

*Celebrating 25 Years  
Preservation Warrenton Presents*

*Come Home To Christmas*



*A Tour of Historic Warrenton*

**December 3rd 10am - 5pm**

**December 4th 1-5pm**

**2022**

*"Preserving the Past For The Future"*

# *Happy Holidays and Welcome to Warrenton!*

We are so happy to have you tour our special town we are so proud of!

Southern hospitality is still a way of life here so please make yourselves at home and enjoy your visit. We have great restaurants and retail shops for you to enjoy while you are here.

We want to acknowledge the generous property owners and organizations. Without their participation, we would not be able to raise funds to support our mission. Many hours go into preparing properties to tour especially during the holiday season and we want to extend our gratitude to the following:

Dian Sourelis, Jeff Witt and John DuVall, Methodist Church Parsonage Committee, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Heritage Quilters, Jacob Holt House Foundation, Susan Blaylock, Roger Powell, Mike and Karen Kelley, Cynthia Jenkins and Grady Strickland, and Commissioners for Town of Warrenton.

This Program is your ticket to gain access to the 11 properties on tour. Please be prepared to show this program to the docent at each property. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

*Preservation Warrenton Home Tours Committee*

Website - [www.PreservationWarrenton.com](http://www.PreservationWarrenton.com)

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## *A Brief History of Warrenton*

Warrenton, a National Register Historic District, was established in 1779 on 100 acres of land owned by Thomas Christmas. By the 1820s, Warrenton had become the center of a prosperous plantation region. Tradesmen, professionals and the wealthy planters gave the county seat sophistication, while the county's politically prominent lawyers lent it power. By the 1840s, and especially in the 1850s, it was a bustling trade center, thriving on the burgeoning wealth of the tobacco and cotton plantations of the Roanoke Valley. The 1860 National Census showed the town and surrounding Warren County to be the wealthiest in the state. The wealth of Warrenton's economy enabled individuals to express national architectural styles in formal and vernacular ways. Warren County has excellent examples of all architectural styles from the Georgian Period through the early Twentieth Century. Many of the properties on this year's tour are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Hair Salon, Littleton, NC

Tar Heel Tire  
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The Brass Shoppe/  
Fireplace Center,  
Henderson, NC

The Ivy, An English  
Bread And Breakfast

The Little Garden Club  
of Warrenton

The Peete House and  
Garden- Entire House  
Airbnb

The Pointe Realty

The Seed House Airbnb

The Tucker Cottage Guest  
House / Airbnb

The Wright Place Rental  
and Event Planning,  
Norlina, NC

Time Out Sports Bar

Town of Warrenton

Trinity Source, Front  
Porch

Uptown Mercantile

Vance Construction  
Company,  
Henderson, NC

Warren County  
Community Center

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Exchange

Warrenton Golf Club

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Young Designs

# *I. Jacob Holt House c. 1855*



Built in 1855 by noted builder Jacob Holt as his residence, the Italianate house was owned by businessman Jacob Parker and leased to Holt. It was the second house for Holt, and the site contained his workshops, kiln, and lumberyard on the back portion of the property. This house is in the design of a Tuscan Villa, which was most unusual for Holt and was a vast departure from his square “boxy houses.” The house was given to the Town of Warrenton in 1976 and subsequently in 1992, was given to the Jacob Holt House Foundation, NC., a non-profit group formed for its renovation and preservation. Today the Jacob Holt House is used as a visitor’s center during the summer and as a meeting place and event venue for the community. Tickets for this year’s tour are available for purchase here on the days of the event, and there are public restroom facilities at the Holt House for tour patrons.



## 2. *DuVall/Witt Flat* *in The Allen Building*



This 19th Century mercantile building was built in the late 19th century by Warrenton businessman Eugene S. Allen. It was purchased in 2007 by Shawn and Bobbi Corker who renovated the building to have retail space on the first floor and living quarters on the second floor. The Corkers received a Gertrude S. Carraway Award in 2009 from Preservation North Carolina for their work on the building. The second floor loft apartment and courtyard are now the home of John Duval and Jeff Witt. Entry is at rear of building.

### 3. William Eaton House



Called the “Showplace of Warrenton” by Lizzie W. Montgomery in her book *Sketches of Old Warrenton*, this handsome Greek Revival home was built in 1843 by Jacob Holt for William Eaton Sr. Eaton was perhaps the wealthiest planter on the Roanoke River. He commissioned the house for his daughter Ella as a summer home for entertaining friends. Ella Eaton married Peter Hansborough Bell, a former Texas Governor, and the Bells resided in the house until the 1890s when it was sold. The Jackson family occupied the dwelling during the first half of the 20th century.

In 1954 Mr. and Mrs. George G. Allen bought the William Eaton House and deeded it to Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church for use as a parsonage. The brick building is a rarity for Warrenton during the 1840s. Notable are the English boxwoods planted by the Eatons in the shape of a heard. An office sits on the northwest corner of the front yard and a former kitchen sits on the northeast corner of the back yard.

## 4. Emmanuel Episcopal Church



The original frame structure was built in 1824 by Thomas Bragg. Galleries and vestry were added prior to 1842, and in 1855 the building was enlarged and the steeple was added by Jacob Holt. In 1928 the building was veneered with brick, the interior plastered, and heavy wooden beams were added. At the same time the rectory and parish house were built.

One of the most notable features of Emmanuel Church are its Tiffany windows depicting the life of Christ. The interior has beautiful woodwork, hand carved from Appalachian Oak. Publisher Horace Greeley was married at Emmanuel in 1836 and a State Historical Highway Marker on North Main St. acknowledges the event. A small tombstone in the church yard marks the grave of Anna Key Turner, the granddaughter of both NC Governor James Turner and Francis Scott Key.



## 5. *Hendricks House*



This three-bay, one-and-a-half story dwelling is typical of the buildings built by Jacob Holt after the Civil War. Bracketed front porch columns reflect the Italianate style. For most of its life, the Hendrick House was owned by the Charles Fain family. Daughter Alice Fain married Aaron Hendrick who maintained a livery stable in the back yard. The property was acquired by Warren County in the 1970s and used for office space. Warren County's Heritage Quilters presently occupies the house and uses it as a quilting center.

## 6. *Marmaduke Johnson-Plummer House*



The Marmaduke Johnson-Plummer House was built circa 1757. The original hall and parlor house stands to the rear of the present-day dwelling. It was built by Marmaduke Johnson, Clerk of County Court from 1792-1811. The front wing was built later in the 18th century. Kemp Plummer, a friend of Johnson, was the second owner. The house was purchased by Patrick Hudgins immediately after the Civil War and has remained in the Hudgins family to the present. The original home and addition feature some of Warren County's best preserved Georgian woodwork, including beaded weatherboarding, H&L hinges, six-panel doors and dormer windows. The cut stone chimney connects the house to other 18th century homes in both the town and county. The Johnson-Plummer House is currently owned by Susan Blaylock.

## 7. *Green-Polk House*



The Green-Polk House is an outstanding and rare example of a brick Jacob Holt house. In 1850 planter Nathaniel Turner Green purchased the Warrenton land and began work on the Greek Revival structure. The bricks were made on the construction site. Holt incorporated exterior Doric fluted columns and gigantic eight-over-eight windows. Notable interior features include feather painted baseboards, Greek key motif trim and spectacular Jacob Holt mantels.

In 1856 the house was sold to Mary K. Williams, owner of Montmorenci, the country home that was later dismantled and whose stairway was incorporated into the DuPont mansion, Winterthur. The Green-Polk House became the family “town house”. The residence has family ties to former US President James K. Polk and NC Senator Tasker Polk. Writer Thomas Wolfe was a friend of William (Bill) Polk and was a guest in the house whenever he visited Warrenton. The Green-Polk house is currently owned by Roger Powell.

## 8. *The Ivy*



The Ivy B&B was built in 1903 as a family residence for Carter Williams. The Queen Anne-style house has been the home to six families. The J. E. Rooker, Jr. family inhabited the house for most of the 20th century. In 1996 the home was purchased by Pat and Marnell Bowles and began its life as a bed and breakfast.

The original kitchen was an outside building, and a more modern kitchen was added in the early 1930s. It was probably located in the basement and entered through an outside door. Most of the original heart pine floors remain, and other outstanding features include the 10- foot ceilings, brass fixtures, iron fireplace covers, ceramic tile fireplace surrounds, and ventilation transoms over all the doors. The upper slate roof has copper flashings, and the lower tin roof is original. The current owners and innkeepers are Karen and Mike Kelley.



## 9. Warrenton Town Hall



Commissioned in 1907, W. P. Rose of Raleigh was selected to design and build the Warrenton Municipal Building. At the beginning of the 20th Century Warrenton was experiencing a building boom, with the new town hall joined by the recently built Warren County Courthouse, the Bank of Warren and Miles Hardware. The new structure was to house the town hall and the Plummer Hook & Ladder fire department. The two story brick building's second floor was designed as an events space and used as a theater and Opera House. In 2015 the Town Council decided to renovate the building to more easily accommodate the business of the town. Joe Fitzsimmons, an architect with the Belk architectural firm in Durham, was chosen to present plans to the town for the renovation. As a result of the work with the town staff and the architect, the building's interior was converted from a two story building into a three story building, with the Police Department floating in the newly created third floor. The first floor is designated for water bill collection and spaces to highlight and display memorabilia from the Plummer Hook and Ladder Company, the all black fire department organized in 1868. The second floor houses a meeting chamber for the Town Commissioners as well as office space for the Town Administration, Finance and support staff. The new renovation has incorporated architectural elements salvaged from Warren County's rich historic fabric which are highlighted throughout the building. The Warrenton Town Hall was recognized with a Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit from Preservation North Carolina in 2021.



## 10. *William Ransom Johnson House*



Built by race horse enthusiast William R. Johnson, owner of Sir Archie, in the early 1800s, this house sits at the end of Eaton Avenue just outside the city limits of Warrenton. The house was purchased in the 1830s by William Eaton, Sr. as a wedding gift to his son, William Eaton, Jr. and his wife Rosa Gilmour. The house was first built as a story-and-half style or Tidewater-style dwelling. William Eaton Jr. was an attorney, and his law office sits in the yard on the west side of the house. In the early part of the 20th century, the house was enlarged to a full two stories. Of particular note, are the massive stone chimneys and the nine-over-nine window sash in the earliest portion of the house. Inhabited most of the 20th century by the Burrough family, the house was purchased in the 1980s by Col. John T. Jenkins and his wife Addie. Their daughter Cynthia Jenkins, and her husband, Grady Strickland, currently make it their home.

## *II. Dameron Bunch House*



William H. Dameron built the Colonial/Mission Revival style house in 1924. The architect and builder was Howard Satterfield of Raleigh. The house is mostly Colonial Revival with its Doric columns, elliptical fan light and classical modillion eaves. The Mission Revival elements include dormer windows, deep porches, square columns, yellow brick, and a lack of symmetry. The original terracotta tile roof has been replaced by shingles. The interior is decorated with a mixture of Georgian, Federal, and Greek Revival motifs. The formal parlor mantel is a salvaged Greek Revival mantel from the shop of Gamaliel Jones, or the early work of Jacob Holt. The current owner is Dian Sourelis, a mixed media artist from Chicago.

# Map Key

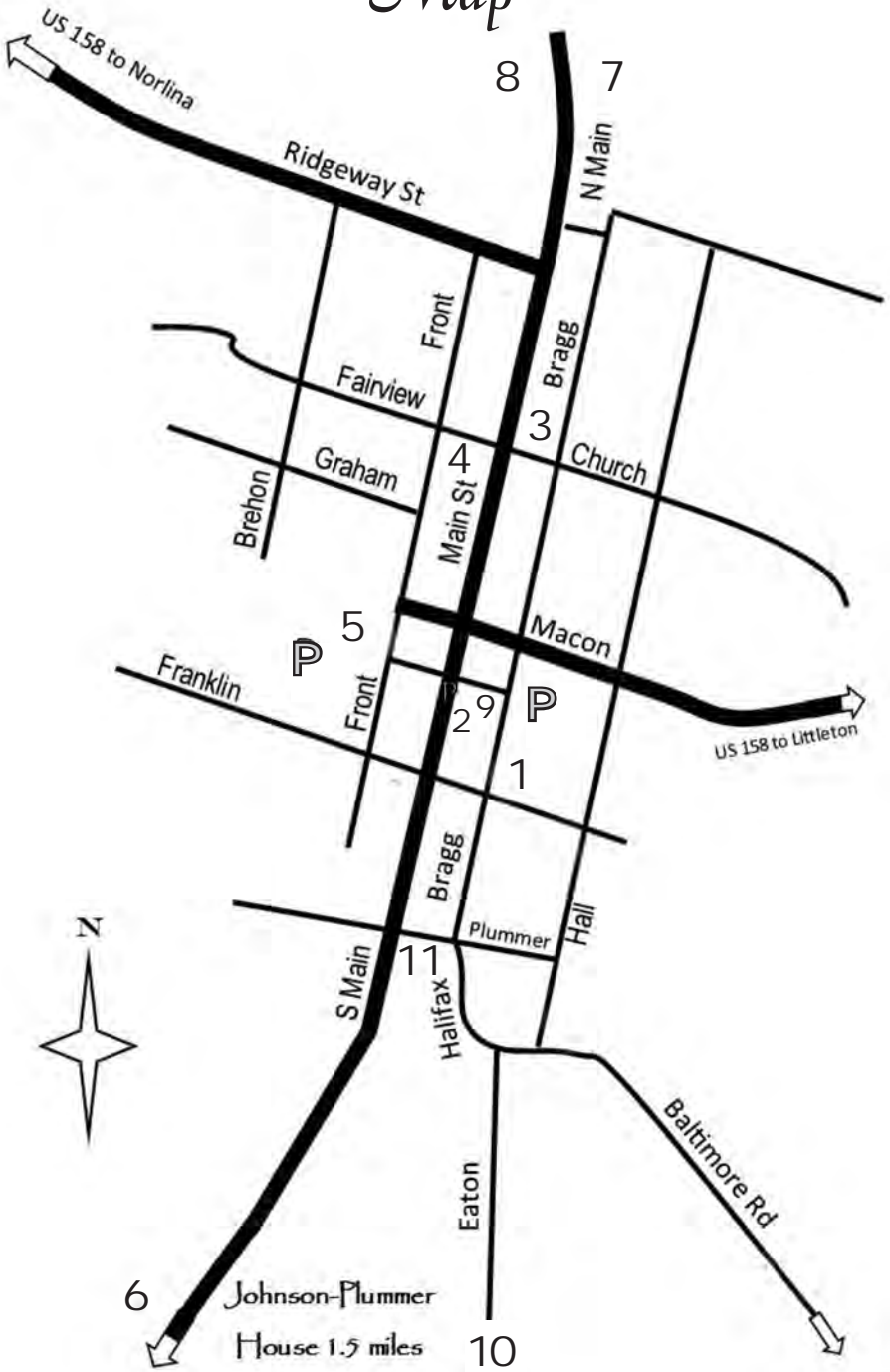
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4. *Emmanuel Episcopal Church - 133 North Main St.*
5. *Hendricks House - 105 South Front St.*
6. *Marmaduke Johnson-Plummer House -  
682 US Hwy. 401 South*
7. *Green-Polk House - 588 North Main St.*
8. *The Ivy - 331 North Main Street*
9. *Warrenton Town Hall-113 South Bragg St.*
10. *William Ransom Johnson House - 539 Eaton Ave.*
11. *Dameron Bunch House -105 Halifax St.*

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*Public Parking in addition to Street Parking and  
Public Restrooms*

*Properties are listed for reference only. You may tour in any order.*

# Map





## About Preservation Warrenton

Preservation Warrenton was first formed in 1997. A group of men and women who were interested in the preservation of Warren County worked hard to form the organization into a non-profit corporation under the laws of North Carolina. On May 1, 1998, Preservation Warrenton became a charitable corporation under sections 501 c(3) and 170 c(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Briefly stated, the purpose of the corporation is:

- To promote the restoration and preservation of historically significant buildings, grounds, gardens, and open spaces in Warrenton and Warren County.
- To assist the town and county in the preservation and restoration of historically and aesthetically significant sites, and
- To increase knowledge about, and appreciation of such places.

Preservation Warrenton has a set of Bylaws which specifies that the affairs of the organization are to be managed by a Board of Directors and officers elected from the Board. This group actively plans projects and activities to promote the mission: “PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE.” In 2007, to celebrate the 10th year of the organization, the Directors formed “Partners in Preservation,” an initiative to provide broader interest and participation from the citizens of the community in the effort to preserve our historic county. This program will be continued every year. Each year the “Partners” will be invited to a special event sponsored by the Directors that will promote the preservation of Historic Warren County.

Learn more about how you can become a “Partner in Preservation” at [www.PreservationWarrenton.com](http://www.PreservationWarrenton.com)

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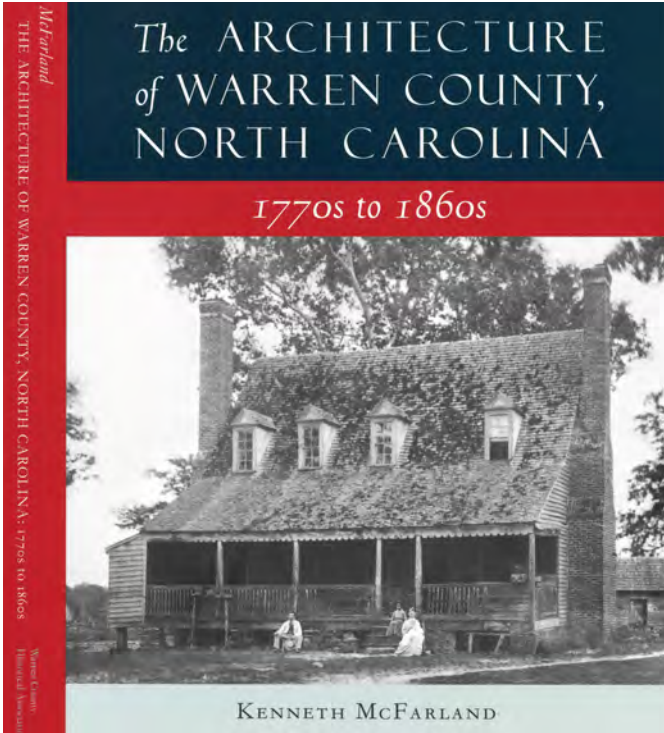
# *Celebrating 25 years of Preservation!*

Did you Know Preservation Warrenton is responsible for:

- ◆ Sponsoring an Annual Merit Scholarship to a high school senior and Warren County resident.
- ◆ Contributions of \$6000 in “seed” money to assist the Town of Warrenton in obtaining a grant to purchase benches, waste receptacles, and planters for Main Street.
- ◆ Contributions for repair and up-keep on the Jacob Holt House and Warren County Community Center.
- ◆ Signage throughout Warrenton and Warren County identifying historical homes.
- ◆ Contributions to the Town of Warrenton for the purchase of Historic District toppers for street signs.
- ◆ Entrance signage for the Town of Warrenton.
- ◆ Funding for the Memorial Garden on the corner of South Main and Franklin Streets.
- ◆ The “*Warrenton, NC, Walking Tour*” brochure.
- ◆ The “*Driving Tour of Warren County*” brochure. This earned the Paul Green Multi-Media Award, NC Historic Society
- ◆ DVD “*Warren County: The First Three Centuries*”. Also earned the Paul Green Multi-Media Award, NC Historic Society.
- ◆ Contributions to the Hendrick House and Heritage Quilters
- ◆ “Talk About Town: A Talk Series.”
- ◆ Historic Homes Tours
- ◆ Annual Partners Event celebrating those who contributed to Preservation Warrenton
- ◆ Park Project at Macon and Main Street
- ◆ Restoration of the Paintings on display at Town Hall
- ◆ Donation to the restoration of All Saints Church



*Give the Gift of Architecture*



This beautiful hardcover book by Kenneth McFarland features the best of Warren County's history of architecture, building methods, builders and architects.

The book features history and vintage photos of some of the homes on tour this weekend.

You can take a sneak-peek inside and purchase your books at the following locations this weekend.

The Jacob Holt House | Oakley Hall Antiques

\$35