phelps St

The section of E Phelps St between Pearl St and College St was mentioned in a deed filed in 1890. It was an unnamed alley until around 1905, when a new street was created (perhaps in preparation for the College Place Addition) extending the alley east to Division St. The street was originally called Plum St, and some deeds still refer to it as Plum St.

Plats of E Phelps St

- Plat Book/2/118 (1960)
- Plat Book/2/260 (1962)
- Plat Book/4/82 (1964)
- Plat Book/6/121 (1986)
- Plat Book/7/65 (1989)

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22 E Phelps St



- Part of the Anthony lot (See 3338 Pearl St)
- Part of the lot sold to T H Anthony in 1926 (See 32 E Phelps St)

8/31/1927, 5/5/1934	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From T H Anthony to his daughter and son-in-law, Sarah Elizabeth & B L Melton, in 1927 • In 1934, B L Melton conveyed his interest to his wife, Elizabeth Melton <p>Notes: Half-acre lot, with improvements (210' N/S x 105' E/W). The NW corner of this lot is 210' east of Pearl St. Bounded west by the home lots of T H Anthony and Mrs. S J Anthony, south by Mrs. R F Ivey, and west by the vacant lot of T H Anthony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony retained the right to use a barn on the southern portion of the lot. • Tax records say the house was built in 1930. • The 1934 mortgage confirms that the Meltons live on this lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/532, WW/175 (mortgage), XX/476 (mortgage), YY/67-8</p>
9/13/1944	<p>From Sarah Elizabeth Anthony Melton to D A Goddard</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC1/503</p>
8/6/1946, 12/6/1947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of D A Goddard (sheriff's sale) to Robert Lee Hester in 1946 • From Hester to Susie Allen Land in 1947 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/561, DD1/554 (mortgage)</p>
3/24/1969	<p>From Mrs. Susie Allen Land to J A Horne</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/158</p>

Later deeds: Deed Book/OO4/331-3, Plat Book/7/65 (1989)

The Benny Lury Melton family

- Benny was from Randolph County. He and Sarah Elizabeth Anthony were married in 1925. Elizabeth was the daughter of Hamer Anthony, and grew up next door on Pearl St.
- The Meltons bought this lot from her father in 1927, and soon built a house here.
- Benny worked for his in-laws at the post office in 1930.
- In 1935, Benny was convicted of the murder of Dr. A L Crittenden ([link](#)). He received a life sentence ([link](#)).
- Elizabeth moved to Miami, and tried to clear Benny's name. When he refused to cooperate with her efforts to obtain a loan to finance her legal fees, she divorced him ([link](#)).
- The divorce seems to have been for the purpose of giving her sole title to the property. Elizabeth was successful; Benny was pardoned in 1941 and joined her in Miami, where they remarried. They remained in Miami until they moved to Deltona, FL in 1968.
- In Miami, Benny was an electrician for the railroad.

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- Benny died in 1988 ([obituary](#)). Elizabeth died in 1996.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

Susie Allen Land

- The house was occupied by the family of her daughter, Sarah Lee (Mrs. Ree) Fulford from the time Mrs. Land purchased the house until around 1960.
- See 3072 Calhoun St for information on Mrs. Land.

25 E Phelps St



- Part of a lot purchased by Mildred Snell Watts in 1890. She transferred the western portion of the lot to her son, John Norman Watts, in 1907 (See 3354 Pearl St).
- The lot has since been recombined with 3354 Pearl St. The house is abandoned.

8/26/1907,
11/14/1923

- Mrs. Watts divided her lot in 1907. She gave the large house (3354 Pearl St) to her son; she retained ownership of the eastern portion (114' N/S x 200' E/W) of the lot.
 - Mrs. Watts obtained a mortgage in 1923.
- Source: Deed Book/LL/18

- Mrs. Watts built a house and lived here until her death in 1926. Source: 1910 census [link](#), 1920 census [link](#)
- The house apparently was vacant in 1930. Source: 1930 census [link](#)
- The Clifford Nunnally family lived here in 1950. Source: 1950 census [link](#)
- By 1989, this lot has been recombined with 3354 Pearl St. The house is referred to as a tenant house. A life interest is granted to Mrs. Affie Green. Source: Deed Book/FF4/2

The Clifford Zadok Nunnally family

- Clifford Nunnally was from Walton County, where he married Alice Byrd in 1920.
- The Nunnallys moved to Shellman in the 1920s. In 1930 and 1940, they rented the house at 1343 W Ward St. In 1950, the Nunnallys were here on E Phelps St.
- The Nunnallys lost a son in a freak accident in 1928. Young Victor Nunnally was killed while seated in a parked car when a team of runaway mules crashed into the car ([link](#)).
- Nunnally was foreman of a planing mill in 1930 and 1940, presumably that of the Sheffield Brothers whose house he rented. In 1950, he was foreman of a sawmill and plainer mill, but it is not clear which one.
- Clifford Nunnally died in 1954 ([obituary](#)); Alice Nunnally died in 1978.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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32 E Phelps St

Part of the Anthony lot (See 3338 Pearl St)	
4/23/1926	<p>From Mrs. S J Anthony to her son, T H Anthony</p> <p>Notes: One-acre lot with two tenant house and other improvements. Bounded north by Plum St; east by W R Crittenden; south by Mrs. R F Ivey; west by the lots of grantee and grantor. Mrs. Anthony retained a lifetime interest to the rent from the houses. The "other improvements" are likely the barn on the southern portion of the lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/139</p>
2/9/1944,4/12/1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of T H Anthony to G E Robinett in 1944 • From the estate of Mrs. Robinett to her daughters in 1979 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot. The lot was reduced by the sale of the western half-acre in 1927. The two tenant houses were on this lot, but the barn was on the western half-acre.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ CC1/465-6 (Tract #2), SS2/179-80 (Tract #2)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1920-50 censuses list two families renting in this location. The 1910 census isn't clear. • The lot has a house built in 1998. The tenant houses are no longer standing. • Later deeds: EE6/368 	

47 E Phelps St

<p>From the Crittenden Brothers to C J Greene on 12/18/1889</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-acre vacant lot (210' square). The SW corner of this lot is the SE corner of the J G Sasser lot. • The original lot now is divided into two lots: 47 E Phelps St and 105 College St. • There is no confirmed house on the lot at 47 E Phelps St until 1971; it is not mapped. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/447</p>	
1/2/1903	<p>A deed for an adjacent lot seems to say that this lot belongs to the Crittenden Brothers, and it has a rental house occupied by a Mr. Jones.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/468</p>
3/24/1923, 2/17/1936	<p>From the estate of R F Crittenden to R M Bower. Then from Bower's estate to his daughter, Mae Bower White.</p> <p>Notes: .79-acre lot with house (163' fronting on Plum St; 210' fronting on College St). Known as the "old Orr Lot".</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ/474, XX/306-7</p>
6/17/1969	<p>From the estate of Mae Bower White to her sister, Lois Bower Latimer</p> <p>Notes: The lot has now been divided; the Plum St frontage is still 163'; the College St frontage is now 104'. The lot is vacant.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/314-5, Plat Book/4/82 (1964)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax records state that the present house on this lot was built in 1971. • Later deeds: DD2/20-22, PP2/643, BB5/270 	

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83 E Phelps St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895.
- It is not certain that the present house on this lot is the original house.

11/9/1908, 11/16/1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Susan Wilson (Deed not located) • From Susan Wilson to E E Ivey <p>Notes: 1 acre (209' square), with improvements; bounded north by Alice Dennis; east by Upchurch; south by Plum St; west by R M Bower. Source: Deed Book/LL/416, PP/159 (mortgage)</p>
6/20/1935, 5/18/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Mrs. Fannie V Sayars by 1930. Source: 1930 census, Deed Book/WW/385 (mortgage) • Mrs. Sayars' son Cecil gave a quitclaim deed to his sister Emmie (Mrs. W H) Thurmond in 1935. Source: Deed Book/XX/150 • Mrs. Thurmond then gave the house to her son, Russell Thurmond, in 1940. Source: Deed Book/AA1/263 • Sold from the estate of Russell Thurmond's daughter, Mildred Thurmond, in 2001. Source: Deed Book/MM7/175
<p><u>The Susan Middleton Wilson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Middleton was from Randolph County, presumably born into slavery. She married Ellie (or Ella) Wilson in 1870. The couple worked on Jeff Pipkin's farm in the late 1800s. • Susan Wilson bought land in Shellman in 1892. She eventually acquired two adjoining lots: 94 College St and 83 E Phelps St. The 1900 census reports that the Wilsons were renting a house in Shellman, but the street location is not clear. That makes it difficult to determine exactly when, or if, they lived in one of these two lots, and to date the house. There was a house on the lot on E Phelps St when she sold it in 1908. • Ellie Wilson was a farm laborer before moving to Shellman, where he was a carpenter. • In 1908, Susan was widowed and bought the house at 36 Short St. She died in 1913. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The Frances West Sayars and Russell Thurmond families</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances West was the granddaughter of pioneer William West. She married William Raleigh Sayars about 1886, and was widowed in 1903. • In 1920, she was living with the family of her daughter, Emmie (Mrs. W H) Thurmond, on E Railroad St. In 1930, Mrs. Sayars and the Thurmonds were living here on E Phelps St. • Mrs. Sayars died in 1939. The house passed to her grandson, Russell Thurmond, who lived here until he died. His daughter, Mildred, lived here until she died in 2001. • Russell Thurmond worked for the Robinett lumber mill for many years, and then was a mechanic. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

101 E Phelps St

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895.	
4/3/1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From C M Cheney to Ida Idelle (Della) West in 1906By descent to Lessie West Murphy Notes: Half-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 105' E/W) in 1906. Source: Deed Book/JJ/599
2/7/1927, 11/10/1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From Lessie West Murphy to H R Watson in 1927From H R Watson to Mrs. B T Walls in 1930 Notes: Half-acre lot with improvements. Source: Deed Book/UU/297
8/6/1946, 4/8/1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From A L Wall (sheriff's sale) to the Curry Co. in 1946From the estate of Mrs. Jennie Mae Curry to her grandsons in 1976 Notes: 210'N/S x 100' E/W. In 1976, known as the Shattles place or A L Wall place. Source: Deed Book/DD1/91-2 (mortgage), EE1/7, LL2/186-8 (Tract #3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Owned by the Curry family until 1986. Presumably used as rental property.Tax records say the current house on this lot was built in 1982.Later deeds: HH3/142-7, ZZ4/186-7, MM8/246, Plat Book/6/121 (1986)	
<p><u>The Ida Idelle (Della) Lee West family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Della Lee was from Alabama. She married J N West in Clay County in 1895.The Wests were living on a farm north of Shellman in 1900. J N died in 1905; Della bought this lot in 1906, and built the house by 1910. She then moved to Alabama to live with the family of her daughter, Lessie (Mrs. Hurley) Murphy. The move probably occurred around the time of her daughter's wedding in 1915, but no later than 1920. She died there in 1922.West was a farmer. After he died, Della was a seamstress. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<p><u>The Andrew Low Wall family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Andrew Low Wall grew up on a farm near Shellman, the son of T W Wall. He married Grace Thompson in the early 1930s.The Wall family purchased this house in 1930. It was foreclosed in 1946.The Walls then moved to a farm SE of Shellman.Wall was employed by the City of Shellman; in 1940 as a maintenance worker, and in 1950 as a policeman.A L Wall died in 1996; Grace died in 1997. Source: Ancestry.com link	



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115 E Phelps St

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895.
- Tax records indicate that the present structure on this lot was built in 1971. The lot is not mapped.

11/15/1909, 9/9/1910	<p>From C M Cheney to W D Bryant</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5-acre, L-shaped vacant lot. Bounded north by Cheney St; south by lot of Della West and Plum St.; west by vacant lot of Miss Alice Dennis. • Bryant built a house in the NW corner of the lot and occupied it. He sold that corner to D W Roberts in 1910. • That left Bryant owning this 2-acre, rectangular vacant lot. • The lot was divided into two 1-acre lots in 1962. Both were vacant. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/17, NN/78, EE13/253, Plat Book/2/260 (1962)</p>
Later Deeds: OO1/584, VV1/222, VV1/222, VV1/223	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

195 E Phelps St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871. Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895. 	
6/6/1906, 3/24/1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From C M Cheney to Mrs. A V Knight in 1906 From C M Cheney to Mrs. Virginia Knight in 1910 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 105' E/W) in 1906. Bounded east by street (later Division St); south by Plum St. Mrs. Knight built a house here by 1910. In 1910, Mrs. Knight added Lots 55 & 56 (both vacant) from the College Place Addition. The lot is now one acre. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/19, NN/52, 1910 census link</p>
10/11/1915	<p>From Mrs. Z A V Knight to T R Arthur in 1915</p> <p>Notes: The lot in the corner of Plum St and Division St now has a house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/499,</p>
12/31/1927, 3/5/1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by Will Cicero (Deed not located) Mortgaged by Cicero in 1927 Foreclosed from Cicero's estate by the Curry Co. in 1929 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/RR/13, TT/63-4, TT/465</p>
1/1/1940	<p>From the Curry Co. to Carrie Rivers</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/196</p>
12/17/1974	<p>From Rivers to the Church of the Kingdom of God</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/II2/706, Plat Book/2/118 (1960)</p>
<p><u>The Abner Knight family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little can be found of Knight's history. He married Zara (?) Anne Mathews in Randolph County in 1883. Abner was a farmer. The family lived near Farmer's Academy in Randolph County before moving to Shellman, living in a rental house in 1900. Abner died between 1900 and 1910; his death may well have been the reason Zara bought this lot in 1906. She was a widow living here in 1910, supporting herself as a seamstress. In 1974, she was living in Albany when she sold this house. There is no further record of the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, 1910 census link</p>	
<p><u>The Carrie Rivers family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrie Rivers' early history is unknown. She and Melton Rivers were married in 1918. Carrie was a domestic servant. Melton was a farm laborer and later worked as a logger for G E Robinett. Melton and Carrie divorced in the 1940s. Carrie lived here in 1950. In 1974, Carrie lived in Albany when she sold the house. There is no further record of the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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204 E Phelps St (at Division St)



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the A F Weathers Tract.

11/14/1925

- Acquired by T R Arthur (Deed not located)
- From T R Arthur to Rose Adams in 1925
- Still owned by the Adams estate in 2022

Notes: Lot with house (140' N/S x 40' E/W) in 1925. Arthur acquired several lots in this area. It appears that he built a house on this one for Adams.

Source: Deed Book/SS/8 (mortgage), UU/231

The Rosa (Rose) Foster Adams family

- Rosa Foster was from Quitman County. She and Frank Adams were married by 1910, when they lived on John Smith St and were farm laborers. In 1920, they farmed their own land.
- The Adams apparently separated about the time that Rosa bought this house in 1925. They later divorced; Frank moved to Miami.
- Rosa was a cook/housekeeper for a private family. She remained here until she died in 1969.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

214 E Phelps St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/6/1913,
9/22/1914

- From A F Weathers to M M Crittenden in 1913
- From Crittenden to C J Greene in 1914
- By descent in the Greene family

Notes: Vacant lot, 150' N/S x 80' E/W. Weathers Tract, Block 5, Lots #18, #19. Greene built a rental house here.

Source: Deed Book/MM/551, II1/591-3 (Tract #5), II1/593-4 (Tract #5),

12/8/1952
5/21/1986

- Acquired by J H Boyd (Deed not located, but after 1952)
- From J H Boyd to Mattie Watson in 1986

Notes:

Source: Deed Book/ HH3/191, HH3/192 (Mortgage)

- The current house on the lot was built in 1998.
- It appears that the original house was always used as rental property.

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228 E Phelps St (Fictitious street number)



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the 60-acre tract purchased by Mrs. C M (Fanny) Cheney, daughter of H A Crittenden, in 1895

<p>4/16/1930, 3/18/1939, 10/10/1942</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H R Watson to Jack Mercer in 1930 • From Mercer to Robert Wall in 1939 • From Wall's estate to Willie Joe Wall in 1942 <p>Notes: Lot with house (150' N/S x 100' E/W). Source: Deed Book/ZZ/364, ZZ/365, CC1/1</p>
<p>12/27/1966</p>	<p>From Willie Joe Wall to Ella Mae & Willie Walter Daniel Notes: Lot with house (150' N/S x 100' E/W). Source: Deed Book/AA2/87</p>
<p>Later Deeds: HH7/23-5</p>	

250 E Phelps St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of the Boyette Tract.

<p>12/30/1944</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J M Curry (Deed not located) • From J M Curry to Will & Emma Currington <p>Notes: Lot with improvements (150' N/S x 474' E/W). Source: Deed Book/DD1/103</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax records say the house was built in 1946. • No further deeds; the property is listed in Currington's estate. 	
<p><u>The Will Currington, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Currington was from Alabama. He and Emma Jones were married in 1904. • Will was a farmer. The Curringtons lived on farms south of Shellman until buying this house on E Phelps St in 1944. By 1950, Will no longer worked. • Will died in 1971 at age 100. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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293 E Phelps St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/31/1902, 2/9/1942	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Crittendens sold a 60-acre tract to Fanny Cheney in 1895, but this one-acre lot in the SE corner was excluded.• From H A Crittenden to H O Crittenden in 1902• From H O Crittenden to J M Curry in 1942 Notes: One-acre vacant lot. Curry built a house here Source: Deed Book/EE/485, HH/500 (Tract #1), BB1/467-8
	Vacant in 1902. Possibly vacant in 1942. House in 1945 and 1980.
1/5/1945, 1/9/1980	From J M Curry to J D Pipkin Notes: Sold from Pipkin's estate in 1980. Source: Deed Book/DD1/95 (Tract #2), TT2/568-9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When the lot was sold in 1980, the original house was replaced and the one-acre lot was divided into two lots: 289 E Phelps St and 295 E Phelps St.• Later Deeds: NN4/182, Plat Book/5/192, BB11/54, Plat Book/5/151



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W Phelps St

W Phelps St is one of Shellman's early streets. ZT Phelps deeded the street to the City of Shellman by 1891. The deed has not been located, but it is referenced in an 1891 deed (Deed Book/EE/467). The street probably began as the road connecting Z T Phelps's house with the street that became Pearl St, dating it to the mid-1880s. Phelps planned to develop the land on its north side, so giving the land to the city helped him go forward.

Censuses of W Phelps St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of W Phelps St

- Plat Book/3/71 (1964)
- Plat Book/3/290 (1967)
- Plat Book/4/119 (1972)
- Plat Book/5/98 (1979)
- Plat Book/6/46 (1984)
- Plat Book/6/68 (1984)
- Plat Book/6/231 (1988)
- Plat Book/7/81 (1987)
- Plat Book/9/20 (1999)
- Plat Book/9/39 (1983)
- Plat Book/10/227 (2007)
- E2017/54 (2018)

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W Phelps St (North Side)

21 W Phelps St



Part of the 53-acre tract purchased in 1873 by Z T Phelps from the Crittenden family.

2/3/1892	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By descent from Z T Phelps to his widow, Rhoda Phelps, in 1891 • From Rhoda Phelps to her daughter, Mrs. V V Jay, in 1892 <p>Notes: 2-acre lot with the house where Mrs. Phelps lived. Source: Deed Book/DD/27</p>
1/25/1908, 3/25/1915, 3/27/1915, 3/21/1921	<p>From Mrs. E C Bridgeman to Henry S Dean Notes: 4.4 acres (396' N/S x 487' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Bridgeman was the sister of Mrs. V V Jay. She acquired the 2-acre lot where her mother lived and added additional land to the east, to create a 4.4-acre lot. It includes two current lots: 21 W Phelps St and 100 Dean St. • H T Dean mortgaged the property in 1915; he satisfied the mortgage in 1921. There is no record of the transfer of this lot from H S Dean to H T Dean. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/583, NN/486 (mortgage), MM/549 (mortgage), PP/531 (mortgage), XX/472 (mortgage)</p>
8/13/1950, 11/1/1960	<p>From H T Dean, Sr. to H T Dean, Jr. Notes: Dean transferred the lot to his son in two separate deeds; the eastern parcel (vacant) in 1950 and the western parcel (with house) in 1960. The senior Dean retained a life interest in the western parcel for himself and his wife. Source: Deed Book/II1/395, RR1/26</p>
7/21/1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H T Dean, Jr to Owen Edward Jackson • By descent to his son, Alton E Jackson <p>Notes: In 1999, the lot was divided into a northern half (vacant at the time) and a southern half (where the house sits). The family sold the southern half in 2013. Source: Deed Book/XX1/371 (mortgage), XX1/377, XX1/378, VV3/165, Plat Book/4/119 (1972), Plat Book/9/20 (1999)</p>
Later deeds: NN11/71	
The Zebulon T Phelps family	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Phelps family moved here from 3377 Pearl St, probably between 1884 and 1887. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1891 and hers in 1897. • Information on the Phelps family can be found at 3377 Pearl St. 	
The Henry Taylor Dean family	



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- Dean was the son of O Z and Tallulah Phelps Dean and grew up on their farm. He married Sallie Crowell in Alabama in 1899.
- He was a station agent for the Central of GA RR for many years, serving in several locations, including Geneva, Ozark ([link](#)), Shellman, and then in Perry until at least 1935. By 1940, he had become the agent in Shellman.
- Dean owned this house by 1908, but did not live there until the late 1930s.
- The house passed to Dean's son, H T Dean, Jr. in 1952, but the parents retained a life interest. They remained here until 1967; Henry Sr. died in 1965, and Sallie relinquished her life interest so that the property could be sold in 1967, one year before she died in 1968.

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#)



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57 W Phelps St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 53-acre tract purchased in 1873 by Z T Phelps from the Crittenden family. Part of the 4.4-acre tract assigned to Mrs. Virginia V Jay in 1891 from the Z T Phelps estate 	
12/16/1898	<p>From Mrs. V V Jay to J S Pratt to W T Jay & Co. to Mrs. James S (Nellie G) Pratt Notes: 396' N/S x 150' E/W. The SE corner is 150' west of the SW corner of the Riley lot. Source: Deed Book/LL/458, LL/459, LL/460</p>
12/24/1919	<p>From Mrs. J S (Nellie) Pratt, now a resident of Florida, to Maude Daughtry Notes: Described as two building lots; no house mentioned, but the price of \$2,000 suggests there is one. Source: Deed Book/PP/208</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by J W Walker by 1930 (Deed not located). Walker also added 75' on the west side of the lot (Deed not located). 	
9/20/1963	<p>From J W Walker to his daughter, Ann Harbison Notes: 396' N/S x 225' E/W. Already occupied by the Harbison family. Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/314, TT5/126-40, Plat Book/4/119 (1972)</p>
10/31/1972	<p>From Ann Harbison and Mrs. J W Walker to James A Horne, Sr. Notes: The price of \$10 suggests the house has already been destroyed by fire. Source: Deed Book/FF2/299-300</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Harbisons moved to College St in 1971, presumably because this house burned. This house was acquired by Mary Palmer (Deed not located). A new house was built on the lot, which tax records say was built in 1980. 	
<p><u>The James S Pratt family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pratt was a building contractor and partner of Wistar Jay. The Pratts lived on Phelps St in the 1910 census, but moved away by 1919. 	
<p><u>The Milton Wesley Tarver family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milton Tarver was from Bulloch County, AL. He and Sallie Bass were married in Russell County, AL in 1879. Tarver was a merchant in Midway, AL for many years. In 1910, he was cashier of the bank there. By 1917, the Tarvers moved to Shellman where he operated a dry goods store, M W Tarver & Sons (link). The location of the store is unknown. The family rented a house on W Phelps St, perhaps here at # 57, but certainly nearby. In 1928 the Tarvers moved to West Palm Beach, FL to live with their son. Tarver taught at a business college there. He died there in 1937 (obituary). She returned to Alabama to live with a daughter, where she died in 1955. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The John Watson Walker family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watson was from Coleman, but moved to Shellman by 1920, where he was employed as a bookkeeper at Peoples Bank. By 1930, he was Cashier, and by 1950 he was President. In 1924, he married Hattie Knight. In 1952, the Walkers built a house at 5 Park Ave and moved there. The Walkers remained in that house for many years; he died in 1969 and she died in 1993. This house was then occupied by the family of his daughter, Ann (Mrs. Harold) Harbison. <p>Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Harold Bostick Harbison family</u></p>	

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- Harbison’s family moved often before settling in Graves in the late 1930s. He served in the Army in WW II, returning home to marry Ann Walker in 1948 ([engagement notice](#)).
- Harold operated the “recreation park” at Magnolia Lake; Ann taught high school English and French.
- The Harbisons lived at Magnolia Lake in 1950. In 1952, her parents moved from this house, and the Harbisons probably moved here at that time. They purchased the house in 1963, but moved to 94 College St in 1971.
- They remained at College St until 1988. Harold Harbison died in 1981; Ann died in 2003.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

71 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased in 1873 by Z T Phelps from the Crittenden family.
- Part of the 4.4-acre tract assigned to Mrs. Virginia V Jay in 1891 from the Z T Phelps estate.
- Then sold by Mrs. Jay in 1898 to a partnership of her husband, Wistar Jay, and J S Pratt.

2/27/1909

From W T Jay & Co. to James M Curry to W L Allen
Notes: 400’ N/S x 75’ E/W. Tax records say that the house on this lot was built in 1900, but the 1909 deed does not mention one. There was certainly a house here in 1910, when it was rented to T E Allen.
Source: Deed Book/LL/458, LL/459, LL/545, LL/546

1/27/1919

From W L Allen to Mrs. Bessie J Franklin
Notes: Known as the W L Allen place.
Source: Deed Book/OO/545, XX/75, Plat Book/4/119 (1972)

Later deeds: EE13/103-129

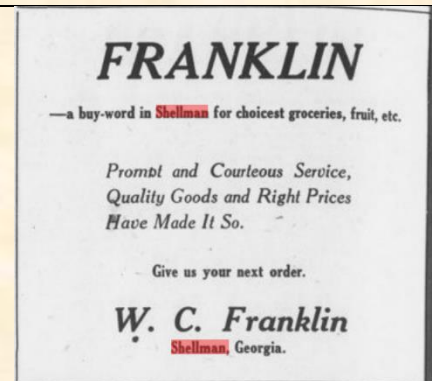
The Walter Lee Allen family

Information on the Allen family can be found at 160 W Phelps St.

The William Collier Franklin family

- Franklin was from Georgetown. He married Bessie Jordan in 1915 in Randolph County.
- The Franklins bought this house in 1919, and were apparently the first owners to occupy it. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1961, hers in 1976.
- The Franklins purchased the house next door as rental property; they owned it from 1943 until 1968.
- Franklin owned a grocery store. The advertisement at right was placed in the *Dawson News* in 1921. In 1940, he listed his profession as manager of a café.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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81 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased in 1873 by Z T Phelps from the Crittenden family.
- Part of the 4.4-acre tract assigned to Mrs. Virginia V Jay in 1891 from the Z T Phelps estate.
- Then sold by Mrs. Jay in 1898 to a partnership of her husband, Wistar Jay, and J S Pratt.

2/13/1913, 12/22/1913	From J S Pratt & W T Jay to T R Arthur to H Grady Bynum Notes: .69 acres (400' N/S x 75' E/W). Bounded east by the J A Riley lot. Known as the W T Jay and J S Pratt lot. No house is mentioned, but the price of \$1,500 indicates there was one. Tax records say the house was built in 1900. Jay & Pratt, who were partners in a contracting business, probably built the house and rented it prior to this sale. If so, Bynum was the first owner to occupy the house. Source: Deed Book/NN/324, NN/392, OO/145 (mortgage)
10/2/1919	From H G Bynum to Mrs. J E Lanier Notes: Known as the Jay and Pratt house and lot Source: Deed Book/PP/96
8/7/1943	From S W Noles to W C Franklin Notes: Source: Deed Book/ CC1/161
5/2/1968	From Mrs. W C (Bess) Franklin to Emory Lamb Notes: Known as the Franklin rental house Source: Deed Book/YY1/183
Later deeds: HH2/617, OO3/259, DD4/220, UU4/298-300, XX5/30, DD7/18	
<u>The Henry Grady Bynum, Sr. family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grady Bynum was born in Shellman, the son of John and Nannie Bynum. He grew up on the family farm. • Bynum married Cumi Weaver in 1913. • The Bynums lived here from 1913 to 1919. They moved to Georgetown by 1940. • Grady died in 1966; Cumi died in 1986. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Jessie Eugene Lanier family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessie Lanier was from Quitman. He married Vassie Mae Edwards in Randolph County in 1897. • Jessie was a farmer in Randolph County before the family moved to Shellman in 1919, where he became a policeman. Vassie was a seamstress. • The Laniers remained here until he died in 1935. She then moved to Graves where she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Cora Ferguson. She died in 1965. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The William Collier Franklin family</u> The Franklins used this as rental property; they lived next door at 71 W Phelps St. Refer there for information on the family.	

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91 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased in 1873 by Z T Phelps from the Crittenden family.
- Part of the 4.4-acre tract assigned to Mrs. Virginia V Jay in 1891 from the Z T Phelps estate.

12/26/1891	<p>From Mrs. V V Jay to E T Murphy Notes: 1 acre (105' E/W). Bounded on the north by lands of Crittenden, east by Mrs. Dean, west by Mrs. Jay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the easternmost lot obtained by Mrs. Jay from the Phelps estate. • Tax records say the house was built in 1895. Murphy obtained a mortgage in 1895, which stated that he lived on the lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/346, DD579-80 (mortgage)</p>
1/2/1908, 12/6/1916	<p>From Robert L Compton to Ruby, J A, and Addison G Riley to J G Sasser Notes: 1 acre (396' N/S x 110' E/W). Bounded east by Thompson St, north by lands of J L Thompson, west by Grady Bynum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rileys bought the house in 1908. • They sold it to Sasser in 1916. Mrs. Sasser's wife was a Riley, and the Riley family continued to live in the house as renters. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/279, OO/166, OO/134</p>
1/25/1963	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owned by Emmette Thompson, Sr (Deed not located). • From Thompson's widow, Mrs. Lannie D Thompson Thomas, to Mrs. Fannie Mason <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Thompsons probably bought this house shortly after 1920 when the Rileys moved; they were here for the 1930 census. • When sold in 1963, known as the R E Thompson house. <p>Source: Deed Book/TT1/97-8, Plat Book/4/119</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probably rented by the Gene Hancock family in 1950 link • Later deeds: II5/329 <p><u>The Robert Lee Compton family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Compton was from Terrell County. In 1896, he lost the lower half of an arm in an accident at a gin (link). He and Jennie Lay were married later that year. • For much of his life, Compton was a farmer living in Terrell County. From 1892-8, he owned the livery stables at 50 Randolph St. • Jennie Compton died in 1902. Bob may have moved here to W Phelps St at that time. Compton died in 1917. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>
	<p><u>The James Addison Riley family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley lived in Morgan in 1900; he was a widower and a farmer.



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- In 1905, Riley and his two children moved to Shellman, purchasing a house on W Railroad St. They sold that house, purchasing this house on W Phelps St in 1908.
- In 1910 and 1920, Riley was remarried and living here. He did not list a profession after moving to Shellman.
- The family moved to Clay Co., NC after 1920, where Riley died in 1924.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Robert Emmette Thompson family

- Emmette Thompson was the son of J S Thompson. He married Lannye Duncan around 1915.
- Emmette was a farmer.
- In 1920, they lived near Crittenden's Mill. By 1930, they lived in this house. After Emmette's death in 1946, Lannye remained here. She remarried and sold the house in 1963.

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#)

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107 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Tallulah C Dean, in 1891

7/1/1893	<p>From Mrs. Tallulah C Dean to Misses Mattie & Sophia Dannelly</p> <p>Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (396' N/S x 110' E/W). This deed granted a life interest, after which the property reverted to Mrs. Dean.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD/273-4</p>
12/18/1911, 8/22/1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Tallulah C Dean to her daughter, Mrs. Estelle Jones, & her children in 1911 • Zedie Mae (Mrs. George) Howard acquired sole ownership from the other heirs in 1946 <p>Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (396' N/S x 185' E/W). The Dannelly sisters apparently never exercised their right to live on this property, and even though they were still alive and living in Shellman, Mrs. Dean gave the lot to her daughter. Tax records say the house was built in 1920, but it was probably built soon after the Joneses acquired the lot in 1911.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/233, EE1/123, BB3/822 (mortgage)</p>
<p>Later deeds: BB10/160-76, Plat Book/10/227 (2007)</p>	
<p><u>The Wister Weldon Jones family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones grew up in Randolph County. In 1902, he married Estelle Daisy Dean, daughter of Mrs. T C Dean. The family lived for a time in Alabama, but returned to this lot in 1911. • In 1920, Jones was a policeman; in 1930, he was a buyer of cotton & peanut seeds. He died in 1936; Estelle Jones died in 1946 in the fire at Patterson Hospital in Cuthbert (link). • After the W W Jones family died, the house transferred to their descendants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Their daughter, Zedie Mae (Mrs. George) Howard, lived here with her family by 1940 until she died in 1961. Her husband remained here until his death in 1989. ○ Their son, Weldon Jones, lived elsewhere for a time, but returned to Shellman and lived here until his death in 1965. He operated a drugstore at 62 Randolph St by 1946. ○ The house then passed to their son, Larry Howard. <p>Ancestry.com link</p>	

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135 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Tallulah C Dean, in 1891
- This lot was divided into two lots in 1897, but reunited in 1951

2/10/1897	<p><u>East Parcel</u> From Mrs. T C Dean to her daughter, Birdie Mae (Mrs. Isaac A) Martin Notes: 1.5 acres (396' N/S x 165' E/W), no improvements. Bounded east by Mrs. A B Clark's lot. Source: Deed Book/GG/25</p>
12/18/1911, 9/12/1951	<p><u>West Parcel</u> From Mrs. T C Dean to daughter Pearl Dean. Then from her heir to Elmer S Martin. Notes: 1.5 acres (396' N/S x 166' E/W). This lot was never built upon. Pearl Dean married and moved away. When she died in 1951, the Martins bought her lot (link). Source: Deed Book/NN/234, HH1/534-5</p>
1/31/1990, 12/30/1990	<p><u>Combined Lot</u> From the heirs of Elmer Martin to Paul Langford to James & Martha Yeager Source: Deed Book/FF4/270-2 (Tracts #2 & #3), MM4/6-7 (Tracts #1 & #2), MM4/59-61 (Tracts #1 & #2)</p>

The Isaac Arthur Martin family

- I A Martin was the son of John and Martha Truitt Martin, and grew up on their farm in Randolph County. He married Birdie Dean in 1894.
- The Martins bought this lot from her mother in 1897, and built the house soon after ([link](#)). *The Dawson News* proclaimed this "the nicest residence in Shellman." They remained here until their deaths; his in 1936 and hers in 1970.
- I A Martin was involved in the Martin family businesses, especially with his brother, Charles W Martin ([link](#)).
- Birdie Martin was a noted gardener and active in the Shellman Garden Club ([link](#)).
- The house then passed to their unmarried son, Elmer, who kept it until his death in 1989.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families* [link](#)

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149 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the tract that passed from the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. E C Bridgeman, in 1890

3/24/1892	From Mrs. E C Bridgeman to her daughter, Mrs. Nettie V Clark Notes: Largely illegible. Source: Deed Book/CC/691
10/16/1899	From Mrs. Nettie V Clark to Mrs. Robert L (Sallie W) Cheney Notes: Lot fronting 110' on Phelps St, with house. Bounded west by lot of I A Martin; east by lot of W J Oliver (occupied by Dr. G L Clark in 1899). Source: Deed Book/GG/452
12/9/1919, 2/18/1922, 7/9/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Cheney mortgaged the property in 1919 and 1922 • From Mrs. Dixie Watson to Mrs. R L Cheney in 1945 Note: The 1945 deed expands the lot 46.5' eastward. Source: Deed Book/PP/181 (mortgage), QQ/131 (mortgage), EE1/6
8/24/1954, 1/2/1968, 12/8/1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Cheney's heirs to Mrs. Tinsley Short in 1954 • By descent to her son, Ed Short, in 1998. Source: Deed Book/KK1/381-2, XX1/260 (mortgage), SS6/295, UU6/324, Plat Book/6/68 (1984)
<u>The B T Clarke family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clark married Nettie Bridgeman, daughter of B E Bridgeman, in 1889. The elaborate ceremony at the First Baptist Church was covered in the <i>Macon Telegraph</i> (link). • The Clarks bought this lot from her mother in 1892, built a house, and sold it in 1899. • No further record of the family can be found. Ancestry.com link , link	
<u>The Robert Lee Cheney family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney was the son of W W Cheney; he grew up in Floyd County. • He became a pharmacist, and was living in Arkansas when his first wife died. He then joined his family in Shellman, where he married Mattie Arthur in 1890 (link). • They Cheney's moved here in 1899, and remained here until their deaths; his in 1929, and hers in 1952. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Tinsley Stewart Short family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tinsley Short was from Shellman, the son of Stewart and Jenny Short (See 3394 Pearl St). He married Frances Tarpley of Leesburg in 1938 (link). • The Shorts rented on Park Ave before buying this house on W Phelps St in 1954. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1969 and hers in 1998. 	



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- Short was proprietor of the pressing club in 1930, a farmer in 1940, and an office worker in 1950, Frances was a school teacher.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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173 W Phelps St



Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873

1/3/1891, 1/2/1892, 12/26/1892	From Z T Phelps to Wistar T Jay to H A Crittenden to Mrs. Martha J Hart Notes: 1 acre (209' square), adjoining lot of Mrs. M A Miller on the east. Jay purchased the lot for \$100 in 1891 and sold it for \$700 in 1892, suggesting he built a house. The house changed hands quickly, and perhaps was not occupied during this time. Source: Deed Book/GG/341, GG/342, GG/343
2/13/1893	From Mrs. Martha J Hart to Thomas A Wall Notes: Wall was likely the first owner to occupy the house. Source: Deed Book/GG/344
4/10/1897	From the estate of T A Wall to Dr. Gilbert L Clark Notes: Dr. Clark briefly owned the house before renting a house on Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/GG/345
10/12/1898, 1/7/1904, 9/25/1912	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Dr. Gilbert L Clark to W J Oliver in 1898 • From Oliver to his son, J Thad Oliver, in 1904 • From Thad Oliver to his wife in 1912 Notes: Source: Deed Book/GG/346, LL/196, MM/297, OO/393-4 (mortgage)
1/1/1921	From Mr. & Mrs. Thad Oliver to Thomas Eugene Allen, Jr. Notes: Remained in the Allen family until 1986. Source: Deed Book/PP/382, TT/169 (mortgage), WW/288, WW/324, QQ3/242-3, UU4/352, Plat Book/6/68 (1984)

The Thomas Anderson Wall family

- Wall was a Randolph County farmer; his farm was located near Brooksville. He bought this house in 1893 as a 73-year-old widower.
- He married his next-door neighbor, Mrs. M A Miller, in 1894. He left her a widow for the second time when he died later in 1894 ([bio sketch](#), [will](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Dr. Gilbert Lawrence Clark family

- Clark was from Smithville. He was the son of John W Clark (See 3109 Calhoun St). He married Frances Kilpatrick in Macon in 1880.
- In 1885, Clark moved back to Shellman from Smithville ([link](#)).
- Clark was a physician and businessman. He briefly owned the livery stables on Peoples St. He could also be described as a house trader. He briefly lived at 3091 Calhoun St; lived here on W



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Phelps St for a year; then bought the house at 220 W Phelps St; then rented a house on Pearl St. in 1900 and 1910.

- Around 1903, the Clarks moved to Atlanta for roughly four years before returning to Shellman. Around 1918, they moved there permanently. In Atlanta, he tied his hand as a mule trader again. He later returned to practicing medicine.
- He died in Atlanta in 1928 ([obituary](#)); his widow died in 1933 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Thaddeus Oliver family

- Thad Oliver was the son of W J Oliver. He grew up in Shellman, where he married Clyde Rogers of Coleman in 1899 ([link](#)).
- The Olivers lived in this house on Phelps St until 1918, when they moved to Atlanta.
- Oliver worked in the family businesses for a time. He worked in retail in 1900, and managed the Oliver oil mill in 1910. In Atlanta, Thad was an accountant for the YMCA.
- Clyde Oliver died of tuberculosis in Asheville, NC in 1926. Her illness probably explains their move from Shellman, and also the fact that the house seems to have been rented to R S Crittenden in 1914.
- Thad married Mildred Garwood in Atlanta in 1928. They lived in Shellman in 1930, but moved back to Atlanta, where Thad died in 1940 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Thomas Eugene Allen, Jr. family

- Allen was the son of T E Allen, Sr. He grew up on the family farm south of Shellman.
- Allen married Lila Dozier in 1908 ([link](#)). In 1910, they rented the house at 71 W Phelps St from his brother Walter.
- Allen was a retail merchant for a time. From around 1900 until 1911, he operated a store at 44 Arthur St, first as Allen & Spurlock, and later in partnership with his brother Walter. In 1920, Allen was farming south of Shellman.
- The family lived on the farm in 1920, but were here on Phelps St in 1930.
- Lila Allen died in 1938 ([obituary](#)). T E then married Mary Hodges in 1939. Mary Allen taught in the Shellman schools.
- T E died in 1970; Mary remained here for a time, perhaps moving around 1984. The family sold the house in 1986. Mary Allen died in Cuthbert in 2006.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)



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193 W Phelps St



Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873

12/27/1890	<p>From Z T Phelps to Mrs. M A Miller Notes: This deed is largely illegible, but Mrs. Miller (later Mrs. Wall) purchased this lot in this timeframe; by process of elimination, this deed probably records Mrs. Miller's purchase. Source: Deed Book/CC/521</p>
2/26/1900, 1/4/1901, 5/25/1914	<p>From M A Miller Wall to her son, Charles S Miller Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perfected an earlier conveyance of this 1-acre lot with house, bounded "north by land of Mrs. V V Jay, south by Phelps St, east by lot of Mrs. E W Plowden, and west by lot of W J Oliver." Source: Deed Book/FF/579 • Mrs. Wall repeated the conveyance along with 400 acres south of Shellman. Source: Deed Book/HH/102, NN/429 (mortgage), OO/467 (mortgage)
10/7/1919, 11/28/1921	<p>From Miller's estate to Mrs. R F Ivey to Mrs. J L Helm Notes: Bounded east by Plowden; west by lot of Thad Oliver (occupied by Robert M Crittenden in 1914, and J W Cumbie in 1919), north by Mrs. W T Jay. Source: Deed Book/QQ/96, QQ/96-7</p>
11/16/1944, 12/17/1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Maggie W Allen (formerly Mrs. J L Helm) to Mrs. Cleo Martin George in 1944 • By descent to Jane George McPherson in 1985 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Georges remained there until their deaths; his in 1965 and hers in 1983. <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/16-7, FF3/450-1, Plat Book/6/68</p>
<p><u>The Missouri A Miller (Wall) family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller was a widow who was appointed Shellman's postmistress in 1889 (link). She had been living in Cuthbert, so she needed a home closer to her work. • In 1894, she married her next-door neighbor, Thomas A Wall, who died later that year, leaving her financially secure. • In 1900, she lived in this house to with her son, Charles Miller. In 1901, she sold the house to her son and moved in with her sister, Mary (Mrs. R F) Ivey, who lived on Pearl St. • Charles Miller was a pharmacist. He died in 1919. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The John Laney Lewis Helm family</u> Information on the Helm family can be found at 158 E Railroad St.</p>	
<p><u>The Cleo Martin George family</u></p>	



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See 124 E Railroad St for information on the George family.

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211 W Phelps St



Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873.

10/6/1891	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J M Cobb (Deed not located) • From Cobb to W S Edwards <p>Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (209' square). Bounded on the east by J B Payne lot. Source: Deed Book/GG/540</p>
1/6/1894	<p>From W S Edwards to Tommie Whaley, who married E W Plowden later that year.</p> <p>Notes: 1 acre (209' square), now with house. Bounded on the east by J B Payne lot. Edwards built the house and sold it within two years. Source: Deed Book/GG/541</p>
1/5/1920, 10/26/19658/3/1967	<p>From the heirs of Tommie Plowden to E W Plowden. Then to Plowden's descendants.</p> <p>Notes: Mr. Plowden buys the children's interest in the property. Bounded east by vacant lot of R M Bower; west by lot formerly owned by Mrs. M A Wall. Source: Deed Book/PP/191, VV1/384, XX1/369</p>
8/4/1967, 2/14/1968	<p>From Willis Plowden Parkins to T Harrison Crump to L E Bridges</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/XX1/369, XX1/373 (mortgage), YY1/81, YY1/83 (mortgage) YY1/378, KK2/690, FF3/422</p>

The William S Edwards family

It appears that Edwards built this house, but may not have lived here. For more information on Edwards, see 103 W Railroad St.

The Edgar Willis Plowden family

- E W Plowden was from Calhoun County. He married Tommie Wall Whaley in 1894. She bought this house shortly before the wedding. Her grandfather, Thomas A Wall, lived two houses to the west at 173 W Phelps St.
- Tommie Plowden died in 1901. Mr Plowden then married Gussie Holt.
- E W Plowden was a farmer.
- The family was still in the house when Mr. Plowden died in 1929 ([obituary](#)). Gussie Plowden remained in the house:
 - In 1930, the Glen Sears family was also renting here
 - In 1940, the family of her husband's widowed brother-in-law, Marjorie Whaley, was with her
 - In 1950, she lived alone.



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- Gussie Plowden died in 1965. Her step-grandson, Willis Plowden Parkins, occupied the house before selling it in 1967,

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the 1-acre lot sold by Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. J B Payne, in 1890 (See 227 W Phelps St)
- The original 1-acre lot was split into three lots on W Phelps St: #219, #227, and #239.

<p>1/15/1914, 4/3/1914, 2/3/1917</p>	<p>From Mrs. J B Payne to J A White to G M Sears to R M Bower Notes: Vacant lot, (210' N/S x 70' E/W). Bounded west by E W Plowden; east by Mrs. J B Payne.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1914, Mrs. Payne splits off the western third of her lot. • Subsequent deeds trade the vacant lot. • The date of the house is uncertain. A deed for an adjacent lot reveals that it was still vacant in 1926. It may have been built shortly after 1930 for the G M Sears family. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/403, MM/435, OO/231-2</p>
<p>Reacquired by G M Sears (Deed not located) Notes: Sears was renting next door in 1930, but apparently built a house shortly afterwards. They lived here in 1940.</p>	
<p>10/25/1945, 11/18/1947, 12/21/1948</p>	<p>From G M Sears to A B Branan to O H Jordan to his daughter, Marjorie J Gilder Notes: Source: Deed Book/DD1/275, EE1/492, FF1/445</p>
<p>8/26/1958</p>	<p>From Marjorie J Gilder to Mrs. Bruce Bynum, Sr. Notes: Mrs. Bynum lived in the house until she died in 1974. Source: Deed Book/OO1/500, II2/702, II2/749-50</p>
<p>Later deeds: DD4/223-6, FF1/445, UU8/83, Plat Book 11/82</p>	
<p><u>The Glenn Morse Sears family</u> For information on the Sears family, see 60 Park St.</p>	
<p><u>The James Harris Gilder family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Gilder was the son of William Gilder; he grew up on the family farm in Randolph County. He married Marjorie Jordan in the early 1930s. • Gilder was a farmer. • Her father bought this house in 1947 and gave it to her in 1948. In 1958, the Gilders sold the house and moved to Plant City, FL. He died in Bradenton in 1961 (obituary). Marjorie remarried and died in 2003 (obituary). <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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227 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- The original 1-acre lot was split into three lots on W Phelps St: #219, #227, and #239.

9/5/1890	<p>From Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. J B Payne</p> <p>Notes: 1 acre (392' west of Pearl St, 210' square), no improvements. This lot is surrounded by Phelps's land; it is the first lot sold he sold for development in this immediate area.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/330</p>
12/31/1926, 6/18/1974	<p>From the heirs of Mrs. Payne to Mrs. Roselle C Martin</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deed reveals that the Paynes lived in the house at the time of her death, and have since rented the house to David Burress. They also reveal that the adjacent Bower lot is vacant. • Mrs. Martin was a widow with a son. They moved here, as did her parents, the Robert M Crittenden family, who were living just down W Phelps St. • The Crittendens moved to Pearl St by 1950; this house was rented in 1950. • Mrs. Martin sold the house in 1974, shortly before her death. The deed identified this as her home; however, she had not lived in it for much of the time she owned it. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/386, BB1/568 (mortgage), I12/272</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house had many owners after 1974. It deteriorated and was demolished around 2020 due to poor condition. • Later deeds: PP2/648, VV2/81, ZZ2/83-4, HH3/236, FF4/322-3, MM4/188, Plat Book 11/82 (2009) 	
<p><u>The Joseph B Payne family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payne grew up on a farm near the Dover community. He moved to Shellman in 1873, where he married Nancy Ella Phelps, daughter of Z T Phelps, in 1874 (link). • The Paynes initially lived on Payne St, probably building a house there around the time of their wedding. They moved to this lot on Phelps St, likely building a house here in 1880 when they sold their old house to John A Payne. They remained here until Nancy Payne died in 1925 (obituary). J B Payne then moved in with his daughter, Mittie (Mrs. Robert) Wall in Dawson. • Payne's health soon declined; he died in 1937 while a resident of Milledgeville State Hospital (obituary, link). • Payne was a major figure in the commercial development of Shellman: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He owned a tract in the Randolph St/Church St area, which at different times, contained a wagon yard, and a gin (link). Lots sold from this tract became the sites of several businesses. 	



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- He also owned a warehouse and store north of the railroad. The store was operated in partnership with John Ward for a time, and then by Payne alone ([link](#)).
- He was a major promoter of the peach industry and opened a crate and canning plant in 1899 ([link](#)).
- Payne was a founder of the First Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Robert McCarter Crittenden family

- Crittenden was born in Sumter County. He was the son of O A Crittenden and brother of B F Crittenden. He married Mary Coxwell in Randolph County in 1891.
- In 1900, the Crittendens owned a house on E Railroad St.
- In 1910 and 1920, they owned a house on W Phelps St, which appears to be #193, but no deeds [link](#). In 1926, their daughter, Roselle C Martin, purchased the house at 227 W Phelps St; they moved in with her.
- In 1930 and 1940, they occupied this house. In 1950, they lived on Pearl St.
- They died shortly after moving to Pearl St; she in 1951 and he in 1956.
- Crittenden worked in the family businesses; first as a salesman at the furniture store, then as foreman and then manager of the fertilizer plant.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Roselle Crittenden Martin family

- Roselle was born in Shellman, the daughter of R M Crittenden. In 1913, she married George Bertram Martin of Dawson in 1913 ([link](#)).
- The Martins lived in Dawson; he died in 1920. Roselle and her son moved back to this house with her parents, and was here in 1930.
- After she was widowed, Roselle became a teacher. She taught in Shellman through the early 1940s; in 1950, she was teaching in Jacksonville.
- Roselle sold the house in 1974, shortly before she died in 1976. The deed identified it as her home.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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239 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Zebulon T Phelps from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the 1-acre lot sold by Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. J B Payne, in 1890 (See 227 W Phelps St)
- Later divided into three lots of one-third acre each: #219, #227, and #239.

1/14/1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Mrs. V V (Jennie) Jay (Deed not located) • From Mrs. V V Jay to Mrs. Mattie May Weathers in 1930 <p>Notes: 200' N/S x 72' E/W. This is the eastern third of Mrs. Payne's lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was likely a house on this lot by 1910, rented to the W H Wells family (See 3518 Pearl St). • By 1917, the house was rented to the James M Wooten family, whose house at 7 E Ward St had burned. The Wootens remained here until 1922, when they completed their new house on Ward St. • In 1930, the Weathers family lived here. Mrs. Weathers and her daughter, Sadie Sutton, moved to 172 W Phelps St in 1936/7. Dr. Weathers died in 1938. • By 1947, the house had passed to two daughters, Jessie Weathers Turner & Gladye Weathers Mallard. • The house was rented during much of this time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Briefly to the Jim Curry family ○ From circa 1950-1969 to the J E Nix family. • Later Mrs. Mallard lived in the house; the date of her moving in is unknown, but she lived here at the time she sold it in 1976. <p>Source: Deed Book/UU/118, UU/118 (mortgage), EE1/337 (mortgage)</p>
1/9/1976, 5/23/1996	<p>From Gladye Weathers Mallard to Shannon Curry to W R Curry, III, & Ken Oliver</p> <p>Notes: 200' N/S x 72' E/W. Known as the residence of Gladye Weathers Mallard in 1976.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX5/247, Plat Book/5/98 (1979)</p>
<p><u>Dr. Andrew Fletcher Weathers, Sr. family</u></p> <p>The Weathers moved here from Albany, having lived at 33 Park St before that. Refer to 3299 Pearl St for information on the family.</p>	
<p><u>The Emmitt Earle Mallard and Gladys Lela (Gladye) Weathers family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earle was born in Savannah. He and Gladys Lela (Gladye) Weathers were married in Florida in 1926 (link); they divorced in 1934 (link). • Earle married twice more; he died in Nashville in 1947 (link). • Gladye was the daughter of Dr. A F Weathers, Sr. (See 3299 Pearl St). After the divorce, she and Earle, Jr. moved to Baconton, Georgia where Gladye was a teacher. Her father died in 1938, and her mother came to live them. Gladye and Earle moved to Jacksonville by 1945. • Earle, Jr. was decorated in the Korean War as a result of a harrowing escape from a Chinese attack (link). 	



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- Gladye moved back to Shellman at an unknown date; she lived in this house until 1976. She then moved to Monroe, Georgia where her son lived. She died there in 1977 ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com; Earle [link](#); Gladye [link](#)

The James Elmer Nix family

- Jim Nix was from Baker County. After serving in WW II, he completed his degree at UGA and moved to Shellman. He and Elizabeth Gordon of Grayson, Georgia were married in 1948 ([link](#)).
- Both were teachers at Shellman High School; he taught agriculture and she taught home economics. In 1958, he was appointed principal, while still teaching agriculture ([link](#)).
- In 1963, Shellman High School was consolidated with Cuthbert High School to form Randolph County High School, located in the old Cuthbert High complex; Nix taught agriculture in the new school. In 1964, he became superintendent of Randolph County Schools.
- The family lived here on W Phelps St in 1950, remaining here until they moved to Grayson in 1969. Nix was director of maintenance and custodial services for Gwinnett County schools ([link](#)) until 1978. He also was a farmer.
- He died in Grayson in 2000 ([obituary](#)); she died there in 2006 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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W Phelps St (South Side)

John A Payne Tract, W Phelps St

9/2/1884	From Z T Phelps to J A Payne Notes: 8.5-acre tract (410' N/S x 900' E/W). This extended Payne's lot north to W Phelps St and then for 1218' westward along W Phelps St. Source: Deed Book/AA/465
1/29/1887, 9/7/1891	From the estate of J A Payne to the estate of G W Oliver. Notes: 4.5-acre tract. Payne sold the tract to Oliver in 1887 subject to a mortgage. Both were deceased by 1891, when the transaction was completed by their estates. Source: Deed Book/EE/467
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• John A Payne purchased the house and lot of his brother, Joseph B Payne, when he moved to Shellman in 1880 (See 81 Park Ave).• In 1884, Payne assembled a tract that would later be subdivided for houses and commercial property.• When Payne sold 4.5 acres to Oliver in 1887, that land became part of the tract that Mattie Oliver subdivided for homes along the south side of W Phelps St and Park St.• Payne retained four of the 8.5 acres he purchased in 1884. This land was sold for lots along the south side of W Phelps St, Park Ave, and Payne Ave.	

Mattie Oliver Tract, W Phelps St

1/29/1887, 9/7/1891	From the estate of J A Payne to the estate of G W Oliver. Notes: 4.5-acre tract. Payne sold the tract to Oliver in 1887 subject to a mortgage. Both were deceased by 1891, when the transaction was completed by their estates. Source: Deed Book/EE/467
8/26/1896	From the estate of Z T Phelps to his daughter, Mrs. Mattie J Oliver Notes: 1221' frontage, from lands already owned by Mrs. Oliver (on the east) westward to the Worthy lot Source: Deed Book/EE/592
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mattie Oliver was a widow when she acquired a tract that included most of the south side of W Phelps St. She sold lots along the south side of W Phelps St and Park St.• In addition, she sold a tract to the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See below).	



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Sheffield Tract, W Phelps St

12/18/1907	<p>From Mrs. M J Oliver and Mrs. Ida J Powell to Sam Sheffield Notes: 7.75-acre tract. Sheffield purchased 801' of frontage on the south side of W Phelps St. Oliver and Powell had originally obtained 1,221' of frontage from the Z T Phelps estate; they divided and sold the 420' on the east and sold the remaining 801' to Sheffield. Source: Deed Book/LL/276</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheffield subdivided the land on the south side of W Phelps St into eight lots--from 22 W Phelps St eastward to and including 88 Phelps St, on which he built houses, Some were sold immediately, other were kept for rental property.• Sheffield also subdivided the southernmost strip into eight lots, all facing on a new alley he created. Originally called Sheffield Alley, it is now known as Short St. These extend from 36 Short St on the west to 135 Short St on the east.• Sheffield also acquired a one-acre lot on W Ward St on which the Sheffield Brothers Lumber Yard was located.	



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12 W Phelps St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873. The original lot was two acres. It was divided into three lots: 12 W Phelps St, 52 Dean St, and 40 Dean St. 	
12/11/1880	<p>From Z T Phelps to William N Brown Notes: 2 acres (417' N/S x 209' E/W). Bounded south by J B Payne, north by Z T Phelps. No improvements mentioned. Source: Deed Book/AA/91</p>
10/22/1884	<p>From William N Brown to Martha A Worthy Notes: 2 acres (417' N/S x 209' E/W). Bounded east by Payne, north by Z T Phelps. No improvements mentioned, but the increase in price from 1880 (\$80) to 1884 (\$250) suggests one has been built. Source: Deed Book/AA/322</p>
10/8/1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by W R Curry (Deed not located) From W R Curry to O Z Dean, Sr. in 1903 <p>Notes: Two acres. Bounded on the north by Phelps St, on the west by public road, on the east by lands or town lots of Mrs. M J Oliver, and south by town lots of C M Cheney. Known as the Worthy lot. Source: Deed Book/JJ/38</p>
1/17/1918, 11/15/1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From O Z Dean, Sr. to O Z Dean, Jr. in 1918 Dean conveyed the lot to his wife in 1931 <p>Notes: 150' N/S x 210' E/W. This is the northern third of the original lot. The 1926 mortgage confirms that there is a house on the lot, known as the Worthy place. It is gone by 1931. Source: Deed Book/PP/378, SS/137 (mortgage), SS/439 (mortgage), ZZ/218, UU/347-8, VV/534</p>
9/26/1947	<p>From the Deans to Obe Roby Notes: The price suggests there is no house. Source: Deed Book/EE1/431</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Later deeds: KK1/421, OO1/445 (Tract #2), TT9/264 (Tract #2) It is likely that there was a house on the two-acre Worthy lot by 1884. Later deeds suggest the house was on this lot at 12 W Phelps St. The house was likely lost by 1930. It was definitely gone by 1931 (Source: Deed Book/UU/347). 	

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22 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

1/2/1917	The Sheffield Brothers (Sam and M C) obtain a mortgage on their holdings Notes: .56 acres (305' N/S x 80' E/W), with rental house occupied by C C Hall or O Z Dean, Jr. Source: Deed Book/OO/158
10/29/1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sam Sheffield to W J Paul in 1926 • By descent to Wilma Paul Bethea in 1949 Notes: Source: Deed Book/SS/273
6/15/1971	From Wilma Paul Bethea to Richard Conyers Smith Notes: Source: Deed Book/CC2/517-8

Later deeds: MM6/8

The William James Paul family

- Jim Paul was born in Randolph County in 1864, one year before his father died in the Civil War. He married Ella Radney in 1888.
- The Pauls lived on their farm near Goff's Mill until moving to Shellman in 1926. The Pauls bought this house on W Phelps St, near his brother, W H Paul (See 56 W Phelps St).
- By 1930, Paul was retired. They remained in this house until their deaths; his in 1939, and hers in 1949 ([obituary](#)).
- In 1950, the family of the Paul's daughter, Wilma (Mrs. James T) Bethea lived here (See Bethea family below, [link](#)). The Betheas soon moved to Pearl St, but Wilma kept this house until 1971.

Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Edward Bethea family

- James Bethea grew up near Fountain Bridge, the son of Jesse and Minnie Bethea. He married Wilma Paul Coleman in the late 1940s.
- The Betheas lived in the house of her parents at 22 W Phelps St in 1950. In 1952, they built a new house at 3617 Pearl St.
- James Bethea was a successful businessman operating the old Shellman Gin Co. (See 200 Buford St) as well as a Massey Ferguson farm equipment dealership (See 254 Buford St). He was also a generous supporter of the First Baptist Church; the Bethea Building is named for him.
- The Betheas lived on Pearl St until their deaths; his in 1991 ([obituary](#)), and hers in 1995 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#) , [link](#)

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30 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

1/2/1917	<p>The Sheffield Brothers (Sam and M C) obtain a mortgage on their holdings in 1917 Notes: .56 acres (305' N/S x 80' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1917 mortgage reveals that there is a rental house on this lot that is occupied by either O Z Dean, Jr. or C C Hall. • Tax records say the house was built in 1910. <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/158 (mortgage)</p>
11/6/1944, 5/28/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. E L Ward & Mrs. R B Plunkett (heirs of Sam Sheffield) to J E Smith in 1944 • From J E Smith to his son, George C Smith, in 1949 <p>Notes: Bounded east by the Mark Sheffield lot now occupied by Mrs. Whaley; south by Jackson St; west by Jim Paul.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J E Smith purchased the property in 1944 while occupied by S S Arthur. • J E Smith sold the property to his son, George C Smith, in 1949. The occupant is not identified, but the Smith family occupied the house in 1950, making the Smiths the first owner known to occupy the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/22, DD1/120, (mortgage), DD1/297 (mortgage), FF1/501</p>
11/1/1952, 5/1/1954	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From George C Smith to L L Rudd in 1952 • From Rudd to Richard Conyers Smith in 1954 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/II1/528-9, KK1/230-2</p>
4/15/1994	<p>From Smith's widow, Ethel Kisor Smith, to Larry & Donna Taylor</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/JJ5/8</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house appears to have been rented until 1944 or later. • No details of this house are available after 1950 until a sale in
	<p><u>The Joseph Edward Smith family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith was from Calhoun County. He married Tommie Hilton in Randolph County in 1921. In 1940, he was renting a farm near Brooksville. • When Smith bought this house in 1944, it was rented, and apparently had been rental property since it was built. The Smiths were living in the house in 1950, but sold it in 1952. <p>Ancestry.com family tree link</p>
	<p><u>The Richard Conyers Smith family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith grew up on a farm in Webster County. After serving in the Navy in WW II, he returned to Webster County, where he married Ethel Kisor in 1947.



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- In 1950, the family lived on a farm in Stewart County; in 1952, they moved to this house.
- Smith died in 1978; his widow kept the property until 1994.

Ancestry.com family tree [link](#)

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38 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

3/31/1909	<p>From Sam Sheffield to his brother, M C Sheffield Notes: .77 acres (302.5' N/S x 112.5' E/W), the price of \$2,000 indicates there is a house on the lot. The NW corner of this lot is the NE corner of "a lot owned by S Sheffield", presumably 30 W Phelps St. Source: Deed Book/NN/99</p>
1/2/1917	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sheffield Brothers (Sam and M C) obtain a mortgage on their holdings in 1917 • From M C Sheffield's estate to Sam Sheffield (Deed not located) <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1917 deed refers to this lot as the Mark Sheffield lot. • Mark Sheffield died in 1926. By 1930, his widow had moved to Macon. Sam Sheffield purchased this house at the administrator's sale and rented it to the R R Whaley family. <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/158,</p>
9/17/1938, 12/26/1941, 2/10/1966	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sam Sheffield to the First National Bank of Shellman in 1938. • From the bank to R R Whaley, Jr., in 1941 • By descent to his widow, Blanche Hasty Whaley, in 1966 • Sold by Mrs. Whaley in 1976 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/ZZ/138, BB1/385-6, BB1/386 (mortgage), WW1/143</p>
<p>Later deeds: LL2/457, DD3/348, DD3/358, PP4/350</p>	
<p><u>The Mark Callaway Sheffield family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Sheffield was born in Paulding County; he married Nancy Carlton in Paulding County in 1878. • The family moved to Shellman between 1900 and 1910. In Shellman, Mark and his much younger half-brother, Sam Sheffield, formed a partnership, Sheffield Brothers, around 1907. In 1910, they were housing contractors; in 1920, they operated a lumber mill on W Railroad St. In 1925, Sam Sheffield acquired the holdings of the partnership. • When Mark died in 1926, his widow Nancy moved to Macon, where she lived with her four daughters. She died there in 1944. <p>Source: Ancestry.com family tree link</p>	
<p><u>The Roy Rudolph Whaley family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Rudolph Whaley was the son of Robert Roy Whaley. Both were known as Roy, and referred to as "Roy Sr." and Roy Jr." to avoid confusion. 	



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- Roy Whaley Sr. was a logger who rented this house after Mark Sheffield died in 1926. Source: 1930 census [link](#)
- Roy, Jr. married Blanche Hasty in the late 1930s.
- In 1940, Roy Whaley, Jr. and his young family rented the house; his widowed mother and her younger children had moved into the Plowden house on Phelps St. His mother moved back to this house in the 1940s, and lived here until her death
- Whaley was a farmer.
- The Whaleys lived here for many years. He died in 1964; she remained here for many years afterward, dying in 1995.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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48 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

<p>1/3/1913, 12/7/1937</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Sheffield Brothers to J T Johns in 1913 • From Johns' estate to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation in 1937. <p>Notes: 90' N/S x 200' E/W. The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the J H Paul lot. Bounded west by Mark Sheffield (in 1913)/Sam Sheffield (in 1937). Source: Deed Book/XX/72, XX/101-2, XX/103-4 (mortgage), YY/469</p>
<p>11/23/1942</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Home Owners' Loan Corporation to Mrs. W T Johnson in 1942. • Mrs. Johnson (now Mrs. Alton Branan) sold the property in 1992. <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/CC1/16-7, TT4/282-3, 1950 census link</p>
<p><u>The James Thomas Johns family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Johns grew up in Randolph County. He married Clyde Paul in 1910. • The family moved to Shellman by 1917. They rented the house until 1935, then purchased it. Clyde's father, J H Paul, bought the house next door in 1919. • Johns operated a blacksmith shop in Shellman in 1920; in 1930, he was a carpenter. • Johns died in 1935, only five months after purchasing the house. The bank foreclosed on the house in 1937. • After her husband's death, Clyde Johns moved to rural Randolph County. By 1940, she lived at Patterson Hospital in Cuthbert, where she was a matron at the nurses' residence. She later remarried, and died in 1968. <p>Ancestry.com family tree link</p>	
<p><u>The Walter T Johnson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnson was born in Preston, later living in Sumter County. He seems to have been married there, but by 1950 he was married to the former Louise Commander (23 years his junior). • The family moved to this house in 1942. The last record of Johnson was the 1950 census, when he was retired and living here. Louise was operating a beauty parlor in 1950. • Louise later married Mr. Sealy and then Alton Branan. She retained ownership of the house until 1992, and may have lived here at times, but not the entire time. According to the <i>Driving Tour</i> (2015), her brother, W B Commander, raised his family here. <p>Ancestry.com link, link, link</p>	

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56 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

1/2/1917	The Sheffield Brothers (Sam and M C) obtain a mortgage on their holdings Notes: .48 acres (305' N/S), with rental house occupied by John Chambless. Source: Deed Book/OO/158
12/5/1919	From Sheffield Brothers to J H Paul Notes: 299' N/S x 83.5' E/W. The NW corner of Mrs. Merritt's lot is the NE corner of this lot. House was occupied by John Chambless for several years, but recently has been vacant. Source: Deed Book/PP/154
11/12/1941	From Mrs. Leila S Paul and family to Therrell Stevens Source: Deed Book/BB1/366
10/3/1944	From Therrell Stevens to C V Jones Notes: Source: Deed Book/CC1/526-7, EE1/563 (mortgage)
3/2/1948	From C V Jones to Wilbur F Smith Notes: Smith did not live here for long; by 1950, he was renting 3468 Pearl St. Source: Deed Book/GG1/517-8
9/15/1951	From G E Robinett to W Carlos Culbreth Notes: Source: Deed Book/HH1/549, HH1/549 (mortgage), II1/110 (quitclaim)
3/12/1953	From Carlos Culbreth to A J Gill Notes: Source: Deed Book/JJ1/161, FF2/577 (mortgage)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later deeds: GG2/78-9, JJ2/671, HH3/111 • Tax records say the present house was built in 1947. Based on appearance, it may be an older house that was renovated.
	<p><u>The John Henry Paul family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul was born in Stewart County in 1855, nine years before his father died in the Civil War. He married Bethany Temples in 1878, who died in 1924. He remarried in 1932; his second wife was Mrs. Leola Spier LeSeur. • The family lived on a farm near Goff's Mill in Randolph County before buying this house in 1919. He continued to farm for a time, but had retired by 1930. • Paul died in 1939 (obituary); the family sold the house in 1941. <p>Ancestry.com link</p>
	<u>The Clarence Verdell Jones family</u>



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- Clarence Jones was from Fayette County. He and Ollie Walker were married in 1923.
- Clarence served in the Army in WW I, and in 1920 was employed at Ft Dix, NJ. In 1930, the family was in Shellman, where he was a carpenter in the construction industry. Around 1934, he returned to Philadelphia.
- The family later returned to Shellman, and owned this house on W Phelps St from 1944-1948. In 1950, the family lived on College St.
- He died in 1957 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Wilbur F Smith family

Information on the Smith family can be found at 3468 Pearl St.

The Ambrose Julian Gill family

- Julian "Possum" Gill was from Butler. After serving in the Medical Corps in the Pacific Theater of WW II, he settled in Shellman. He and Helen Williams were married in Cordele in 1948 ([link](#)).
- Julian was as a pharmacist, as his father had been. His Rexall pharmacy was located at 278 Buford St. Helen Gill was a high school teacher.
- Gill organized and Shellman's Little League baseball team in 1952 ([link](#)) and coached for several years.
- Helen Gill died in 1967; Julian died in 1973.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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66 W Phelps St

- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

11/25/1910	From Sheffield Brothers to Mrs. Ada A Merritt Notes: .6 acres (305' N/S x 84.3' E/W), with house. The NW corner of Mrs. Hays' lot is the NE corner of this lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/113
4/3/1923, 5/4/1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mrs. Merritt to W R Curry • From W R Curry to his mother, Mrs. H B Curry Notes: Known as the Ada Merritt place. Source: Deed Book/QQ/479, QQ/503
1/1/1933	From the heirs of Mrs. H B Curry to Miss Mattie Murdock, her live-in companion Notes: Lot with house; known as the Hester B Curry home. Source: Deed Book/VV/284
11/17/1944	From Mrs. Ida Hatcher, the heir of Mattie Murdock, to W C Franklin Notes: There does not appear to be a house on this lot. Possibly the house was destroyed by fire. Franklin lived at 71 W Phelps St and also owned 81 W Phelps St. Source: Deed Book/DD1/201
4/24/1958	From W C Franklin to James Earle Edwards Notes: There does not appear to be a house on this lot; tax records say the current house was built in 1958. Source: Deed Book/OO1/384-5, KK7/141

Ada Jordan (Mrs. Jesse) Merritt

- The Merritts lived on a farm in Randolph County until Jesse died in 1909. Ada purchased this house shortly afterwards.
- By 1919, Ada had moved to Columbus.

Ancestry.com [link](#)

Mrs. William Scott (Hester Martin) Curry

- Hester was the daughter of John and Martha Martin; she grew up on their farm in the fourth district of Randolph County.
- She married William Scott Curry, and they also farmed in Randolph County. He died in 1904.
- Hester moved to Shellman by 1920, when she lived with her son, W R Curry. In 1923, she bought this house, and remained here until her death in 1932.

Ancestry.com [link](#)

Miss Mattie Murdock

- Mattie was from Springvale. She was unmarried; her occupation was live-in housekeeper and companion.
- In 1910, she was employed by a family in Eufaula. In 1920, she was employed by the W R Terry family on E Railroad St. She then became Hester Curry's companion living here.
- When Hester Curry died in 1932, Mattie (who was 71) bought this house and retired. She remained here until her death in 1935.
- The house apparently was destroyed by fire between 1935 and 1944.

Ancestry.com [link](#)

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76 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.

11/13/1908, 11/2/1909	From Sam Sheffield to Lydia C Hays Notes: 1 acre lot (312.5' N/S x 144' E/W), with house. Begins at the NW corner of Mrs. W R Helm's lot. Source: Deed Book/KK/321 (mortgage), KK/561
3/10/1915, 3/12/1915	From the heirs of Lydia C Hays to their sister, Mrs. Ida Hays George. Notes: 1 acre lot (312.5' N/S x 144' E/W), with house. Begins at the NW corner of Mrs. W R Helm's lot. When Mrs. Hays died in 1914, the heirs sold their interests to their sister, Ida. Source: Deed Book/NN/480, NN/481, QQ/411, QQ/412, QQ/413
4/2/1955, 4/8/1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Mrs. Ida George to R A & Berta Akin in 1955 • From the Akin family to Frank & Myrtle Akin in 1970 Notes: Source: Deed Book/LL1/144, LL1/136 (mortgage), AA2/339-40
1/26/1972, 7/31/1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Frank & Myrtle Akin to Melvin Peavy in 1970 • From Melvin Peavy to Roger Daniels in 1972 Notes: Source: Deed Book/EE2/31-2, FF2/1
Later deeds: SS9/543	
<u>Mrs. Elijah A (Lydia Lanier) Hays</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lydia was from Randolph County. She married Elijah Hays in 1866, shortly after he returned from the Civil War. • The Hays farmed in Randolph County until buying this house in 1909. Elijah retired at that time, and died in 1910. Lydia remained here until she died in 1914. Source: Ancestry.com link	
<u>The Cyrus B George family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyrus was from Baker County. His first wife died in 1901; he married Ida Hays in 1904. • The family lived in Shellman for a time, renting on Calhoun St in 1910. However, they moved back to their farm south of Shellman after a few years, where Cyrus died in 1921 (link). • Ida purchased this house in 1915 from her siblings after the death of their mother, Lydia Hays. • Ida moved here after 1920, and likely in 1921 when she became a widow. She remained here until she died in 1955. Her sister-in-law, Gertie Dyer Hays, and her son, Logan Hays, moved here in 1924 (link), and remained here in 1930 and 1940. Ida lived alone in 1950. Source: Censuses 1930 link; 1940 link; 1950 link Source: Ancestry.com link	

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88 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of the 5.6-acre tract sold to Sam Sheffield in 1907.
- The image at left is circa 1984.

8/8/1908, 2/10/1909	From Sam Sheffield to Mrs. W R (Allie Lou) Helm Notes: ¾ acre (315' N/S x 105' E/W), no improvements. Bounded east by lot of D E Pace. The house was soon built; the Helms lived there in 1910. Source: Deed Book/KK/245, LL/502, 1910 census link
1/7/1922	From Mrs. A S Calhoun (formerly Mrs. W R Helm) to Ed Joiner Notes: Source: Deed Book/QQ/92, QQ/92 (mortgage)
3/22/2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Robert H & Elizabeth J Mason (Deed not located; perhaps 1984.) • Sold by the Masons to Olin Clinton & Olin Cobb Johnson in 2000 Notes: Source: Deed Book/CC7/135-145, Plat Book/6/46 (1984)

The William Ruffin Helm family

- Helm was the son of Noah Helm, growing up on the family farm before moving to 244 E Railroad St in 1885.
- He married Allie Hays in 1897. They initially lived on a farm in Randolph County, but moved to this house in 1908. They moved back to the farm by 1920. This house may have been vacant for a time.
- Helm was a farmer. From 1904-1913, he was also a retail merchant in partnership with his brother, J L Helm. They opened a store at 60 Randolph St in 1904, which operated as a general merchandise store and grocery store. Helm moved to Shellman in 1908, shortly before his father died.
- Helm sold his share of the store to his brother in 1913. He returned to farming, also in partnership with his brother. He apparently moved back to the farm, eventually selling this house in 1922.
- Allie Helm died in 1930. By 1940, W R Helm was in ill health and a resident of the State Hospital in Midway. He died there in 1948 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Ed (aka Edd) Joiner

- In 1920, Joiner was living with his parents on their farm south of Shellman.
- In 1922, he married Leila Mae Lawhorn ([link](#)) and purchased this house.
- Joiner was a rural mail carrier by 1920 through at least 1940. In 1950, he managed an electrical and radio repair shop.
- The Joiners remained in this house through at least 1950. He died in 1957, and she in 1972.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

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106 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- The current lot was sold as two separate lots by Mrs. Oliver, but recombined in 1907.

10/17/1901	<p><u>East Half</u> From Mrs. M J Oliver to Mrs. D E Pace Notes: ½ acre (404' N/S x 105' E/W). Bounded on the east by Lot #7 and the colored cemetery, on the south by Mrs. Demonia Williams, and west by Lot #9. Lot #8 of Mrs. Oliver's Property. Source: Deed Book/JJ/182</p>
10/25/1907, 12/20/1907	<p><u>West Half</u> From Mrs. M J Oliver to Mrs. Belle Curry to Mrs. D E Pace Notes: 1 acre (420' N/S x 105' E/W) without house. Bounded on the east by the lot of D E Pace and on the south by lands of Bill Paschal. The house was soon built; the Paces lived here in 1910. Lot #9 of Mrs. Oliver's Property. Source: Deed Book/LL/235, LL/568, 1910 census link</p>
4/6/1946	<p><u>Combined Lot</u> From Mrs. D E (Essie) Pace to W T and Jessie Burke Notes: 420' N/S x 210' E/W. Bounded east by Mrs. Bessie Stewart; west by Ed Joiner. No house is mentioned in the deed, and the price of \$600 suggests the lot is vacant. The current house on this lot was built in 1948. Source: Deed Book/DD1/448, Plat Book/6/46 (1984)</p>
3/14/1992	<p>From the estate of Jessie Burke to Deborah Beamon Notes: Source: Deed Book/SS4/311</p>
<p><u>The Daniel Edgar Pace family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pace was from Calhoun County. He married Leona Estell "Essie" Hays (sister of Lawrence E Hays) in Randolph County in 1897. • Pace was a veterinarian. The couple lived in Leary in 1900, but bought this house in 1907. They lived here in 1910, near his mother at 67 Park St. She died around 1910; Pace sold her house and moved to Dawson in 1911 (link). • Pace died in 1919. His widow moved in with her son Guy's family in Marianna, Florida. They moved to Dothan in the 1950s, where she died in 1959. • The house was lost at some point; Mrs. Pace sold the lot in 1946. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The William Thomas Burke family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Burke was from Ware County. He married Jessie Trippe in Shellman in 1934. The couple lived in Shellman, where he worked at a grocery store. 	



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- After service in WW II, Burke returned to Shellman to buy this lot and build a home on it. By 1950, Burke was proprietor of the grocery store at 60 Randolph St.
- The Burkes remained here until their deaths; his in 1976, hers in 1990.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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120 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.

1/2/1907	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by J S Plowden (Deed not located) • From J S Plowden to H R Watson in 1907 <p>Notes: ½ acre (230' N/S x 105' E/W). Bounded by Mrs. S E Cheney on the east and Mrs. S C Pace on the west. The price of \$1,400 suggests a house has already been built; vacant lots sold for \$100. Lot #7 of Mrs. Oliver's Property.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/84</p>
	<p>Acquired by Lucy B Taylor (Deed not located)</p> <p>Notes: Known as the Lucy B Taylor place. The W L</p> <p>Sources: Deed Book/VV4/246, 1910 census link</p>
7/30/1936, 3/30/1981, 7/3/1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Bessie Manry Stewart (Deed not located, but she obtained a mortgage in 1936) • By decent to her son, Manry Stewart, in 1981 • By decent to his daughter, who sold the house in 1992 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known as the Lucy Taylor Place in 1936 • Known as the Bessie Stewart place in 1981 <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/447 (mortgage), XX2/117, WW2/266, VV4/246, 1940 census link</p>
Later deeds: UU5/105	
<p><u>The Wiley L Taylor family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiley married Lucy Belle Dennis in Randolph County in 1873. • Taylor farmed in Randolph County before moving to Shellman, where he was deputy marshal. • They bought this house by 1910. • The family was in Ft. Gaines in 1930; Taylor had returned to farming. • Source: Ancestry.com link 	
<p><u>The Henry Grady Stewart family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grady Stewart was from Augusta. He married Bessie Clements Manry in Randolph County in 1911. • The Stewarts lived with her parents in 1920, and rented a house further west on Phelps St in 1930; they owned this house in 1940. • Stewart owned a gas station. • When Grady Stewart died in 1946, Bessie remained in this house until her death in 1975. She was a dressmaker. • Her son, Manry Stewart, moved in with her in the 1960s when he separated from his wife, and her grandson lived there as well for a time (See 3455 Pearl St). 	



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- After Manry's death in 1990, the family sold the house.
Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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128 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.

9/6/1901	<p><u>First House</u> From Mrs. M J Oliver to Mrs. Sallie E Cheney Notes: ½ acre (235' N/S x 105' E/W), vacant. Bounded on the east by Mrs. C A Powell (Lot #5), south by the cemetery, west by vacant lot #7. Lot #6 of Mrs. Oliver's Property. Mrs. Cheney built a house soon after buying the lot. It was destroyed by fire in 1917 (link). Source: Deed Book/HH/164</p>
4/21/1937	<p><u>Second House</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Sam Sheffield (Deed not located) • From Sheffield to A B Branan in 1937 <p>Notes: A newspaper article dates the house to 1937 (link). Source: Deed Book/ YY/199</p>
11/23/1945	<p>From A B Branan to W E Maddox Notes: Source: Deed Book/DD1/295-6 (Tract #2)</p>
3/19/1949	<p>From Shellman Motor Co. to H D McClure Notes: McClure, who managed Shellman Motor Co, already lived in the house. Source: Deed Book/FF1/439, FF1/440 (mortgage), I11/32 (mortgage)</p>
3/19/1969	<p>From H D McClure to J W Sammons, Jr. Source: Deed Book/ZZ1/150, Plat Book/6/231 (1988)</p>
<p>Tax records say the present house was built in 1935. The Cheney house may have been renovated, or replaced.</p>	
<p><u>Mrs. W W (Sallie E) Cheney</u> See 3300 Pearl St for information on the family.</p>	
<p><u>The Alton B Branan family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alton Branan was from Gordon, GA. He moved to Shellman between 1930 and 1935, and married Susie Faircloth by 1940. • Branan operated an automobile agency and repair shop in 1940. He remained in the automobile business, but also had a real-estate business in Shellman. • The Branans moved to Cordele around 1945, where he also was an automobile dealer. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Hoyt Dean McClure family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean McClure was from Dawsonville, GA. His family moved to Atlanta, where he married Frances Burdette (link) and became a used car dealer link. 	



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- The McClures moved to Shellman around 1945; McClure managed the Shellman Motor Company, a Chevrolet dealership.
- The McClures sold this house in 1969 and moved to Ft. Gaines.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

138 W Phelps St

- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.

2/8/1901	From Oliver/Powell family to Mrs. Helen B Powell Notes: Half-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 100' E/W). Bounded east by T R Arthur; Lot #5 of Mrs. Oliver's Property. Source: Deed Book/HH/140
10/7/1902, 11/29/1902	From Mrs. Helen B Powell to S T Turner Notes: Half-acre lot (210' N/S x 100' E/W), now with house. Purchased on credit. Source: Deed Book/II/167, II/195, JJ/235
11/17/1904	From S T Turner to Mrs. John D Leary Notes: Half-acre lot (210' N/S x 100' E/W) with house Source: Deed Book/JJ/235
2/4/1909, 4/22/1960	From D E Pace to John D Leary Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leary extended the southern boundary 109' in 1909. • The tract was sold to 67 Park St in 1960, returning this lot to its original dimensions. Source: Deed Book/LL/507, QQ1/321
The Learys moved back to their farm by 1917. The house was rented to Mrs. S B Ellerbee when it was destroyed by fire in 1917 (link).	
11/22/1978	From the heirs of Mrs. John D Leary to James A Horne Notes: Vacant lot. Mrs. Leary died in 1922, but this lot was not sold until 1978. Source: Deed Book/SS2/317-20
11/25/1983	From J H Boyd to Homer L Whaley Notes: Two lots are combined: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #148-Half-acre lot with house (109' N/S x 105' E/W) • #138-Half-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 105' E/W) Source: Deed Book/AA3/672, Plat Book/9/39 (1983)

The John Dempsey Leary family

- John Leary grew up on a farm in Randolph County. He married Willa Hays in 1890.
- The family lived on Railroad St before buying this house in 1904. They lived here in 1910, but moved to a farm south of Shellman by 1917. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
- They retained ownership of the house. It was rented to Mrs. S B Ellerbee when destroyed by fire in 1917 ([link](#)).
- Mrs. Leary died in 1922 ([obituary](#)). John Leary died in 1940.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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148 W Phelps St

- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- Part of a one-acre lot later split into # 148 and #160 W Phelps St and #81 Park St. This is the western portion.

	Acquired by Shellman Grain Elevator (Deed not located) Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is thought that the Pastorium of the First Baptist Church was relocated here around 1965. This was the third location of the pastorium (See 3315 Pearl St).• This created two half-acre lots, each with a house (See 160 W Phelps St). Source: Plat Book/3/290 (Tract B, 1966)
11/25/1983	From J H Boyd to Homer L Whaley Notes: Two lots are combined: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• #148-Half-acre lot with house (109' N/S x 105' E/W)• #138-Half-acre vacant lot (210' N/S x 105' E/W) Source: Deed Book/AA3/672, Plat Book/9/39 (1983)
Later deeds: FF7/213, Plat book/E2017/54 (2018),	

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160 W Phelps St



- Part of the 53-acre tract purchased by Z T Phelps in 1873.
- Part of the 8.5-acre tract inherited by his daughter, Mrs. George W (Mattie J) Oliver, in 1890.
- This lot (originally one acre) was later split into # 148 and #160 W Phelps St and #81 Park St

1/1/1892, 12/14/1892, 12/26/1895	From Mrs. M J Oliver & Mrs. Ida J Powell to D K Bynum to R M Crittenden to Mrs. M A Wall Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (210' square). Source: Deed Book/EE/412, EE/413, EE/414
1/9/1896, 3/9/1896, 1/8/1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. M A Wall to Mrs. S A Arthur • From Sarah J Arthur to her son, Thomas R Arthur Notes: Mrs. Arthur buys the vacant lot, then obtains a mortgage to fund the construction of her residence in 1896. She transferred the house to her son in 1900. Source: Deed Book/ EE/415, FF/13-15, GG/527
12/30/1905	From Thomas R Arthur to W L Allen Notes: 1 acre, with house. Bounded on the east by Park St, on the south by Mrs. S A Pace, and on the west by J D Leary. Known as the place where Arthur resided for several years. Source: Deed Book/JJ/556
1/8/1908	From W L Allen to his first cousin, Mrs. Annie Allen Short Notes: Allen sold an 85' strip on the south side of his lot, reducing his lot to 125' N/S x 210'E/W Source: Deed Book/LL/286
2/17/1911, 11/22/1911	From W L Allen to the Trustees of the Methodist Church Notes: .6 acre (125' N/S x 210' E/W). Bounded on the south by Mrs. Annie Short and on the west by J D Leary. Four members of the church bought the property to be used as a Methodist parsonage. They purchased it in February, holding it until the church membership approved the purchase in November. Source: Deed Book/NN/156, MM/208-9
7/7/1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Shellman Grain Elevator (Deed not located) • Divided into two lots (Deed not located, but by 1966) • From Shellman Grain Elevator to Sim & Erin Copeland (Eastern half of lot) Notes: Reduced to ½ acre (109'N/S x 105' E/W). The Methodists built a new parsonage at 3820 Pearl St in 1965. Source: Deed Book/XX1/415, XX1/417 (mortgage), Plat Book/3/290 (Tract A, 1966)
Later deeds: FF7/14	
<u>The Basil Key Arthur family</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basil Key Arthur was from South Carolina. He married Sarah Ann Wiggins in 1850. The couple lived in Waynesboro at first, but moved to Randolph County by 1860. 	



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- After serving in the Civil War, Arthur returned to Randolph County, where he was a farmer.
- By 1878, Arthur had acquired land in Shellman. By 1881, he had formed a partnership with his son, G B Arthur. Arthur & Son had a number of commercial endeavors in the commercial district of Shellman; Arthur St is named for the family. Among them were:
 - A store at 61 W Railroad St by 1881.
 - A livery stable on Peoples St
 - In 1884, B K purchased a ten-acre tract which he later divided. On it he built a hotel on Arthur St.
- B K Arthur died in 1894 ([obituary](#)). His widow built this house at 160 W Phelps St in 1896. Mrs. Arthur lived here with three single children in 1900. She sold the house to her son, Tommy Arthur, who lived here until moving to 3265 Pearl St in 1905. Mrs. Arthur may have moved with them. She died in 1909.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Walter Lee Allen family

- Walter was the son of Thomas Eugene Allen. He grew up on the Allen farm in Randolph County.
- In 1900, he was a boarder at the Arthur Hotel who listed his profession as merchant. He married Lydia Manry in 1901.
- The Allens first lived at 210 Buford St, renting the house until buying it in 1903. They sold it in 1905 for use as a parsonage for Methodist pastors of the Shellman Circuit.
- The Allens purchased the house at 160 W Phelps St in 1905. They lived here until selling it in 1911 for use as a parsonage by pastors of the Shellman Methodist Church. Source: 1910 census [link](#)
- The Allens purchased the vacant lot at 71 W Phelps St in 1909, and apparently built a house on it, but seem to have rented it to his brother, T E Allen, Jr. in 1910. They sold the lot in 1919. Source: 1910 census [link](#).
- By 1920, the Allens were living with his widowed mother at 3072 Calhoun St. They later inherited the house, and still lived there in 1930. By 1940, they had moved to the family farm south of Shellman.
- Allen was a retail merchant for a time. He and his brother, T E Allen, Jr. operated a general merchandise store at 44 Arthur St from around 1900 until 1911. When his father died in 1915, he took over the operation of the family farm.
- Allen died in 1960; his widow died in 1962.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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172 W Phelps St



- Part of Z T Phelps's 53-acre purchase from the Crittenden family in 1873
- Part of the tract bequeathed in 1890 from the estate of Z T Phelps to daughter Mrs. Mattie J Oliver

1/13/1904	<p>From Mary J Oliver and Ida J Powell to R T Watson Notes: .77 acres (210' N/S x 160' E/W), no mention of house. Source: Deed Book/JJ/43</p>
2/21/1924, 8/10/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. R T Watson to her mother-in-law, Mrs. E D Watson, & her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mattie Weathers, in 1924 • Mrs. Watson gave sole interest to Mrs. Weathers in 1932. <p>Notes: First deed to mention house. Source: Deed Book/VV/163, VV/218</p>
11/30/1937, 3/14/1939, 9/7/2005	<p>The E D Watsons died in 1935 and 1936. Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1937, the residents of the house were Mrs. A F Weathers and her daughter, Sadie W Crittenden • In 1937, Sadie Crittenden mortgaged the house, where she and her mother, Mrs. A F Weathers, lived. • In 1939, Sadie Crittenden (now Sutton) again mortgaged the house. • Sold from the estate of Sadie Sutton in 2005 <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/439, ZZ/358, LL9/537</p>
<p><u>The Elbert David Watson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watson was from Stewart County, but moved with his family to Randolph County in the 1860s. He married Sallie Martin, daughter of Rev. John and Martha Truitt Martin, in 1874. • The Watsons lived on a farm in Randolph County until after 1900. They moved to Shellman by 1910, when they lived with the family of their daughter, Mrs. A F Weathers (on Pearl St) and moved with them to Park St. In 1924, they purchased this house on W Phelps St from their daughter, Mrs. R T Watson. They remained here until their deaths: Sallie in 1935 (obituary) and E D in 1936 (obituary). • After moving to Shellman, E D worked in a retail store in 1910, then was the Randolph County Tax Collector. • Source: Ancestry.com link 	
<p><u>The Robert Truitt Watson family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watson was the son of E D Watson. He grew up on the Watson farm in Randolph County, and moved to Shellman in the 1890s. • Three of the children of E D Watson married into families who were prominent in Shellman and active in Shellman real estate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mattie Mae Watson married Dr. A F Weathers in 1896 	



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- Huddie Watson married Leila Oliver (Dixie Oliver's sister) in 1898
- R T Watson married Dixie Oliver (Leila Oliver's sister) in 1902.
- In 1900, R T was a dry goods clerk boarding at the Arthur Hotel. By 1910, he owned a general merchandise store. In 1920, he was a peach farmer, and remained in farming.
- The family lived here until 1924. They then moved to a farm on US 82, likely the old Oliver homeplace. Source: Censuses In 1930 [link](#); in 1940 [link](#).
- In 1947, the Watsons moved to 190 W Phelps St, next door to his sister, Mattie Weathers. Source: 1950 Census [link](#)
- R F died in 1952; Dixie died in 1963 ([notice](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Carlton Sutton and Sadie Weathers Horton Crittenden Sutton family

- Sadie was the daughter of Dr. A F and Mattie Weathers, and grew up in Shellman.
- She married Harold Horton in 1922 ([link](#)), Donald Crittenden in 1928 ([link](#), [link](#)), and Carl Sutton in December 1937 ([link](#)).
- Sadie practiced several professions:
 - in 1921, she replaced Donald Crittenden as Editor of the Shellman section of the Dawson News ([link](#))
 - in 1930, she was a stenographer
 - later she was then a teacher, and
 - Then served as Shellman's postmaster for 18 years.
- Carl Sutton grew up in Monroe County. After serving in WW I, he returned to Forsythe before moving to Dawson, where he worked for the Dawson Cotton Oil Co. ([link](#)). He moved to Shellman in the 1920s. In 1930, he was a boarder at the old Sasser home on Phelps St and operator of the Sutton Gin (See 113 Buford St).
- After marrying Sadie in December, 1937, the couple lived in this house in 1940.
- Sutton listed his profession as farmer in 1940. He returned to military service later that year for WW II, and again for the Korean War and a tour in Germany. Sadie was with him in Germany, where she taught school.
- The Suttons then lived in Warner Robbins, which allowed Sadie to enroll in Mercer to obtain her four-year degree ([link](#)).
- Carl died in 1970; Sadie lived here until she died in 2004, aged 102 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com Sadie: [link](#), [link](#), Carl: [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

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190 W Phelps St



- Part the 8.5-acre tract purchased by J A Payne in 1884 (See John A Payne Tract)
- Part of a 2-acre tract purchased by M W Cox in 1892
- Divided into two lots (#190 and #204) in 1907

11/15/1892	<p>From Mrs. S J Payne to M W Cox Notes: 2-acre vacant lot (369' N/S x 231' E/W). Bounded on the west by Mrs. M J Oliver and east by Mrs. S J Payne. Also, an alley between Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Payne. Source: Deed Book/CC/753</p>
3/2/1907	<p>From M W Cox to his brother, F C Cox Notes: Cox sold the NE corner of this lot, keeping the rest. Source: Deed Book/LL/230</p>
9/10/1945	<p>From M A Cox to J B Cherry Notes: Source: Deed Book/DD1/254</p>
9/24/1947	<p>From J B Cherry to Mrs. Dixie Oliver Watson Notes: Source: Deed Book/EE1/424-5</p>
<p>There is a gap from 1947 to 1993 for which deeds have not been located. During this time, known owners were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Harold Miller Raines family (link) • The William E Prescott family (by 1987) Source: GG5/220, Plat Book/7/81 (1987) 	
<p><u>The Michael William Cox family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Cox grew up in Randolph County, and farmed near Coleman for many years. After his first wife died, he married Clifford Arthur (daughter of Basil Arthur) in Shellman in 1894. Presumably this house was built about that time. Cox continued farming after moving to Shellman. • Cox died in 1917. Cliff remained in this house until she died in 1944. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Dixie Oliver (Mrs. R T) Watson family</u> See 3410 Pearl St for information on the family.</p>	

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204 W Phelps St



- Part the 8.5-acre tract purchased by J A Payne in 1884 (See John A Payne Tract)
- Part of a 2-acre tract purchased by M W Cox in 1892
- Divided into two lots (#190 and #204) in 1907

3/2/1907	<p>From M W Cox to his brother, F C Cox Notes: 272' N/S x 68' E/W, including house where F C Cox resides and barn used by him. Bounded on the east by W H Arnold and F R Crittenden, and on the south and west by M W Cox. This splits the northeast corner of the lot. Source: Deed Book/LL/230</p>
10/2/1917	<p>From F C Cox to Georgia Cox (life interest), then to M A & W C Cox Notes: Bounded east by S C Haddock and J M Curry; west by estate of M W Cox. House is currently rented to T E Dickinson. Source: Deed Book/PP/205, BB1/121-2</p>
4/2/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From M A Cox to Mrs. Gertie D Hays in 1945 • Descended in the Hays family until sold in 2020 <p>Notes: 250' N/S x 68' E/W. Known as the Frank Cox house and lot. Source: Deed Book/DD1/146-7, YY2/183 (references 4 deeds), GG11/393-7</p>
<p><u>The Frank C Cox family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Cox was born in Cuthbert. He married Georgia Crozier in 1899. The family lived in Coleman in 1900. • The Coxes bought the house at 190 W Phelps St from Frank's brother (Mike Cox) in 1907, but they already lived there. Since Mike Cox also lived on the lot, it is not clear which of the two houses was built at which time, but it is plausible that Mike Cox built #190 first, then allowed his brother to build #204. • In 1916, the Coxes moved to 21 Park Ave. They remained there until their deaths: his in 1939 and hers in 1944. • By 1940, the family of their daughter, Mabel (Mrs. Jephtha) Robinson also lived on Park Ave. They remained there until selling the house in 1961. • Cox managed the guano plant in 1910, was a farm overseer in 1920, and foreman at the fertilizer plant in 1930. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Gertie Dyer Hays family</u> Information on the family can be found at 3785 Pearl St.</p>	



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220 W Phelps St (Fictitious street number)

Part the 8.5-acre tract purchased by John A Payne in 1884 (See John A Payne Tract)	
2/24/1900, 10/1/1900, 10/2/1900	<p>From the estate of J, A Payne to his daughter, Jessie Wilkes, to Dr. G L Clark</p> <p>Notes: .39 acres (200' N/S x 85' E/W). Bounded east by Mrs. A B Stephens; south by land belonging to the estate of J A Payne; west by the home of M W Cox. On the lot <i>"is situated a fine home known in Shellman as the Methodist parsonage."</i></p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF/524, FF/529-30, GG/613</p>
8/30/1902	<p>From G L Clark to T R Arthur, then from Clark to T J Walker</p> <p>Notes: Bounded east by house and lot of C P Payne; south by house and lot of F R Crittenden; west by house and lot of M W Cox. The sale to Arthur apparently was never completed; it may have been a financing arrangement.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/351</p>
7/25/1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by W H Arnold (Deed not located, but by the time of the 1910 census) • From Arnold to T W Haddock in 1910 • Acquired by S C Haddock, son of T W Haddock (Deed not located) <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/63, ZZ/513 (mortgage)</p>
12/7/1944, 6/18/1974	<p>From S C Haddock to Mrs. Bessie B Lunsford to her daughter, Naomi L Brown</p> <p>Notes: The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the Lucy Hardage lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ DD1/58, DD1/59 (mortgage), II2/221</p>
2/15/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Bessie B Lunsford to Mrs. Gertie Hays • From Naomi L Brown to Mrs. Gertie Hays <p>Notes: These two deeds convey this property to the neighbor on the west. The house still exists, but was later lost; this property is today a single lot with only one house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ2/198</p>
<p><u>The William Henry Arnold family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnold was from Randolph County. After serving in the Civil War (link), Arnold returned to Randolph County, where he married Susan Peel in 1867. • The Arnolds had a farm near Brooksville. Between 1900 and 1910, the elderly Arnolds bought this house and lived here until 1910. They then moved to Parrott, where they lived with the family of their daughter, Mattie Whaley. • Arnold died in Parrott in 1918; Susan died there in 1925. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, 1910 census link</p>	
<p><u>The Thomas Wiley Haddock family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haddock was a farmer in Terrell County who later acquired a farm near Brooksville. • He bought this house in 1910, but it appears that he continued to live on his farm. Apparently, he purchased this house for his son, Samuel Cleveland Haddock. • Sam Haddock graduated with distinction from Emory at Oxford. He returned to Shellman, where he married Claude Saunders in 1912. • In 1918, Haddock was manager of the Haddock, Bell & Greene mercantile company on W Railroad St. He then became a successful educator, serving as superintendent of the Montezuma and Americus systems (link). As a result, they moved away by 1920. However, T W kept the house as rental property. • After T W died in 1943, Sam sold the house. • Sam died in Americus in 1972; Claude died in Atlanta in 1979. 	



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

The Jordan Leonard Lunsford family

- Leonard Lunsford was born in Randolph County and grew up on the family farm near Brooksville. He married Bessie Bell in 1903. Lunsford was a carpenter.
- The Lunsfords moved about the area before settling in Shellman in the 1920s. They rented on E Railroad St until Leonard died in 1944. Later that year, Bessie bought this house on W Phelps St, and lived here with her two unmarried sons, Ross, and Jamie.
- Bessie remained here for several years, but eventually moved in with the family of her daughter, Naomi Brown, in Worth County, where she died in 1975. After she moved, it appears that her son Jamie continued to live in the house on W Phelps St. The house was sold after Bessie's death.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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230 W Phelps St (Fictitious street number)

Part the 8.5-acre tract purchased by John A Payne in 1884 (See John A Payne Tract)	
10/22/1896	<p>From the estate of John A Payne to his daughter Eva L Payne, later Mrs. A B Stephens</p> <p>Notes: 240' N/S x 150' E/W, with 5-room house. Bounded by Phelps St. & Payne St; south by the estate of J A Payne; west by an alley.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF/144-5</p>
8/14/1919, 10/17/1921	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Stephens' heirs to E R Cheney in 1919 • From Cheney in trust to his two sons (E R Cheney, Jr., and R L Cheney) in 1921 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/66-7, QQ/4</p>
4/5/1927, 4/15/1927, 9/26/1927	<p>From the Cheney trustee (sheriff's sale) to Dr. T S Saxon; then to T H Anthony; then to Mrs. Lucy Gholston</p> <p>Notes: The trustee sold the house to obtain funds for support of the two Cheney boys.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/447-8, SS/449, SS/549</p>
9/11/1935, 3/9/1937, 6/25/1947, 12/2/1947	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1935, Mrs. Gholston sold the remainder interest to Mrs. Sadie Weathers Crittenden. The agreement seems to be in the nature of a "reverse mortgage" in which Mrs. Crittenden provides lifetime support to Mrs. Gholston in exchange for the house and Mrs. Gholston's estate upon her death. • In 1937, the 1935 deed was reversed. • By descent to M R Hardage in 1943. He married Lucy Gholston in the late 1930s • Mamie Henier was Mrs. Gholston's live-in housekeeper. The house descended to her when MR Hardage died in 1947. • Mrs. Henier sold her interest to C R Hardage. <p>Notes: The house was still standing in 1947/ Source: Deed Book/XX/172, YY/125, EE1/335, EE1/510, EE1/510-2 (mortgage)</p>
9/14/1966	<p>From C R Hardage to Ellis G Warren</p> <p>Notes: The lot seems to be vacant. It was perhaps vacant in the 1950 census (link).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY1/100</p>
<p><u>The John Ashley Payne family</u> For information on the family, see 81 Park Ave.</p>	
<p><u>The Ernest Richard Cheney family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheney was the son of W W Cheney (See 3300 Pearl St). He was born in Floyd County and moved to Shellman with his family as a young child. • He married Mae Slappey in 1910. Initially they boarded with his sister and brother-in-law, the Hamer Anthony family, on Pearl St. • While single, Cheney was a rural mail carrier. He also owned a butcher shop on Park Ave, which he kept until 1917. • In 1910, he bought the old Sasser Hotel (See 89 Park St). The family probably lived in the hotel until buying this house on W Phelps St in 1919. • The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1921. Cheney died in 1922 (link). Mae Cheney moved to Atlanta, where she remarried. She died in 1990. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>Lucy Cumbie Gholston Hardage</u></p>	



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- Lucy Cumbie was from Randolph County. She married Edgar Gholston in 1900. After he died, she lived with her widowed mother on Pearl St in 1920.
- In the 1920s, she acquired this house on W Phelps St. She was still living here when she married M R Hardage in the late 1930s. He moved here from his house on E Railroad St.
- The Hardages remained here until their deaths; hers in 1943, his in 1947.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

236 W Phelps St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Sasser Hotel Lot (See 89 Park Ave).

The J G Saspers built a hotel on the south side of the Sasser 2-acre lot, facing on Park Ave, in 1896. They lived in their hotel initially, but they built this house on the north side of the lot and moved here by 1909, when they sold the hotel.

10/5/1926	From the estate of Mrs. Fannie Sasser (sheriff's sale) to Mary Cheney Strickland Notes: Bounded north by W Phelps St; east by the alley; south by the city water and light plant; west by Payne St. Known as the place where the Saspers lived for many years. Source: Deed Book/SS/168, SS/252
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11/24/1945, 9/10/1952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mary Cheney Strickland (now Wall) to Mrs. Willa Giles Crittenden in 1945 • From Mrs. Crittenden to Lewis D Crittenden in 1952. Notes: 155' frontage on W Phelps St. The house was still standing. Source: Deed Book/DD1/298-9, OO1/399
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10/10/1958	From L D Crittenden to the Deacons of the First Baptist Church Notes: The house was still standing. Source: Deed Book/UU1/110
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The Sasser Boarding House

- The 1900 census reveals that there is only one house on the two-acre Sasser lot, which is known to be the Sasser Hotel. That dates this house to 1900-1909.
- The Saspers operated a boarding house here. Source: Censuses in 1910 [link](#) and 1920 [link](#)
- Mrs. Sasser died in 1924; the house was sold in 1926.
- Mary Cheney Strickland operated as a boarding house here in 1930. Source: 1930 census [link](#)
- Between 1935 and 1940, Mary married Mile Wall. The family lived here, but were not taking boarders in 1940. Source: 1940 census [link](#)
- Mrs. Wall sold the house in 1945. In 1950, the house was either vacant or rented.
- The house was still standing when sold in 1958. It was demolished so that the FBC could build a new pastorium.

The J G Sasser family

See 3374 Pearl St for information on the Sasser family.

Mary Elizabeth Cheney Strickland Wall

- Mary Cheney was from Calhoun County, the daughter of Tom and Gussie Cheney. She and William Strickland were married in 1917.
- She was divorced when she purchased this house in 1926. She operated a boarding house here in 1930.
- Between 1935 and 1940, she married Mial Prentiss Wall, Jr. They lived here until 1945, when they moved to Cuthbert. Source: 1950 census [link](#)
- Mary died in 1960; Mial died in airplane crash in Florida in 1973 ([obituary](#)).



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

Pine St

Pine St was originally the lane connecting the B W Orr Place, just east of present-day Shellman, to the "public road leading from Ward Station to Brooksville (now Pearl St)." It is referenced in deeds as early as 1884. It was called Cemetery St in some early deeds.

Plats of Pine St

- Plat Book/4/66 (Patterson Heights)

115 Pine St (Pleasant Grove Cemetery, fictitious street number)



Part of the 60-acre tract purchased from the Crittenden family by Fanny Crittenden Cheney in 1895 (See Fanny Cheney Tract).

3/27/1937	From Mrs. Annie Hall Cheney to the Town of Shellman Notes: No mention is made of an existing cemetery. Source: Deed Book/YY/190
10/12/1972	From Elinor Mogford Cheney to the City of Shellman Notes: Land surrounding the cemetery is acquired; the expanded lot is 454' N/S x 485' E/W.

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

- The cemetery is not referenced in any deed, but is shown in Plat Book/2/118 (1960, [link](#)).
- The oldest gravestone is dated 1895 ([link](#)).
- In 2023, the Find A Grave website ([link](#)) recorded 153 graves in the cemetery.

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116 Pine St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church was built on this tract, likely in the 1870s.

8/8/2003

From Oscar Crittenden to Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church (MBC)
Notes: 4.171-acre lot with church and other improvements
Source: Deed Book/MM8/292-4 Plat Book/9/215 (2003)

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

- Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church was formed in 1866.
 - The congregation first met in their homes just as the early Christians had.
 - In Spring, 1867, the congregation built a bush arbor.
 - In 1868, the first pastor was called and a log church was built "down on the swamp now called Egypt". The location of the log church is uncertain, but we have two clues;
 - Since it is on a swamp, it likely is beside a creek.
 - The 1910 will of John T Orr (see below, [link](#)) deeded a 20-acre parcel which referred to the place of worship.
 - This implies the worship site may have been alongside the stretch of Ichaway-Notchaway Creek near Magnolia Lake in Lot 4/20, 11/15, or 11/16.

... I direct, and devise, give and bequeath to Robert Orr, Dox of B. H. Orr, a certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being in said State and County, on the South Side of lot of land Number 21 in the 4th District of Randolph County, Originally, but now the Shellman District, lying between the old B. W. Orr homestead and the once bush arbor, where the colored people once used for Church purposes, also, at the death of George and Matilda

- "After serving a few years in the log church", R F Crittenden donated the use of this lot on Pine St for a new sanctuary. No deed was recorded, so the date of the sanctuary is unknown, but it was likely in the 1870s.
- The log church was used as a school for a time.
- The land was conveyed to the church from a descendant of Crittenden in 2003.

Source: RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES. Randolph County Historical Society. 1977: [Pages 72-75].



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199 Pine St (Fictitious street number)

Lot 4/21 was drawn by Thomas Lumbley (Lumley?), Talbot County in 1827	
9/8/1835	From Jess Lumley, Talbot County, to Burgess Williams Notes: Lot 4/21 Source: Deed Book/B/358
12/2/1836	From Williams to William W West Notes: Lots 4/21 and 4/56 Source: Deed Book/B/363-4
7/26/1841	From West to Matthew L Hodges Notes: Lots 4/21, 4/22 and 4/56) Source: Deed Book/G/53
12/2/1843	From Hodges to Thomas McWilliams, Houston County Notes: Lots 4/21 and 4/56 Source: Deed Book/M/566
6/1/1852, 3/2/1855	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased from McWilliams's estate jointly by two of his daughters (Lydia and Mary) and his stepson (Benjamin W Orr) • Orr acquired sole ownership in 1855 • By descent to John T Orr Notes: 600 acres, Lots 4/20, 4/21, 4/56, and 4/57. Source: Randolph/M/568-9, K/344 (mortgage), M/567-8
3/9/1911	From the estate of John T Orr to F C Cox Notes: The SW corner of Lot 4/21 (48.5 acres) <i>"whereon the Orr residence and other out-houses are located."</i> Source: Deed Book/OO/1-2
2/19/1945	From the estate of the Coxes to J D Pipkin Notes: The deed reveals that John T Orr lived here at the time of his death. EE1/303 (Tract #5)

Benjamin Whitaker Orr

- To see a map of Orr's holdings in 1857, visit [link](#).
- Whitaker Orr was from Washington County. He was married six times. His first marriage was in Houston County in 1838 to Elizabeth McWilliams, daughter of Thomas N McWilliams, a major landowner in Randolph County. They moved to Randolph County by 1840.
- Orr owned land in the 4th District, but sold it in 1843. In 1850, he was an overseer in Baker County.
- Orr's mother, Lydia Irwin Orr, was a widow when she married Thomas N McWilliams in 1842. Orr was thus both son-in-law and step-son to McWilliams.
- After McWilliams' death in 1852, Orr returned to Randolph County. Between 1855-7, Orr accumulated 1,600 acres east of Shellman, largely from the holdings that had been accumulated by McWilliams.
- It is likely that Orr built his homeplace shortly after he returned. Its location can be approximated by later deeds which reveal that it was in the SW quarter of Lot 4/21, and that it was connected to Pearl St by the road that became known as Pine St.
- By 1882, Orr's holdings were reduced to 750 acres (Randolph County Tax Digest [link](#)).
- In 1891, a newspaper account ([link](#)) described Orr as *"one of the most popular men in this section, and besides, he is quite an original character."* and further, *"Captain Orr lives in the past, and his interesting reminisces of the old times in Georgia attract visitors for miles around."*



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- Orr died around 1893. One of Orr's sons, John T Orr, was living at the homeplace by 1860, and continued living there until his death in 1909. After 1909, it does not appear that owners occupied the house.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), Find-a-Grave [link](#), biographical note [link](#)

250 Pine St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the McWilliams/Orr holdings.	
10/3/1863, 10/20/1863	From Benjamin W Orr to Eliza L Ellis Notes: Ellis assembles 15 acres with a new house. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 acres (781' square) in Lot 4/18. Bounded east by Brooksville & Bainbridge Road; south by the line of Lot 4/18.• One-acre lot with new house and well (70.5' square). Bounded west by Brooksville & Bainbridge Road. On the south side of Lot 4/18. Source: Deed Book/L/609, L/610
12/20/1869	From Eliza Ellis to Benjamin W Orr Notes: 15-acre tract; the SW corner of Lot 4/18. Presumably this is the same tract that Ellis purchased from Orr in 1863. Source: Deed Book/AA/137
10/17/1883	From the Crittenden family to Joseph W Ellis Notes: Five-acre tract in the NE corner of Lot 4/18. Source: Deed Book/EE/412
For information on the Ellis family, refer to J W Ellis Tract on W Ward St.	



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Pipkin St

21 Pipkin St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.					
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<p><u>The Gilbert Lattimore family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little information can be found on the family. They lived on farms in Randolph County before buying this house in 1945. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>					

85 Pipkin St

The early history of this lot is unknown.	
2/7/1927, 5/29/1929, 12/2/1929	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Miley Melton to Mrs. A F Weathers in 1927 From Mrs. Weathers to Jack & Annie May Mercer in 1929 From the Mercers to Robert Wall in 1929 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house (120' N/S x 183' E/W). Bounded south by Plum St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/378, UU/75, UU/75, Plat Book/2/118</p>
9/21/1963	<p>From Willie Joe Wall to Rosie Lee Major</p> <p>Notes: The lot is slightly reduced (108' N/S x 152' E/W).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH2/753</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deeds say this lot is on Plum St (now E Phelps St). However, the tax map and 1960 plat show that it is on what is now known as Pipkin St. The current house on the lot was built in 1963. Later Deeds: RR12/93-4 	
<p><u>Miley Melton</u></p> <p>The only reference which can be found to Melton is the 1920 census. She was a divorced farm laborer living in this vicinity.</p> <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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Prince Rd

Prince Rd extends Buford Rd from Fountain Bridge Rd (on the NE) to the Lower Shellman Rd (on the SW). It is an old road, predating the town of Shellman that led to area known as Buford. It was known as the Goff's Mill Rd, the street leading to Mrs. D L Ferguson's residence, and Lower Cuthbert-Shellman Rd. in deeds into the late 1900s. The southern/eastern boundary of the road was developed residentially by MW and F C Cox starting around 1910.

Censuses of Prince Rd

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Prince Rd

- Plat Book/3/308 (1968)
- Plat Book/E2017/63 (2016)

564 Prince Rd



- Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for the history of this lot.
- Acquired by F C Cox (Deed not located).

- A 1920 deed refers to this as the lot of Isaac Ford; a 1935 deed refers to this as the lot of Mary Ford. It is likely they were renting this property from F C Cox. Tax records say the house was built in 1920.
- A 1949 deed for 44 Buford Circle refers to this lot as the F C Cox estate; Cox died in 1939.

5/6/1946,
2/2/1957

- From the heirs of F C Cox to Charlie & Mamie Baldwin in 1946 (Deed not recorded)
 - From the Baldwins to O A Crittenden in 1957
- Notes: The Baldwins purchased a vacant portion of this lot; the Ford house seems to be excluded.
Source: Deed Book/NN1/75

- There are no further deeds for this lot. It seems to have combined the Baldwin parcel and the Ford parcel.
- The house is currently registered to Mary Ford, also the owner of 75 Buford St. Refer there for information on the Ford family.



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550 Prince Rd (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for the history of this lot. Acquired by F C Cox (Deed not located) 	
12/12/1917	<p>From F C Cox to Adam Crapps Notes: Lot with house (60' N/S x 150' E/W). Bounded north and east by F C Cox; south by Drew Jackson. Part of the "<i>Sim Land lot of land no. 270, now occupied by Burks Prothro.</i>" Source: Deed Book/OO/455</p>
10/19/1920, 12/7/1922	<p>Notes: In a confusing series of deeds, Crapps's lots (later #550, #540, and #538 Prince Rd) with two houses were transferred to H R Watson and then to Beatrice Brookins. Source: Deed Book/PP/284-5 (mortgage), PP/387, QQ/10-1, AA1/556</p>
10/7/1935, 1/25/1936, 2/4/1939	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Beatrice Brookins to Bell Hansell in 1935 (Deed not recorded) From Hansell to her seven children in 1939 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bounded north by Mary Ford; east by Beatrice Brookins. Known as the Adam Crapps House. The 1939 deed was a correction of the 1935 deed. The Hansell children had purchased this lot with the proceeds of their father's life insurance policy, and should have been recorded as the owners. In 1973, the 1936 mortgage on this property was foreclosed. Since the title was revised and Hansell was no the owner of this house, 21 Buford St was claimed instead. <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/290 (mortgage), ZZ/295</p>
9/5/1935, 6/17/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Bell Hansell (sheriff's sale) to J E McGlaun in 1939 From McGlaun to Ida Jones Harvey & Lucie Mae Jones in 1940 By descent in the family, who still own the lot. <p>Notes: The lot was seized by McGlaun to satisfy a debt, then resold. Source: Deed Book/AA1/294, UU1/574 (correction), XX5/19</p>
<p><u>The Adam Crapps, Jr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam Crapps was from Randolph County. He and Lelia Crapps were married around 1897. The Crapps family lived on farms in Randolph County before buying this house in 1917. In 1920, Adam was a switchman for the railroad. No further information can be found on the family. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Charlie Hansell family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie and Isabelle (Belle) Hansell lived on a farm near Martin's Academy in 1920. Charlie Hansell died around 1935. His children used life insurance proceeds to purchase this house on Prince Rd. The house was seized in 1939. In 1944, Belle purchased the house at 21 Buford St. She lived there with other family members in 1950. There is no further record of Belle Hansell. The house at 21 Buford St was seized in 1973. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>The Harvey Jones family</u></p>	



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- This house on Prince Rd was purchased by Ida Jones Harvey & Lucie Mae Jones in 1940. Ida Jones Harvey was apparently the wife of Harvey Jones; perhaps the Harvey was added to distinguish her from someone with a similar name.
 - The only record of the family as a unit is found in the 1950 census. Harvey worked at the sawmill; Ida worked at a peanut sheller.
 - Lucie Mae Jones was the daughter of Ida Jones.
 - Ida Jones Harvey died in 1996; the house descended to Lucie Mae (by then Lucie Mae Dixon).
- Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

540 Prince Rd (Fictitious street number)



- Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for the history of this lot.
- Acquired by F C Cox (Deed not located)

12/1/1919	<p>From F C Cox to Adam Crapps Notes: One-acre lot with house. The lot extended from Prince Rd back to Buford Circle. Source: Deed Book/PP/194, PP/194 (mortgage)</p>
10/19/1920, 12/7/1922	<p>Notes: In a confusing series of deeds, Crapps's lots (later #550, #540, and #538 Prince Rd) with two houses were transferred to H R Watson and then to Beatrice Brookins. Source: Deed Book/PP/284-5 (mortgage), PP/387, AA1/556</p>
2/15/1941, 4/26/1951, 7/7/1959	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Beatrice Brookins to Daisy Mercer in 1941 • From Mercer to G E Robinette in 1951 • Acquired by Pearl Mitchell (Deed not located) • From Mitchell to Minnie Lee & Leavy Hart in 1959 <p>Notes: Lot reduced to 68' x 157', with house. Bounded NE by Ida Jones; SE by Carrie Cannon. Source: Deed Book/ AA1/594, HH1/238, PP1/472</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current house on this lot seems to be the original. • It was rented by John & Ellen Jenkins from 1920-1950. It is not known whether it was ever occupied by an owner. • Still owned by the Hart family.

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538 Prince Rd



- Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for the history of this lot.
- Acquired by F C Cox (Deed not located)

10/19/1920, 12/7/1922	Notes: In a confusing series of deeds, Adam Crapps's lots (later #550, #540, and #538 Prince Rd) with two houses were transferred to H R Watson and then to Beatrice Brookins. Source: Deed Book/PP/284-5 (mortgage), PP/387, AA1/556
11/5/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Beatrice Brookins to Mattie Mae Williams in 1949 Notes: The NW corner of this lot is the SW corner of the John Jenkins lot. The lot was vacant; Williams built a house and obtained a mortgage the next month. Source: Deed Book/GG1/128-9, GG1/129 (mortgage), NN1/501-2 (mortgage)
Later Deeds: MM4/108	
<u>The James E Williams family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Williams was from Shellman, the son of Richard & Lucy Williams. He and Mattie Mae were married around 1915. • Williams was a farmer. The family lived on farms south of Shellman before building this house on Prince Rd in 1949. • The family lived here in 1950, as did the family of their son Charlie. Mattie Mae Williams was still here in 1957 when she obtained a mortgage. • There is no further information on the family. Source: Ancestry.com link , link	

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504 Prince Rd



Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for the history of this lot.

9/22/1916	<p>From M W Cox to Drusilla (Drew) Jackson Notes: This vacant lot seems to be Cox Addition, Lot #10. Source: Deed Book/OO/207</p>
10/22/1917, 5/20/1922	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From F C Cox to Drusilla (Drew) Jackson in 1917 • From A F Weathers and H R Watson to Jackson 1n 1922 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cox Addition, Lots #8 & #9. In 1917, Jackson buys the house on two lots adjacent to her 1916 purchase, described as <i>“the same lots where M W Cox, deceased, built one paper-top, two-room house.”</i> This purchased assembles three lots into a single lot with 150’ frontage on Prince Rd. • In 1922, Jackson expands the lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/II1/418, QQ/217 (2)</p>
11/5/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by R F Thompson (Deed not located, but after 1940) • By descent to R F Thompson’s heirs in 1997 <p>Notes: Thompson assembled a number of lots in this area. Source: Deed Book/JJ6/9-16</p>
<p>It is not certain that the present structure on the lot is the original house.</p>	
<p><u>Drusilla (Drew) Jackson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little can be found of the Jackson family. • Anthony Jackson and Drusilla Talbot were married in Randolph County in 1871. • Anthony Jackson was a farmer who died between 1900 and 1910. Drusilla bought this house in 1917, and was living here with various children and grandchildren in 1920 and 1930. • In 1940, Drew’s daughters Ida and Ollie still lived here and listed themselves as owners. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	

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496 Prince Rd



- Part of the David Ferguson Place until 1875
- Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for more information on this lot.

<p>1/24/1912, 3/25/1913</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From M W Cox to Ella Sheppard in 1912 • From Sheffield brothers to Ella Sheppard in 1913 <p>Notes: Cox Addition, Lots #11 and #12. Two vacant lots with (100' frontage on street, 150' deep). The two deeds convey the same lots; it appears that Sheppard bought the vacant lots in 1912; then paid the Sheffield Brothers \$750 to construct a house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/MM/238, NN/343</p>
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<p>11/2/1927</p>	<p>From Ella Sheppard Swangin to Fred Brown</p> <p>Notes: Two lots with house (100' frontage on street, 150' deep).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/599, SS/599-60 (mortgage)</p>
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- No further deeds for this lot can be found until 2010.
- Later deeds: SS10/4-5, Plat Book/E2017/63 (2016)

Ella Johnson Sheppard Swangin

- Ella Johnson was born in Calhoun County. She and Houston Sheppard were married in 1900.
- The Sheppards lived on a farm in Calhoun County, where he died in 1910. Ella moved to Shellman and built this house in 1913. It is not clear how long she lived here; the house appears to have been rented in 1920.
- By 1924, Ella had moved to New York, where she married Thomas Swangin in 1924. She sold this house in 1927. The Swangins lived in New Jersey, where she was a grocer. She died in 1945.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Fred Brown family

- Fred Brown was from Calhoun County. He and Allie were married around 1917. They lived on a farm in Randolph County in 1920.
- They bought this house in 1927 and lived here in 1930. Brown continued to farm.
- In 1950, the family lived in New Jersey ([link](#)). No further record can be found of them.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)




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478 Prince Rd

Part of the tract acquired by M W Cox in 1909. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for early history of this lot.	
12/5/1913	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucious Davis purchased these two lots from M W Cox in 1913 (Deed not located) Neither census records nor subsequent deeds suggest that a house was built here until 1963.
Later Deeds: TT1/194, PP2/712, SS10/4-5, Plat Book/E2017/63 (2016)	

400 Prince Rd (Fictitious street number)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the David Ferguson holdings acquired in the 1840s. See Cox Addition, Buford Circle, for the history of this lot. From the Cox estate to T R Arthur in 1917.
1/2/1932, 12/21/1939, 11/5/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From T R Arthur to J L Thompson in 1932 By descent to R F Thompson in 1940 By descent to R F Thompson's heirs in 1997 Notes: This old farm building Source: Deed Book/VV/75, AA1/50-1, AA1/437, JJ6/9-16 (Tract II)
Later deeds: DD13/488	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This very old house with nearby barn is not referenced in any deeds or tax records; it is known only because it is still standing. It is located on the old David Ferguson Place, and possibly an overseer's house. 	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

213 Prince Rd

This lot was drawn by Elizabeth Aldridge (widow of a Revolutionary Soldier), Appling County, in 1827

7/6/1842

From John B Lewis to David Ferguson

Notes: Ferguson purchased Lots 5/233 and 5/263.

Source: Randolph/F/178-9, Randolph County Tax Digest, 1848 [link](#)

The David Ferguson family

- Little can be found of Ferguson's personal history. He moved to Cuthbert from Virginia in the 1830s. He purchased town lots in Cuthbert in 1839 and lived there until around 1845.
- He assembled a farm of ≈2,200 acres south of Shellman between 1842-1850 and kept it until his death. For a map of his holdings circa 1853, visit [link](#).
- The family moved to the farm around 1845. They built a fine home in 1853, where they remained until their deaths; his in 1859 and hers in 1866. The house belonged descendants when it was destroyed by fire around 1963. The family cemetery is still there, near the homesite.
- Subsequent generations gradually sold off the lots comprising the farm.
- Ferguson was a prominent pioneer of Randolph County. When he first moved here, he was an active trader of land. Later he operated his large farm south of present-day Shellman. He was active in politics and civic affairs; he served for a time as a Justice of the Peace, the highest official in the community in those days.
- Ferguson played a key role in establishing Rehoboth Church and Rehoboth Academy. He purchased Lot 10/1 in 1842. Rehoboth Church had formed in 1839, worshipping on Lot 10/1 under a brush arbor. In 1845, Barzillai Graves built a frame church for the congregation. Ferguson later deeded two acres to Rehoboth Church and two acres to Rehoboth Academy. He served as a trustee of the Academy.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES*. Randolph County Historical Society. 1977: [Pages 162-173].



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E Railroad St

E Railroad St began as a pathway to allow access to the houses along the southern border of the SWRR right-of-way. It predates the incorporation of Ward, and was never deeded to the town. The earliest-known houses were built for C D Crittenden in 1879 (#66) and James Stripling (#314) around 1880. Several more were built between 1885-1891, primarily as rental property. In the early 1900s the fine houses on the western end were built for W R Terry, C W Martin, and W R Curry.

Censuses of E Railroad St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#) (grouped with E Ward St)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of E Railroad St

- KK/126 [plat](#)
- KK/138 [plat](#)
- KK/241 [plat](#)
- SS/610 [plat](#)
- Plat Book/2/146 (1961)
- Plat Book/5/218 (1981)
- Plat Book/8/199 (1998)
- Plat Book/8/246 (1997)
- Plat Book/E2017/63 (2018)
- Plat Book/E2017/128 (2020)
- Recap of ownership in 1898: Deed Book/GG/308

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6 E Railroad St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of Hiram A Crittenden’s garden plot (his “patch”) in the late 1800s.

12/31/1906, 7/15/1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Hiram A Crittenden to his son-in-law, Dr. W R Terry, in 1906 • From Dr. Terry to his wife, Lizzie Crittenden Terry, in 1931 <p>Notes: 2.5-acre irregular, vacant lot. Bounded north by Ward St and the southern boundaries of the lot of Charles W Martin (where he lives) and W R Curry (where he lives); east by the western boundaries of the lot of Charles W Martin and the lot of Joseph Ethridge (where he now lives); south by lot of Mrs. L M Terry (where she lives); west by Calhoun St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/77, UU/466</p>
12/31/1938, 6/9/1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the deaths of Dr. & Mrs. Terry, the lot is eventually conveyed to three Terry daughters: Isabel, Elizabeth, and Anna Ruth. • In 1975, Elizabeth Terry acquires sole ownership <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lot is the original 2.5 acres in size at the time of the Terry’s deaths. • The daughters divide it in 1938. The house lot (6 E Railroad St) is reduced to 1.7 acres. • By 1975, the southern portion of the lot has been sold; the resulting lot is 1.125 acres. <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/200, ZZ/248, JJ2/519 (Tract 1)</p>
8/9/1983	<p>From Elizabeth Terry to Ed and Mary Durham Short</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA3/300-3, BB4/25-7 (mortgage)</p>

Later deeds: UU6/330-1, XX6/285, Plat Book/8/246 (1997), E2017/128 (2020)

The William Rufus Terry family

- Terry was from Webster County. He was a physician who began his practice in Leary. He married Lizzie Crittenden, daughter of Hiram A Crittenden, in 1897 ([link](#)). They moved to Shellman in 1900.
- Terry became a farmer and entrepreneur, no doubt due to the Crittenden connection. He was a champion of the crop of peanuts ([link](#)).
- The Terrys first lived at 3110 Calhoun St, just below this lot on E Railroad St. He purchased this lot from his father-in-law in 1906 and in 1910 built a house for his extended family at a cost of \$7,000 ([link](#)). Lizzie’s parents (the Hiram A Crittendens) also lived here until they died.
- The Terry family remained here until their deaths; hers in 1933 ([obituary](#)) and his in 1934 ([obituary](#)).
- Their unmarried daughters Isabel and Ruth lived in the house until their deaths; Isabel in 1970 and Ruth in 1974. The remaining daughter sold the house in 1983.

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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

30 E Railroad St



From H A Crittenden to Charles W Martin on 9/10/1900

Notes: 1-acre vacant lot (369' N/S x 120' E/W). The NE corner is 120' west of the NW corner of the Ethridge lot. The Martins moved from their house around the corner at 3072 Calhoun St. Martin hired W T Jay to build his house; construction began in October, 1900 ([link](#)). The image of the house comes from an article on C W Martin published by the *Macon Telegraph*, July 26, 1914 [link](#)

Source: Deed Book/GG/588

7/8/1902, 3/16/1917	<p>Martin later added to and subtracted from the lot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin sold 120' of frontage on the eastern side of his lot to W R Curry. Source: Deed Book/HH/326 • Martin sold a 34' strip along the southern boundary back to H A Crittenden in 1902, making the lot 335' N/S. The house was. Source: Deed Book/HH/332 • Martin added 2,700 square feet (from W R Curry's lot to the east) on the SE corner of his lot in 1917. Mrs. R B Saxon now owns the land to the south. Source: Deed Book/NN/565
4/7/1947	<p>C W Martin died in 1943. His wife had died in 1942. His will left this house to his son his son, J Truitt Martin, who died before the will was probated in 1947. This house seems to have been joint property of J Truitt Martin's heirs until 1963.</p> <p>Notes: The house seems to have been vacant in 1950, but was later occupied by the family of C W Martin's grandson, C Truitt Martin.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE1/364</p>
2/16/1963	<p>From the Martin heirs to Charles M Paul</p> <p>Notes: Paul demolished the Martin house, completing a new brick house in 1964.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/UU1/33, UU1/35 (mortgage), tax records</p>

Later deeds: Plat Book/E2017/128

The Charles W Martin family

See 3072 Calhoun St for information on the Martin family.

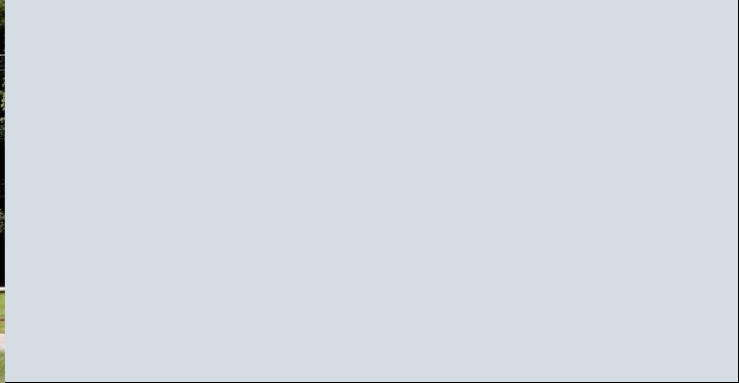
The Charles Truitt Martin, Sr. family

- Truitt Martin was from Shellman, the son of J Truitt & Caro Martin. He and Mary Laura Starr were married in 1949 ([link](#)).
- The Martins lived with his mother, Mrs. Caro Martin, at 3278 Pearl St in 1950. They soon moved to his grandfather's house at 30 E Railroad St. They lived there until 1963, when they moved into their new home at 3300 Pearl St. They remained there until moving to a retirement village in Americus around 2009.
- Martin was involved in the Martin family businesses. In 1950, he was president of the fertilizer plant. Later he served on the board of the First State Bank.
- Truitt died in 2009 ([obituary](#)); Mary Laura died in 2021 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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52 E Railroad St



7/8/1902, 8/18/1905	From H A Crittenden to Charles W Martin to W R Curry Notes: Irregular lot (120' fronting on E Railroad St, extending 435' to the south, with exclusions). Bounded by the Ethridge house on the east and the Martin house on the west. Source: Deed Book/HH/326, II/450
2/11/1916	Curry later added significantly to his lot from the Ethridge land to the east and south. The purchases created a lot of 3.5 acres. Source: Deed Book/OO/10, KK/569, KK/569-70

The William Riley Curry family

- Riley Curry was from Randolph County. He married Nena Ferguson in 1890.
- The Currys were living in Shellman by 1900, boarding at the Sasser Hotel. Curry listed his occupation as farmer, but was also a cofounder of the Peoples Bank that year. Source: 1900 census [link](#)
- Curry became a prominent banker who bought and sold a great deal of land. He was also a legislator and philanthropist ([link](#)). Source: 2014 resolution of the Georgia House of Representatives ([link](#)).
- The house on this lot was built in 1906 by Wistar T Jay; the architects were Dennis & Dennis of Macon. It was remodeled in 1926, and expanded by later owners, reaching 18 rooms. Outbuildings included a garage with an apartment on the 2nd floor, a barn, and a smokehouse.
- The Currys remained here until they died; he in 1947 ([obituary](#)) and she in 1948. The house was inherited by Jim Curry, Sr (See below).
- Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *Martin and Allied Families* [link](#), *Driving Tour* (2015)

The James Riley Curry, Sr. family

- Jim Curry was the son of Charles W Curry (See 149 College St); he was born in Dawson but raised in Shellman. He and Martha Adams were married in Dawson in 1943.
- Jim's uncle, Riley Curry, died in 1948 (see above). Jim assumed many of his uncle's agricultural interests. For information on the businesses, refer to 250 Buford St.
- The family rented on W Phelps St for a time; they moved into this house on E Railroad St by 1950. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1974 and hers in 2014. She married again, to Ennis Brooks, circa 1985.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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66 E Railroad St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

The Crittenden brothers constructed a house on this lot for their father, Cincinnatus D Crittenden, Sr. in 1879. He returned to his home near Ozark, Alabama after two years because the trains disturbed him.

2/26/1885	<p>From the Crittenden family to Joseph Ethridge Notes: 4-acre lot in the shape of a T (339' frontage on the SWRR right of way, maximum depth is 605'). The NW corner of this lot is the NE corner of the H A Crittenden garden. Source: Deed Book/EE/562 with plat</p>
11/22/1906	<p>From Joseph Ethridge to his wife, Mrs. M T Ethridge Notes: Approximately 3 acres. Bounded east by S P Turner and Mrs. W R Terry; south by Mrs. W R Terry; west by W R Curry, H A Crittenden, and Mrs. W R Terry. The eastern 1-acre portion of the lot was sold the previous day to S T Turner. Source: Deed book/RR1/404-5</p>
4/24/1907, 2/11/1916, 1/11/1937, 6/22/1961	<p>The lot is gradually reduced to .6 acres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1907, Mrs. Ethridge sold a 19'-strip on the west side of her lot to W R Curry. Source: Deed Book/LL/161 • In 1916, Mrs. Ethridge sold the southern portion of her lot (.9 acres, 180' N/S x 215' E/W, to W R Curry. Source: Deed Book/OO/10 • A consolidation of family interests in the lot reveal that it has been reduced to 1.5 acres. The exact dimensions are not given. Source: Deed Book/RR1/405 • In 1961, he Ethridge family divided the lot to sell the eastern portion to Ernest Paul. Source: Deed Book/RR1/413-4, Plat Book/2/146 (1961) • In 1967, the heirs gave a remainder interest in the house to the South Georgia Methodist Home for Aging. Source: Deed Book/WW1/334, XX/101 • The house is later acquired by Charles A Curry (Deed not located).

Later deeds: OO12/510-2 (Tract #2)

Cincinnatus Decatur Crittenden, Sr.

- Crittenden was from middle Georgia. He married Emmaline Mahone in 1835.
- The family owned a plantation in Talbot County, and then one in Sumter County, before moving to Dale County, AL in 1860. He remained there for the rest of his life except for the two years he spent in this house in Shellman.
- Four of his sons moved to Shellman around 1870. The Crittendens created a family compound; son Fernando lived across the tracks, and Hiram lived nearby. They built this house for their father in 1879; he returned to Alabama after two years because the trains disturbed him.



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- He died there in 1889 ([obituary](#), [biography](#)).

The Joseph Ethridge family

- Joseph Ethridge was from Wilkinson County. After serving in the Civil War, he settled on a farm near Cuthbert. Joseph and Mary Talulah Arthur were married in 1870.
- Ethridge purchased this house in 1885.
- In Shellman, Ethridge was a merchant in partnership with his son. Their store at 73 W Railroad St was in operation by 1886. He was postmaster from 1887-89 [link](#). By 1900, Ethridge had turned the business over to his son, J A, and listed himself as a farmer. In 1901, he sold the store to J M Anthony.
- In 1906, Ethridge applied for a Confederate pension as an indigent soldier.
- The Ethridges did not live here continuously. In 1900, they owned a house on Pearl St, but retained ownership of this house, probably renting it to the William A Ward family. Source: 1900 census [link](#).
- In 1906, Ethridge applied for a Confederate pension as an indigent soldier.
- By 1910, the family had returned to this house. Ethridge listed himself as keeper of a boarding house. There were no boarders here; perhaps they were working for the Mizell family at 170 E Railroad St.
- Joseph Ethridge died in 1915; Mary died in 1932. His family remained here, with the house passing to his unmarried daughters. In 1940, it was occupied by daughters Annie, Minnie, and Leila Fred Ethridge. The daughters still owned the lot in 1967, when they gave the remainder interest to the South Georgia Methodist Home for Aging.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

84 E Railroad St

Part of the C D Crittenden lot next door (See 66 E Railroad St)	
11/21/1906	From Joseph Ethridge to Simeon P Turner and his daughter, Mary O Henderson Notes: 1 acre (420' N/S x 105' E/W), no improvements. The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the Bass lot. Etheridge divided his lot and sold the eastern portion. Source: Deed book/QQ/99, KK/241 (plat)
Circa 1916	Turner died in 1910. W R Curry acquired this still-vacant lot by 1916, probably from Turner's estate. Source: Deed Book/MM/409, OO/25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1961, the Ethridge heirs sold their interests in the eastern portion of 66 E Railroad St to Ernest Paul. The lot was vacant; Paul built the current house on this lot in 1962. • In 1970, Paul sold the house to Phillip Smith. • In 1977, Smith bought the Arnold house and lot (See 92 E Railroad St). That house is no longer standing; the two lots are combined; only the 1962 house remains. • In 1981, Smith bought the vacant lot between his two lots, creating the current footprint of this lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/RR1/413-4, FF2/511, XX2/189, Plat Book/2/146 (1961), 5/218 (1981)</p>	



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92 E Railroad St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
11/12/1888, 12/9/1889	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden family to Joseph D Glover in 1888 • From Glover to Charles J Greene in 1889 <p>Notes: One-acre vacant lot (420' N/S x 105' E/W). The NW corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Ethridge lot. Greene built a house on the lot. Source: Deed Book/TT/315, CC/268</p>
9/26/1901, 12/2/1901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Charles J Greene in to T R Arthur in 1901 • From Arthur to T E Allen later in 1901 <p>Notes: 1 acre (420' N/S x 105' E/W), with improvements. Source: Deed Book/HH/353, HH/354</p>
10/5/1904	<p>From T E Allen to W J Bass</p> <p>Notes: Known as the C J Greene place. Bass already resides on the property. Since Greene lived across the railroad at 145 E Ward St, it seems that he rented this house to Bass for a time, and then sold it to him. Source: Deed Book/JJ/251</p>
12/5/1913, 3/24/1916	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W J Bass to W R Curry in 1913 • From W J Bass to Mrs. Nettie Orr in 1916 <p>Notes: Lot with house where Bass resided in 1913. Bounded east by R B Martin; south by W R Curry; and west by Turner estate (in 1913). The 1913 deed must have been a financing arrangement; Bass owned the house in 1916 when he sold it to Mrs. Orr. Source: Deed Book/MM/409, OO/25, QQ/57 (mortgage)</p>
3/15/1926, 9/28/1927	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Nettie Orr Lyles to J F Lane in 1926 • From Lane to D G Jones in 1927 <p>Notes: The lot is now described as ¾ acre. The house was rented by David Arnold by 1929. Source: Deed Book/SS/110, TT/315, TT/588-9 (mortgage)</p>
12/5/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From D G Jones to D J Arnold in 1935 • Descended to Uva & Martha Arnold in 1969 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/XX/249, ZZ1/563-4</p>
4/13/1977	<p>From Uva & Martha Arnold to Phillip T Smith</p> <p>Notes: The house was still standing, but has since been lost. The lot is combined with 84 E Railroad St. Source: Deed Book/NN2/554</p>
Joseph Glover was a resident of Sumter County; this deed is the only record connecting him to Randolph County.	
<p><u>Charles Jewette Greene family</u></p> <p>It appears that the Greene family lived on their lot across the railroad rather than here (See 145 E Ward St).</p>	
<p><u>William Jackson Bass family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1900, the family lived in the Goff's Mill district of Randolph County, where he was a blacksmith. • The family moved to Shellman shortly afterwards; first renting this house, then purchasing it in 1904. Bass operated a blacksmith shop. • Mrs. Bass died in 1911. Bass sold this house in 1913, moving to Buford St. 	



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Ancestry.com [link](#)

Mrs. Whitaker (Nettie) Orr family

- Nettie Chambers was from the Dover area. She married Whitaker Orr in 1902; he died in 1908, leaving her with two children ([link](#)).
- In 1910, she was a dressmaker who worked from her rented home on W Railroad St.
- In 1916, she purchased this house, where the family lived in 1920. By 1923, she had remarried and moved to Cordele ([link](#)). She died in 1978.

Ancestry.com [link](#)

The David Judson Arnold family

- David Arnold was from Brooksville, the son of Isaac & Sarah Arnold. He married Uva Jane Bigbee in 1915.
- The Arnolds lived on their farm near Brooksville in 1920.
- By 1930, the Arnolds were living here; he purchased the house in 1935.
- Arnold operated a general merchandise store in Shellman. In 1950, he operated a saw-sharpening business.
- David died in 1969; Uva died in 1980.

Source: Census 1930 [link](#) 1950 [link](#), Ancestry.com [link](#)



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124 E Railroad St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
1/11/1890	<p>From Crittenden family to S L Arthur Notes: 2.6 acres (420' N/S x 270' E/W), no improvements. Bounded east by C E Grubbs; west by C J Greene; south by Crittenden. Later divided into two lots: #124 E Railroad St and the unnumbered lot to the east. Source: Deed Book/EE/21</p>
1/21/1893, 3/21/1893, 10/16/1895 7/29/1897	<p>From S L Arthur to B K Arthur to Arthur's estate and his trust for his family to R B Martin Notes: 1.45 acres (420' N/S x 150' E/W), with house. Bounded west by C J Greene; east by B K Arthur.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur divides his lot: this is the western portion. • Arthur apparently built a house by 1893; his family may have lived here before moving to 3109 Calhoun St. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/24, EE/475, FF180-1 (Note: this deed references EE/476, which is the lot to the east, but many other details confirm that it is in fact this lot which Martin purchased.)</p>
10/25/1945, 12/26/1945, 1/23/1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Cleo George (daughter of R B Martin) to A B Branan in 1945 • From Branan to N E Maddox in 1945 • From Maddox to Shellman Motor Company in 1948 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/DD1/277, DD1/456, EE1/563, PP1/107 (mortgage)</p>
8/11/1960, 2/8/1964	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Shellman Motor Company to Joe & Lena Trotman in 1960 • Lena Trotman became sole owner in 1964 <p>Source: Deed Book/QQ1/488, UU1/69-70</p>
3/3/1965, 4/5/1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Lena Trotman to Harrison Crump in 1965 • From Crump to J A Horne & C E Rockwell in 1971 <p>Notes: The Martin house was destroyed by fire in 1964 or early 1965. The current house was built in 1986. Source: Deed Book/VV1/28, YY1/381, CC2/14</p>
<p><u>The Robert Bogan Martin, Sr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin was the son of John and Martha Truitt Martin. John Martin was a Baptist minister and later a farmer. • Robert Martin married Martha Monroe in 1876; her father, James J Monroe, was a major landowner in Calhoun County. The Martins lived on a farm in Calhoun County before moving to Shellman in 1897. • Robert kept his farming interests after moving to Shellman. He also became involved in the commercial endeavors his younger brothers, Charles W Martin and Isaac A Martin. • Martha Martin died in 1902. Robert remained in the house until his death in 1934. He never remarried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 1910, his son France and his new wife lived here before moving to Pearl St. ○ By 1920, his daughter Cleo (Mrs. J C George) and her family were living here. They remained here until the 1940s. <p>Ancestry.com link, <i>Martin and Allied Families</i> link</p>	
<p><u>The James Colley (Jake) George family</u></p>	



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- Jake was from Leary, the son of Cyrus and Mary George. He served overseas in the Army during WW I. He married Cleo Martin soon after he returned.
- By 1920, the Georges were living here with her father. They remained here until 1944, when they moved to 193 W Phelps St. They remained there until their deaths; his in 1965 and hers in 1983.
- Jake was a farmer.

Ancestry.com family tree: George [link](#), Martin [link](#)



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158 Railroad St (Fictitious street number)

This lot is the eastern portion of the 1890 purchase by S L Arthur from the Crittenden family (See 124 E Railroad St)	
5/17/1890, 12/15/1891, 10/28/1892, 3/23/1893, 10/16/1895, 11/2/1896	<p>From S L Arthur to Arthur Brothers to T A Wall to B K Arthur. Then from the estate of B K Arthur to Crittenden Brothers.</p> <p>Notes: 1.15 acres (420' N/S x 120' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthur divides his lot four months after purchasing it: this is the eastern portion. The 1891 deed transfers interests within the Arthur Brothers partnership, and reveals that a house has been erected which is rented to W N Brown. Source: Deed Book/EE/22, EE/23, CC/756, EE/25, EE/476 • In 1896, the lot is sold back to the Crittendens; it is now bounded east by M A Mizell. Source: Deed Book/FF/92-3, HH/500
12/30/1903, 2/1/1904	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to Mrs. Maggie M Helm</p> <p>Notes: 1.1 acres (420' N/S x 120' E/W), with house. Bounded east by M A Mizell, south by W R Terry; west by R B Martin. Known as the McCurdy house.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/124, JJ/64</p>
3/24/1910, 4/12/1910, 5/13/1910	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Maggie M Helm to Mrs. Florence Inez Sears • From Mrs. Sears to D A Brown • From W R Terry to D A Brown • From Lizzie Terry to D A Brown <p>Notes: Brown purchased Maggie Helm's house and two tracts of land (36.9 acres), extending his lot to the southern and eastern boundaries of Lot 5/302. Mrs. Helm resided in the house at the time. Brown also purchased the house at 244 E Railroad St, and was living there in 1920.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/42, NN/46, MM/271-2, MM/272, PP/179 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ownership/occupancy after 1910 is unclear; census data from 1920 onward suggest the house was vacant or lost. • In 1970, a public swimming pool was built on this lot. 	
<p><u>The John Laney Lewis Helm family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helm was the son of Noah Helm; he grew up at their home at 244 E Railroad St. • Helm married Maggie McMichael in 1903; they purchased this house one month later. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In 1910, they sold the house and moved to 202 Pecan St, where they lived in 1920. ○ In 1923, the family moved to 193 W Phelps St, a "pretty new home on Phelps St, which is one of the most attractive in Shellman". (link). • Helm was a retail merchant, initially in partnership with his brother, W R Helm. They opened a store at 60 Randolph St in 1904, which operated as a general merchandise and grocery store. The partnership lasted until 1913, when W R sold his interest and returned to his farm. J L Helm continued to operate the store; he and his brother also operated the farm as a partnership. • Helm died in 1933. Maggie Helm remained in the house on W Phelps St until she remarried. She moved to Albany, selling the house in 1944 and the store in 1961. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Glenn Morse Sears family</u></p> <p>Mrs. Sears owned this lot for less than a month. See 60 Park St for information on the family.</p>	
<p><u>The D A Brown family</u></p> <p>See 244 E Railroad St for information on the Brown family.</p>	



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170 E Railroad St



<p>1/11/1890, 1/13/1890, 4/6/1892, 1/3/1894</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Crittenden Brothers (and Mrs. S J Payne) to C E Grubbs in 1890 and 1892 • Back to the Crittenden Brothers in 1894 <p>Notes: 1.5 acres (420' N/S x 157.5' E/W). The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the W S Arrington lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grubbs already lived on the lot in 1890. • In 1892, Grubbs moved to Parrott; he sold the property back to the previous owners. <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/257, EE/382, EE/383, EE/384</p>
<p>12/18/1895, 3/24/1916</p>	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to Mrs. Ambrose E (Martha A) Mizell</p> <p>Notes: Bounded east by Mrs. M E Tison; south by W R Terry. The deed describes the improvements: 6-room frame residence, frame tenant house, and frame barn.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ EE/385, OO/28 (mortgage)</p>
<p>2/15/1933</p>	<p>From Mrs. Mizell to Mrs. A E Russell of Eufaula</p> <p>Notes: Mrs. Russell apparently did not occupy the house, which appears to have been rented in 1930 and 1940.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/45, VV/310</p>
<p>4/19/1946</p>	<p>From the heirs of Mrs. Russell to J A Horne</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD1/506-7, DD1/499-500 (mortgage), EE1/577 (mortgage)</p>
<p>4/23/1962</p>	<p>From Jim Horne Mill Supplies to T Harrison Crump</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/SS1/489-90, SS1/490</p>
<p>Later deeds: WW1/430, YY1/383, OO2/421-3, OO2/551, DD3/492</p>	
<p><u>Professor Charles Elisha Grubbs family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Grubbs was from Talbotton. He served briefly in the Civil War. He and Emmie King were married in 1865. • Grubbs was an educator who taught in Buena Vista and Weston before coming to Shellman. • He was the first President of the Shellman Institute, serving from its opening in 1885 until 1892, when he left to become Principal of the Parrott High School (<i>Macon Telegraph</i>, June 21, 1892, Page 7). • Grubbs was a prominent citizen of Shellman, participating in many civic activities. He introduced a novel, subscription-based funding model which avoided a school tax (link). He also boarded students (link). 	



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- The Grubbs family moved to Worth County in 1899. Grubbs' career in education was ended by a stroke in 1905. He then worked with the newspaper in Sylvester, where he died in 1909 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Ambrose Edwards Mizell family

- The Mizells were from Dale County, Alabama, as were the Crittendens. Mizell's cousin Emaline Edwards married Fernando Crittenden in 1877. The Crittendens moved to Shellman, and Mizell soon followed.
- Mizell married Martha Alice Arrington in Randolph County in 1883. He also purchased a 4-acre tract on Pearl St that year, and built a house there ([link](#)). In 1895, they purchased this house on E Railroad St.
- In 1885, Mizell opened a general merchandise store at 30 Arthur St in partnership with his father-in-law, Sid Arrington. The store was sold in 1891. In later censuses, Mizell listed his profession as trader and cotton buyer.
- The Mizell family lived here until his death in 1929. His widow then moved to Tampa to live with her son Marvin (See 3556 Pearl St), then to Macon to live near her daughter. She sold the house in 1933, and died in Macon that same year ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Anderson Horne, Sr. family

- Jim Horne's father worked for the railroad; they moved about, but settled in Macon. He married Marie Moon in 1932 ([link](#)). They lived with his widowed mother in Macon in 1940.
- The Hornes moved to Shellman in 1946.
- After living here on E Railroad St, they moved to a house near the intersection of US 82 and GA 41. Later they moved to Albany, and remained there until their deaths; his in 1991 and hers in 2005.
- Horne operated Jim Horne Mill Supplies and was involved with Peerless Manufacturing. He also bought and sold real estate.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

184 E Railroad St



- This lot is the western part of the 3-acre Mizell & Arrington lot (See 198 E Railroad St)
- Acquired by John M Fulton in 1902.

3/7/1908,
3/23/1966

- From John M Fulton to his daughter, Mrs. Leisla A Ethridge (later Short) in 1908
 - From Mrs. Short to her youngest son, Emmet Fulton Short, in 1966
 - Sold by Emmet Short's widow in 2004
- Notes: 1 acre, (350' N/S x 128' E/W), with house where the Ethridge family resides. This is the western part of Mizell & Arrington lot.
Source: Deed Book/LL/608, PP/405-6 (mortgage), QQ/141 (mortgage), WW1/168

The J A Ethridge family

- Leisla Fulton married J A Ethridge in 1901; they lived here in 1910. The house was likely built soon after they married.
- Ethridge was the son and business partner of Joseph Ethridge. They operated a store together until around 1900; J A then became a cotton seed buyer. He died in 1913. Source: Randolph County Marriage register [link](#), 1910 census [link](#)

The Lovic Francis Short family

- Short married Annie Allen in 1898 ([link](#)); she died in 1914 ([obituary](#)). They lived at 81 Park St. Short owned a grocery store, possibly in partnership with his brother, W S Short.
- In 1914, Short and widow Leisla Ethridge were married; the family consolidated in this house.
- In 1930, the Shorts were living in Valdosta; in 1940, they were in Jacksonville, FL. By 1950, they were back here.
- Leisla Short died in 1967, In 1966, she passed the house to her youngest son, Emmet. The house passed to his widow in 2004.

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#), 1950 census [link](#)

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198 E Railroad St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Purchased by A E Mizell & W S Arrington by 1892 (Deed not located).

11/5/1892, 1/17/1895	From W S Arrington and A E Mizell to Shellman Banking Co, then a quitclaim from their wives who were in partnership. Notes: 3 acres, with house. Bounded east by N L Helm; west by C E Grubbs. The Mizells purchased the lot next door (170 E Railroad St) in 1895; Arrington rented this house until at least 1898. Source: Deed Book/CC/738, DD/500, GG/308
1/28/1902	From Shellman Banking Co to W J Oliver & T R Arthur to John M Fulton Notes: 3 acres, with house. Bounded east by N L Helm; west by Mrs. M A Mizell. Source: Deed Book/HH/271, HH/272Deed Book/SS/611 (plat)
5/1/1934	From Mrs. India P Fulton to her stepdaughter, Mrs. Annie Fulton Dean Notes: Same property conveyed in 1898. Bounded east and south by lands of C L Wooten; west by G W Pollock or Emmet Short. Source: Deed Book/YY/611
3/3/1944	From Annie Dean and siblings to Julian P Gunnells Notes: Source: Deed Book/EE1/309, later LL10/545
<p><u>The William Sydney Arrington family</u> For information on the Arrington family, see 109 E Ward St.</p>	
<p><u>The John Morgan Fulton family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulton grew up in Sumter County, but moved to Randolph County after the Civil War. In 1871, he married Emma Holt, and they raised a family on his farm near Shellman. She died in 1894. • In 1896, Fulton married India Powers, who was the widow of Blanchard Hooks. They purchased this house in 1902. • Fulton died in 1915; India Fulton remained in the house. Her step-daughter, Annie lived with her while single. She married Lucious Dean in 1930, and the newlyweds also lived here (link). • In 1934, she sold the house to Annie Dean. The Deans moved about, and Mrs. Fulton lived with them in Valdosta in 1940. However, she apparently returned here before her death in 1948. <p>Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Julian Pierce Gunnells family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunnells was the son of a high school principal who served primarily in NE Georgia. In the 1920s, the family moved to Brooks County, where Julian married Helen Bentley by 1930. • They attended the University of Georgia. After graduation, they moved to Shellman, where he taught vocational agriculture. In 1937, he organized a chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) at the high school (link). 	



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- In 1940, the Gunnells rented on Pearl St, before moving here in 1944.
- Gunnells became a farmer and businessman. While still a teacher, he was involved in marketing pecans, and by 1947 operated a pecan products business in partnership with J E McGlaun. He served as president of the Southeastern Pecan Growers Association in 1947-8 ([link](#)). His business on Arthur St was also an FRM Feed dealership.
- In addition, he was head of the local draft board in the 1960s and 1970s.

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#), 1950 census [link](#)



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244 E Railroad St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
3/1/1884, 7/29/1885, 9/29/1885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden Brothers to T A Wall in 1884 • From Wall to Dr. J G Dean in 1885 • From Dean to Noah L Helm in 1885 <p>Notes: 1 acre, irregularly shaped (264' frontage on the SWRR right-of-way). Wall apparently built a house on the lot in 1884/5. Dean had been principal of Shellman Institute, but moved to Dawson in August, 1885, where he was a physician (link).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/202, EE/200, EE/201</p>
12/19/1891	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to N L Helm</p> <p>Notes: This deed extends Helm's lot to the south. Bounded east by John Bius, south by Crittenden Brothers; west by Mizell & Arrington.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/203</p>
10/5/1909, 11/15/1910	<p>From the estate of N L Helm to Mrs. Louella A Helm to D A Brown</p> <p>Notes: 2 acres with house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known as the residence of Noah Helm at the time of his death. • The Brown family lived here in 1920 when Brown mortgaged the house. <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/541, NN/278, PP/379 (mortgage)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The house burned in 1922 (link). • By 1958, Claron Wooten owned the vacant lot. <p>Source: Deed Book/OO1/392, KK2/397, QQ5/69</p>	
<p><u>The Noah Helm family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helm's family moved to Randolph County in the 1850s. • Noah served in the Civil war; he was wounded at Ocean Pond, FL. He returned to Randolph County and married Louella Fulton, sister of John Fulton, in 1869. The family lived on a farm near Shellman before moving here in 1885. • Helm died in 1909; Louella remained here until 1910, but sold the house and moved to the farm. <p>Source: Ancestry.com family link</p>	
<p><u>The Daniel Archie Brown family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Brown was from North Carolina. He and Lessie Mathews were married in Pulaski County in 1893. • The Browns moved to Shellman from Dooley County. In the 1910 census, they were renting a house on E Ward St. Later in 1910, Brown purchased this lot, as well as the lot at 158 W Railroad St, and 37 additional acres to the south. • The Browns lived here by 1920, and may never have occupied the house rather than 158 W Railroad St. They lived here when the house burned in 1922. • Brown operated a turpentine business in 1910. In 1920, he was a cotton broker. • The Browns moved to Cordele, where he died in 1930 and she died in 1932 <p>Source: Ancestry.com search link</p>	

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266 E Railroad St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

<p>??/23/1888, 10/4/1888</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden family to Mrs. Charles J (Diddie) Greene in 1888 From Mrs. Greene to John Bius in 1888 <p>Notes: ½ acre (210' N/S x 105' E/W). The NW corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Helm lot. The house is first referenced in the deed from Greene to Bius. Source: Deed Book/JJ/222, JJ/223</p>
<p>2/11/1890</p>	<p>From the Crittenden family to John Bius Notes: Bius added 2 acres to his lot. Source: Deed Book/JJ/224</p>
<p>10/15/1904</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From John Bius to G P Hart in 1904 By descent to his widow, Mrs. Lanie Hart <p>Notes: Both parcels and the house are conveyed. Source: Deed Book/JJ/225, RR/469, SS/84 (mortgage), SS/611 plat</p>
<p>3/5/1935, 6/30/1937, 5/17/1939</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the estate of Mrs. Lanie Hart to the Curry Co. in 1935 From the Curry Co. to C V Jones in 1937 From Jones to Dean H Robinett in 1939 <p>Notes: Known as the Lanie Hart home. Source: Deed Book/XX/26, YY/271, CC1/301</p>
<p>12/4/1943</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Dean Robinett to Ernest E Lanford in 1943 Sold from Lanford's estate in 1999 <p>Notes: Known as the Lanie Hart home. Source: Deed Book/CC1/301-2, ZZ6/199, QQ5/69, ZZ6/198-200 (Tract #1)</p>

The John F Bius family

- Bius was from Talbot County. He served in the Civil War, returning to farm in Talbot County.
- Bius married Julia Caldwell in 1871. The family moved to Randolph County around 1882. They purchased 500 acres in the 4th district. Bius was known as a progressive farmer (*Atlanta Constitution*, July 7, 1895, [Page 3](#)). Around 1890, Bius was a partner in the cotton warehouse built by O B Stevens.
- The family purchased this lot in 1888 and apparently lived here. The newspaper article above states that Bius was building a new house on his farm in 1895. In the 1900 census, they cannot be found in Shellman, nor is it clear who lived on this lot.
- Julia Bius died in 1904; John sold this lot later that year.
- Bius married Ruby Collier (33 years his junior) in 1906. The couple lived at 3109 Calhoun St, and had four children before Bius died in 1915.
- Bius' widow moved to Ohio and married twice more.



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The George Preston Hart family

- Hart served in the Civil War. In 1867, he married Clara Smith; the family lived on a farm near Brooksville. Clara died in 1902.
- Hart married Laney Ellis (daughter of Shellman pioneer Eliza West Ellis) in 1904, and bought this house later that year. The family lived here until their deaths; his in 1920 and hers in 1934.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Dean Henderson Robinett family

Refer to 29 College St for information on the family.

The Ernest Evans Lanford family

- Ernest Lanford was from South Carolina. He married Jessie Blue in Florida in 1934. The family lived in Georgetown in 1940. They bought this lot in 1943, and lived here until her death in 1974. Ernest remarried, but remained in this house until his death in 1998. His children sold the house in 1999.
- Lanford operated a sawmill in Shellman.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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296 E Railroad St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

10/28/1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by From W R Terry (Deed not located) From Terry to M R Hardage in 1904 <p>Notes: Triangular lot, .6 acres (240' frontage on SWRR right-of-way), no improvements. The NW corner of this lot is the NE corner of the Hart lot. Source: Deed Book/JJ/236, SS/611 (plat)</p>
4/7/1945, 4/4/1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From M R Hardage to James M Curry in 1945 By descent in the Curry family; thence to Joe & Anita Fulghum in 1978 <p>Notes: Lot with house. The lot has been reduced by the sale of a 50' strip on the west side to the adjacent lot. Source: Deed Book/DD1/155, FF1/350, LL2/186-8 (Tract #2), PP2/713, PP2/714</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardage remarried and moved to Phelps St around 1938, but retained ownership of this lot. In 1940, it was rented to the Elizabeth Nichols family. In 1950, her son, Edgar, and daughter, Gladys Randall, were renting here. 	
<p><u>The Martin Ross Hardage family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hardage family moved to Shellman from Thomaston in 1904. Hardage worked at a grocery store in 1910; in 1920, he operated a grocery store. By 1930, he had retired. The family remained here until at least 1930, and probably until Mary Hardage died in 1938. Ross remarried by 1940; he moved to her home at 230 W Phelps St. Source: 1940 census link Hardage sold this house on E Railroad St in 1945. He died in 1947. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

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314 E Railroad St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

<p>11/27/1905, 9/12/1907</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W R Terry to Mrs. Georgia A Stripling in 1905 • From M R Hardage to Mrs. Georgia A Stripling in 1907 <p>Notes: Combined lot (from two deeds): (N/S x 300' E/W) Source: Deed Book/JJ1/281, JJ1/281-2</p>
<p>9/14/1953, 9/19/1953</p>	<p>From the estate of Miss Alice Maude Stripling to the Trustees of the Shellman Methodist Church; thence to Eugene Hancock. Notes: Known as the homeplace of Alice Maude Stripling. Source: Deed Book/JJ1/418</p>
<p>Later deeds: NN6/327-8, Plat Book/8/199 (1998)</p>	
<p><u>The James R Stripling family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stripling worked for the railroad in 1870, probably the reason the family moved to Ward's Station. They appear to have moved briefly to Florida, but returned by 1878. • By 1878, Stripling was a farmer with 500 acres just east of Shellman. He died in 1893; his widow seems to have remained on the farm until 1905. • She bought this lot on E Railroad St in 1905, and built a house here by 1907. • She remained here until her death in 1914. Then their two daughters, Ida and Maude, who were unmarried, lived in this house until they died in 1944 and 1953. • Maude left the house to the Shellman Methodist Church. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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670 E Railroad St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

9/1/1927	From J F & H O Crittenden to Church-Smith Lumber Co. Notes: 25 acres on the south side of the railroad in Lot 4/17. Church-Smith leased this tract for five years as its base for new operations in the vicinity of Shellman. They had the right to lease an additional 25 acres and to extend the lease for an additional five years. Source: Deed Book/TT/184-5
11/3/1941	From Robert Wall to Mrs. G E (Eula) Robinett Notes: 138.5-acre tract in Lot 4/17 & 4/22. The Robinetts buy a tract which includes the lot leased in 1927. Source: Deed Book/BB1/332
6/7/1954	From Mrs. Jennie M Curry to Robinett Brothers Lumber Co. Notes: 84.3-acre tract, extending the Robinett tract west to the boundary of Lot 4/17. Source: Deed Book/KK1/281

Robinett Family Lumber Businesses

- In 1927, the Church-Smith Lumber Co., based in Cusseta, expanded into the Cuthbert area by acquiring many timber leases from the King Lumber Co. The company acquired this tract on the eastern edge of Shellman as a base of operations in the area. Harvey Church was president.
- G E (Edgar) Robinett was manager of a lumber mill in Wilkesboro, North Carolina in 1920. Church was also from Wilkesboro; the two had probably known one another there, perhaps even worked together. This suggests that the Robinett family moved to Shellman about the time of this lease.
- In 1929, the Church-Smith Lumber Co., was reorganized to form the Church-Robinett Lumber Co., based in Shellman ([link](#)). Harvey Church was president; Robinett seems to have been the manager.
- Harvey Church died in 1931 (See 3351 Pearl St for information on the Church family).
- Robinett seems to have taken control of the business; it became Robinett Brothers Lumber Co. in the early 1930s. During the 1930s, the company harvested timber from thousands of acres in Randolph County.
- In 1952, the Robinett Manufacturing Co. leased space in the Crittenden warehouses at 41 & 43 W Railroad St. Max Robinett was president. The lease was for one year, with the option to renew.
- Edgar Robinett died in 1952 ([obituary](#)). Afterwards the company was known as Robinett Brothers Lumber Co.
- The family also operated the Robinett Frame Co.
- For info on the Robinett families, refer to:
 - Edgar: 3581 Pearl St
 - Max: 3419 Pearl St
 - Dean: 29 College St
 - George: 3786 Pearl St



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W Railroad St

The easternmost section of W Railroad St was probably created soon after the railroad was built, but no deeds have been found transferring it to the city. The section from Buford St westward was transferred to the city in 1890 (Deed Book/BB/622-3, BB/621-2). Commercial buildings were erected on the south side of the street; most were erected by the Crittenden Brothers, the first in 1872/3. Several plats from the early 1900s are available to show the stores as they were then.

Plats of W Railroad St

- Deed Book/KK/141 (1907)
- Deed Book/PP/522-3
- Deed Book/QQ/614-7 contains keys relating SWRR right-of-way contracts to subsequent plats
- Deed Book/QQ/618-624, QQ/627, QQ/639, VV9/400
- Plat Book/2/55 (1958)
- Plat Book/2/245
- Plat Book/4/54 (1963)
- Plat book/5/178 (1980)
- Plat Book/5/220 (1981)
- Plat Book/6/24 (1983)

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- R F Crittenden and his brother, H A Crittenden, formed the firm of Crittenden & Brother in 1872. They added a younger brother, J F Crittenden, becoming known as Crittenden Brothers. R F concentrated on the farming interests; H A and J F concentrated on commercial interests.
- The Crittendens farmed on a large scale and owned extensive farmland around Shellman. They also bought and resold many lots.
- The Crittenden's commercial interests were extensive, including retail stores (groceries, hardware, clothing, furniture) agribusiness (farm supplies, fertilizer, a gin, a cotton warehouse, a mill, etc.), and a bank.
- The Crittendens were the first and largest real estate developers in the area, dividing and selling their land for residential, commercial, and agricultural use.
- There were many Crittenden children, and a number of them joined the family businesses. In 1904, the partnership was divided among family members.
- After this time, different businesses were usually separately incorporated: Crittenden Guano Co., Crittenden Fruit Co., Crittenden Ginnery, and so on.

Division of Holdings on W Railroad St

In 1904-5, the Crittenden Brothers divided their holdings along W Railroad St and Buford St. Having acquired all of the commercial area of Shellman in 1871, they erected buildings without deeding property unless sold outside the family. Thus, there are no contemporaneous deeds to date the buildings. The following deeds are the earliest source of details of the substantial commercial interests of the Crittendens.

Source: Deed Book/JJ/118, JJ/121-2, JJ/151, JJ/153, JJ/155-6 (plats), JJ/157, JJ/318, JJ/385



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3 W Railroad St

12/28/1905, 1/19/1906	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to John Mercer Wooten, Sr., who was married to Emmie Crittenden Wooten, daughter of R F Crittenden</p> <p>Notes: 3 vacant lots (105.67' N/S x 58' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wooten assembled 3 lots, bounded on the west by the two-story brick building used as a millinery shop by Miss I I Crittenden, and on the east by Calhoun St.• The lots had a building and wagon scales which were probably used in connection with the warehouse to the south when owned by the Crittendens. The use of the lot by Wooten and subsequent owners is unknown. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/125, JJ/530, LL/91, QQ/621 (plat)</p>
6/30/1932, 10/29/1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From John Mercer Wooten's heirs to James M Wooten in 1932• From Wooten to W R Puckett in 1946 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The heirs sold the lots to James M Wooten in 1932 for \$1 as compensation for serving as executor of his uncle's estate.• Wooten sold the lots to Puckett in 1946. <p>Source: Deed Book/VV/186, EE1/47</p>
11/8/1965, 7/17/1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the heirs of W R Puckett to A J Gill in 1965• From Gill to the First State Bank in 1968 <p>Notes: The Shellman branch of First State Bank was built on this lot in 1975, relocating from 47 W Railroad St.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/XX1/46</p>
Subsequent deeds: Plat Book/5/178 (1980)	



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13 W Railroad St

The present-day lot was originally two parcels. Today it is vacant.	
<u>Eastern Parcel</u> (100' N/S x 29' E/W) A 1905 deed reveals that this lot contains a two-story brick building used as a millinery shop by Miss I I (Ida) Crittenden. Refer to 27 E Ward St for information on Miss Crittenden. Later deeds: ZZ/422	
<u>Western Parcel</u> (100' N/S x 40' E/W) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The early use of this parcel is unknown.• Deeds from 1905 and the 1930s refer to this lot as reserved, possibly to allow access from the cotton warehouse to the railroad. Source: Deed Book/GG/349, JJ/318, AA1/101, QQ1/395 (Tract #5)	
<u>Combined Parcels</u> The property was owned by the Crittenden family until 1980. In the 1950s, the old millinery shop had two tenants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The lower floor was used as a gas station operated by Mr. Prothro. The western parcel was used for the gas pumps and parking.• The upper floor was occupied by the insurance agency of J W Walker.	
9/19/1980	From the Crittenden family to Mary Ellen Duke Notes: 100' N/S x 29' E/W. Duke operated a restaurant here: Mary Ellen's Fried Chicken (link). Source: Deed Book/VV2/113-5, BB5/267-9 (mortgage), Plat Book/5/178 (1980)
Later deeds: JJ12/439	

31 W Railroad St

The first known use of this lot is the Crittendens' " <i>iron buggy house</i> ".	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two 1905 deeds identify this lot as being the site of the Crittenden Brothers "<i>iron buggy house</i>". Source: Deed Book/JJ/118, JJ/318• Circa 1920, the building is being operated as a pressing club. Source: Deed Book/QQ/621 (plat)• In 1935, the building is being used as a seed house. Source: Deed Book/ XX/233 (Item #2)	
Around 1970, this lot was combined with the lot to the west (35 W Railroad St). Refer there for more information on the lot.	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

35 W Railroad St

<p>The first known use of this lot is the Crittendens' "old frame furniture house". It possible that it was the original Crittenden & Brother store; refer to 41 W Railroad St for a discussion.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 1905 deed identifies this lot as being the site of the Crittenden Brothers "old frame furniture house". Source: Deed Book/JJ/318 • Circa 1920, there is a store on the lot, owned by J F and W R Crittenden Source: Deed Book/QQ/621 (plat) • In 1935, the lot is vacant. Source: Deed Book/XX/233 (Item #2) 	
9/13/1939	<p>From H O Crittenden & A R Kenney to Lee Amusement Company Notes: Vacant lot, 100' N/S x 31.5' E/W. The mortgage deed reveals that a one-story building was completed around the end of 1939; the building was used as a movie theater. Source: Deed Book/ZZ/536, AA1/92 (mortgage), AA1/350 (mortgage release), AA1/346</p>
9/4/1944, 4/1/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From M G Lee to Martin Theaters in 1944 • From Martin Theaters to W O Davis in 1949 <p>Notes: In 1944, Lee sold the theaters operated by the Lee Amusement Co., including this one, to a larger chain, Martin Theaters (link) Source: Deed Book/CC1/491-3 (Tract #3), CC1/493-5 (Tract #3, mortgage), FF1/151, GG1/39</p>
<p><u>Lee Amusement Co. & Martin Theaters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Amusement Co. operated a few movie theaters and also operated a traveling carnival in Alabama and Georgia. • In 1939, Lee purchased this vacant lot and erected a brick theater. They also purchased a vacant lot on Payne St, on which they never built; the reason for the purchase is unknown. (Source: Deed Book/ZZ/537) • In 1944, Lee sold the five theaters operated by the Lee Amusement Co., including this one, to Martin Theaters, which operated 100 theaters (link). • The theater closed around 1960; it appears that the building was still standing in 1968. 	
8/6/1968	<p>From S E McDaniel to J W Curry Notes: The theater closed around 1960; it appears that the building was still standing in 1968. Source: Deed Book/YY1/295</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 1970, this lot was combined with the lot to the east (31 W Railroad St). The combined lot was cleared and a convenience store was built by Suwanee Swifty (Deed not located) • Suwanee Swifty sold the property in 1997. Source: Deed Book/II6/151, Plat Book/5/220 (1981) 	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

41 W Railroad St



- This is likely the site of the original Crittenden & Brother store. The firm was established in 1872 ([link](#)). The store was in operation by 1873 ([link](#)).
- The current building may be the original store from 1873. If not, then it is likely that the original store was located at 35 W Railroad St, and that this brick building was constructed in 1890 ([link](#)). Many old deeds refer to it as the Crittenden Brothers “brick store house”.

- The building was transferred among members of the Crittenden family a number of times.
- Circa 1920, the store was operated by J F and W R Crittenden, as advertised in 1921 ([link](#))

Source: Deed Book/QQ/621 (plat),
UU/511, UU569, VV/209, YY/36

The Things That Make Value--

Price has a good deal to do with value; naturally. But so has quality of material; of service; good fit and style. It's the sum total of all these things that determines value. We aim to give you 100 per cent value at every one of these points.

Apparel Developed from Beautifully Patterned Wash Fabrics Will Lead Summer Fashions.

And the time to choose the voiles, organdies, gingham—and other interesting tub materials, from which so mnce distinctive attire is going to be made, is right now. Assortments are at their best from standpoints of color and pattern and qualities are a great deal more than one would expect at the low prices asked.

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We also carry a complete line of Endicott-Johnson Work Shoes for Men. None better, regardless of prices, if its a work shoe.

J. F. and W. R. Crittenden

Shellman

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12/9/1952	Leased by the Robinett Manufacturing Co. Notes: The one-year, renewable leases covered both 41 & 43 W Railroad St. Source: Deed Book/II1/594, II1/595
Later deeds: ZZ3/20, KK5/349-50, Plat Book/5/220 (1981)	

43 W Railroad St



The Crittenden Building

In 1904, the earliest known deed for this property transfers ownership within the Crittenden family.
Notes: 122' N/S x 52.66' E/W. Bounded east by the old brick Crittenden store; west by Peoples Bank.
The building is separated into two shops, but they are owned jointly as a single unit by the Crittenden family into the 21st century.

Source: Deed Book/JJ/128

5/4/1904	<p><u>Eastern Shop Occupancy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1904, the R F Crittenden Co. • In 1911, Shellman Grocery Co. • In 1915, Haddock, Bell, Green, & Co. • In the 1950s, the Lewis Crittenden grocery • In 1961, Jim Horne <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/128, MM/268, NN/500, PP/522-3 (plat), QQ/621 (plat), SS1/185-6</p>
5/4/1904, 11/4/1915	<p><u>Western Shop Occupancy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1904, Mrs. S E Cheney. • In 1915, the Post Office leased the building from Marshall Crittenden for 10 years. The lease describes a single room with the post office using all of it. • In 1961, the Louise Johnson Beauty Shop. • Later in the 1960s, the Eddie Wall Barber Shop. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/128, MM/614-5, NN/500, PP/522-3 (plat), QQ/621 (plat), SS1/185-6</p>
12/9/1952	<p>Leased by the Robinett Manufacturing Co. Notes: The one-year, renewable leases covered both 41 & 43 W Railroad St. Source: Deed Book/II1/594, II1/595</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property descended from M M Crittenden to R C Bell to his descendants. Source: Deed Book/EE5/279, YY2/856-7 (Tract #3) 	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

- In 2020, only the facade of the building was standing.

47 W Railroad St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

7/7/1900

From Crittenden Brothers to Peoples Bank of Shellman
Notes: The lot already contained the bank building, completed earlier that year ([link](#)).
Source: Deed Book/HH/230

- The bank later opened a branch in Cuthbert, then moved its main branch there. Its Shellman branch was relocated to 5 W Railroad St in 1975.
- The J W Walker Insurance Agency next occupied the building.
- Later deeds: NN/432, QQ/621 (plat), JJ5/52

Peoples Bank

- Peoples Bank opened in 1900 ([link](#)). Officers were:
 - Chairman: C W Martin
 - Secretary: W S Witham (Note: Witham was a prominent banker who lived in Atlanta, and had traveled to Shellman to promote the formation of a second bank here.)
- The original shareowners of the bank were C M Cheney, C W Martin, Hiram O Crittenden, Hiram A Crittenden, J F Crittenden, D R Stewart, and W R Curry.
- In 1906, Peoples Bank was converted to the First National Bank of Shellman ([link](#)); the property was transferred to the new entity. It later converted to the First State Bank of Shellman and then the First National Bank of Randolph County.
- The bank later opened a branch in Cuthbert, then moved its main branch there. Its Shellman branch was relocated to 5 W Railroad St in 1975.
- The bank was the only bank in Shellman to survive the Depression, and is the oldest financial institution in Randolph County.

Source: *RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES*. Randolph County Historical Society. 1977: [Pages 217-218].

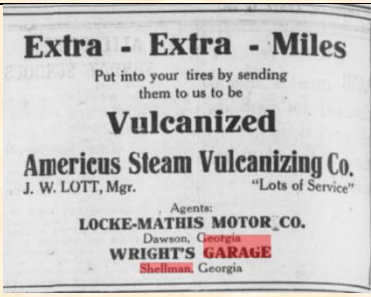



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

57 W Railroad St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
7/30/1888	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to Charles M Cheney</p> <p>Notes: 100' N/S x 30' E/W. Bounded by Arthur Brothers store on the west. The lot is vacant, and sold with the understanding that Cheney will build a brick store on it.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/47</p>
<p><u>C M Cheney Store</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles Cheney established a business in 1885, initially in partnership with his brother Paul. When Paul died in 1886, Charles assumed full control (link). Cheney constructed a brick store on this lot in 1888 (link). In 1903, the <i>Atlanta Constitution</i> called Cheney "one of the most successful merchants of Shellman" (link). The store and stock were badly damaged by fire on 8/25/1894. (<i>Americus times-recorder</i>, August 26, 1894 link) Around 1910, the aging Cheney added J D Pipkin and J A White as partners (link). Cheney died in 1916; his widow sold the store in 1919. The location of the store is confirmed by the railroad survey circa 1920. Source: Deed Book/QQ/621 plat For information on Cheney, refer to 4001 Pearl St. 	
8/8/1919	<p>From Mrs. Annie Cheney to K L & J B Wright.</p> <p>Notes: K L Wright soon purchased his brother's interest, becoming sole owner.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/64-65, PP/519, QQ/469, BB1/87, FF1/416, 1920 census link</p>
4/6/1926, 3/10/1941	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wright's business was sold to settle his estate in 1926. Mrs. Wright bought the land and buildings; the Curry Co. bought the equipment. In 1941, Lem Jay, one of two partners in the Curry Co. acquired Mrs. Wright's property. <p>Source: Deed Book/SS/129-30</p>

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

2/1/1949	<p>From L P Jay to Puckett Oil Company in 1949 Notes: Puckett Oil retained ownership until 1990. Source: Deed Book/BB1/87, FF1/416, KK4/104</p>
<p><u>Wright's Garage/Gasoline Alley</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K L Wright was proprietor of a garage in Shellman by 1918. • He purchased the combined lot (#57 and #59) in 1919. By 1920, he had converted the two brick stores into Wright's Garage. • Wright also had a storage tank at 126 Short St and an 1,800', buried, 2"-pipeline connecting the storage tank with the garage (Deed Book/PP/313). • Wright died in an automobile accident in 1925 (link). For information on the Wright family refer to 3556 Pearl St. • The Curry Co. then operated the business, and later one of its partners, Lem Jay. 	
	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puckett Oil Co. acquired the garage and storage tank in 1949, and kept them until 1990. • During this time, the gas station was known as the Corner Service Station, owned/operated by Logan Hays. In the 1950s, the business had an arrangement with Ford Motor Company, and had a small showroom in which a new Ford was on display. A 1957 deed for the adjacent store states that this business is operated by "Ford Company." • The building is no longer standing, The image is circa 1984. </div> </div>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The garage was still in operation when it was destroyed by fire in 1992 (link). • The property was donated to the City of Shellman in 1992. The site was cleared to create a park. Source: Deed Book/GG5/25 	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

59 W Railroad St (Fictitious street number)



- Deeds for adjacent properties reveal that the Crittenden Brothers built a store here between 1890 and 1892. Source: Deed Book/ BB/714-5, CC/754
- The building is no longer standing, The image is circa 1984.

8/24/1894	Damaged, and likely destroyed, in the fire of 1894. The occupants are uncertain. Source: <i>Americus times-recorder</i> , August 26, 1894 link
12/26/1900	From Crittenden Brothers to C M Cheney Notes: 100' N/S x 32' E/W. Bounded on the east by C M Cheney store and on the west by the old Arthur Brothers store. Source: Deed Book/HH/108

After the 1900 sale, Cheney erected a building which was leased to others.

- It was likely the site of the City Drug Co. for time
- It was likely the site of Cobb Motor Co. in the 1920s (See below)
- Later the display room was absorbed into the garage to the east, and used as a Ford display room in the 1950s.
- For the subsequent history of the lot, refer to 57 W Railroad St.

NEW FORD GARAGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

For a long time **Shellman** has been worked by outside automobile concerns. In that way much money was taken away from **Shellman**. Mr. T. K. Cobb, a new arrival in the city, has leased the building known as the City Drug Store site and is installing a modern and up-to-date stock and show room. This place will be modern in every respect. A place you will enjoy going into. Mr. Cobb advises that a complete stock of Ford accessories will be carried, Ford cars, Ford tractors and any machinery made by the Ford factory. Mr. Cobb will keep at all times several cars on display in the show rooms, and will be glad to talk to you.

Cobb Automobile Co.

- In 1921, T K Cobb leased the store occupied by the City Drug Co. and refurbished it as a Ford dealership, as described in the newspaper article at left ([link](#)).
- Cobb announced his appointment as a Ford dealer in the ad at right from August, 1921 ([link](#)).
- Apparently, the dealership did not

succeed. Cobb moved to Cuthbert in early 1922 ([link](#)). His dealership may have been assumed by either the Curry Co. or Wright's Garage, but the building was leased to the Shellman Caf  (see below).

Announcing that We
Have Been Appointed
Authorized Dealers for

THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Restrictions as to territory of dealers has been removed and we, as authorized dealers, may sell anywhere. If you are contemplating the purchase of a new Ford or Fordson Tractor be sure to see us.

We will be glad to serve our Terrell and Randolph county friends.

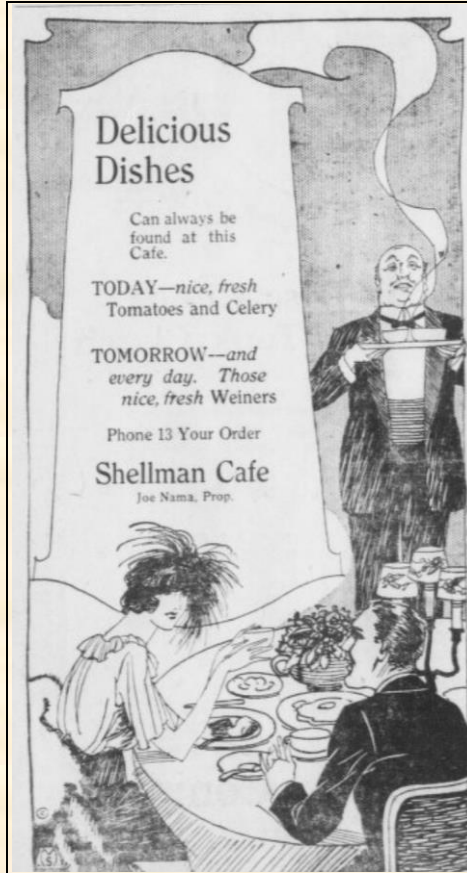
A complete stock of genuine Ford parts will be carried at all times.

T. K. COBB

We have just unloaded a car load shipment and can fill your order promptly.

Cobb Automobile Company
Shellman, Georgia

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)



Shellman Café

- The earliest documentation of the Shellman Café is a newspaper article from 1921 reporting that the manager, Mr. C C Antonio, had returned to Shellman in time for the influx of workers in the peach industry. Antonio also operated a café in Barnesville. This suggests that Antonio may have opened the café at the time that peach production took off in the area between 1916 and 1920 ([link](#)).
- Antonio sold the restaurant to Joe Nama later in 1921 ([link](#), [link](#)). Nama seems to have operated a more upscale restaurant, based on the ad at left ([link](#)).
- The original location of the café is unknown. In 1922, it relocated to 59 W Railroad St after the Ford garage closed ([link](#)). Nama took advantage of his new quarters to add a bakery to the café ([link](#)).
- In 1924, Mrs. I Khory became manager of the café ([link](#)). Later that year, she purchased the pressing club, and operated both for a time ([link](#)). There is no further information on either business.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

61 W Railroad St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Part of a 69'-wide tract purchased by the Arthur Brothers from Crittenden Brothers in 1890: #61, #69, and #71 W Railroad St. The tract was acquired as part of a plan by the Arthurs and several other prominent Shellman citizens, including W J Oliver, to organize Shellman's first bank. The bank was located at #71.

7/22/1890,
11/4/1892

From Crittenden Brothers to Arthur Brothers

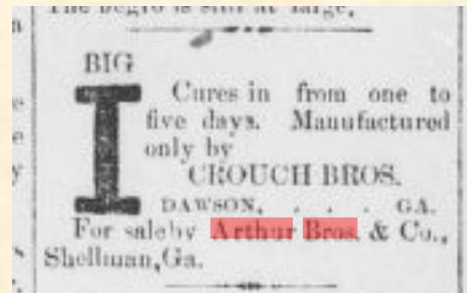
Notes: 100' N/S x 69' E/W. Bounded on the west by the Ethridge store and land of W J Oliver; east and south by property of Crittenden Brothers.

- The Arthur Brothers store is already in operation on the east end of the tract.
- In 1890, there is a vacant lot, still owned by the Crittendens, between the Arthur Brothers store and the C M Cheney store.
- Mortgaged in 1892; satisfied in 1893 by the Shellman Banking Co.

Source: Deed Book/BB/714-5, CC/754

Arthur Brothers & Co.

- B K Arthur operated a brick store here by 1881, initially renting from the Crittenden Brothers, before buying the building in 1890.
- The store was damaged, but not destroyed, in the fire of 1894. (*Americus times-recorder*, August 26, 1894 [Page 4](#))
- B K Arthur died later in 1894. The store was sold to Mrs. M A Wall.



12/4/1894,
1/4/1902

- From the estate of B K Arthur to Mrs. M A Wall in 1894
- From Mrs. Wall to her son, C S Miller, in 1902

Notes:

Brick store, 30' E/W x 100' N/S. "Known as the store house & lot formerly owned by the Arthur Bros & Co. ...adjoining brick store of T R Arthur now occupied by W J Oliver as a general mdse store; on the east & South by store house and lands of the Crittenden Brothers; on the north by lands belonging to the town of Shellman Ga. & SWRR."

Source: Deed Book/EE/302, HH/280

1/4/1902

From C S Miller to T R Arthur.

Notes: Arthur purchased the store that had been operated by his father.

Source: Deed Book/HH/281

11/13/1905,
12/4/1957

- From T R Arthur to Mrs. Emmie V Wooten in 1905
- From Mrs. Wooten's estate to her son, John Mercer Wooten, Jr., in 1957

Notes: 100' N/S x 30' E/W. Bounded by C M Cheney on the east and Charles Greene on the west. Known as the store formerly owned by the Arthur Bros.

Source: Deed Book/JJ/516, QQ/621 (plat), OO1/213

- Later owned by J W Sammons, Jr.; sold in his bankruptcy sale in 1991.



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

- Later deeds: MM4/9-13 (Tract #4), RR4/33-36 (Tract #3), UU4/301-2

Little is known of the businesses that occupied this building after the Arthur Brothers.

- Mrs. M A Wall was appointed postmaster in 1889; this store may have served as Shellman's post office from 1889 until she sold the building in 1902.
- In 1922, Stanley Arthur opened a grocery store here ([link](#)).
- For a brief time in the 1950s, Mrs. Daisy Crittenden operated a "five and dime" store here.
- Mercer Wooten used the building to store material used in his municipal supply business in the 1950s and 1960s.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

69 W Railroad St



- Part of the tract purchased by the Arthur Brothers from the Crittenden Brothers in 1890 (See 61 W Railroad St)
- The store was built soon afterwards [link](#).

7/24/1893	<p>From R L Cheney to T R Arthur</p> <p>Notes: Half-interest in brick store, already in operation (20' E/W x 85' N/S). Bounded on the west by Shellman Banking Company and the east by the brick store of B K Arthur.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/83</p>
<p><u>Cheney/Arthur Store</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The store was built in 1890 (link). • R L Cheney and T R Arthur operated the store as partners until 1893. • Arthur was sole owner when the vacant building was destroyed by fire on 8/24/1894 (link). • W J Oliver's store at 75 W Railroad St. was also destroyed by the fire; he relocated here, renting from Arthur, until late 1901. This implies the old building on this lot was soon replaced. 	
9/27/1901, 9/26/1906	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From T R Arthur to C J Greene & B M Davidson in 1901 • Greene purchased Davidson's share in 1906. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1901, known as <i>"the T R Arthur store now occupied by W J Oliver & Sons."</i> • In 1906, known as <i>"the Drug Store, and occupied now by H Louis Dozier."</i> <p>Source: Deed Book/ZZ/531-2, ZZ/532, QQ/621 (plat)</p>
<p><u>Shellman Drug Co.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1902, Green and Davidson took over the Shellman Drug Co. (location not known) and located it here. • B M Davidson, Greene's stepson-in-law, owned the Davidson Drug Co. in Dawson. He sent his son, Edgar Davidson, to set up the new operation (link). • In 1905, a fire destroyed the stock and badly damaged the building (link). At the time, the drugstore was operated by Louis Dozier (link). He continued here until 1910, when he purchased a drugstore in LaGrange (link). • It is unknown if anyone operated a drugstore in the location again. By the 1930s, the Shellman Drug Co. was operating at 278 Buford St. 	
12/15/1943, 1/16/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the heirs of C J Greene to D K Bynum in 1943 • From D K Bynum to C L Wooten in 1945 <p>Notes: Use of store not mentioned.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC1/320-1, CC/365, PP1/257</p>
4/9/1959	<p>From C L Wooten to Puckett Oil Company</p> <p>Notes: These two adjacent stores (#69 and #71) served as the Puckett Oil Company office and warehouse into the 1990s.</p>



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

	Source: Deed Book/PP1/257-8, TT4/70 (Parcel #3), WW4/249 (Parcel #3)
<u>The Puckett Oil Co.</u> Refer to 71 W Railroad St for information on the company.	



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

71 W Railroad St



Part of the tract purchased by the Arthur Brothers from the Crittenden Brothers on 7/22/1890 (See 61 W Railroad St)

10/10/1890

From Arthur Brothers to Shellman Banking Co.

Notes: Vacant lot (85' N/S x 20' E/W). Bounded east by Arthur Brothers store, west by store of J Ethridge and lands of W J Oliver, and south by the Arthur Brothers.

Source: Deed Book/GG/362

The Shellman Banking Co.

- Shellman's first bank was organized in the summer of 1890 ([link](#)) and received its charter that November ([link](#)).
- Construction of the bank building was begun in 1890 ([link](#)). The deed from October, 1890 implies that the building was complete, even though the charter was not approved until November. The bank was definitely in operation by July, 1893 (Deed Book/EE/83).
- A newspaper reported that the building was destroyed by the fire of 8/24/1894 ([link](#)). There is, however, no indication that the bank relocated at the time, so it is likely that the building was repaired and the bank resumed operations here.
- The bank relocated to its new building at 75 W Railroad St in 1912, built by W T Jay at a cost of \$6,000 ([link](#), Deed Book/WW/442).
- The bank closed in 1932 ([link](#)), one of many to close during the Depression (*The Butler Herald*, March 23, 1933, [Page 8](#)). It was taken over by the Georgia Superintendent of Banks; then transferred to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in 1934. Source: Deed Book/WW/87
- The circumstances of the failure were controversial. The bank's president and cashier were tried for extortion; one was imprisoned. J W Oliver was the major shareowner of the bank; the receiver assessed his estate the sum of \$10,700 arising from the failure (Deed Book/ZZ/398).

1/6/1931,
6/30/1941,
11/30/1945

- From T R Arthur to the estate of L V Dean in 1941

- From the Deans to W R Puckett in 1945

Notes:

- Arthur mortgaged the store in 1931; it was foreclosed in 1941.
- In the 1931 and 1941 deeds, J S Boyette occupied the building.
- The Deans then sold the store in 1945. This building served as the Puckett Oil Company office and into the 1990s.

Source: Deed Book/UU/343, BB1/229, DD1/334, TT4/70 (Parcel #3), WW4/249 (Parcel #3)

The Puckett Oil Co.

- The company was operated by the Puckett family, beginning in the late 1940s.
- The company purchased an office and warehouse in two transactions:
 - In 1945, Rupert Puckett purchased 71 E Railroad St.



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

- In 1959, Puckett Oil Co, purchased 69 W Railroad St.
- In 1949, Puckett Oil Co. acquired a garage (See 57 W Railroad St) and storage tank (See 126 Short St).
- The retail business was known as the Corner Service Station. It was owned/operated by Logan Hays. In the 1950s, the business had an arrangement with Ford Motor Company, and had a small showroom in which a new Ford was on display. A 1957 deed for the adjacent store states that this business is operated by "*Ford Company.*"
- The wholesale business distributed Union Oil products (branded as Pure Oil) to gas stations and farms. It was operated by Bob Puckett until his death in 1970. After that, his widow continued the business. Aubrey Scarborough was manager in 1973 when the Iran oil crisis played havoc with oil supplies ([link](#)).
- Their son Pat took over the business by 1982; it continued into the 1990s.
- For information on the Bob Puckett family, refer to 3917 Pearl St.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

73 W Railroad St



From Crittenden Brothers to Joseph Ethridge on 2/26/1890

Notes: 60' N/S x 30' E/W.

Source: Deed Book/EE/563

Joseph Ethridge & Son

- A deed for an adjacent property reveals that Joseph Ethridge and his son, J A Ethridge, were operating a store on this lot by 1886. Source: Deed Book/CC/498
- Joseph Ethridge was postmaster from 1887-89 [link](#).
- This building and stock were totally destroyed by fire on 8/24/1894 ([link](#)).
- The Ethridges relocated their business to the old Z T Phelps store at 40 Payne St in less than a month. This lot remained vacant.
- By 1900, Joseph Ethridge had turned the business over to his son and listed himself as a farmer.
- For information on Joseph Ethridge, refer to 66 E Railroad St.

10/12/1901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Joseph Ethridge to J M Anthony in 1901 • By descent to Hamer Anthony <p>Notes: 60' N/S x 30' E/W. Vacant lot; a new store seems to have been built in 1902/3.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/186, NN/213, MM/402, QQ/621 (plat), YY/301 (mortgage)</p>
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Use of the Building by the Anthony family

- In 1901, the Anthonys operated a drug store here. They also moved the post office here ([link](#)).
- In 1903, the Anthony's son Hamer operated a barber shop on the second floor ([link](#)).
- From 1901-15, the Anthonys operated Shellman's post office here. A 1901 lease gives a fairly detailed description of the property: a 2-story brick building in which the post office occupies the 1st floor. Censuses reveal that J M Anthony, his wife Sarah Jane, and their son Hamer all served as postmaster at various times over the years. Source: Deed Book/MM/103
- The post office lease was not renewed; in 1915, M M Crittenden secured the lease at 45 W Railroad St.
- When Anthony mortgaged the property in 1937, it was being used as a city hall and fire department. It was still being used as a "fire house" when he sold it to the city in 1944. It also served as police headquarters; there were two jail cells at the back of the building. For information on J M Anthony and Hamer Anthony, refer to 3338 Pearl St.

8/23/1944, 4/15/2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Anthony estate to the City of Shellman in 1944 • The city sold the building in 2010 <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/331-3 (mortgage), CC1/491, SS10/579</p>
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- In 2010, the fire house was relocated to 103 W Railroad St.
- The history of firefighting in Shellman can be found in *A Commercial History of Shellman*, published on the RCHS website ([link](#)).

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75 W Railroad St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- The image at left is circa 1984.

8/26/1882	<p>From Crittenden Brothers to Oliver Brothers</p> <p>Notes: (264' N/S x 30' E/W). Begins at the NW corner of the Ferguson-Oliver warehouse lot. Oliver kept the northern end of this tract and sold the southern portion, from which the businesses on the east side of Arthur St were created.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/30</p>
<p><u>The Oliver Brothers Store</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A newspaper article reveals the store was completed in the spring of 1883 (link). • In 1884, the store was leased to Homer Brown, whose stock was sold at a sheriff's sale (link). • Oliver was again operating the store in 1885 (link). He enlarged it in 1887 (link), probably extending the building into the space that later became 50 Arthur St. • The store was destroyed in the 1894 fire (<i>Americus times-recorder</i>, August 26, 1894, Page 4). • Oliver did not rebuild his store, but rather relocated to the old T R Arthur store (#69 W Railroad St). This lot remained vacant until 1912. 	
5/12/1912	<p>From W J Oliver to Shellman Banking Company</p> <p>Notes: Vacant lot (60' N/S x 30' E/W). Bounded on the east by the post office building, south by vacant lots of W J Oliver, and west by street running along Farmers Warehouse and leading out of town by the old Martin Store and hotel of J J Lunsford. Known as the Oliver store lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/272, QQ/621 plat</p>
<p><u>The Shellman Banking Co. (Second Location)</u></p> <p>See 71 W Railroad St for information on the bank.</p>	
11/16/1934, 8/18/1935	<p>Purchased by James M Wooten in 1934. Descended in the Wooten family until sold in 1999.</p> <p>Notes: The building served as Shellman's post office until a new post office was built on Pearl St in 1996. It was passed within the Wooten family until sold in 1999.</p> <p>Source: Source: Deed Book/XX/163, WW/481, JJ1/14, VV1/267, HH2/620, XX6/44-46, AA7/167-9</p>
<p>The building next housed Shellman Pharmacy.</p>	



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103 W Railroad St

7/15/1882, 2/5/1885	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Crittenden Brothers to W C Bynum in 1882 • From Bynum to W S Edwards in 1885 <p>Notes: Half-acre vacant lot (264' N/S x 83' E/W). Bounded on the east by the Oliver warehouse lot, west by lands of Oliver, and south by lands of B K Arthur. The 1886 deed (below) reveals that Edwards built a four-room house on the lot, which was also reported in an 1885 newspaper article (link).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/499, CC/500</p>
12/8/1886, 1/26/1887, 1/2/1887, 3/11/1890	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W S Edwards to Mrs. C R Watson in 1886 • From Mrs. Watson to John A Payne in 1887 • From Payne to W J Oliver in 1887 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot with house (264' N/S x 83' E/W).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edwards built a four-room house on the lot in 1885 (link). • The 1890 deed reveals that J H Hays was living in the house <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/503, CC/504, CC/505, BB/622-3</p>
10/7/1921, 3/6/1930	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W J Oliver to the UDC • From W J Oliver to the UDC and all other Civic Organizations of the Ladies of Shellman. <p>Notes: House and lot; adjacent to Oliver's home lot. In the second deed, Oliver broadened the eligible users of the house. The deed specified that the property would revert to Oliver if it ceased to be used for the specified purposes.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/599, UU/161</p>
January & February, 2009	<p>From the Oliver heirs to the City of Shellman</p> <p>Notes: The property reverted at an unknown date; the heirs donated it to the city for a fire station.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL10/194-204</p>

The William S Edwards family

- There is scant trace of the history of this family.
- Edwards owned lots on W Ward St, E Railroad St, Church St, and John Smith St. It is not clear where he lived.
- He also owned property in Cuthbert and operated a gin in Dover with A S Radford.
- Edwards died in 1914 ([link](#))

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Oliver Hall

- Shellman's UDC Chapter was organized in 1909 ([link](#)). Shellman's DAR chapter was chartered by Mrs. Belle Henderson Watts in 1913 ([link](#)).
- The original house on this lot was remodeled for use by the UDC in 1920, becoming "a long reception room, with a small room to be used as a place of preparation for refreshments." ([link](#))
- In 1923, the DAR erected a monument over the grave of a Revolutionary soldier, Col. Lewis Gardner ([link](#)), which had been discovered at Bethel Church ([link](#)).
- The house became known as Oliver Hall, used for club meetings, social events, dances, and even junior-senior banquets ([link](#)). It was still being used by the DAR in January, 1980 (DAR Georgia State Regent's Report, 1979-80 [link](#)).
- After it was no longer used for civic purposes, it reverted to Oliver's heirs. They donated it to the City of Shellman in 2009. The house was demolished in order for the city to erect a new fire station in 2010.

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129 W Railroad St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings

10/7/1882,
3/14/1935,
4/8/1935,
4/16/1935,
5/21/1935,
2/7/1958

- Acquired by W J Oliver in 1882
- From the Oliver estate to Shellman Banking Company to Columbian Peanut Company to Rupert Puckett in 1935
- From Puckett to his wife, Mrs. Ewing B Puckett, in 1958
- Sold by Mrs. Puckett's daughter in 1992

Notes:

- W J Oliver acquired an 11-acre tract from the Crittendens in 1882. The partly legible deed seems to include this lot and commercial property to the south and east.
- In a series of transactions in 1935, the Columbian Peanut Co., which was located on the adjacent lot to the west, purchased this tract from the Oliver estate. They then sold all of it (except a strip on the western edge kept to expand their facility) to Rupert Puckett, subject to a mortgage. Puckett thus acquired the Oliver home, plus commercial property to the south and east.

Source: Deed Book/CC/495, XX/51-54, XX/112, OO1/216, Plat Book/2/55 (1958)

Later deeds: WW4/345, KK5/105

The William Jesse Oliver family

- W J Oliver was the son of James W & Frances Oliver ([biography](#)), and grew up on the Oliver place west of Shellman. He was brother to George W Oliver. He married Mary Lou Taylor in 1877.
- The Oliver homeplace on US 82 west of Shellman was one on the fine antebellum homes in Randolph County. It was destroyed by fire caused by lightning in 1922 ([link](#)).
- The Olivers had four children before Mary Lou died suddenly in 1890 ([link](#), [link](#)):
 - Thad Oliver
 - Leila Oliver (Mrs. Huddie) Watson
 - Dixie Oliver (Mrs. R T) Watson
 - Ross Oliver
- Oliver married again:
 - Easter Jane Beall in 1892 ([link](#), [link](#)), who died in 1895
 - A Miss Wilson in 1924, who died in 1925 ([link](#))
 - Gertrude Stanford Peak, shortly before he died in 1930.
- Oliver built this house and moved to Ward's Station in 1883 ([link](#)).
- Oliver was one of Shellman's most prominent and most accomplished citizens. He was a farmer, merchant, industrialist, and civic leader. He was an active promoter of modern agricultural



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practices, and a leader in the transition from cotton to peanuts. He was chronicled in the press on several occasions:

- Descriptions of his mills in 1890 ([link](#)), 1894 ([link](#)), and 1901 ([link](#)),
- 1903: "One of the largest operators in Shellman" [link](#),
- 1907: "A Hustling Farmer" [link](#),
- 1909: "Steam Plow Doubles Productivity" [link](#), and
- 1914: "The W J Oliver Farm" [link](#)
- Oliver remained in this house until his death in 1930 ([obituary](#)).
- Oliver was the major shareowner of the Shellman Banking Co., which failed in 1932. The receiver assessed Oliver's estate the sum of \$10,700 (Deed Book ZZ/398), which delayed its settlement until 1935. His widow was allowed the use of the house for year, and then moved to Columbus, where she lived with the family of her daughter, Nellie Peak (Mrs. Johnny) Hay. She died in Columbus in 1965.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)

The William Rupert Puckett family

- Rupert Puckett was from Ft. Gaines. He married Ewing Brown there in 1919.
- Rupert was a garage mechanic in 1920.
- In the 1920s the Pucketts moved to Shellman. By 1930, Rupert was manager of the Columbian Peanut Co, and remained so until his death in 1958.
- In 1930, the Pucketts were renting a house on Pearl St. They bought this house on W Railroad St in 1935, and remained here until their deaths; his in 1958 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 1985.
- The house was later occupied by the family of their daughter, Nancy Puckett Hamilton, who sold the house in 1992.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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145 W Railroad St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the Fanny Cheney estate in 1904.	
2/17/1883, 11/10/1889, 10/29/1890, 12/19/1892	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden family to Mrs. R A C Roberts in 1883. From Mrs. Roberts to J W Bynum in 1890 • From Mary V Fillingame to J W Bynum in 1889 • From J W Bynum to E T Bynum in 1892 <p>Notes: Bounded east by J W Oliver. J W Bynum assembled two vacant, one-acre adjacent lots into a two-acre lot and built on the eastern half of the lot. Source: Deed Book/AA/334, HH/119, HH/118, HH/120</p>
12/30/1892, 11/24/1893, 11/29/1893	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From E T Bynum to B K Arthur in 1892 and 1893 • From Arthur to M J Hart in 1893 <p>Notes: Arthur acquires the two-acre lot with improvements in two transactions, and then sells them. Bounded east by J W Oliver. Source: Deed Book/HH/121, HH/122, HH/123</p>
3/21/1901	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by W W Whaley (Deed not located) • From Whaley to E W Whitfield in 1901 <p>Notes: Ephraim lived in the vicinity in 1900, and may have become the first owner to occupy the house. Source: Deed Book/HH/124</p>
3/12/1905	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by C M Cheney (Deed not located) • From Cheney to James A Riley and his minor children <p>Notes: Two acres, with house (327' N/S x 267' E/W) Source: Deed Book/JJ/561</p>
11/30/1907	<p>From James A Riley and his minor children to the Shellman Home Mixture Guano Company (SHMGC)</p> <p>Notes: Riley sold this house and moved to W Phelps St. This lot was absorbed into the SHMGC (See 201 W Railroad St), and later became the site of the Columbian Peanut Co. Source: Deed Book/KK/168</p>
	<p><u>The James Addison Riley family</u> For information on the Riley family, see 91 W Phelps St.</p>

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217 W Railroad St



Part of the W J Oliver tract

4/10/1929, 5/13/1929	From W J Oliver to the Columbian Peanut Company Notes: 4.3-acre vacant tract (587' N/S x 325' E/W). The company arranged for the railroad to build a spur onto its property one month after acquiring it. Source: Deed Book/TT/491, TT/540
4/16/1935	From the Oliver estate to the Columbian Peanut Company Notes: Columbian acquired the tract of the W J Oliver estate. It kept a 170' strip immediately east of its current property for expansion, and sold the rest to Rupert Puckett, manager of Columbian's Shellman mill. Source: Deed Book/XX/52-3, XX/53-4, XX/112

- Later deeds: KK1/474-5, KK1/475, MM1/215, DD7/22-29

The Columbian Peanut Company

- The boll weevil came into Texas from Mexico in 1892. It gradually spread into Georgia, and by 1915 was decimating the cotton crop and the agricultural economy around Shellman. Peanuts became the major crop in SW Georgia in the aftermath.
- Columbian Peanut Co. was based in Norfolk, VA, a center for the peanut industry in the US. Columbian began building mills in South Georgia and Alabama in 1919. In 1931, the company operated six mills in Georgia: Bainbridge, Camilla, Coleman, Ft. Gaines, Pelham, and Shellman.
- It appears that Columbian expanded into Randolph County from its Ft. Gaines mill. They acquired the Coleman Oil Co. (which already had an operating peanut mill) in 1929. They sold it in 1944. (Source: Deed Book/UU/74, TT/580, CC1/528)
- Columbian also acquired its Shellman mill by 1929, the year in which they built a railroad spur ([link](#)). In 1935, it expanded by acquiring a tract on the west side of the Oliver estate.
- Columbian's Shellman mill consisted of an office, several warehouses for storing the peanuts purchased in the fall, a mill for shelling the peanuts, and a railroad spur for shipping the shelled nuts. It was a major employer in Shellman.
 - Rupert Puckett was the manager of the mill for many years (See 129 W Railroad St).
 - Brooks Wooten followed Rupert Puckett as manager, serving until he retired in 1985 (See 3333 Pearl St).
- Columbian was acquired by Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) in 1982. ADM and Gold Kist later merged their peanut operations into a new entity, Golden Peanut Co., which acquired this property in 2000.



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237 W Railroad St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C W & I A Martin assembled three lots totaling six acres to form the Shellman Home Mixture Guano Company (SHMGC) in 1907. • In 1929, the company added a warehouse on the west side of Arthur St. 	
6/26/1907, 10/4/1907	<p><u>Western Tract</u> From C M Cheney to the I A & C W Martin Co. to the Shellman Home Mixture Guano Co. (SHMGC) Notes: Three acres (371' N/S x 352' E/W). This lot had been part of the Fanny Cheney estate in 1904 (See EE/45, EE/46, EE/51, KK/115) Source: Deed Book/LL/169, KK/153, KK/141 (Plat)</p>
4/21/1884, 11/20/1893, 10/15/1907	<p><u>Central Tract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. M E Griffin to William Pascal in 1884 • From Paschal to William Simpson in 1893 • Acquired by I A & C W Martin (Deed not located) • From the Martins to SHMGC in 1907 <p>Notes: One acre. In 1907, the lot has a house which has been occupied by Emaline Simpson. Source: Deed Book/KK/153-4, LL/139</p>
11/30/1907	<p><u>Eastern Tract</u> From James A Riley and his minor children to SHMGC Notes: Two acres, with house (327' N/S x 267' E/W). The SHMGC lot is expanded by purchasing the Riley Place (See 145 W Railroad St). Source: Deed Book/KK/168</p>
10/22/1929, 9/29/1931,	<p><u>Southern Tract</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the W J Oliver estate to SHMGC in 1931 • From SHMGC to Columbian Peanut Co, in 1956 <p>Notes: 1.1-acre tract (west of stable, east of Columbian Peanut Co.). A warehouse was built on the tract by 1955. Source: Deed Book/UU/508, UU/561-2, LL1/137, LL1/138, MM1/215</p>
1/20/1955	<p>From Caro & C T Martin to the Shellman Grain Elevator Co. Notes: All of the SHMGC property except that sold to Columbian Peanut Co. in 1956. Source: Deed Book/LL1/151</p>
6/6/1963	<p>From Shellman Grain Elevator Co. to James Bethea Notes: All of the SHMGC property except that sold to Columbian Peanut Co. in 1956. Source: Deed Book/TT1/294, TT1/297 (mortgage), XX1/32 (mortgage release)</p>
<p>Later deeds: BB7/1 (Tract #2), Plat Book/4/54 (1963), Plat Book/6/24 (1983)</p>	
<p><u>The Shellman Home Mixture Guano Co. (SHMGC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the nineteenth century, guano became a key ingredient of the fertilizers which enabled high-intensity farming. Its importance declined rapidly once synthetic fertilizer production began in 1913 (link). • SHMGC was organized in 1907: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President: C W Martin ○ Secretary/Treasurer: J Truitt Martin • In 1914, the plant had a capacity of 4,000 tons, twice the size of, the Crittenden Guano Plant next door (link). 	



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- As the use of guano declined, the company continued selling synthetic fertilizers. It was still expanding in 1929.
- The family sold the property in 1955.

279 W Railroad St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the W J Oliver holdings later acquired by W R Puckett

1/17/1947, 9/?/1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From W R Puckett to Mitchell Streeter in 1947• From the Streeter family to Mary Streeter (wife of Mitchell Streeter) in 1981 Notes: 367' N/S x 115' E/W, with improvements. Bounded east by the SHMGC; west by Tom Ripley. Source: Deed Book/EE1/358, XX2/333
4/16/1982, 7/28/1982	From Mary Streeter to Bobby Locke Notes: Streeter sold this entire property in two transactions. It was converted to commercial use. Source: Deed Book/YY2/172-3, YY2/462, Plat Book/5/233 (1982), 6/24 (1983)

Alf Streeter family

- Alf Streeter was from Alabama, as was his wife, Willie.
- The Streeters lived in Georgetown in 1930. They apparently were living in this house in Shellman by 1935. Their son, Mitchell Streeter, purchased the house in 1947. The extended Streeter family of 12 and a boarder all lived here in 1950.
- Alf worked at the fertilizer plant in 1940 and was a farmer in 1950. Willie worked for Columbian Peanut Co. in 1950. Mitchell worked at Ernest lanford's sawmill.
- Alf and Mitchell both died in 1980. The family sold the house in 1982.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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299 W Railroad St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the W J Oliver holdings.	
10/31/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acquired by Robert L Ripley (Deed not located)From Ripley to his wife, Cedella Ripley, in 1949 Notes: Lot (245' E/W x 333' N/S) with house. Bounded north by W Railroad St; east by Ab Streeter; south by Rupert Puckett; west by Phelps Dean. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ripley gave the house to his wife; the deed stated he had lived there for 22 years. Source: Deed Book/GG1/53
4/11/1978	From Cedella Ripley to the City of Shellman Notes: 130' E/W x 385' N/S. The dimensions differ from the 1949 deed, but the deed states this is the same property conveyed in 1949. The price suggests there is still a house. Source: Deed Book/PP2/647
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deeds dated in the early 1980s refer to this as the Tom Ripley lot.Later Deeds: Deed Book/AA3/729, Plat Book/6/24	
<u>Robert L Ripley family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Very little can be found on the Ripley family. He is thought to be the son of Thomas and Emma Ripley (See 1315 W Ward St).Robert and Cedella were married around 1921. They lived on Calhoun St before moving here to W Railroad St.He was a farm laborer; she was a domestic servant.The Ripleys were separated in 1950; possibly the 1949 gift was in connection with the separation. Robert seems to have lived in the house in the 1950 census, but may have moved to Philadelphia and died there in 1958. Cedella may have moved to New York for a time, but returned to Georgia; she died in Cuthbert in 1981. Source: Ancestry.com, Robert link ; Cedella link .	



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Randolph St

This street existed by 1888, at which time it was known as Payne Gin St (Deed Book/AA/792). It connected the livery stables on the north to the gin on the south.

Joseph B Payne Tract

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- Payne assembled 20 acres in two tracts in 1882-4.

Southern Tract

10/10/1882, 10/24/1882	From the Crittenden family to B F Brimberry to Joe B Payne Notes: 14.33-acre lot in the SE corner of Lot/5/269. Bounded west by Powell; north by B F Snell. This tract stretched from the southern border of Lot 5/269 north to roughly the location where Church St is today. Source: Deed Book/CC/327, CC/326
12/20/1889	J B Payne to Mrs. S A Daniel Notes: Six acres. Bounded north by Church St; east by Calhoun St; south by J B Payne; west by Buford St. Source: Deed Book/CC/289
3/2/1890	From Mrs. S A Daniel to R B Martin Notes: 5.75 acres. This partially legible deed sells the property Mrs. Daniels purchased the previous December, less one quarter acre that may have been deeded to the newly built sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. Source: Deed Book/CC/288
This land was later acquired by the W R Terry family (See 3041 Calhoun St)	

Northern Tract

2/11/1884	From the Crittenden family to J B Payne Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six-acre trapezoidal lot (371' N/S), with about an acre in the NE quadrant excluded. Bounded east by Calhoun St; west by Buford St; north by Anthony lot and Oliver & Goode warehouse. • Payne operated businesses in this part of town as early as the 1870s. He operated businesses on this tract after he purchased it, and later sold the land in parcels, on which others erected stores and other businesses. Source: Deed Book/CC/325
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62 Randolph St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.
- This is the northernmost of the three lots that comprise the northern strip of Randolph St.

<p>5/26/1904, 6/12/1904, 10/23/1905, 7/23/1906, 8/19/1938</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Crittenden Brothers to Oscar A Crittenden & John Mercer Wooten, Sr. in 1904 • Wooten acquired sole ownership in 1905 • By descent to John Wooten Gurr in 1953 <p>Notes: Irregular lot; north side: 81.5'; east: 86.75'; south: 56.5'; west: 90'. This is the northernmost section on the east side of Randolph St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This strip was later divided into three store lots, shown in the plat in Deed Book/JJ/155. • In 1906, Wooten was erecting a brick store on the north side of the Helm Brothers store, and bought a half-interest in their wall. This dates the construction of the building. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/126, JJ/157, JJ/515, JJ/155 (with plat), LL/92, VV/182-3, ZZ/121, JJ1/295-6</p>
<p>John Mercer Wooten, and later his descendants, used this store as rental property. From the 1940s until around 1965, it was occupied by the drugstore of Weldon Jones (See 107 W Phelps St).</p>	
<p>3/31/1966</p>	<p>From John Wooten Gurr to W T & Jessie T Burke</p> <p>Notes: This combines #62 with #60.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/WW1/200-1</p>
<p>After the 1966 deed, this store is combined with the adjacent store to the south, #60 Randolph St. Refer there for further information.</p>	

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60 Randolph St (Fictitious street number)



This is the middle lot of the three that comprise the northern strip of Randolph St (See 62 Randolph St).

7/18/1904	From Oscar A Crittenden & James M Wooten to W R & J L Helm Notes: 30' fronting on Randolph St. Source: Deed Book/JJ/159, JJ/155 (with plat), JJ/385 (plat)
9/15/1913	From W R Helm to J L Helm Notes: Half-interest in the lot and brick store operating as Helm Brothers in the mercantile business; J L Helm is now sole owner. Source: Deed Book/NN/366
<u>Helm Brothers "mercantile store"</u> The brothers operated a general merchandise and grocery store here from 1904-1913. W R Helm then took over sole ownership. The brothers also farmed together.	
10/2/1961, 6/26/1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Maggie Helm Allen to W T & Jessie T Burke • From Jessie Burke to R B Burke in 1968 Notes: Source: Deed Book/SS1/17, SS1/17-8 (mortgage), WW1/444 (mortgage), XX1/518 (mortgage), YY1/245-6
<u>Tom & Jessie Burke Grocery Store</u> The Burkes probably began operating the grocery store here after he returned from WW II, but did not buy the store until 1961. For information on the Burke family, refer to 106 W Phelps St.	
5/1/1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Larry Williams in 1974 (Deed not located) • From Williams to First State Bank of Shellman in 1990 (Sheriff's sale) Notes: Williams also operated a grocery store here from 1974. Source: Deed Book/II2/64-5 (mortgage), BB3/618-20 (re-records II2/64-5), HH4/189-91
Later deeds: JJ4/62, JJ4/63-5	

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58 Randolph St (Fictitious street number)



This is the southernmost lot of the three that comprise the northern strip of Randolph St (See 62 Randolph St).

4/16/1906,
7/21/1906

- From John Mercer Wooten to the Curry Co. in 1906
- The Curry Co. then arranged to share the common wall with the Helm Brothers (60 Randolph St) and added slightly to the lot

Notes:

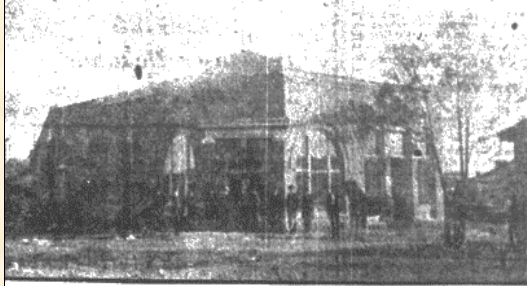
- In 1906, The Curry Co. acquired Wooten's still-vacant lot, allowing it to expand northward from its already-existing store at 54 Randolph St.
- The Curry Co then made an agreement with the Helm Brothers to the north to erect a common, two-story wall between the two stores. This dates the construction of the Curry Co.'s two-story building to 1906.

Source: Deed Book/JJ/609, LL/3, JJ/627

For subsequent history of this building and details of the Curry Co., refer to 54 Randolph St.

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54 Randolph St



STORE OF THE CURRY COMPANY, SHELLMAN, GA.

The photo of the Curry Co. at left was published in *The Atlanta Constitution* in 1903; the photo at right is a 2022 view.



<p>1/2/1902, 2/22/1913</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W R Curry to the Curry Co. in 1902 • J M Curry acquired sole ownership in 1913 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Curry Co. acquired the livery stable lot in 1902; they then constructed a store on the SW corner of that tract (See 50 Randolph St). • They expanded the lot slightly in 1904. • Deeds in 1911 and 1913 first divided the property, then gave sole ownership to J M Curry. <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/485, JJ/131, MM/133, NN/338</p>
<p>1/10/1941, 11/23/1945, 2/16/1949</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From J M Curry to A B Branan in 1941 • From Branan to N E Maddox in 1945 • From Shellman Motor Co. to the Curry Co. <p>Notes: Curry sold the building in 1941. It was repurchased by his children, as partners of the Curry Co., in 1949.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/545, DD1/295-6 (Tract #1), FF1/395</p>
<p>Later deeds: EE5/91, EE5/95-7</p>	
<p><u>The Curry Co.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Curry Co. was organized in 1903. Brothers J M Curry & W R Curry appear to have been equal partners. • In 1903, the company acquired the livery stables (See 50 Randolph St), and continued some of its operations for a time. In 1904, the <i>Greater Georgia Gazetteer</i> (business directory) classified the Curry Co. as “livestock, etc.” (link). • They also used the land for development. They built a brick store at 54 Randolph St in 1903. In 1906, they acquired the lot to the north, and built the two-story brick building at 58 Randolph St to house their furniture store. 	

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- In its early days, the company operated retail stores in Dawson and Cuthbert as well as Shellman:

- The store in Dawson was opened in 1905 under the management of C W Curry ([link](#)). It sold “*pianos, organs, and buggies of high grade*”. By around 1910, Curry was operating the store independently, no longer as a partner. The store closed around 1916 and Curry moved back to Shellman, where he again worked for the Curry Co.

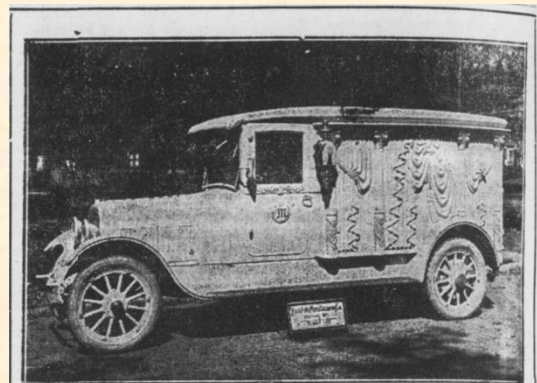
- The store in Cuthbert was located on the NE side of the square. The only information on it comes from a deed in 1911, when the Curry Co. sold the store to W R Curry (Source: Deed Book/MM/133).

- In 1913, J M Curry acquired sole ownership.
- In 1914, the Company was described as being “*dealers in buggies, wagons, furniture, etc.*” ([link](#)).

- The company made real estate loans, and

acquired several houses which they kept as rental property, in some case for decades.

- The company was already serving as undertakers when, in 1921, it acquired Shellman’s first motorized hearse ([link](#)). They provided funeral services until 1993. By the 1960s, the house at 3351 Pearl St was used as a funeral home.
- Between 1926 and 1930, Lem Jay joined his brother-in-law (J M Curry) as a partner. After 1940, that relationship seems to have dissolved.
- The Company was managed by Francis Whaley in 1936 ([link](#)).
- J M Curry died in 1946. The real estate had been sold, but the business continued, ultimately descending to Sarah Curry, widow of Charles L Curry. She sold the business in 1993, but the hardware store still operates as the Curry Co.



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50 Randolph St (Fictitious street number)

This lot had a livery stable before the first known deed referencing it was recorded in 1885. An 1882 newspaper article ([link](#)) reported, "We will now look forward with interest to the results of the livery business about to be engaged in by Messrs. Payne & Snell who are now erecting a livery and sale stable." This is likely the business described in deeds below.

8/5/1885	<p>From J W Clark to the Arthur Brothers</p> <p>Notes: The earliest-known deed on this property refers to it as "<i>the livery stables & lot in the rear of the Crittenden & Brother store.</i>" The price of \$475 suggests a large operation. This lot is the eastern portion of the J M Anthony lot (See 274 Buford St). The location of the stables is shown on the 1902 map.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/517</p>
11/23/1885 through 2/2/1903	<p>The stables changed hands many times over the next 18 years. Owners included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Arthur Brothers, who enlarged the stables in order to sell stock (link) before selling in 1887 (link)• J W Floyd (1888, link)• G L Clark (1888-90, link)• T A Wall (1890-1)• Joseph O Hammock (1891-2)• R L Compton (1892-1898)• J D Dantzler & C D Crittenden (1898-9)• W J Oliver (1899-1902)• Charles W Martin (1902)• W R Curry (1902)• the Curry Co. in 1903. <p>Notes: Half-acre lot; bounded north by the Crittenden family stores facing on W Railroad St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsequent deeds trace the frequent sale of the property. Some provide details of surrounding businesses (GG/348)• By 1898, the deeds refer to the lot as "<i>the old livery stable</i>". Another livery stable was by then in operation on Arthur St.; perhaps this stable was called the "<i>old</i>" stable to distinguish it from the one on Arthur St.• The lot had become attractive as a development site. New stores filled the lot beginning in 1903. <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/518, GG/348, GG/349, GG/350, GG/351, GG/352, GG/353, GG/354, HH/160, HH/285, HH/485</p>
Subsequent use of this lot is documented under the stores that were built; see 40 Peoples St and Randolph St.	



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44 Randolph St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the tract purchased by Joseph B Payne in 1884. Payne operated a wagon yard on this lot (Source: Deed Book/GG/348) 	
3/22/1888	<p>From John B Payne to William Scandrett Notes: Trapezoidal lot (north: 111.5'; east: 62.5'; south: 106.5'; west: 60'). Bounded north by Floyd & Kinney stable lot; east by O B Stevens; south by lands of Schramm; west by Payne Gin St. Source: Deed Book/AA/792</p>
11/16/1893	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by B K Arthur (Deed not located) From B K Arthur to William Paschal <p>Notes: Trapezoidal lot (west: 60'; north: 111.5'; east: 62.5'; south: 106.5'). Bounded north by Floyd & Kinney stable lot; east by O B Stevens; south by lands of Schramm; west by Payne Gin St. In 1912, the Crittendens deeded an alley to the City of Shellman, which placed the Paschal blacksmith shop approximately 225' south of the NW corner of the Crittenden warehouse, immediately south of the Curry Co lot. Source: Deed Book/EE/371, NN/268</p>
10/25/1945, 11/23/1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by Mrs. Cleo George (Deed not located) From Mrs. George to A B Branam (Deed not located) From Branam to W E Maddox <p>Notes: The Paschal blacksmith shop was absorbed into the Curry Co. property. Source: Deed Book/DD1/277, DD1/295</p>
<p>The Paschal blacksmith shop was absorbed into the Curry Co. property (Deed not located).</p>	
<p><u>The Paschal Blacksmith Shop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many deeds for adjacent property identify that William Paschal operated a blacksmith shop here from 1893 until he turned it over to his son Henry between 1912 and 1920. See 1355 W Ward St for information on the Paschals. 	



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30 Randolph St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the tract purchased by Joseph B Payne in 1884.	
3/17/1885- 4/8/1886	In 1885 and 1886, George Schramm assembled a lot in six separate transactions. The resulting lot was bounded north by the Arthur Stable lot; east by the Clark lot; south by the J Wiley Jones lot; west by Payne Gin St. Source: Deed Book/AA/455, AA/563, AA/564, AA/585, AA/586, CC1/26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schramm lived on a farm south of Shellman (Lot/4/24); this tract was used for commercial purposes. His shoe shop was located across Randolph St.• No further deeds for this lot have been located. It was absorbed into the commercial property on the east side of Randolph St.	
<u>The George Washington Schramm family</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Schramm lived in Eufaula in 1880. He and Mellissa Oxley were married in 1883; they moved to Shellman about this time.• Schramm assembled this tract on Randolph St in 1885 and 1886. His residence was a farm south of Shellman (Lot/4/24); this tract was used for commercial purposes.• Schramm operated a shoe repair shop in Shellman, probably beginning in 1884, and continuing until 1938 (Refer to 269 Buford St). He also owned a store in Morris, operated by his son Ferdinand, which burned in 1914 (link).• She died in 1922 (link); he died in 1938 (obituary). Source: Ancestry.com link	



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20 Randolph St (Fictitious street number)

Part of the six-acre tract purchased by Joseph B Payne in 1884 (See Joseph B Payne Tract)	
By 1886	Acquired by J Wiley Jones (Deed not located) Notes: Deeds for the Schramm lot to the north in 1886 reveal that this lot contained the residence and garden of J W Jones.
9/28/1900, 1905/1906, 11/29/1951	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From J L Sandlin to Thomas Barnes in 1900• Acquired by Anderson Barnes (Deed not located)• From the heirs of Anderson Barnes to S A Barnes in 1905• From the Barnes family to Anderson Barnes in 1951 Notes: Bounded north by the Paschal blacksmith shop lot; east by the S L Arthur residence, south by J T Barnes lot; and west by street. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barnes is already operating a store in 1900 when he buys a parcel (31' N/S x 97' E/W) extending his lot to the south; the parcel has unspecified improvements.• In 1905 and 1906, the 14 shares in the Anderson Barnes estate are consolidated with J T Barnes.• In 1951, family shares were transferred to a single heir. Source: Deed Book/HH/74, JJ/517, JJ/540, NN/452, NN/453, II1/111
<u>Barnes Family Businesses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This lot had a store, operated by the Barnes family, by 1900, but details are unclear.• The 1902 map shows a blacksmith shop and a restaurant in this approximate location; they were likely operated by Barnes.• The 1910 census reports that the Barnes operated both a blacksmith shop and a general store in this area (link).• A later deed references a barber shop in this approximate location. Later deeds: EE5/91	



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10 Randolph St

Part of the six-acre tract purchased by Joseph B Payne in 1884 (See Joseph B Payne Tract)	
<p>11/7/1894, 11/12/1898, 9/28/1900, 7/11/1905</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by R W Sandlin (Deed not located) • From R W Sandlin to Charles W and Isaac A Martin in 1894 • From the Martins to John L Sandlin (son of R W Sandlin) in 1898 • From Sandlin to Thomas Barnes in 1900 (portion) • From Sandlin to his mother, Mrs. R W Sandlin, in 1905 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • $\frac{3}{4}$-acre lot with house in 1894. Bounded north by Anderson Barnes estate; east by Mrs. Lester; south by Church St; west by Payne Gin St. • The 1894 deed may have been a financing arrangement; the Sandlin family continued to live in the house. • In 1900, Sandlin sold a 31'-strip of land on the northern side of his lot to his neighbor to the north. The Sandlins remained in the house on the southern parcel. <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/232, II/361, HH74, PP/353</p>
<p>7/23/1920, 11/22/1922, 11/13/1926</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H W Sandlin (son of Mrs. R W Sandlin) to J A Grubbs & T T Trippe in 1920 • Mortgaged in 1922 • J A Grubbs acquired Trippe's interest in 1926, becoming sole owner. <p>Notes: The house was still being used as a residence in 1920. By 1922, the lot also contained a "storage house", suggesting that the property had been converted to commercial use.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/353, QQ/183-4 (mortgage), SS/474</p>
<p>1/25/1937</p>	<p>From J A Grubbs to Robert Wall, J W Curry & L P Jay</p> <p>Notes: $\frac{3}{4}$-acre lot with two storage houses.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/YY/81</p>
<p>8/6/1941, 12/15/1942</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Robert Wall, J W Curry & L P Jay to Robert Wall in 1941 • From the Robert Wall estate to Willie Joe Wall in 1942 <p>Notes: 68' N/S x 97' E/W. Wall acquired a portion of the partnership's property on the east side of Randolph St. The partnership retained the storage barn across the street (See 37 Church St).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ BB1/245, CC1/28</p>
<p>10/23/1968</p>	<p>From Willie Joe Wall to Shellman Chemical Co.</p> <p>Notes: The house was still standing.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA2/525</p>
<p>Later deeds: EE5/91</p>	
<p><u>The Robert William Sandlin family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Sandlin was from North Carolina. He moved to Randolph County by 1862, when he enlisted in the CSA. After the war, he returned to Randolph County, where he married Sarah Ann Kersey in 1865. • The Sandlins farmed in the southern part of Randolph County. They continued farming after moving to this house by 1894. • Robert Sandlin died in 1903; Ann Sandlin remained here though at least 1910. By 1920, she had moved to Cairo to live with the family of her daughter, Claudie (Mrs. H W) Clark. She died there in 1922. • The house was mortgaged by new owners in 1922, by then called a storage house. 	



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

Short St

Short St is an unusual shape, forming a right angle. It was created to provide access to a row of houses between those on W Ward St and those on W Phelps St.

- The tract was called Sheffield Quarter in its early days. The Sheffields built rental houses here beginning in 1908.
- The street was originally known as Sheffield Rental Alley (or simply Sheffield Alley); later as Jackson St.
- The eastern section was created in 1909, when Jim Odum sold the western 25' of his lot (1343 W Ward St) to the Sheffield Brothers (Source: Deed Book/KK/532).
- The earliest known use of the name "Short St" was the 1930 census. The eastern portion (running N/S) was known as Short St; the western portion (running E/W) was known as Sheffield St. Later the western portion became known as Short St.
- Since there was no known connection with anyone named Short, it is likely that the street was so named because it is only 425' in length.

Censuses of Short St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of Short St

- Plat Book/8/191 (1998)

135 Short St (Fictitious street number)

- Part of the 7 ¾ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

7/23/1926	From Sam Sheffield to Edd Joiner Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Bounded north by Edd Joiner; east by Mrs. Pace; south by Paschal; west by Jackson St. Source: Deed Book/SS/197
1/4/1945	From Edd Joiner to Lucious & Claude Johnson Notes: The property is still today listed in the name of the Johnsons. Source: Deed Book/DD1/87

- No information can be found on the Johnsons
- There is no information on the construction of the house.
- The censuses do not indicate who lived here.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

131 Short St



- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

12/1/1936, 5/13/1939, 7/28/1948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of William Paschal to Oscar A Crittenden in 1936 • From Crittenden to Hattie Horton in 1939 • In 1948, Horton gave a remainder interest to Mattie Mae Wright, keeping the life interest for herself <p>Notes: The SW corner of this lot is the NW corner of the Lucious Burke lot. Bounded north by Edd Joiner; east by Mabel Thomas. Known as the Henry Place. Source: Deed Book/XX/574, AA1/315, FF1/150</p>
5/20/1958	<p>From Hattie Horton to Ouida Nables</p> <p>Notes: The Nables also owned the house at 1315 W Ward St. Source: Deed Book/OO1/385</p>
6/21/1978	<p>From Ouida Nables to Ann Alexander</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/QQ2/237</p>
<p><u>Hattie Horton</u> For information, refer to the Aron Horton family at 1343 W Ward St.</p>	

126 Short St

Created from the lot of Mrs. Jude Orr in 1920 (See 1333 W Ward St)	
5/21/1920, 4/7/1930, 3/20/1941, 2/1/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. M A Orr to Wright's Garage in 1920 • From Mrs. Annie Wright to the Curry Co. in 1930 • From the Curry Co. to one of its two partners, L P Jay, in 1941 • From Jay to Puckett Oil Co. in 1949 <p>Notes: .24 acres (82.5' N/S x 124.7' E/W). Mrs. Orr sold a portion of the northern end of her lot, on which a "gasoline bulk oil plant" was constructed. Source: Deed Book/PP/323, UU/181, BB1/113, FF1/415</p>
1/3/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by L P Jay (Deed not located) • From Jay to W R Puckett <p>Notes: This deed conveys the southern portion of the lot (with the house), so that the original lot is again under common ownership with the northern portion (the bulk oil facility). Source: Deed Book/FF1/348</p>
<p>Later deeds: TT4/70 (Parcel #3), WW4/249 (Parcel #3), AA7/255, Plat Book/8/191 (1998)</p>	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

120 Short St



- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

11/25/1913,
1/6/1916

- From Sheffield brothers to J M McNeal in 1913
 - From McNeal to his son, Willie McNeal, in 1916
- Notes: Lot with house (90' square). Located in the corner of Short St; bounded south by Mrs. Orr.
Source: Deed Book/NN/427, NN/515,

1/8/1917,
8/23/1923,
4/13/1946

- From Willie McNeal to the Curry Co. in 1917
 - From the Curry Co. to Sarah Johnson in 1923; mortgaged to J M Curry the same day; foreclosed by Curry when the mortgage was not satisfied.
 - From Mrs. J M Curry to Ruby Alexander in 1946
- Notes: Three-room house. Known as the Docia Toney house in 1946. Hezekiah and Docia Toney were renting this house in 1940.
Source: Deed Book/OO/164, QQ/545, QQ545-6 (mortgage), DD1/492, OO/56 (mortgage)

No further deeds for the house have been recorded. It is today registered to an Ann Alexander, presumably a descendant.

The J M McNeal family

The only record of the family comes from the 1910 census.

- They were living on Jackson St (now Short St)., and reported that they owned their residence, which was mortgaged. The deed of purchase was in 1913, and there was no mortgage. This suggests that the McNeals bought the house by 1910, but the deed was not transferred until the debt was satisfied.
- He was a minister; she was a midwife.
- In 1916, the house was given to their son, Willie, who sold it in 1917.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Ruby Alexander family

- The only record of Ruby Alexander comes from the 1950 census. She was divorced and living in this house on Short St.
- She worked for the Columbian Peanut Co.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

94 Short St

- Part of the 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

11/6/1913,
9/14/1938,
1968,
10/28/2010

- Acquired by R L Hart (Deed not located)
 - From Hart to T E Allen in 1913
 - From Allen's heirs to Hiram Burney in 1938
 - From Burney's estate to his sole heir, Ruby B Johnson, in 1968
 - Sold by Johnson in 2010
- Notes: Bounded east by lot of J M Curry; south by Curry Co. oil tank; west by Oscar Knighton. The price in 1913 suggests there is already a house on this lot. The original house was replaced in 1976.
Source: Deed Book/NN/410, ZZ/359, WW10/50

Hiram Burney family

- Several members of Hiram's family lived on Short St at various times; see 44 Short St for details.
- Hiram Burney was the son of Matilda Burney. He and Essie M Burney were married in 1917.
- Hiram was a farm laborer; he and Essie lived on farms around Shellman before buying this house on Short St in 1938. In 1940, Hiram was a building carpenter. In 1950, he was a yard man.
- Essie Burney apparently did not move to Short St with Hiram; no record is found of her after 1930. Hiram Burney lived here until he died intestate in 1968.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

80 Short St



- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

7/3/1914, 12/14/1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by R L Hart (Deed not located) • From Hart to the Curry Co. in 1914 • From the Curry Co. to Oscar Knighton in 1926 <p>Notes: Building lot (90' N/S x 98' E/W). The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the Allen lot. The price in 1914 suggests there is already a house on the lot. Source: Deed Book/NN/435, SS/320, SS/320-1 (mortgage), UU/366 (mortgage)</p>
4/3/1987	<p>From Madeline Joyce Ware Livatt to Willie Mae and John Lucious Davis</p> <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/OO3/270</p>

The Oscar Knighton family

- Oscar Knighton was from Randolph County, the son of Nathan Knighton. After serving in WW I, he settled in Cuthbert. He and Mary Knighton were married in 1918.
- The Knightons bought this house on Short St in 1926. They were living here in 1930 and 1940; Oscar had become a building construction carpenter.
- Oscar died in the 1940s; Mary was living here in 1950.
- No further record of the Knightons can be found.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

68 Short St



- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

11/16/1945

Acquired by S J Reynolds (Deed not located)

Notes:

- Reynolds obtained a mortgage in 1945.
- Tax records say the house was built in 1920, but it was likely built at the same time that the other houses on the street were built.

Source: Deed Book/DD1/289

No further deeds have been located for this house.

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

56 Short St



- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

1/7/1947,
3/13/1948,
3/24/1978

- From Minnie Sheffield to R R Whaley in 1947
- From Whaley to Robert Bussey, who worked for him as a logger
- From Bussey's estate to Ethel Martin Bussey
- Ethel Bussey died intestate in 1984

Notes: Lot with house (92' N/S x 80' E/W). The NE corner of this lot is the NW corner of the S J Reynolds lot. In 1947, "*Known as the house where Aunt Jane now lives and the land there-on.*" The censuses do not list a resident named Jane on Short St. Tax records say the house was built in 1925.

Source: Deed Book/EE1/117, FF1/27, PP2/505

Later deeds: TT12/35-6

The Robert Bussey family

- Robert Bussey was from Ft. Gaines. He and Lily L Bussey were married in 1929.
- In 1930, Robert worked at the lumber mill; Lily worked at Columbian Peanut Co. They were renting a house in this area.
- By 1940, it appears that Lily died; Robert was living with his mother and stepfather on Buford St, and now a logger working for R R Whaley.
- Robert then married Ethel Martin; they bought this house on Short St in 1948. He lived here until he died in 1977. Ethel remained here until she died in 1984.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

44 Short St



- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract, W Phelps St).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

2/26/1915, 10/28/1943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Sheffield Brothers to Matilda & Pete Burney in 1915 • From Matilda Burney to Fernando Burney in 1943 <p>Notes: Lot with house (84' N/S x 80' E/W). Bounded west by lot known as Susan Wilson lot, now owned by Sheffield Brothers. Source: Deed Book/NN/488, CC1/249</p>
1/15/1988	<p>From Ida Jordan & Mable Martin to Johnny Mays</p> <p>Notes: There is no record of the path of the house between 1943 and 1988. Source: Deed Book/TT3/3</p>

The Matilda Burney family

- Several members of the Burney family lived on Short St. There is not a great deal of information on them, but this is known:
 - Matilda Burney was the mother. She and son Peter bought the house at 44 Short St in 1915.
 - Son Fernando Burney bought the house at 44 Short St from his mother in 1943.
 - Daughter Rosa Burney Ealy lived at 36 Short St from 1926-1944.
 - Son Hiram Burney lived at 94 Short St from 1938 until his death.
- Matilda Jones and George Burney were married around 1884. George, much older, died between 1900 and 1910.
- In 1910, the widowed Matilda and seven children were living here at 44 Short St, reporting that they owned the house with a mortgage. Matilda was a laundress, and the boys also worked.
- In 1915, title for the house was conveyed to Matilda and her son Peter.
- Peter soon moved to Macon; there is no further record of him.
- In 1940, Matilda's son Fernando was living here with her. She sold the house to him in 1943.
- Fernando was single. In 1950, his sister Leila Jackson was living here with him.
- When younger, Fernando was a farm laborer. In 1950, he worked for the Columbian Peanut Co.
- No further information is available on Matilda or Fernando Burney. The descent of the house is unknown.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

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36 Short St



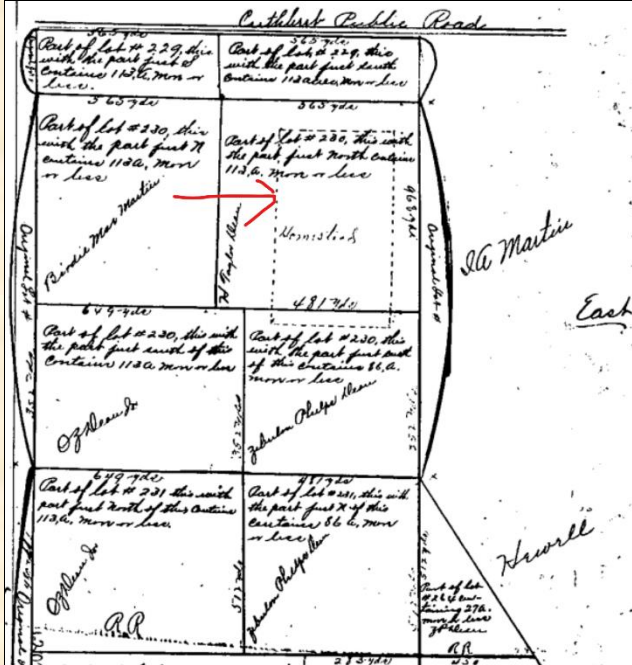
- Part of the 7 ¼ -acre tract purchased by the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 (See Sheffield Tract, W Phelps St).
- The stretch along Short St was divided and rental houses were soon built. The area was known as Sheffield Quarter.

11/27/1908	<p>From Sheffield Brothers to Susan Wilson</p> <p>Notes: Lot with house (92.5' N/S x 105' E/W). The NW corner of this lot is the SE corner of the lot owned by O Z Dean. Tax records say the house was built in 1900, and the price of \$250 suggests there is already a house on the lot.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/429</p>
6/5/1913, 2/17/1914, 1/17/1925, 9/9/1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Susan Wilson's heir to Sam Sheffield & W R Curry in 1913; then back to the Sheffield Brothers in 1914 • From Sam Sheffield to his brother, M C Sheffield, in 1925 • From Sheffield's heirs to Josh Ealy in 1926 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/MM/348, MM/512, RR/322-3, SS/240, SS/349, UU/17 (mortgage)</p>
2/24/1944, 4/17/1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Josh Ealy to Mattie Mae Jones in 1944 • From Jones's estate to John Frank Oliver in 1984 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/KK1/397, BB3/680</p>
<p><u>Susan Wilson</u> Information on Susan Wilson can be found at 83 E Phelps St.</p>	
<p><u>The Josh Ealy family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Ealy was from Shellman, the son of Lewis Ealy. He married Rosa Burney in 1905. • Josh was a farm laborer when younger, and owned a farm for a time. In 1940, he was a porter for the Railway Express. • The Ealys lived on farms around Shellman until buying this house in 1926. Several of Rosa's family lived on Short St at various times; see 44 Short St for details. • In 1944, Ealy sold this house. From this point, there is no record of them. They may have moved to Florida. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link, link</p>	
<p><u>Mattie Mae Jones</u> No information can be found on Jones.</p>	

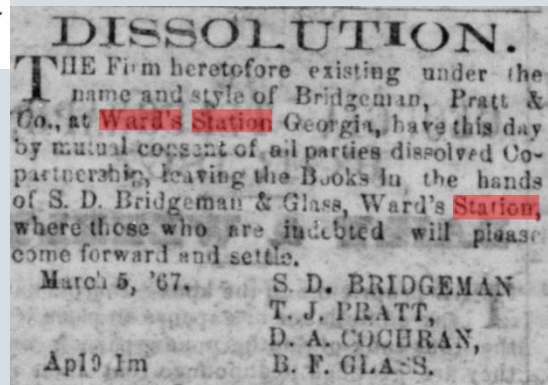
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US Highway 82

2100 US Highway 82 (Fictitious street number)



- The Sampson Bridgeman Place, located in Lots 5/229 and 5/230, was a 70-acre tract, labeled “homestead” in the plat shown left.
- The tract was part of the 1407-acre tract assembled by Bridgeman Partners (Harris County) in 1866. The partnership declared bankruptcy in 1867 (See newspaper announcement below, [link](#)).
- Bridgeman was allowed to keep his 70-acre homesite. For more depth on the absentee investors who owned most of present-day Shellman, during this time, see *Land Ownership Around Shellman (1827-1883)* on the Randolph County Historical Society Website ([link](#)).



- The origin of the house on this tract is unknown. The tract was first assembled by Barzillai Graves in 1837; perhaps it was Graves’s home. To see a map of the Graves Place, visit [link](#).

1/9/1869,
9/1/1878

- From Sampson Bridgeman to Zebulon T Phelps in 1869
 - Given by Phelps to his daughter, Tallulah C Dean, in 1878
- Notes: The 70-acre Bridgeman homeplace. The 1878 deed reunited Lots 229 and 230 under O Z Dean.
Source: Deed Book/N/19, P/20-1, PP/52 (plat)

No further information on the Bridgeman Place has been located; it was absorbed into the O Z Dean farm.

The Samson David Bridgeman family

- Bridgeman moved from Tennessee to Harris County, Georgia, in 1864, where he became involved with the investor group, Barden & Co. He moved to Randolph County in 1866.
- Bridgeman & Glass acquired 4,100 acres (on credit) in Randolph County in 1866-7, but were declared bankrupt in December, 1867 (Bankruptcy documentation [link](#))
- Bridgeman was allowed to keep his 70-acre homestead on Lots 5/229 and 5/30, where he remained until moving to Dougherty County in 1869.



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- Bridgeman's son, Benjamin E Bridgeman, moved to Randolph County in 1872. He became a doctor in 1882, and lived and practiced in Shellman until his death in 1908 (See 3600 Pearl St). Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), biographical sketch [link](#)

2601 US Highway 82 (Fictitious street number)

Lot 10/3 was drawn by Thomas G Miller, Chatham County (Page 36) in the 1827 land lottery.	
2/5/1840	Purchased from Miller by Washington Williams, Bulloch County Source: Randolph/E/161
3/26/1840	Purchased from Williams by Reuben Bynum Source: Randolph/E/162
After 1850	Acquired by Edmund W Hodges; deed of purchase not found, but Hodges sold the lot in 1857. It appears from the 1850 census and agricultural census that Bynum was still living on this lot.
10/7/1857	Purchased from Hodges by Jared Irwin Ball, Stewart County (1,421 acres, including Lots Lee/5/229-231, 264 (Northeast half), and 265-266; Lee/10/3, 5 (East section, 151 acres), and 29) Ball died in 1863; no record can be found of his sale of these lots. Source: Randolph/K/751
<u>The Bynum family</u> For information on the Reuben Bynum family, refer to 2645 US Highway 82.	



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2645 US Highway 82 (Fictitious street number)

Lot 10/2 was drawn by Reuben Smith, Monroe County (Page 47) in the 1827 land lottery	
10/1/1836	From Benjamin Smith, Harris County, to Reason Bynum Source: Randolph/B/351
2/8/1888, 12/5/1888	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From W C Bynum to the Arthur Brothers in 1888 • From the Arthur Brothers to the Crittenden Brothers in 1888 Notes: Lot/10/2 Source: Deed Book/AA/766, CC/671
4/19/1892, 9/17/1918	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Crittenden Brothers to Mrs. A B Simpson (daughter of R F Crittenden) in 1892 • From Fannie Crittenden to Anna Belle Simpson in 1918 Notes: Lot/10/2. Mrs. Simpson died in 1894. The house seems to have reverted to her mother, who gave it to Mrs. Simpson's daughter in 1918. Known as the Bynum Place. Source: Deed Book/CC/670, QQ/431
12/7/1976	From the descendants of Mrs. A B Simpson to John W Sammons, Sr, Notes: 447 acres; no mention of improvements. Portions of Lots 10/1, 10/2, and 10/31. Source: Deed Book/MM2/700-2 (Tract #1), Plat Book/2/242

The Bynum family

- The Bynums were from Pulaski County, Georgia. The family likely included:
 - Reuben Bynum, a Revolutionary War veteran who died before the 1827 land lottery
 - Sylvie Bynum, his wife
 - Reuben Bynum, their son
 - Reason Bynum, their son
- Sylvie Bynum (as a widow) and Reuben Bynum (as an orphan) won lots in the 1827 lottery, but they were not close to present-day Shellman. "Rewbin" Bynum drew Lot 5/269, which includes the center of present-day Shellman. Since this lot was later sold by "Reuben" Bynum, the two were probably the same person.
- Unlike most of the lottery winners, the Bynums moved to the area where they won land. They were in Randolph County by March, 1835, where they were farmers who were also actively involved in buying and selling land.
- In 1836, Reason Bynum purchased Lot 10/2, where the family took up residence. During this time, Reason served with the militia in the Creek uprisings of 1836 ([Creek wars](#)).
- In the 1840 census, six members of the Bynum family shared a house on Lot 10/2: Sylvie, Reason, and Reuben were surely three of them. The other three may have been Reason's wife and children, but there is no record that either Reason or Reuben were married by 1840 ([link](#)).
- In 1840, Reuben purchased the lot to the west, Lot 10/3. He and Emily Collins were married about that time, and moved there for a decade or so. Source: Randolph County Tax Digests 1848 ([link](#)), 1849 ([link](#))
- Reason and Mary Elizabeth Farmer were married in 1846. She was his second wife.
- In 1848/9, Reason (and family) moved to Pike County, Alabama.
- Reuben sold Lot 10/3 sometime after 1850, and moved back to the house on Lot 10/2.
- No deeds have been located to show a transfer of Lot 10/2 from Reason Bynum to Reuben Bynum. However, there are several sources to confirm his possession of the lot:



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- An 1875 deed for Lot 10/1 identifies Reuben Bynum as living on Lot 10/2 (Deed Book/O/259).
- Property tax records show that Reuben owned the lot as a trustee from 1878-80 and Emily, his widow, owned the lot from 1881-2 (Source: Randolph County Tax Digests [link](#), [link](#), [link](#), [link](#)).
- Their son, W C Bynum, sold Lot 10/2 in 1888. He may have lived here for a time prior to the sale.
- The Bynums were not major landholders, but they facilitated the building of large holdings through the buying and selling of lots to those who built the large holdings. They were early real estate developers, as well as farmers. In addition, Reuben owned Lot 10/1 during the period when Rehoboth Church was formed. He allowed them to worship there until he sold the lot in 1842, thus playing an important role in the spiritual development of the area.
- Reuben died in 1881; when Emily died in 1886, she was living on Bynum land four miles south of Shellman ([obituary](#)).

Source:

- Reuben Bynum: Ancestry.com [tree](#), [link](#)
- Reason Bynum: Ancestry.com [link](#)
- William C Bynum: [biographical sketch](#)

The James Crittenden Simpson family

The Andrew Roy Kenney family

- James C Simpson was from Bronwood. He and Anna Belle Crittenden (daughter of R F and Fannie Crittenden) were married in 1890.
- They bought this house in 1891. She died in 1894. He moved back to Terrell County, where he remarried.
- The house seems to have reverted to Mrs. Simpson's mother, Fannie Crittenden. The Simpson's daughter, Anna Belle Simpson (later Kenney), lived with her grandparents across the highway until 1918, when she was given her mother's land and house (Lot 10/2).
- Anna and Andrew Roy Kenney were married in 1922 ([link](#)). They were renting on Pearl St in 1930. According to the *Driving Tour (2015)*, they relocated an old house from the Jackson Farm to this location on US 82 in 1932. The Jackson farm cannot be identified.
- Kenney was a farmer.
- The Kenneys remained here until his death in 1960. After his death, Mrs. Kenney remained here, but also spent time with her daughter in Atlanta, where she died in 1972 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com

- Anna Belle Crittenden Simpson [link](#)
- James Crittenden Simpson [link](#)
- Anna Belle Simpson Kenney [link](#)

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- Part of the John P Ward Homeplace acquired in 1856.
- Later part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

- Occupied by John P and Mittie Cox Ward 1855-1861
- Occupied during 1863 and 1864 by B F Adams
- Occupied by Robert Flournoy and Fannie Reid Crittenden 1869-1934
- By descent within the Crittenden family. In 1941, owned by Mrs. J M Bell, who divided the lot, giving three acres on the western side to her son, Crit Bell (Deed Book/ AA1/559)
- Later Deeds: ZZ2/364, VV9/194

The John P Ward family

- For a map of Ward's holdings circa 1861, visit [link](#).
- John Ward lived in Stewart County. He was a widower when he and Frances "Mittie" Cox were married in Harris County in 1845.
- Ward was listed in the 1850 census as a farmer in Stewart County, who apparently owned no land. However, his father, Amos Ward, left a large estate in Putnam County when he died in 1845 ([link](#)). John Ward's inheritance enabled him to purchase land in Randolph County.
- In December, 1850 he purchased 350 acres (including the Oliver/Hargroves grist mill) in the 10th district of Randolph County for \$3,000. Ward replaced and expanded the log mill house; the holding became known as "Ward's Mill Place."
- Around 1855, Ward constructed a house (Buckfoot Lawn) on this lot in Lee/5/304, situated on the road from Starkville (now Leesburg) to Cuthbert. He did not purchase Lee/5/304 until 1859, with the deed stating that the land already contained Ward's dwelling.
- In 1856, he purchased the Edmund W Hodges Place: 1,500 acres for \$9,000. This became known as the "Ward Home Place." This purchase gave Ward almost 9,000' through which the new railroad would pass. Ward gave the right-of-way to the railroad, and also granted a 10-acre "privilege" for the depot to be constructed in Lot 5/269. It was inevitable that a town would grow around the depot; Ward Station is thus a product of the railroad, and named for the man who played such a large role in determining the location of the depot.

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Great Slaughter! The Confederate Army Victorious! NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY LAND!

I NOW offer my **Plantation**, situated immediately on the South Western Rail Road, in Randolph county, Georgia, containing 1800 acres—900 cleared, under good fence and in a fine state of cultivation. There is on the place a No. 1 **Framed Dwelling** with six Rooms, Splendid CRIBS, STABLES, NEGRO HOUSES, GIN-HOUSE and SCREW, and every other necessary building. The residence is situated $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Ward's Station, at which place is a Post Office and Family Grocery Store—10 miles from Cuthbert and the same distance from Dawson, or the stage road. There is a Church and Academy within a mile of the place, and as good water as can be found in South West Georgia. **TERMS**—*BONDS of the CONFEDERATE STATES TAKEN AT PAR*—payments to suit the purchaser.

I also, offer upon the same terms, 1400 acres of land in the same county, lying on both sides of the Notchway Creek, 500 acres cleared, a large portion of which is FRESH and under good fence, with running water in every field. There is 200 acres of swamp land, a part of which is in cultivation, that will yield 50 bushels of corn per acre. There is upon this place a fine **NEW MERCHANT MILL**, with a **NEVER FAILING** Pond of water. The whole of which can be bought for **\$11,000**, in such payments as cannot fail to suit any person desiring to purchase such property. I am determined to sell, and will give better bargains than can be had any where else. Try me.

JOHN P. WARD.

Ward's Station, Ga., July 29th, 1861—w3m

- Ward sold the “Ward Home Place” in 1861 and moved to Gadsden County, Florida. He advertised his sale in the *Macon Telegraph* ([link](#), see ad at left). The tract was purchased by Ward’s friend, B F Adams of Putnam County, who immediately offered it for resale (See below).
- The “Ward’s Mill Place” was sold to John McClendon in 1862, but later was also acquired by B F Adams (see below).
- John Ward died in 1865; Mittie died in 1893. Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Benjamin Franklin Adams

- Adams was a large landowner who lived in Putnam County and was a neighbor of A S Reid ([1860 census](#)). His major land holding was the Cheraw Place near Starkville (now Leesburg).
- John Ward’s father had owned a great deal of property in Putnam County, and Adams and John Ward were friends.
- Adams acquired most of John Ward’s holdings in Randolph County:
 - In August, 1861, he purchased 1,700 acres from Ward (the “Home Place”) for \$10,000
 - He also acquired the “Ward’s Mill Place,” a tract of land bisected by the Ichaway-Notchaway Creek surrounding the mill, and half-interest in the mill, about the same time.
- Adams immediately began advertising the property for sale, before Ward moved to Florida (see advertisement above). He was unable to sell the property, and was living in Ward’s Station in 1863 ([link](#)) and 1864 ([link](#), [link](#)). Perhaps he chose Randolph County over Putnam County as it was not in the likely conflict zone of the war.
- Adams sold his holdings in 1866 on credit:
 - The Home Place and the section of the Mill Place east of the creek were sold on credit to a group of investors in Harris County. This note was never paid, and Adams retained ownership. This was the same group of investors that later bought the land which became Dean Family Land.

1700 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE IN FIVE EQUAL PAYMENTS!

I PROPOSE to sell 1,700 ACRES of LAND at Ward’s Station on the South-western Railroad, in Randolph county, Ga., on the terms above specified.

There are 950 acres of cleared land, mostly fresh, well improved, healthy and well adapted to successful agriculture. There is not one acre of worn out or waste land on the place, and having a Railroad Depot located on it, with a Church, School house and first rate Corn and Flour Mill in the immediate neighborhood; it combines rare qualifications for successful planting and pleasant associations.

My friend, John P. Ward, Esq., now living on the place, will take pleasure in showing the LAND to any person desiring to purchase; and for further particulars, apply to me at Eatonton, Putnam County, Ga.

B. F. ADAMS.

August 20, 1861—d3gm



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- Adams by now had sold his half-interest in the section of the Mill Place west of the creek (containing the mill); he sold his remaining half interest to William B Blackmon, Terrell County. This note was paid in 1867, so Adams no longer owned the property.
- Adams was bankrupt in 1869; the Home Place (for which the 1866 sale fell through) was sold at sheriff's auction ([link](#)), and purchased by his friend, also from Putnam County, Alexander Reid. Two of Reid's daughters married two Crittenden brothers, who moved here in 1869.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), obituary [link](#)

The Robert Flournoy Crittenden, Sr. family

- R F Crittenden was from Talbot County. He was the son of C D Crittenden, Sr. and one of four brothers who played a prominent role in the development of Shellman (R F, H A, J F, and C D Jr.).
- Crittenden was a school teacher when he married Fannie Reid in Putnam County in 1860. The couple soon moved to Alabama.
- Crittenden served with distinction in the Civil War, and initially returned to Alabama. In 1869, the two Crittenden/Reid families (R F & Fannie; H A & Anna) moved to Ward's Station. The wives' father, Alexander S Reid, had promised them land to do so.
- R F & Anna took this house for their residence; it had been built by John P Ward in 1855. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1914 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 1934.
- R F was state senator, a civic leader, and an organizer of the Shellman Methodist Church and Shellman Institute.
- For information on Crittenden's business interests, refer to W Railroad St, Crittenden Brothers Business Interests.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), *RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES*. Randolph County Historical Society. 1977: [Pages 162-173].

John Mercer Bell Family

- Johnny Bell was from Webster County. He and Henrietta (Hennie) Mae Crittenden (daughter of R F & Fannie Crittenden, see above) were married in this house in 1904 ([link](#)).
- They first lived in Dawson, where he was a banker ([link](#)), secretary/treasurer of the Cotton Belt Telephone Co., and also served as mayor. His bank was in trouble by 1918, and later liquidated ([link](#)). By 1920, the family was living here with her widowed mother; he operated a drugstore in Shellman.
- He died in 1929 ([link](#)). She remained here until her death in 1965. Her brother, Marshall Crittenden, lived here also.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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Magnolia Lake, US Highway 82

Acquired by Crittenden & Brother in the 1870s, after they moved to Randolph County.

12/1/1931, 7/7/1937, 12/7/1940, 10/27/1941, 1/16/1946	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From the estate of J F Crittenden to Magnolia Golf Club in 1931• From the Magnolia Golf Club to the Town of Shellman in 1937• From the Town of Shellman to W R Puckett in 1940• From Puckett to R C Bell in 1941• From R C Bell to Harold B & Mark R Harbison in 1946• Sold by Harbisons' heirs in 1986 <p>Notes: 117 acres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South part of Lot/11/16 (Terrell County)-37 acres• Lot/4/19 (Randolph County)-80 acres <p>Source: Deed Book/UU/586-7, AA1/449, AA1/504, AA1/505 (mortgage), BB1/338, BB1/338-9 (mortgage), DD1/359-60, DD1/466-7 (mortgage)</p>
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Later Deeds: GG3/107-9, GG3/110-11, Plat Book/6/114 (1986)

Magnolia Lake and Golf Club

- Magnolia Lake is fed by nearby springs. Picnics by the lake were popular as social gatherings, and this lake was likely a place of recreation in the nineteenth century. Rehoboth was nearby, which was no doubt a drawing card.
- The earliest documentation of the lake is from 1921, when the *Dawson News* reported a Sunday School picnic at Magnolia Lake, "*the beautiful resort near Shellman*" ([link](#)). At the time, the property was owned by Fernando Crittenden. It seems to have been operated by his son, Dr. Leroy Crittenden. Activities included swimming, boating, fishing, and picnicking. A nine-hole golf course was added in the 1920s.
- A major renovation was carried out in 1922. The funds for the work were raised in part by the public ([link](#), [link](#)), so the resort, although privately owned, was considered a community resource.
- Dr. Crittenden was murdered while playing a round of golf at the Club in 1934 (*Butler Herald*, February 1, 1934, [Page 1](#) & [Page 4](#), and *Macon Telegraph*, January 26, 1934 [link](#)).
- A pavilion with a jukebox was later added, and lights for nighttime swimming; the lake was a popular venue for evening entertainment.
- Interest began to decline in the 1950s when Shellman built a municipal swimming pool in town. Little of the facility remains today.

Source: *Randolph County, Georgia. Volume III*. Randolph County Historical Society. 2021: [Pages 381-382].



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Rehoboth, US Highway 82

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From its beginning as an outdoor congregation in 1839, Rehoboth grew to include a church, a boarding academy, a Masonic Lodge, and a cemetery. Rehoboth was the cultural hub of this part of Randolph County until the town of Shellman emerged in the 1870s and 1880s. In its early days, before the railroad came and the area became known as Ward's Station, it was called Nochway, or Notchaway. The name was occasionally used, especially in reference to the cemetery, into the 1920s. 	
4/9/1836, 7/6/1842	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehoboth is situated on Land Lot 10/1. The lot was drawn by Henry Gee, Baldwin County, in the 1827 lottery. From Henry Gee to Reuben Bynum in 1836 From Bynum to David Ferguson in 1842 <p>Notes: Lot 10/1, 202 ½ acres. In 1842, Bynum also sold the portion of Lot 10/32 that lay south of the Ichaway-Notchaway Creek, for a total of 300 acres.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/B/293, F/178</p>
2/13/1849	<p>Given by David Ferguson to Rehoboth Baptist Church</p> <p>Notes: Two acres, located on the public road. The lot contained the church built in 1844.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/H/131-2</p>
1/20/1853	<p>From Ferguson to John Y Hicks</p> <p>Notes: Ferguson sells Lot 10/1 and 10/32 (the section west of the creek), except two acres for Rehoboth Church and two acres for Rehoboth Academy. The deed refers to the academy as Madison Institute. Hicks was the teacher at the Academy at the time. In September, 1854, Hicks advertised the tract for sale due to his wife's health, which prevented him from operating the boarding school. He was unable to sell the tract.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/J/724</p>
9/14/1853	<p>From John Hicks to David Ferguson, James W Oliver, and Edmund W Hodges</p> <p>Notes: 25 acres, west of the Academy lot, presumably the site on which the Masonic Lodge was built.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/H/843</p>
11/10/1863	<p>From Hicks to Jared Irwin</p> <p>Notes: Lots 4/19, 10/1 (except 2 acres for Rehoboth Church, 2 acres for Rehoboth Academy, and 10 acres on which "<i>late stood the Masonic Hall</i>"), 10/32, and 11/16)</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/L/599</p>
<p>Later deeds: EE/459</p>	
<p><u>Rehoboth Baptist Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The church was organized on August 17, 1839. Early services were held "<i>under an arbor with pine log seats.</i>" In 1843, the congregation built a log church on Jordan's Branch (which runs easterly to Ichaway-Notchaway Creek, north of the present location), but they were dissatisfied with that location. 	

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- In 1844, they moved back to the original location, where Barzillai Graves built a frame sanctuary, just south of the grove where the arbor was located.
- In 1872, a new frame structure (40' x 60') was begun. It was completed over three years and paid for in 1875.
- A 1901 article in *The Dawson News* focuses primarily on Rehoboth Academy, but also gives some information about services at the Church ([link](#)).
- In 1939, the church celebrated its centennial ([link](#)).
- Newspapers give many accounts of community activities held here, including Bethel Baptist Association meetings, family reunions, Masonic gatherings, and especially singing. When the Chattahoochee Musical Association convened there in 1921 for an all-day singing event, over 1,000 people attended ([link](#)).
- No doubt the proximity of Magnolia Lake helped to make Rehoboth a popular location for gatherings. It is thought that the church also used the lake for baptisms.
- An education building was erected in 1958.
- Outdoor community services are held here at sunrise each Easter to honor the tradition of those early services under the arbor.
- The 1872 building was destroyed by fire around 1990.


Source: *RANDOLPH COUNTY, GEORGIA. A COMPILATION OF FACTS, RECOLLECTIONS, AND FAMILY HISTORIES*. Randolph County Historical Society. 1977: [Pages 77-80].

Rehoboth Academy

- In 1845, T N McWilliams erected a frame building, approximately 30' x 40', for the Academy. The first teacher was Major Matthew Hodges, whose family were major landholders in the area.
- The academy became a well-regarded boarding school that drew students from around SW Georgia. During this time, academies with a state charter received funds from the State of Georgia. Rehoboth does not seem to have received a charter.
- In 1853, John Y Hicks, who was schoolmaster beginning in 1852, purchased the 471-acre tract surrounding the academy. The deed refers to the academy as Madison Institute. In September, 1854, Hicks advertised the tract for sale due to his wife's

health, which prevented him from operating the boarding school. The ad gave a good description of the Rehoboth tract (at left, [link](#)) Hicks was unable to sell the tract until 1863. During this time, he was in financial stress, as parts of the tract were advertised for sheriff's sales, but the school sessions continued uninterrupted, even during the Civil War.

Land for Sale.

 I OFFER for sale my tract of land containing 471 acres, lying on the road leading from Starkville to Cutlbert, 11 miles from the latter, and at the corner of the 4th, 5th, 10th and 11th districts of Randolph county, on the Ichuanatcheenee creek. The Baptist church called Rehoboth and the Academy known as the Madison Institute are each on the land. Besides being an eligible situation for a Boarding school, to which purpose it has been heretofore appropriated, it is believed to be an excellent stand for a Dry Goods Store with a capital of \$3,000 or \$4000; also, for a Wood and Blacksmith Shop and a Tannery. It is free, sandy land, the location healthy, and the water good. I wish to sell it because my wife's health will not admit of my keeping up the Boarding School. If not sooner sold, I shall probably sell it at auction, on Friday, 8th December next. **JOHN Y. HICKS.**
September 12, 1854. 37 4t

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- The last session was taught in 1873. A school was opened at Ward's Station in 1873 (See 47 Park Ave).
- The building was purchased by John Samuel Bell, who used the lumber to build a house. There are no pictures of the Academy; the photo at right, taken in 1901, shows the house Bell built.



Source: *Dawson News*, 1901 [link](#) and 1912 [link](#)

Rehoboth Masonic Lodge

- In 1853, David Ferguson, James W Oliver, and Edmund W Hodges purchased a 25-acre lot just west of Rehoboth Academy (Deed Book/H/843).
- In 1854, they were among a group of men who petitioned the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia for a charter. The new lodge was designated "Rehoboth Lodge 192, Nochway" [link](#); it was one of four Masonic lodges in Randolph County at the time.
- The Lodge was still in operation in 1859, meeting monthly on the second Friday ([link](#)). By 1862, Lodge 192 had relocated to Benevolence. The 10-acre lot on which "late stood the Masonic Hall" was sold in 1863.
- In 1873, a lodge was formed in Ward's Station.
- Rehoboth Church maintained a relationship with the Masons and hosted reunions even after the nearby lodge was gone ([link](#)).

Rehoboth Cemetery

- The earliest known grave is that of Elizabeth C. Draughon, who died on February 23, 1845 ([link](#)).
- The oldest gravestone is that of Winefred West, who died in 1849 ([link](#)).
- The earliest known newspaper reference is from 1887 ([link](#)).
- Occasionally called Nochway Cemetery into the 1920s.
- In 2023, the Find A Grave website ([link](#)) recorded 849 graves in the cemetery.



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E Ward St

E Ward St began as a path for the houses built on the northern boundary of the SWRR right-of-way. This is one of the oldest streets in Shellman, predating the incorporation of Ward. Several houses were built before 1885, the first being #27, built for Fernando Crittenden in 1878. In censuses and deeds, the street is often referred to as Railroad St or North Railroad St.

Censuses of E Ward St

- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#), [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of E Ward St

- Deed Book/KK/126 & KK/138 (1907)
- KK/241 (1908)
- Plat Book/4/23 (1969)
- Plat Book/4/85 (1971)
- Plat Book/6/98
- Plat Book/7/42 (1991)

7 E Ward St



Part of the 2-acre lot given to Fernando Crittenden in 1881 (See 27 E Ward St)

3/14/1882	<p>From Fernando Crittenden to Mrs. Catherine Busbee, Pulaski County</p> <p>Notes: Half-acre vacant lot, "<i>commencing at public road on north line of right of way of South-western Rail Road & running east 33 yards. Thence north 77 yards, thence west 89 feet. Thence south 77 yards to starting point said parcel of land being bounded as following: on south by north line of right of way of SWRR East by J Fernando Crittenden North by O Z Dean and west by public road.</i>"</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/429</p>
1/1/1886	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Catherine Busbee to Paul Cheney in 1886 • By descent to Cheney's widow later in 1886, who married Riley Arthur in 1887 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "...containing (1) one dwelling house one store house thereon & half acre more or less". This deed dates the first house on the lot to 1882-1885. • The store house is likely the barn facing on Pearl St shown in the 1902 map. However, the term "store house" may have meant that the Busbees were using it to conduct their businesses. • The owner of the lot to the north is now William W Cheney, half-brother to Paul Cheney.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L P Arthur moved into this house in 1887 while building his house across the street. <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/778</p>
12/22/1894	<p>From William L & George B Arthur to Riley Arthur (as trustee for his children)</p> <p>Notes: 231' N/S x 99' E/W, with improvements.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/477</p>
10/12/1903, 12/12/1904	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From R R Arthur to W J Oliver in 1903 From Oliver to James M Wooten in 1904 <p>Notes: Half-acre lot, with improvements. The lot is located "<i>east of W J Oliver Oil Mill, bounded on the north by R F Ivey, on the east by J F Crittenden, on the south by SWRR on the west by public road running north south.</i>" The lot is again incorrectly given as Lee/5/303, but the description leaves no doubt that as to the location in Lee/5/302.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/263, JJ/266</p>
5/27/1908, 5/2/1912, 5/1/1922	<p>Wooten added to his lot three times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1908, Dr. F M Martin purchased the adjacent lot on the north. In the process, it apparently was discovered that Wooten's barn was on Martin's new lot. This deed added 15' (and the barn) to the north side of Wooten's lot, the width being 193'. Source: Deed Book/LL/379 In 1912, he bought a 6' strip from the west side of the Crittenden lot so that he could add a driveway. Source: Deed Book/NN/269 In 1922, Wooten added a 30' strip from the west side of the Crittenden lot. This expanded his lot in preparation for the house he constructed that summer. Source: Deed Book/QQ/188
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1912, the house built by the Busbees was destroyed by fire. The Wootens built a new home on this lot in the summer of 1922 (link).
2/6/1928, 2/4/1974, 6/9/1975, 1/2/1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From James M Wooten to his wife, Gladys B Wooten, in 1928 By descent to her son, Brooks Wooten, in 1974 From Wooten to his daughter in 1976 <p>Notes: Source: Deed Book/TT/124, HH2/622-3, JJ2/570-1, KK2/670-1</p>
3/6/1928	<p>The Wootens leased a tract (140' N/S x 50' E/W) across Pearl St on the SWGA RR right-of-way for a flower garden.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/TT/162</p>
<p><u>The Perry Greene Busbee family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Busbees moved to Shellman from Hawkinsville in 1882. He was a confectioner and she a milliner (link). She also owned orange groves in Florida (link). They built the first house on this lot, then sold it in 1885, moving to Brunswick. The deed of sale in 1885 includes a "<i>store house</i>", which is likely the barn facing on Pearl St shown in the 1902 map. This structure may have been where the Busbees conducted their businesses, or it may have been originally built as a barn or shed for their buggy. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Paul Cheney family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Cheney was the half-brother of W D Cheney & W W Cheney; he lived much of his life in Floyd County. He moved to Calhoun County in the early 1880s. 	



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- Cheney suffered from consumption for many years, and died of it in 1886, aged 22. 1886 was an eventful year for Cheney:
 - He purchased this house on E Ward St in January, next door to his half-brother, W W Cheney. A newspaper article confirms he immediately moved here ([link](#)).
 - He married Anna Bunch in Calhoun County in June.
 - He made a will in July and died later that month ([link](#)), leaving the house to his widow ([link](#)).
- The occupancy of the house after Cheney's death is not certain.
 - L P Arthur moved here in August ([link](#)) before building a house across the street the next year.
 - Anna Cheney married Riley Arthur in 1887 (See below).
- In addition to being a farmer, Cheney had formed a partnership with C M Cheney. This may have been the impetus for his move to Shellman. After Paul's death, C M bought Paul's interests from his estate and began a successful career as a merchant in Shellman ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Riley Reeves Arthur family

- Riley Arthur was the son of B K Arthur. He married Anna Bunch, widow of Paul Cheney, in 1887, thus occupying the house by marriage.
- Arthur acquired the house in 1894 as trustee for his children. The family lived here until 1903, when he exercised his right as trustee to sell the house.
- The Arthurs moved to Albany, where he was in the wholesale grocery business. They remained there until their deaths; his in 1941 ([obituary](#)) and hers in 1963.
- Source: 1900 Census [link](#), Ancestry.com [link](#)

The James Monroe Wooten family

- Jim Wooten was from Calhoun County. His family had extensive land holdings in Calhoun County, as well as operating a gin and mill.
- Within the span of a year (in 1895-6), both of his parents died, leaving Wooten to care for three younger sisters. He married Berta Daniel in 1896. They lived on the family farm in Calhoun County until moving to Shellman in 1904.
- Wooten kept his farm after moving to Shellman, but also acquired business interests in Shellman.
 - He was a founding partner in, and manager of, Farmers Warehouse (See 55 Arthur St). He eventually acquired sole ownership of the business.
 - He also was a partner with his first cousin, John Mercer Wooten, Sr. in developing the Wooten Building downtown (See 297 Buford St).
- Wooten was mayor of Shellman for several terms, a Mason, and a member of the First Baptist Church.
- The house, valued at \$4,000, was destroyed by fire on the night of 11/4/1912 ([link](#)) during the Randolph County fair ([link](#)).
- Berta Wooten died in 1914 ([obituary](#)). Wooten then married Gladys Bramlett in 1915.
- After this house burned, the family probably lived in rented quarters or with relatives. Wooten purchased the house at 3518 Pearl St in February, 1915. He remarried in June, 1915, and sold the house in October, 1915. Perhaps his new wife did not find the house suitable.
- The family then rented the house at 239 W Phelps St. until the replacement house on the E Ward St lot was built in 1922 ([link](#)).



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- Wooten suffered another setback when a fire destroyed the Farmers Warehouse and 3,000 bales of cotton in 1915 ([link](#)). The loss, estimated at \$175,000, was partly insured. The warehouse was rebuilt.
- The Wootens remained in the new house until their deaths: his in 1957 and hers in 1974. The house descended to their granddaughter.

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#), *The Story of Georgia* [link](#)

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27 E Ward St



Part of the 1871 purchase of the old Ward Home Place by the Crittendens from the estate of Alexander Reid. The deed stated that four acres, not identified, had been given to younger brother, Fernando Crittenden Source: Deed Book/N/104-5

12/24/1881	From the Crittenden family to Fernando Crittenden Notes: 2 acres, bounded by the public road on the west and the SWRR right-of-way on the south. Source: Deed Book/P/625
3/14/1882	From Fernando Crittenden to Mrs. Catherine Busbee, Pulaski County Notes: Crittenden sold ½ acre on the west side of his lot. Source: Deed Book/AA/429
2/17/1883	Crittenden's lot is expanded by 7 acres, adding a tract to the east that extends northward to E Phelps St. The section immediately east of his house extending to College St becomes his <i>patch</i> , or garden, and is never developed. The section further north along College St was divided into lots, including three for his children. Source: Deed Book/AA/111
7/30/1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By descent to Martha Frances Crittenden • Sold from her estate in 1990 Notes: Source: Deed Book/II4/343-4

The Joashley Fernando Crittenden family

- Fernando Crittenden was the younger brother of Robert F and Hiram A Crittenden. He married Emeline Edwards from his home county of Dale County, AL in 1877, and joined his brothers in Ward's Station. He was involved in the family retail operations, but also acquired a good deal of land over time.
- The house was built in 1878, located across the railroad from the home built by the Crittenden Brothers for their father in 1879. Initially the house was one-story with four rooms. It was expanded to is two-story, much larger footprint in 1897 and 1904. The lot also contained a number of outbuildings and a large garden. Source: *Driving Tour* (2015)
- The Crittendens remained in the house until they died; he in 1929 and she in 1933. The house was occupied by their daughters' families in 1930 and 1940.
- Their daughter Martha lived here until her death in 1987 ([link](#)). The house was sold in 1990.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Isabel Ida Crittenden

- Ida Crittenden was the youngest child of C D Crittenden, Sr. and sister of the four brothers who played a prominent role in the development of Shellman (R F, H A, J F, and C D Jr.).
- She moved to Ward's Station by 1880, attended school that year. She was unmarried, and lived here on E Ward St with her brother Fernando.



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- Ida operated a millinery shop located in the two-story brick building at 13 W Railroad St. She was still active in 1923 ([link](#)). She died in 1929.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Joashley Cincinnatus Crittenden family

- Joashley Crittenden was from Shellman, the son of Fernando Crittenden (See above). He served in France in WW I. He and Annie Cunningham of Corona, Alabama were married in New York in 1919 ([link](#)).
- They returned to Shellman for a time, living here with his parents in 1920. They soon moved to Birmingham, where they spent most of the remainder of their lives.
- Joashley was in sales for several different companies.
- She died in Birmingham in 1950; he died there in 1967 ([link](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

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65 E Ward St



Part of the 7-acre tract purchased by Fernando Crittenden in 1883 (See 27 E Ward St)

Early History of the House

- The *Driving Tour (2015)* states that the house was built in 1890 by H A Crittenden. This is plausible, but cannot be confirmed by deeds or census data.
- The lot was owned by H A Crittenden's brother, Fernando Crittenden. It was vacant in the 1883 deed, but seems to have a house in the 1904 deed.
- Deeds for adjacent lots reveal that the family of Robert McCarter Crittenden lived here by 1893. The 1900 census confirms the family was still here, and lists them as owners (See below).
- The history from 1904 is clear.

6/17/1904,
2/10/1977

- From Fernando Crittenden to Ida Lillian Sears, his daughter, in 1904
 - By decent to her daughter, Lillian Sears, in 1977
- Notes: 1.25 acres (265' frontage on E Ward St). The SW corner of the McCurdy lot is the NW corner of this lot. The price suggests there is a house on the lot.
Source: Deed Book/JJ/358, WW/209, NN2/210-1

11/21/2000

From the estate of Lillian Sears to Scott Curry
Source: Deed Book/JJ7/12-13

The Robert McCarter Crittenden family

- Robert Crittenden was brother to Frank Crittenden and Rena Slappey, and cousin to the Crittenden brothers who developed Shellman. His family moved to Shellman in the early 1880s.
- Crittenden married Mary Coxwell in 1891. The family moved several times:
 - The family probably moved here on E Ward St shortly after their marriage. They were the first documented residents; deeds for adjacent property show they lived here by 1893. They were still here in 1900, but left by 1904. Source: 1900 census [link](#)
 - Owned a house on W Phelps St (probably # 193) in 1910 [link](#)
 - Owned a different house on Phelps St in 1920 [link](#)
 - Owned 227 W Phelps in 1930 [link](#) and 1940 [link](#)
 - Lived on Pearl St in 1950 [link](#)
- Crittenden worked in the Crittenden family businesses: first in the furniture store, then as foreman in the fertilizer plant.
- Mary died in 1951; Robert died in 1956.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Frank Candler Sears family

- Ida Lillian Crittenden was from Shellman, the daughter of Fernando Crittenden. She and Frank Candler Sears married around 1902, and moved into this house in 1904.



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- Fernando Crittenden provided contiguous lots for three of his children: sons W R & A L, and daughter Lillian Sears.
- Frank Sears was employed by the railroad in Cuthbert, but after the marriage became cashier at Peoples Bank ([link](#)). He died in 1920, the victim of an accidental gunshot ([link](#)).
- Lillian Sears remained in the house until her death in 1977.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Lillian Sears

- Miss Sears was the daughter of Frank and Lillian Sears. She graduated from Wesleyan College to become a respected public-school teacher of Latin and French. She taught in Terrell County and later in Ft. Lauderdale.
- After her retirement, she moved back to this house. She remained here until moving into the nursing home in Cuthbert, where she died in 1997 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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91 E Ward St

<p>In 1883, the Crittendens sold a 3-acre lot to John J Mauk. This lot then changed hands many times before being divided into two lots (#91 and #109) in 1902.</p>	
<p>2/17/1883</p>	<p>From Crittenden family to J J Mauk Notes: 3-acre lot (417' N/S x 314' E/W). The SW corner of this lot is the SE corner of T A Wall's (R M Crittenden's) lot. Mauk built a house on the lot when he bought it in 1883, if one was not already there. Source: Deed Book/GG/537</p>
<p>Early History of the Combined Lots</p> <p>There are many deeds from 1891 until the lot was split in 1902. The deeds are contradictory and confusing. Owners include: Thomas A Wall, J M Cobb, D K Bynum, Mrs. Nancy A Crenshaw, Robert M Crittenden, the Crittenden Brothers, W J T Whaley, and T C Byars. Source: Deed Book/ CC/699, GG/538, EE/243, EE/242, CC/700, EE/65, GG/584, GG/585, GG/586, FF/486-7</p>	
<p>1/27/1902, 8/6/1918</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the heirs of T C Byars to Mrs. M L Arrington in 1902 • Quitclaim deed from one of the Arrington's daughters, Lone Arrington Lamb, to her sister, Martha Alice Mizell, in 1918 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 acres (417' N/S x 314' E/W), no improvements. The SW corner of this lot is the SE corner of the R M Crittenden lot. Excludes a 7' x 240' strip on the southern edge for a street. • Immediately after buying the lot, Arrington divided it, selling the eastern half to Mrs. Mattie F Cobb (See 109 E Ward St) • The Arringtons lived here. In 1918, the two sisters who were heirs consolidated ownership. <p>Source: Deed Book/OO/248, KK/126 (plat), KK/138 (plat), PP/132</p>
<p>4/5/1923, 4/5/1930, 10/4/1944, 10/25/1944</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Mrs. Martha A Mizell to Fernando Crittenden in 1919 • From Crittenden to P M Johns in 1923 • From Johns to Mrs. Carrie Pullen in 1930 • From Pullen to J D Pipkin in 1944 • From Pipkin to N L Holley in 1944. <p>Notes: Holley was employed by Pipkin. Source: Deed Book/PP/132, QQ/510, UU/180-1, ZZ/533 (mortgage), DD1/2, DD1/2-3, DD1/3-4 (mortgage)</p>
<p>5/2/1967</p>	<p>From the estate of N L Holley to T H Crump Notes: Source: Deed Book/ XX1/161</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original house was demolished, probably around 1991 when the present house was built. • Later deeds: YY1/382, NN3/343, TT3/300, PP4/213 	
<p><u>The John Jesse Mauk family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauk was from Marion County. He married Ella Lee in 1878. • Mauk was a carpenter who lived in this section of Ward's Station in 1880. There were few houses in the area, perhaps he was already renting on this lot when he purchased it in 1883. • The Mauks sold this house in 1891. They moved to Americus, where they lived until their deaths; hers in 1937 and his in 1940 (obituary). • In Americus, Mauk worked for the railroad. 	



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The William Sidney Arrington family

- Sidney Arrington was born in Baldwin County. The family soon moved to Randolph County, where his father died shortly thereafter.
- Arrington served in the Civil War, being wounded at Cedar Creek, VA, and spending time as a prisoner of war ([link](#)). He returned to Randolph County, where he married Martha Lee in 1865.
- Arrington owned a farm near Shellman in 1880. In 1883, his daughter Alice married Ambrose Mizell.
- Arrington was in default for the taxes on his farm. This probably was the reason he moved into Shellman.
- Arrington operated a general merchandise store at 30 Arthur St in partnership with his son-in-law. The store was sold in 1891/2.
- In 1900, Arrington was renting a house on Church St and listed his profession as farmer. In 1902, the Arringtons bought this house. By 1910, he also owned a grocery store.
- She died in 1914 ([obituary](#)); he died in 1917 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [bio sketch](#)

The Clarence Walthall Pullen family

- Clarence Pullen grew up in Baker and Early Counties, but the family settled on a farm in Randolph County by 1918. He married Carrie Terry (daughter of W R Terry) in 1923 ([link](#)).
- The Pullens lived in Jacksonville for a time, but returned to Shellman by 1930. They lived with her parents before purchasing this house in 1930. In 1937, they moved to Blakely ([link](#)). They sold this house in 1944.
- Clarence Pullen was an accountant.
- He died in Blakely in 1962 ([obituary](#)). She died in 1974.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Niles Leon Holley family

- Niles Holley was from Ft Valley. In 1930, he lived near Brooksville and was a blacksmith. He married Frances Daniel in Randolph County around 1935.
- The Holleys lived on a farm near Brooksville before purchasing this house in 1944. They lived here on E Ward St until his death in 1966. Frances Holley died in 1987.
- Holley drove a school bus, working for Jeff Pipkin, in 1940. In 1947, resumed his profession as a blacksmith, purchasing the Winn blacksmith shop, which he operated until his death (See 49 Arthur St).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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109 E Ward St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This lot was originally part of the three-acre lot purchased by John J Mauk in 1883 (See 91 E Ward St). It changed hands many times until being purchased by Mrs. Arrington on 1/27/1902, and was divided four days later. 	
1/31/1902	<p>From Mrs. M L Arrington to Mrs. Mattie F Cobb Notes: 1.5 acre, no improvements. Bounded north by Shellman Institute (the second building, located on College St) and J F Crittenden; east by C J Greene; south by RR; west by the remaining half of Mrs. Arrington's lot. This is the east half of the lot known as the Cobb Place. Source: Deed Book/HH/283</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ownership of this lot is unclear after the Cobbs died (she in 1906 and he in 1910), but it appears to have descended to the Cobb's daughter, Martha Faye Cobb Ward. The orphaned children lived with their Ferguson grandmother in 1910. The current house on the lot was built in 1956. If there was an earlier house, it seems to have been rented or vacant in the censuses from 1910 to 1940 (Censuses: 1910 link, 1920 link, 1930 link, 1940 link, link) 	
6/29/1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by John Ward (Deed not located) From John Ward to J C and Irma Scarborough Kimbrell in 1965 <p>Notes: Known as the John Ward House. Ward probably acquired the lot from his mother, Martha Faye Cobb Ward. Source: Deed Book/VV1/162</p>
<p>Later deeds: AA3/227</p>	
<p><u>The Joshua N Cobb family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Josh Cobb was from Cuthbert, where he lived until his first wife died in 1896. He married Mattie Lou Ferguson in 1897. They lived with her mother (the David Ferguson place south of Shellman) in 1900. Source: 1900 census link They bought this lot in 1902 and may have built a house soon. Mattie Lou Cobb died in 1906; Josh Cobb in 1910. The orphaned children moved back to the Ferguson place. <p>Source: Ancestry.com family tree link</p>	

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145 E Ward St



Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.

<p>10/17/1883, 4/27/1885</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden family to O F Powell in 1883 From Powell to Mrs. Diddie John (later Mrs. Charles J Greene) in 1885 <p>Notes: 4 acres (426' N/S x 409' E/W). Adjacent to lot on west where J J Mauk lives. Source: Deed Book/AA/460, AA/459</p>
<p>11/30/1889, 12/8/1952, 1/8/1898, 1/24/1991</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the Crittenden family to C J Greene in 1889 Greene's heirs gave sole ownership to his daughter, Jewette Green McGlaun, in 1952 Sold by Greene's heir in 1991 <p>Notes: 3.3-acre vacant lot (453' N/S x 315' E/W). Bounded south by Mrs. Greene's lot; west by a line running through the Mauk lot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This deed extends the Greene lot to the north, creating a lot of 7+ acres. The location of Greene's lot is confirmed in a 1907 deed for the adjacent lot, as well as the plats in Deeds HH/501 and SS/610 <p>Source: Deed Book/HH/174, HH/501 (plat), NN/237, SS/610 (plat), II1/591-4 (Tract #4), AA2/55, UU3/371-3, MM4/208, Plat Book/7/42 (1991)</p>
<p><u>Construction of the House</u> The deeds in 1883 and 1885 suggest there was no house on the lot. Tax records say the house was built in 1881, but it is more likely that it was built by Mrs. John, or by Greene, between 1885-7.</p>	
<p><u>Oscar F Powell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Powell was a store clerk. In 1880, he boarded with Fernando Crittenden. There were few houses in these early days of Ward's Station, so Crittenden presumably had to arrange housing for the employees he recruited. Powell purchased this lot in 1883, but moved to Florida by 1885, apparently before he had time to build a house here. <p>Source: 1880 census link</p>	
<p><u>The Charles Jewette (Charlie) Greene family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma Elizabeth (Diddie) Gaskin married William H John in Alabama in 1879. They moved to Shellman in 1885, and built this house soon afterwards (link). He soon died, leaving his widow and a daughter in the new house. Source: Ancestry.com link In 1887, Emma John married Greene (link), who bought additional land to the north in 1889. He also bought the house and lot across the railroad to the south (124 E Railroad St), but it appears that the family lived in this house. 	



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- Charlie Greene moved to Shellman from Ellaville in 1882. He came to work for the Crittenden Brothers; perhaps he moved here to replace Powell, from whom he bought the lot. He then became the railway express agent, a position he held from 1900-1937.
- Emma Greene died in 1923 ([resolution](#), [obituary](#)). In 1930 and 1940, Greene (a widower) lived here with his daughter, Jewette, and her husband, Jasper (Jap) McGlaun. Greene died in 1943; the McGlauns remained here until their deaths in the 1970s.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), retirement notice [link](#)

The Jasper Eugene (Jap) McGlaun family

- Jap Mc Glaun was from Cusseta. He worked for the railroad, and lived in Ohio and Montana before moving to Shellman.
- Jap and Jewette Green married in 1929. They moved into this house with her widowed father and remained here until their deaths; his in 1973 and hers in 1988.
- In Shellman, Jap was a farmer.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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171 E Ward St



From Crittenden Brothers & T A Wall to D S Newkirk on 1/7/1891

Notes: 4 acres (426' N/S x 409' E/W). Bounded west by Mrs. Greene's lot.

Source: Deed Book/CC/423

6/11/1907,
11/22/1938,
4/6/1995

- From D S Newkirk to W S Terry in 1907
 - From Terry to his daughter, Winifred (Mrs. Claron) Wooten, in 1938
 - From the Wooten estate to her daughter, Terry (Mrs. Kelly) Mote, in 1995
 - Sold by Mote in 1999
- Notes: 2.2 acres (330' N/S x 288' E/W), with house occupied by Newkirk in 1907. The SW corner of this lot is the SE corner of Mrs. Greene's lot. Newkirk had reduced the original 4-acre lot by selling the northern portion to H A Crittenden.
- Terry further reduced the lot by selling the eastern portion to the Barges in 1909.
 - Plats from 1902, 1907, and around 1920 show the lot over time.
- Source: Deed Book/LL/162, HH/501 (plat), KK/126 (plat), SS/610 (plat), ZZ/214, QQ5/68-74 (Tract #1)

The Daniel S Newkirk family

- Newkirk grew up on a farm in Randolph County. He married Lydia Knighton in 1878.
- The family initially lived on a farm in the fourth district. In 1888, they moved to Shellman, where he worked for the Crittenden Brothers ([link](#)).
- They bought this lot in 1891; then sold it and moved back to the farm in 1907.
- Daniel Newkirk died in 1915; Lydia died in 1939.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Walter S Terry family

- Walter Terry was a farmer born in Webster County. He married Willie Barge in 1898.
- They lived in Weston in 1900, moving to Shellman in 1907. The family lived here in 1920, before giving the house to their daughter and new son-in-law.
- The Terrys then moved to their farm on the Shellman-Brooksville Rd.
- Willie Terry later (after 1940) moved back here to live with her daughter.

Source: Ancestry.com family tree [link](#)

The Claron Wooten family

- Claron Wooten was the son of James M & Berta Wooten. He was born on their farm in Calhoun County, but grew up in Shellman, living at 7 E Ward St until the house was destroyed by fire in 1912.
- In 1921, Claron and the Terry's daughter Winifred were married. The Terrys moved to their farm on the Shellman-Brooksville Rd, allowing the Wootens to live here. Willie Terry later (after 1940) moved back here to live with her daughter.



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- Claron Wooten was a businessman; he owned property in downtown Shellman, and for many years operated the Shellman Hardware Co. at 297 Buford St. He later was a property appraiser for the Army Corps of Engineers. He was also a civic leader; he served as City Clerk, Mayor, and was Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church in 1954 during its anti-segregation controversy ([link](#), [link](#)).
- The Wootens remained here on E Ward St until their deaths:
 - Claron died in 1970 while travelling on business ([obituary](#)).
 - Winifred kept the house, but in her later years spent much of her time with her daughter in New York, where she died in 1993 ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

195 E Ward St



Part of the 4-acre lot purchased by Daniel Newkirk in 1891 (See 171 E Ward St.)

2/17/1909	<p>From D S Newkirk to Mrs. B F (Mary E) Barge Notes: 1.2 acres. Bounded north by the vacant lot of H A Crittenden; east by the street; south by the SWRR right-of-way; west by W S Terry. The price of \$2,000 suggests there is a house on the lot. Tax records say the house was built in 1901. Source: Deed Book/LL/511, SS/610 (plat)</p>
1/28/1911, 6/18/1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From H O Crittenden to B F Barge in 1911 • The heirs of Mrs. B F Barge divided her estate in 1935 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barge expanded the lot by adding four acres extending north to E Phelps St. in 1911 • In 1935, Daughter Mary Barge received a life interest in this lot and all personal property; Willie Barge Terry received the remainder interest. <p>Source: Deed Book/XX/118, XX/120, DD1/413</p>
12/31/1966, 2/3/1976, 2/4/1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Winifred Wooten, daughter of Willie Barge Terry (Deed not located, but Mrs. Barge died in 1969) • From Mrs. Wooten to Eugene Sheffield in 1966 • Sheffield defaulted on his mortgage; Mrs. Wooten repurchased the house in 1976 • From Mrs. Wooten to Thomas S Chambless in 1976 <p>Notes: Lot with house (300' N/S x 140' E/W). Wooten sold the house and original lot, retaining the additional acreage to the north. Source: Deed Book/XX1/5 (mortgage), XX1/7, ZZ1/93-4, KK2/766-7, 768-9</p>
<p><u>The Benjamin Franklin Barge, Jr. family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barge was from Richland. He served in the Civil War (link, link), returning to Stewart County, where he married Mary Emma King in 1875. • The Barges moved here by 1909, next door to their daughter, Wille Terry. There was a house here when the Barges purchased the lot; tax records say the house was built in 1901. • They lived here until their deaths: his in 1922 (obituary) and hers in 1933. • Their daughter Mary Frank lived here until she married (briefly) in the 1930s; by 1940, she was divorced and living here alone. She remained here until her death in 1959. • The remainder interest went to her sister Willie, who lived next door with the family of her daughter, Winifred (Mrs. Claron) Wooten. Willie died in 1969. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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219 E Ward St

- Part of the 4-acre Shellman Institute tract (See 229 E Ward St)
- Part of the 16-acre tract which A F Weathers assembled and then subdivided in 1913 (See A F Weathers Tract)

<p>9/6/1913, 12/30/1914, 2/4/1915, 2/5/1915, 5/13/1920</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From A F Weathers to W E Melton in 1913 • A series of transfers involving Melton; his wife, Eugene; and her mother, Chloe Leslie, between 1915-1920. W E Melton was owner at the end. <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-acre lot with house (223.5' N/S x 195' E/W) • Several adjoining lots purchased at the Weathers auction in 1913. • 5.3 acres of the original 16-acre tract assembled by Weathers. The house may be the one mentioned in the 1902 sale of the Institute lot to Mrs. Boyett. <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/369, NN/457, NN/470 (2), PP/314, SS/611 (plat)</p>
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- The history of this lot is unknown after the Meltons moved by 1935. The has is no longer standing, and may have been lost by 1940.
- Later deeds: FF3/3-4, Plat Book/6/98 (1981)

The William Elbert Melton family

- William was from Randolph County. He married Eugene Leslie in 1894.
- The Meltons bought this house in 1913, but sold it to her recently widowed mother, Cloie Leslie, in 1915. The Meltons rented on Pearl St for a time. In 1920, Mrs. Leslie sold the house back to the Meltons and moved in with her son on the family farm.
- The Meltons moved back here and were here in 1930. By 1935, they were living in Whigham. William died in 1944.
- Melton was a farmer until the 1930 census, when he was a carpenter.

Source: Ancestry.com link



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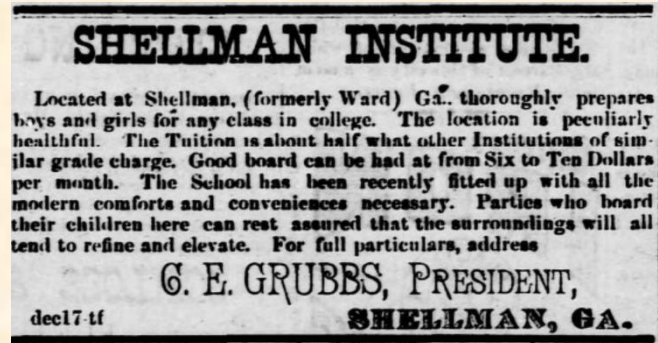
229 E Ward St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 This lot was the site of the first African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Shellman (See 300 Division St). 	
1/27/1886	<p>From the Crittendens to the Trustees of Shellman Institute Notes: 3.7 acres (386'/382' N/S x 417' E/W). "Bounded by the SWR right-of-way where the wagon road west of Institute building starts". Source: Deed Book/CC/502</p>
7/16/1902	<p>From the Trustees to Mrs. S E Boyett, Stewart County Notes: 4 acres, with house. It is not certain whether the "house" referenced in the deed was a residence or the old school building. Source: Deed Book/AA/429</p>
7/12/1909	<p>From Mrs. Boyett to A F Weathers Notes: Four-acre lot. bounded on the west by the land of B E Barge and on the south by the SW RR right-of-way. In this deed, the 4-acre lot of the Shellman Institute is now rejoined with the 12-acre plot, making a 16-acre plot. Source: Deed Book/LL/561</p>

The 16-acre tract was later subdivided (See A F Weathers Tract)

Shellman Institute (first location)

- The Shellman Institute replaced the school on Park Ave (See 47 Park Ave).
- The Institute went from a vision to reality in less than six months;
 - An organizational meeting was held on [July 7, 1885](#)
 - Plans were announced on [July 30, 1885](#)
 - The Institute was in operation on [December 24, 1885](#)
 - The ad at right was published in December, 1885 as the first term was about to begin.



- The property was conveyed shortly after the opening of the school. The price was \$800, exactly the amount raised by public subscription. Major W F Shellman contributed \$100; the town was named for him.
- The first President was Professor C E Grubbs (See 170 E Railroad St), serving from 1885-1891. Grubbs introduced a novel, subscription-based funding model which provided free tuition without the need for a school tax ([link](#)). He also boarded students ([link](#)).
- The building suffered extensive damage from a lightning strike and subsequent fire in 1889 ([link](#)).
- The school moved to a new brick building in 1901 (See 50 College St). It was later demolished.



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239 E Ward St



Part of the Shellman Institute tract (See 229 E Ward St)

10/21/1909	From A F Weathers to W L Culbertson Notes: ½ acre (210' N/S x 105' E/W), no improvements. Source: Deed Book/MM/314
3/1/1912	From Mattie Weathers to W L Culbertson Notes: ½ acre (210' N/S x 105' E/W). Immediately east of the lot Culbertson purchased in 1909, giving him a 1-acre square lot. Bounded north and east by Mattie Weathers; directly across the RR from the Stripling (Hardage) residence. Tax records say that a house was built here in 1906. It may be that the Weathers family lived in this house in the time between their sale of the house at 3299 Pearl St and their purchase of the house at 33 Park St. Source: Deed Book/NN/251
1/7/1916	From W L Culbertson to L C Bryan Notes: Five-acre tract, comprised of Culbertson's homeplace and additional lots from the A F Weathers Tract. Source: Deed Book/OO/131
9/21/1917, 11/28/1917, 11/13/1931, 6/19/1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From L C Bryan to A F Weathers in 1917 From Weathers to W D Bryant in 1917 From Bryant to his son, Daniel G Bryant, in 1931 From Bryant to his step-sister, Mamie Elizabeth Bryant, in 1933 Notes: Includes 239 E Ward St and 31 Mary Lou St. Bounded north by F C Sears and Mrs. W J Leslie; south by RR right-of-way; west by Mrs. W J Leslie. Identifies the house at the west side as the Culbertson House. The house may have been rented to the Luther Goodwin family in 1950. Source: Deed Book/OO/272-3, OO/399, UU/567, XX/56
7/31/1957	From Mamie Elizabeth Bryant to John A & Dealua Avera Notes: Source: Deed Book/NN1/498-9

For information on the Culbertson family, refer to 3317 Pearl St.

The William David Bryant family

- Bryant was from Terrell County. After serving in the Civil War, he returned to Terrell County, where he married Susan Avery in 1882. She died in 1894 ([link](#)).
- Bryant married Emma Wiggins in 1895. He bought a lot on E Phelps St/Cheney St in 1910. He built a house there, but did not seem to move there from his farm in Terrell County.

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- In 1917, Bryant bought this lot on E Ward St. They lived here until his death in 1933. Emma Bryant and two of her daughters were living in Atlanta in 1940, where she died later that year.
- The Bryants were a musical family. His son, D G Bryant, was a professor of music and his daughters also performed and led singing.
- W D Bryant sold the house to his son Dan in 1931 (See below).
- This house may have been rented to the Luther Goodwin family in 1950.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Daniel Green Bryant family

- Dan Bryant, the son of W D Bryant, was born in Clay County (See above).
- By 1912, Bryant was a professor who taught music and traveled to lead “*singings*”, often helped by his sisters. He probably came to Shellman with his parents; he was definitely here by 1915 ([link](#)).
- He served in France in WW I, where he was gassed, from which he suffered serious aftereffects.
- He returned to Shellman, where he married Louise Parham in 1918 ([link](#)). The family rented an apartment from India Fulton at 198 E Railroad St in 1920. Later that year, their first child was born--Diadorius Boudleaux Bryant. The Bryants gave French and Italian names to their children, reflecting the influence of Bryant’s time in France in WW I. It was said that a Frenchman named Boudleaux saved Dan Bryant’s life. Known by Diadorius as a youth, he went on to a prominent career as a country music songwriter as Boudleaux Bryant. He and his wife, Felice, were a team recognized as “*Nashville’s first professional songwriters.*”; he is arguably Shellman’s most famous citizen ([link](#)). His baby picture was published in the *Atlanta Journal*, a portent of his future fame ([link](#)). The paper got his name and hometown wrong, but at least got his father’s name right. A 1959 article summarized his career up to that point ([link](#)).
- Bryant was hospitalized for a time in 1921 ([link](#)). He then attended the University of Georgia, graduating with honors from the School of Law. In 1930, he was a lawyer in Moultrie.
- Bryant bought this house from his father in 1931; he then sold it to his step-sister, Mamie Elizabeth Bryant, in 1933. The family spent time in both Moultrie and Shellman in the 1930s. Bryant again led singing events, and became quite a fiddler, performing with his family, including young Diadorius ([link](#)).
- In 1940, Daniel’s family lived here, renting from Mamie. Later in the 1940s, they moved back to Moultrie.
- Daniel died in 1967 in Dublin; Louise died in 1974 in Americus.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)





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A F Weathers Tract, E Ward St

Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871.	
12/30/1902	From H A Crittenden to his daughter, Lizzie M Terry Notes: 12 acres. Bounded <i>"on the south by the SW GA RR right-of-way, on west by street leading from the old academy to Negro Baptist Church, on north by lands belonging to the estate of Fannie A Cheney, on east by lands now owned by J F and H O Crittenden, except for the four-acre school house lot now owned by Mrs. Boyett"</i> . Source: Deed Book/HH/474
7/17/1905	From Mrs. W R Terry to Mrs. S E Boyett Notes: 12 acres, as in 1902 deed Source: Deed Book/JJ/356
7/12/1909	From Mrs. Boyett to A F Weathers Notes: 12 acres, as in 1902 deed. This deed reunites the 4-acre lot of the Shellman Institute (already owned by Weathers) with Boyett's 12-acre tract, giving a 16-acre tract which includes all the land from Division St to the eastern line of Lot 5/302, and from the railroad to E Phelps St. Source: Deed Book/LL/561
9/6/1913	Weathers subdivided the tract and held an auction to sell the lots. The tract was never developed as envisioned. Most of the tract is now part of 219 E Ward St and 239 E Ward St. Source: Deed Book/NN/369



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W Ward St

W Ward St existed by 1883; no deeds have been located conveying it to the city. The street traced the southern border of the Ellis Tract (see below), just north of the SW RR right-of-way. It was later acquired by Joseph B Payne, who subdivided it and sold vacant lots, mostly one acre in size, beginning in 1882.

Censuses of W Ward St

- 1900 [link](#)
- 1910 [link](#)
- 1920 [link](#)
- 1930 [link](#)
- 1940 [link](#)
- 1950 [link](#)

Plats of W Ward St

- Deed Book/KK/141 (1907)
- Deed Book/PP/522-3
- Deed Book/QQ/614-617 contains a key relating the SWRR right-of-way contracts to subsequent plats
- Deed Book/QQ/618-624, QQ/627, QQ/639
- Plat Book/2/46 (1957)
- Plat Book/2/245 (1962)
- Plat Book/8/191 (1998)

J W Ellis Tract

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (Deed not located, but Deed Book/O/383 references the Ellis Tract in 1873).

12/6/1878	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by B K Arthur (Deed not located) • From B K Arthur to J F Crittenden in 1878 <p>Notes: 12 acres (292' N/S x 1788' E/W). Bounded east by west boundary of the depot reserve; south by the railroad right-of-way; west by Henry Dean's land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known as the J W Ellis Place. • Recorded as Lot 4/169, but described so precisely it can only be Lot 5/269. <p>Source: Deed Book/O/675-6</p>
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- In 1881, a deed recapping Crittenden ownership of Lot 5/269 states that J B Payne owns the Ellis Place. No deed has been found transferring the entire tract to Payne, but subsequent sales confirm he owned much, if not all, of the tract. Source: Deed Book/FF/8
- For subsequent history of the tract, refer to lots on W Ward St.

Joseph William Ellis family

- Joseph Ellis was from Twiggs County. His family was living in Randolph County by 1850, on a farm adjacent to the William West family. He and West's oldest child, Eliza, were married in 1855.
- Joseph served briefly in the Civil War before being discharged due to disability.
- The family lived just east of Shellman. They owned and farmed Lot 4/22. They also owned four acres in the NE corner of Lot 4/17 (immediately adjacent to Lot 4/22), which was probably the site of the William West cabin built in 1837. Source: Deed Book/HH/266.
- The Wests came to Randolph County in 1837, when Eliza was an infant. In later life, she was a source of much oral history of early Shellman.
- The Ellises owned a 12-acre tract of land in what became Shellman, but apparently did not move there. They apparently lived on Lot 4/22 until he died in 1895. She then lived with the family of her daughter, Lanie (Mrs. G P) Hart, until she died in 1920.

Source: Ancestry.com: Joseph [link](#), Eliza [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1403 W Ward St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)

11/20/1888	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Mrs. G E T McGuire (Deed not located, but by 1887) • From Mrs. McGuire to Mrs. M G Sears <p>Notes: 1-acre lot, no improvements mentioned. Bounded east by C E Grubbs; west by Mrs. Williams.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/48</p>
9/5/1889	<p>From Mrs. M G Sears to C M Cheney</p> <p>Notes: 1-acre lot, now apparently with house. Bounded east by C M Cheney.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/53</p>
9/27/1907, 1/14/1916, 6/15/1940	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From C M Cheney to the Sheffield Brothers in 1907 • Sam Sheffield purchased his brother Mark's interest in 1916 • From Sheffield to his wife, Minnie Sheffield, in 1940 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-acre lot with improvements in 1907. Bounded north by the Negro cemetery; east by the residence lot of C M Cheney; west by Tossie Williams. Cheney divided his two-acre lot, selling the western half, with tenant house. • The 1916 deed reveals that the railroad siding for the lumber mill has already been built. The circa-1920 plat shows the house. • Censuses reveal that this house was rented by Sheffield to his employees. The 1940 deed refers to this as the Parker House. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/272, OO/10, QQ/620 (plat), RR/323, AA1/376-7</p>
6/26/1948	<p>From Mrs. Minnie Sheffield to W A Monfort in 1948.</p> <p>Notes: The lot is reduced to ¼ acre, containing the house. Monfort is the first owner known to occupy the house</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF1/127, Plat Book/2/245 (1962)</p>
10/2/1971, 3/23/1987, 4/18/1995	<p>From W A Monfort to Henry Rice to Alice Rice to Wiley Rice</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/DD2/287, OO3/196-7, PP5/358</p>
<p><u>The Wiley Alex Monfort, Sr. family</u></p> <p>Few traces of this family can be found.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monfort was born in Clay County, but mostly lived in Calhoun County. • In 1950, the family lived here; his profession is listed as tractor mechanic. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1393 W Ward St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)
- Part of the lot purchased by the Sheffield Brothers from C M Cheney in 1907 (See 1403 W Ward St).

A rental house was built on this lot by 1910. Using censuses and plats, it appears that the lot was occupied by:

- H R Faircloth in 1920 [link](#)
- The family of Clifford Nunnally in 1930 and 1940. Nunally was foreman of the Sheffield's planing mill adjacent to this house.
- Occupancy in 1950 is unclear.

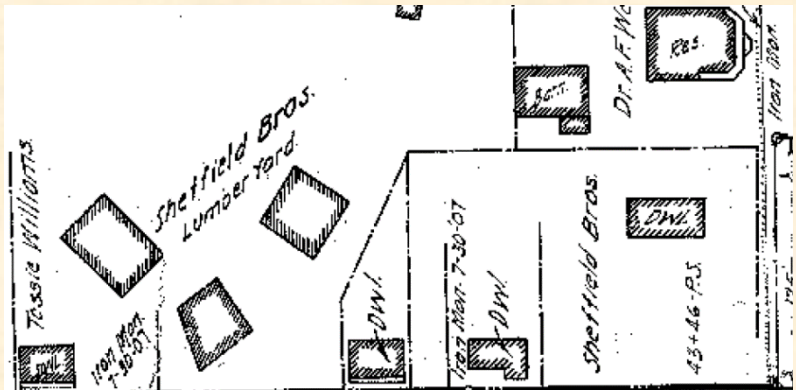
Source: Deed Book/QQ/620 (plat), censuses

1/1/1948	From Minnie Sheffield to J H Brown Notes: 145' N/S x 80' E/W. Occupied by Thomas Brown in 1962 (Shown on a 1962 plat) Source: Deed Book/FF1/137
10/7/1981, 12/31/1982	From Tommie Geeslin to First State Bank to Betty Sue Wade; then to Wayne Wade. Notes: 145' N/S x 80' E/W. Source: Deed Book/XX2/332, ZZ2/303, Plat Book/2/245 (1962)
Later deeds: DD13/193	

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1383 W Ward St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract) 	
<p>9/27/1907, 2/5/1909, 12/31/1912, 1/14/1916, 1/17/1925. 10/11/1939</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From C M Cheney to Sheffield Brothers in 1907 Sam Sheffield purchased the interest of his brother Mark in 1916 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-acre lot with improvements in 1907. Bounded north by the Negro cemetery; east by the residence lot of C M Cheney; west by Tossie Williams. The improvements are probably rental houses. The 1939 mortgage references a "storage house" that is 40'x 140'. It makes no mention of the business, merely, the building. <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/272, MM/315, NN/295, NN/340, OO/10, QQ/620 (plat), RR/323, ZZ/569 (mortgage)</p>
<p>9/10/1962</p>	<p>From the heirs of Sam Sheffield to J P Gunnells</p> <p>Notes: No improvements are mentioned; the price of \$10 suggests the lot is vacant, or at least that the business assets have no value.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/TT1/86, TT1/86-7, Plat Book/2/245 (1962)</p>
<p><u>The Sheffield Brothers Lumberyard (aka Planing Mill)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sheffield Brothers (Sam & M C) bought this property in 1907. Sam acquired sole ownership in 1916. The mill was steam-powered. The Sheffields built a coal bin on the RR right-of-way in 1909. The Sheffields built a railroad spur line into their lumberyard in 1912. The mill was in operation in 1940 (the foreman still lived in the rental property at 1393 W Ward St). It ceased operation in the 1940s. The plat at right shows the yard circa 1920, with the Weathers House top right (33 Park St.) 	





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1373 W Ward St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)

9/6/1887	<p>From J T Horsely to Demonia Williams</p> <p>Notes: The deed is only partly legible. Bounded east by McGuire; west by W C Bynum.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/NN/482, QQ/620 (plat), 1900 census</p>
9/7/1934, 4/19/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the estate of Demonia Williams (sheriff's sale) to Sam Sheffield in 1934 • From Sam Sheffield to Mrs. H R Watson in 1937 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trapezoidal lot (North: 137'; East: 150'; South: 134'; West: 147'). This deed divides the Williams lot. Sheffield sold the house on the southern part of the lot, and kept the northern portion adjacent to his lumber mill. • This sale occurred after Demonia Williams' death in 1934. <p>Source: Deed Book/WW/426, WW/426-7 (mortgage), AA1/372</p>
6/24/1959	<p>From Mrs. H R Watson to Inell Alexander</p> <p>Notes: Watson sold her portion of the Tossie Williams lot</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP1/410-1</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It appears that the original house is still standing, but has been enlarged. Tax records say the current house was built in 1906, but Demonia Williams likely built a house soon after she purchased the lot in 1887. • The house appears to have been used as rental property after Williams' death. • Later deeds: WW9/461, Plat Book/2/245 (1962)
	<p><u>Demonia (Tossie) Williams</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tossie Williams was from Terrell County. She was unmarried. • She moved to Shellman and bought this lot in 1887, remaining here until her death in 1934. • She owned farmland while in Terrell County; after moving to Shellman, she was a dressmaker. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1355 W Ward St



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)
- The original one-acre lot is now three separate lots: this is the only lot to have a house built before 1950.
- The image at left, circa 1984, is thought to be the original house.

12/31/1883	<p>From J B Payne to T A Wall; then to Mrs. Mary J Brown</p> <p>Notes: One-acre lot. The prices suggest that Wall built a house on Payne's lot, which was sold to Mrs. Brown.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/AA/559, AA/560, AA/561 (mortgage?)</p>
1/5/1891	<p>From Mary J Brown to R W Sandlin</p> <p>Notes: Bounded east by Demonia Williams; west by W L Dunn</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/CC/442</p>
10/1/1894	<p>From R W Sandlin to T R Arthur & M W Cox</p> <p>Notes: Bounded east by Demonia Williams; west by J O Hammock (formerly W L Dunn).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/EE/224</p>
9/25/1896, 7/6/1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From T R Arthur to William Paschal in 1896 • By descent to Mabel Paschal Thomas (Deed not located, but around 1936 when her mother died) • From Mabel Paschal Thomas to her son, Carl Bryant, in 1977 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-acre lot with house occupied by Paschal in 1896. Bounded east by Demonia Williams; west by J O Hammock. • Bryant purchased the one-acre lot and house in 1977. <p>Source: Deed Book/TT/89, QQ/620 (plat), OO2/161</p>
8/19/1981	<p>From Carl Bryant to Ann James in 1981</p> <p>Notes: Bryant remained in the house, but subdivided the lot and sold the parcels.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/ XX2/113</p>
<p>Later deeds: Deed Book/MM3/301, GG4/285, GG7/272-5, JJ12/342-3, Plat Book/2/46 (1957), 2/245 (1962)</p>	
<p><u>The William Paschal family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Paschal was from Fort Valley, the son of Henry Paschal. Pascal was in Shellman by 1882, when he purchased the house at 1263 W Ward St. He married McLendon Jackson in 1883. • Paschal was a blacksmith as his father had been. He was already a respected blacksmith in Shellman in 1888 (link). In 1893, he purchased the blacksmith shop at 44 Randolph St. Paschal operated the shop until he turned it over to his son Alonzo between 1912 and 1920. The Paschals also built and owned other houses on W Ward St. • The Paschals remained here until their deaths; his in 1931 and hers in 1936. 	



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- Their daughter and grandson (Mabel Paschal Bryant and Carl Bryant) were living here by 1930. They remained here after her parents died, and by 1940 were joined by her second husband, Heyward Thomas.
- The Thomases remained here for many years. Mabel gave the house to her son Carl in 1977, shortly before her death in 1980. Carl lived in the house until at least 1981.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1347 W Ward



- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)
- The original one-acre lot was later split into two lots: 1347 W Ward St and 1343 W Ward St.

4/24/1882	<p>From J B Payne to Electa Ellis Notes: One-acre vacant lot. Adjacent to land occupied by J J Mauk. Electa (Mrs. I B) Ellis was the daughter-in-law of Eliza Ellis. A newspaper article reported that J B Ellis was building in Ward's Station in May, 1882 (link). Despite the different first initial, this likely means that the Ellises built a house here immediately after buying the lot. Source: Deed Book/AA/88</p>
10/19/1886, 9/25/1887, 9/26/1889, 11/5/1892, 12/7/1892, 5/4/1895, 10/17/1902, 8/26/1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Electa Ellis to W S Edwards in 1886 • From Edwards to B K Arthur in 1887, then to Arthur Brothers and back • From B K Arthur to R L Hart in 1892, thence to his wife, Martha Jane Hart • From Hart to J O Hammock • From Hammock to T R Arthur in 1895 • From Arthur to C S Miller in 1902 • From Miller to M M & Oscar Crittenden in 1903 <p>Notes: One-acre lot with rental house. In 1886, bounded east by W C Bynum, west by William Riley. Known as the W L Dunn Place, who presumably rented the property. Source: Deed Book/CC/745, CC/739, CC/740, CC/741, CC/742, CC/767, EE/2, HH/568, HH/569</p>
10/17/1904	<p>From M M & Oscar Crittenden to Jim Odum Notes: One-acre lot. Bounded east by William Paschal; west by C J Greene. Source: Deed Book/JJ/230</p>
10/4/1909	<p>From Jim Odum to C W Martin in 1909 Notes: Odum reduced his lot to ¼ acre by selling the west half. Odum retained the east half with house. Source: Deed Book/KK/532, NN/384</p>
11/8/1916, 5/7/1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Jim Odum to W R Curry (Sheriff's sale) in 1916 • From Curry to Henry Mosby <p>Notes: Bounded east by Bill Paschal; west by Lucious Burke. Source: Deed Book/OO/115, QQ/505, QQ/620 (plat)</p>
5/14/1949	<p>From Mosby's heirs to Hosie Harris Source: Deed Book/FF1/502, FF1/516 (mortgage)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Will Morris by 1957 • Later deeds: UU1/128, UU1/112, MM7/68, Plat Book/2/46 (1957)
	The Washington Lafayette Dunn family



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- Dunn was from Marion County. He served during the Civil War, and was wounded in 1864. He married Julia Haddock in Terrell County in 1874.
- The Dunns were farming near Brooksville in 1880. Julia died in 1884; he then married Alice Wiseman in 1885.
- The deed of purchase has not been located, but the family may have moved here around the time of the marriage. They sold the property by 1892, and moved to Worth County.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Jim Odum family

- Jim and Mary married in 1893. In 1900, they were farming in Palmyra.
- They bought this house in 1904. The house was foreclosed in 1916. The Odums apparently left Shellman; no further information has been found on them.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

Henry Mosby family

- Henry Mosby was from North Carolina. He and Sophia were married in 1902. In 1910, they lived in Calhoun Co.
- Mosby bought this house in 1923. The family lived here in 1930, and presumably until their deaths. Their heirs sold the house in 1949.
- Mosby was a drayman.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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1343 W Ward St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Ellis Tract later owned by Jim Odum (See 1347 W Ward St) This lot was split from Odum's lot in 1909 	
<p>1/5/1909, 10/4/1909, 12/8/1913, 1/4/1922</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Jim Odum to the Sheffield Brothers in 1909 (25' strip on western boundary) From Jim Odum to C W Martin in 1909 From Martin to Lucious Burke (Deed not located, but by 1910) <p>Notes: ¼ acre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January, 1909, Odum sold the western 25' of this lot to the Sheffield Brothers so that they could have access to the rental houses they were building on the tract to the north. The street was initially known as Sheffield Alley, now as Short St. In October, 1909, Odum sold the remaining portion of this, the western portion of his lot, to Martin. Odum kept the eastern half-acre. The 1913 and 1922 deeds appear to be financing arrangements; Burke retained (or regained) ownership until 1945. <p>Source: Deed Book/KK/532, NN/384 (mortgage), OO/460-1, QQ/78 (mortgage), QQ/620 (plat)</p>
<p>5/26/1945</p>	<p>From Lucious Burke to Aron & Hattie Horton Source: Deed Book/DD1/189</p>
<p>7/29/1948, 7/6/1968</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Aron Horton to Odell & Annie Lou Toney in 1948 In 1968, Dell places the property in joint ownership with his new wife, Areda <p>Notes: There is no evidence the Toney's ever lived in the house. Source: Deed Book/FF1/154, YY1/251</p>
<p>8/3/1971</p>	<p>From Odell and Areda Toney to Jack Currington Notes: Source: Deed Book/DD2/105</p>
<p>Later deeds: EE2/557, JJ9/189</p>	
<p><u>The Lucious Burke (or Burks) family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucious Burke was from Terrell County. He married Ola Brooks in Randolph County in 1896. The Burke family was living on John Smith St in rented quarters in the 1900 census. They purchased this house by 1910. Burke was a chauffeur and servant for a private family. Later he operated the pressing club. Ola Burke died in the 1930s. Burke apparently moved out of the house by 1940, but kept in until 1945, when he sold the house and moved to Miami. He had remarried and was back in Shellman in 1950, living on Buford St. He died in 1959. <p>Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Aron Horton family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aron Horton was from Ft. Gaines. He and Hattie Jackson were married in 1929. In 1930, the Hortons lived and worked on the farm owned by her mother, near Farmers' Academy. In 1939, they purchased the house at 131 Short St in Shellman. They also owned the adjacent house (1343 W Ward St) from 1945 to 1948. Aron worked for the city parks for a time, and later for the post office. He moved to Florida in 1946. 	



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- Aron sold the house on W Ward St in 1948. Hattie remained in Shellman, keeping a life interest in the house on Short St.
- No further record of the Hortons can be found until 1982, when Aron died in Cocoa, FL. His obituary reveals that he moved to Cocoa in 1946, and retired from the civil service there ([obituary](#)).

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Odell Toney family

- Odell Toney was from Randolph County. He and Annie Lou were married
- Toney worked for the post office.
- The Toney's purchased this house in 1948, but were living in Miami in 1950 [link](#). Presumably they used the house as rental property.
- Annie Lou died in Miami in 1967. Odell remarried, and put this house in joint ownership with his new wife in 1968. They sold the house in 1971.
- Odell died in Miami in 1991.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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1333 W Ward St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract) 	
<p>9/19/1883, 11/16/1883, 1/19/1888, 3/5/1888, 12/9/1889</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From J B Payne to L P Arthur in 1883 From L P Arthur to Mrs. G E Riley in 1883 From Mrs. Riley to Charles C Martin in 1888 From Martin to the Crittenden Brothers in 1888 From the Crittendens to C J Greene in 1889 <p>Notes: One-acre lot. Bounded east by Mrs. Ellis; west by J B Payne. The price of Payne's sale indicates a vacant lot; the remaining deeds indicate that there is a house. This suggests that Arthur built the house before Mrs. Riley bought the lot in 1883. Later owners used it as rental property.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/535, AA/321, JJ/536, JJ/537, JJ/538 (east of Bowers)</p>
<p>7/26/1905</p>	<p>From C J Greene to Mrs. M A Orr</p> <p>Notes: One-acre lot with house. Bounded east by James Odum; west by Julia Harris.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Orr apparently also used this as rental property. Known as the Tom Powell Place in 1905, and rented by him in 1910. Rented by the Jim Johnson family in 1930. <p>Source: Deed Book/JJ/539, QQ/620 (plat)</p>
<p>5/21/1920</p>	<p>From Mrs. M A Orr to Wright's Garage</p> <p>Notes: .24 acres (82.5' N/S x 124.7' E/W). Mrs. Orr sold a portion of the northern end of her lot, on which a "gasoline bulk oil plant" was constructed. See 126 Short St for information on this portion of the lot after 1920.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/PP/323</p>
<p>12/9/1930</p>	<p>From Mrs. M A Orr to Cince Winn</p> <p>Notes: One-acre lot with house. Bounded east by James Odum; west by Julia Harris. House known as Tom Powell Place. Winn lived on Bethea St in the 1930 census, and probably used this as rental property.</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/UU/318-19, UU/319 (mortgage)</p>
<p>1/3/1949</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by L P Jay (Deed not located) From Jay to W R Puckett <p>Notes: The southern portion of the lot (with the house) is again under common ownership with the northern portion (the bulk oil facility).</p> <p>Source: Deed Book/FF1/348</p>
<p>Later deeds: WW4/249, AA7/255, Plat Book/8/191 (1998)</p>	
<p><u>Mrs. G E Riley</u> No information can be found on the Riley family.</p>	
<p><u>Mrs. M A (Jude) Orr</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little can be found of the Mrs. Orr's history. She owned this house from 1905-1930, but was not living here in any census during that period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was a live-in housekeeper for the Mercer Wooten family in 1910. In 1920, she was living with her divorced niece, Lizzie Hooks. She died in 1934. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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1321 W Ward St

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)

In 1883, a deed for the lot to the west (1315 W Ward St) states that Joseph Payne owned this lot and it had a house rented to John Ferguson.

11/18/1889,
1/1/1894

- From Joseph B Payne to Ackman Bowers
- From Bowers to C J Greene (sheriff's sale)

Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Bounded east by C J Greene; west by Thomas Ripley.

- In 1883, a deed for the lot to the west (1315 W Ward St) states that this lot has a house rented to John Ferguson (?).
- The 1889 deed states that the lot is known as the Ackman Bowers place, suggesting that Bowers was buying the house he had been renting from Payne.
- The 1894 deed also references a house.

Source: Deed Book/CC/324, DD/353-4

9/9/1896,
10/14/1897

- From C J Greene to Floyd Jones in 1896
- Given by Jones to his daughter, Julia Ann Thomas, in 1897

Notes: Half-acre lot with house. Bounded east by C J Greene; west by W. Paschal.

Source: Deed Book/EE/551, GG/193

9/18/1918,
5/30/1919

- From Julia Ann Thomas to R H Warren & C L Neuman in 1918
- From Warren & Neuman to F A Paschal in 1919

Notes: Thomas had moved to Terrell County.

Source: Deed Book/OO/443-4

3/10/1927,
6/16/1943,
4/16/1993

- From F A Paschal to Robert West in 1927
- From West to his daughter, Ouida West, in 1943
- From Ouida West Nabers to Dealmus & Doris Thomas in 1993

Notes: The 1993 deed indicates that the house is still standing.

Source: Deed Book/QQ/589 (mortgage), QQ/620 (plat), SS/466, SS/466-7 (mortgage), CC5/98, CC5/99 (Tract #1)

The Ackman Bowers family

No information can be found on the Bowers family.

The Frank Thomas family

- Frank Thomas was from Randolph County, He married Julia Ann Jones in 1877.
- In 1880, the Thomases lived in the southern section of Shellman. In 1896, Julia's father Floyd Jones, purchased this house on W Ward St; he gave it to Julia in 1897.
- Frank Thomas was a brick mason. He died by 1920.
- Julia Thomas sold the property in 1918. She moved to Terrell County, and later Albany. She died in 1965.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#), [link](#)

The Fletcher Alonzo Paschal family

- Alonzo Paschal was from Shellman, the oldest child of William and McClendon Paschal. He married Lennie Rogers in 1915.
- Alonzo worked at his father's blacksmith shop, then took it over by 1920, after his father retired.
- The Paschals sold this house in 1927. By 1930, they lived in Miami. For a time, Alonzo operated a taxi on Miami Beach. They remained there until their deaths; his in 1957 and hers in 1965.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Robert West family



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- Bob West was from Randolph County. He married Callie Evans in 1897.
- West was a farmer. He was a farm laborer in 1900, but in 1910 and 1920, he operated his own farm.
- West bought this house on W Ward St in 1927. In Shellman, he was a school janitor.
- In 1943, West gave the house to his daughter, Ouida West. No further record is found of them.
- Ouida married Arthur Nables by 1950; the couple lived here.
- Arthur Nables operated a taxi service in Shellman. He died in 1987.
- Ouida gave this house to Dealmus & Doris Thomas in 1993. She died in Albany in 1996.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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1315 W Ward St

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract) This was originally a two-acre lot. In 1898, it was divided into two one-acre lots: 1315 W Ward St on the east and 1295 W Ward St on the west. 	
8/7/1883	<p>From Joseph Payne to Thomas Ripley Notes: Two-acre vacant lot (300' N/S x 290' E/W). Bounded east by the lot of Joseph Payne rented to John Ferguson. Source: Deed Book/AA/167</p>
3/7/1893	<p>From Thomas Ripley to Thomas A Wall Notes: Two-acre lot with house. Bounded east by Julia Bowers; west by Ples Edwards. The 1883 deed mentions no house; it is likely that Ripley built the first house on the lot shortly after he purchased it. Source: Deed Book/EE/32</p>
11/14/1893	<p>From Thomas A Wall to William Paschal Notes: Paschal purchased the lot at 1365 W Ward St in 1896, and lived there for many years. Perhaps his family lived here for a time before moving up the street. Source: Deed Book/EE/96</p>
12/31/1898	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From William Paschal to Crittenden Brothers Resold that same day to McClendon Paschal, William's wife. <p>Notes: One acre on the west side of "the Thomas Ripley lot" (1295 W Ward St?). The two-acre lot is now two one-acre lots. Source: Deed Book/GG/307, GG/311</p>
10/25/1900	<p>From William Paschal to W R Curry Notes: The remaining acre (east side), including house and garden. Source: Deed Book/GG/643 (1900 census, visit #66)</p>
6/14/1904	<p>From W R Curry to John Mercer Wooten Notes: One-acre lot with one of the William Paschal houses. Bounded east by Julia Thomas; west by Isham Hawkins. Lot now occupied by Jeff Holt. Source: Deed Book/JJ/138, JJ/242 (Correction)</p>
1/21/1907, 4/16/1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From John Mercer Wooten to Emma Ripley in 1907 In 1926, Ripley gives a remainder interest to Mortimer Ripley, keeping the life interest for herself <p>Notes: 1-acre lot with one of the William Paschal houses. Source: Deed Book/LL/99, QQ/620 (plat), SS/134</p>
8/6/1956	<p>From the Ripley heirs to Arthur & Ouida Nables Notes: The Nables owned this lot until 1993. Source: Deed Book/MM1/381, MM1/382</p>
<p>Later deeds: CC5/99 (Tract #2), RR12/59</p>	
<p><u>The Thomas Ripley family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Ripley was from South Carolina. He married Emma Johnson in Shellman in 1882. Ripley bought this lot in 1883 and built a house here. They sold the lot in 1893, but repurchased the eastern half of the lot in 1907. They remained here until their deaths; his in 1934 and hers in 1950. Tom Ripley was a farmer, and also worked for a transfer company for a time. Their son, Mortimer, inherited the property. He sold it in 1956. 	



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Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

1295 W Ward St

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)
- This was originally part of a two-acre lot (See 1315 W Ward).

12/31/1898	From William Paschal to Crittenden Brothers; resold the same day to McClendon Paschal, William's wife. Notes: This deed conveys one acre on the west side of "the Thomas Ripley lot" (1315 W Ward St). The original two-acre lot is now two one-acre lots. Source: Deed Book/GG/307, GG/311
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9/7/1907, 11/15/1931	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Isham Hawkins (Deed not located, but between 1900 and 1904) • From I S Hawkins to O Z Dean, Jr. in 1907 • From Dean to his wife in 1931 <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot with house in 1907. Bounded east by Emma Ripley; west by Jesse Hawkins. • No direct record of Isham Hawkins' ownership other than this 1907 deed can be found. Several deeds for adjacent lots refer to him as owner. Isham Hawkins was a brother of Jesse Hawkins who lived next door. He seems to be the first owner to live on this lot. • The 1920 plat shows Dean owning several lots with a garden and a house. Dean's home lot was nearby (12 W Phelps St). <p>Source: Deed Book/LL/195, QQ/619 (plat), QQ/620 (plat), SS/137 (mortgage), TT/520 (mortgage), ZZ/218 (Tract #2)</p>
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4/19/1946	From O Z & Arlene Dean to Ollie & Estell Lewis Notes: The now-vacant lot is today owned by the family. Source: Deed Book/ DD1/466
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Isham Hawkins

Very little information can be found on Hawkins. He was a brother to Jesse Hawkins who lived next door at 1315 W Ward St.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Ollie Lewis family

- Ollie Lewis was from Cuthbert, the son of Sim Lewis.
- The family rented a house on John Smith St before buying this house on W Ward St in 1946. He and Sallie married in 1914. By 1946, Ollie was remarried to Estelle Kemps.
- Ollie was a farm laborer through 1940. By 1950, he and his second wife Estelle both worked for the Columbian Peanut Company.
- Ollie died in 1961.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



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1285 W Ward St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)This lot was originally combined with 1275 W Ward St; it was divided in 1918.	
1/19/1918	<p>From Sallie Hawkins to Emma Rivers Notes: Quarter-acre vacant lot (60' frontage on W Ward St). It is unclear when the house was built on this lot. Rivers was not living on W Ward St in either the 1920 or 1930 census. Source: Deed Book/OO/365</p>
7/21/1936, 3/1/1937	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acquired by G E Robinett (Deed not located)From G E Robinett to Will Davis in 1936From Will Davis to Alice Burks in 1937 <p>Notes: There is now a house on the lot, but the occupancy is unclear: the Burks family lived on Buford St in 1940. Source: Deed Book/XX/438, YY/136</p>
10/17/1947	<p>From Alice Burks to James Williams Notes: Source: Deed Book/EE1/453</p>
7/22/1949	<ul style="list-style-type: none">From James Williams to Dixie Watson to Rowe E Morris in 1949Morris defaulted on a mortgage in 1966; the property was sold at auction and purchased by Logan Hays. <p>Notes: Two deeds recorded on the same day. Source: Deed Book/FF1/559-60, NN1/354 (mortgage), WW1/220 (mortgage), HH2/822-3</p>
<p><u>Emma Rivers</u> No information can be found on Rivers.</p>	
<p><u>The Alonzo Burke (or Burks), Sr. family</u> The Burks family purchased this house in 1937, but lived at 3354 Fountain Bridge Rd; refer there for information on the family.</p>	
<p><u>Rowe Edward Morris</u> Little can be found on Morris. He cannot be found in the 1950 census; it is not known if he ever occupied this house. Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	



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1275 W Ward St (Fictitious street number)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871 Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract) This lot was originally combined with 1285 W Ward St; it was divided in 1918. 	
11/30/1889	<p>From Harriett Thomas to P M Edwards Notes: 1.25-acre lot. Bounded east by Tom Ripley; west by Wm. Paschal. The deed is unclear about a house, but the 1890 tax digest (link) reveals that Edwards owns property in Shellman, presumably a house on the lot. Source: Deed Book/CC/212</p>
2/27/1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by C B Johnson (Deed not located, but deeds for adjacent lots indicate it was between 1896 and 1898) From C B Johnson to T R Arthur <p>Notes: 1.25-acre lot. Bounded east by Tom Ripley; west by William Paschal. This deed may have been a financing arrangement. Johnson was not listed in this area in the 1900 census. Source: Deed Book/GG/549</p>
12/9/1905	<p>Quitclaim deed from T R Arthur to Sallie Hawkins Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.25 acres lot. Bounded north by J A Payne and Z T Phelps estates; south by SWRR right-of-way; west by James Odum (known as old William Paschal lot). Known as the Ples Edwards estate. The Edwards family had moved to Barnesville. The ownership of the lot appears to be unclear, hence the need for Arthur to give his quitclaim. <p>Source: Deed Book/II/546, QQ/619 (plat)</p>
9/5/1939, 1/23/1943	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Sallie Hawkins (sheriff's sale) to J M Curry in 1939 J M Curry to Bertha Harvey <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The house was sold for back taxes in 1939. Sally Hawkins died in 1942; Curry may have rented it to her until she died, and then sold it. Lot reduced to one acre by sale of 1285 W Ward St. Bounded north by Josh Early; east by Alonso Burke; west by Alice Jackson. There are no later deeds for this property; the now-vacant lot is still registered to Bertha Harvey. <p>Source: Deed Book/AA1/123, CC1/55</p>
<p><u>The P M Edwards family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please Edwards was from the Brooksville area of Randolph County. He married Pinkie MacArthur in 1889. They purchased this lot later in 1889. By 1900, the family had moved to Barnesville. No further information on them could be found. <p>Source: Ancestry.com link</p>	
<p><u>The Jesse Hawkins family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesse Hawkins was from Randolph County; his father was also named Jesse Jesse and Sallie married in 1887. They were renting this house by 1900, and purchased it soon afterwards. Jesse was a carpenter. After he died, Sallie took in boarders and was a laundress for a time. 	



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- Jesse died between 1910 and 1920; Sallie remained in the house through the 1930 census, but moved to nearby rented quarters by 1940. She died in 1942.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)

The Sam Harvey family

- Sam Harvey was from Randolph County. He and Bertha married in 1908.
- Sam was a farmer, who owned a farm by 1910.
- The Harvey family may have rented this house in 1940 before buying it in 1943 (after Hawkins' death). They remained in the house until their deaths; his in 1948 and hers in 1949. The house is no longer standing, but the lot is still registered in her name.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1263 W Ward St

- Part of the Crittenden family holdings acquired in 1871
- Acquired by J W Ellis by 1873 (See J W Ellis Tract)
- The original lot was later divided, forming three present-day lots: 1263 W Ward St, 6 Dean St, and 20 Dean St.
- William Paschal built a house on the original lot, probably shortly after he purchased the vacant lot in 1882. When the lot was divided in 1898, it appears that there were three houses, one on each lot. The first house appears to be situated on this lot. Google maps show a structure on the lot, although it is not reflected in the tax records. The house is not oriented toward either W Ward St or Dean St., but rather at the corner of the two. This orientation would suggest that the house was built before the lot was divided, when there was nothing to obstruct the sight line to the corner.

10/4/1882	From J B Payne to William M Paschal Notes: One-acre lot, no improvements mentioned. Source: Deed Book/AA/152
10/10/1898	From William Paschal to Wilson Jones Notes: One-acre lot, now with house. Bounded east by lands of Please Edwards now occupied by James Odum. Source: Deed Book/GG/297
12/3/1902, 11/19/1903	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Wilson Jones to Jim Odum • From Jim Odum to the Curry Co. Notes: Lot with house. Bounded north by Worthy (now W R Curry); east by Sallie Hawkins; west by street. Source: Deed Book/HH/544, HH/638
11/19/1903	From Jim Odum to Ed Odum Notes: Lot with house. Bounded south by William Grimes; east by Jesse Hawkins; north by the Worthy Place. Odum sold a portion of his lot. Source: Deed Book/LL/298
1/1/1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by H R & R G Watson (Deed not located) • Transferred within the Watson family in 1932. Notes: Lot is reduced to ½ acre; the lot to the west (6 Dean St) is now separate. Bounded north by Ella McClenden; East by Sallie Hawkins; west by Tom Jackson. Source: Deed Book/OO3/169
2/22/1984	From the Watson family to Herman Hilton Notes: House and lot. Known as the "H R Watson Cook house". Source: Deed Book/OO3/169-70

Later deeds: OO4/275

The Wilson Jones family

- Wilson Jones was from Georgia. He married Leola Thomas in Randolph County in 1895. Leola was the daughter of Frank and Julia Thomas who lived at 1321 W Ward St.
- Jones bought this house in 1898. The family lived here in 1900, but soon sold it and moved to Dawson.
- In Shellman, Jones was a blacksmith. After moving to Dawson, he was an undertaker.
- The Joneses were in Dawson in 1910. No further record of them has been found.

Source: Ancestry.com [link](#)



Shellman Historic Buildings (1830-1950)

1000 W Ward St ([Fictitious street number](#))

Part of the holdings acquired by Henry Dean, a Harris County investor, in 1869.

- Henry Dean's son, Ozhiah Z Dean, Sr. moved to Randolph County to manage the family farmland circa 1869.
- His home place was located here, as revealed by censuses and later deeds.

Source: Deed Book/PP/52 (Plat), Plat Book/2/135 (1933)

Other Dean Family Deeds: RR/29-30, RR/319, TT/355, VV/270, V/276, VV/529, VV/543, HH2/645

The O Z Dean, Sr. family

- O Z Dean was from Harris County, the son of Henry Dean.
- Henry Dean was one of the Harris County investors who acquired 1,400 acres west of present-day Shellman around the end of the Civil War. In 1869, the partnership dissolved and Dean took ownership. His 20-year-old son, O Z, moved here to manage the land; ownership was spread among family members.
- O Z and Tallulah Phelps were married here in 1873.
- O Z Dean was a farmer. He also was a partner with his father-in-law, Z T Phelps, in a gin ([link](#)). Tallulah Dean was well known for raising chickens ([link](#)).
- Dean's biography places his residence on a 600-acre tract, presumably here. In 1882/3, Dean built a house at 3300 Pearl St, but soon sold it. The Deans returned here (if they ever left) and remained until their deaths; his in 1931 and hers in 1936. Their unmarried son, Phelps Dean, lived with them. The house descended to him, and he remained a resident until his death in 1966, although he spent his last years in Sylvester.
- Phelps Dean was valedictorian of the 1898 class of Shellman Institute ([link](#)). Phelps and his brother, O Z Dean, Jr. farmed the family land together.
- All his property went to his niece, Sibyl Martin Mitchell ([link](#)). Her children sold the property in 1998.

Source:

- O Z Dean Ancestry.com [link](#), [biographical sketch](#)
- Phelps Dean: Ancestry.com [link](#)