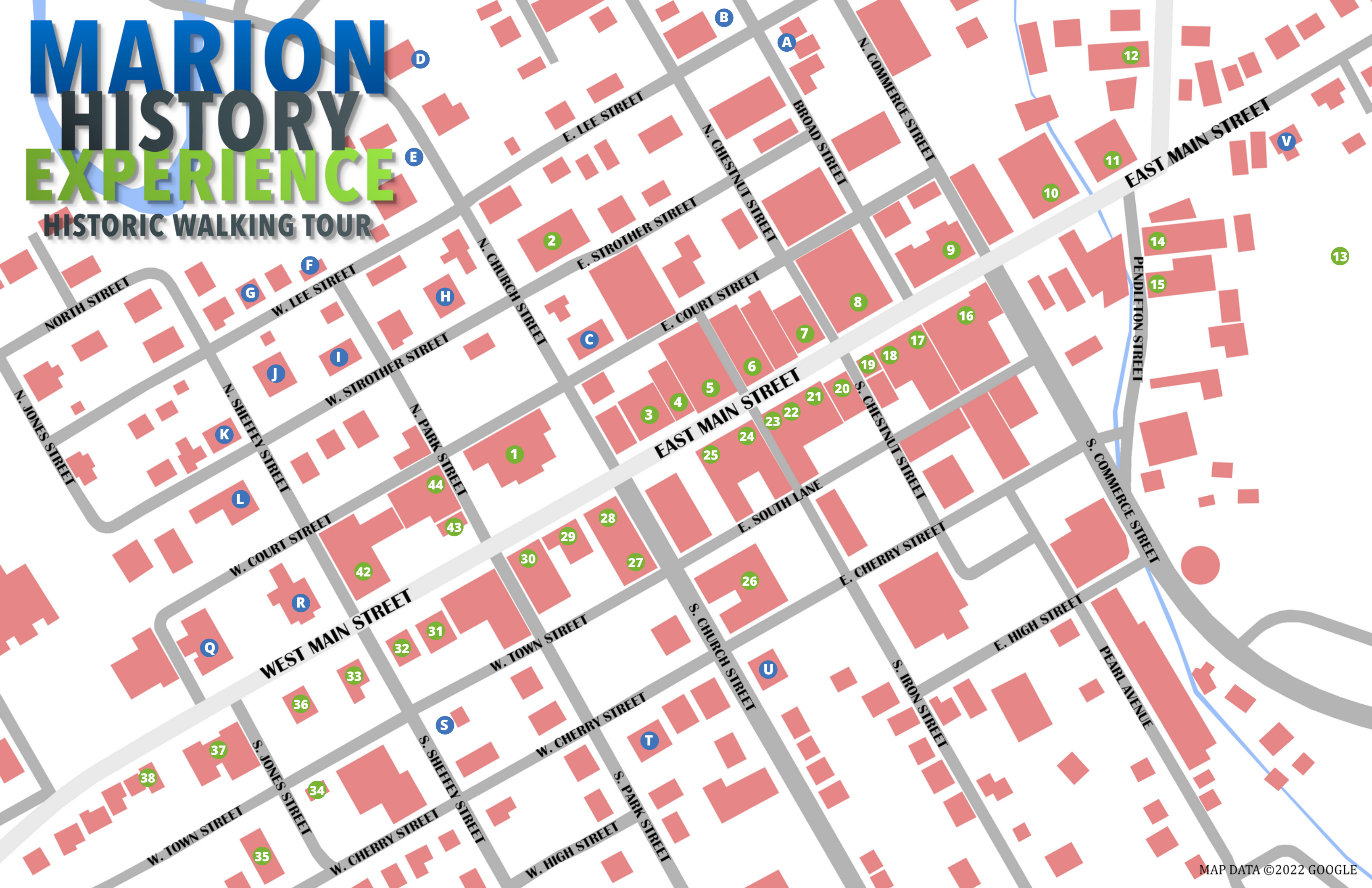


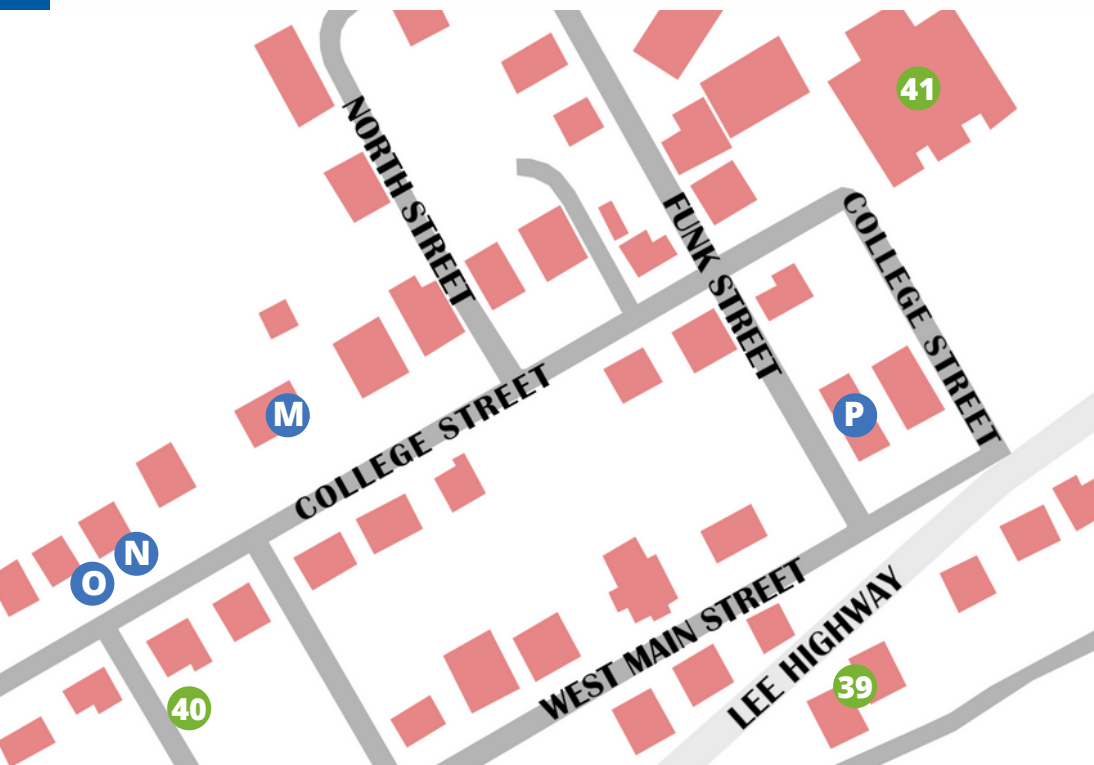
MARION HISTORY EXPERIENCE

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR



NON-RESIDENTIAL SITES

- 1 **Smyth County Court House** - Built in 1905, the court house is the second to occupy the site. The first court house was a brick building constructed in 1833.
- 2 **Marion Grammar School** - Now the Henderson School of Appalachian Art, the building was constructed in 1908 as Marion High School.
- 3 **General Francis Marion Hotel** - Originally the Hotel Lincoln, the hotel was built in 1927 during the "roaring twenties" with first-class accommodations serving as a symbol of Marion's growth and development in the era.
- 4 **Francis Building** - Now the Moon Dog Brick Oven restaurant, the building originally housed Collin's Bros. Department Store and was built in 1902.
- 5 **Lincoln Theatre** - Built in 1929, the theatre was designed in Art Deco Mayan Revival style. The six murals were painted by local artist Lola Poston.
- 6 **Smyth County Museum** - Built originally as Parks Belk Department Store in 1941, the building now houses the Smyth County Historical Society.
- 7 **Marion Drug Company** - Built in 1940, Marion Drug operated at this location until 1992. Future home to the Marion Mt. Dew Museum.
- 8 **Center Building** - An early indoor mall that housed everything from a movie theatre, to stores, and a bowling alley, the Center Building was built in 1949.
- 9 **Seaver Opera House** - Built in 1885, the Seaver Opera House was the first building erected in Marion for the purpose of public entertainment.
- 10 **Seaver-Brown Funeral Home** - Built in 1941, the building was originally two separate businesses: Seaver Funeral Home and Service Cleaners.
- 11 **Marion Hardware & Supply Building** - This multi-part building was originally Marion Hardware & Supply and D. H. Mitchell & Co. Mercantile. 1908.
- 12 **Francis Brothers Hardware Store** - Built in 1837, the structure housed Francis Bros. Hardware on the right and Morris Funeral Home on the left.
- 13 **Southwestern State Hospital** - Originally built in 1887, the hospital now operates as the Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute. Most of the original buildings no longer survive.
- 14 **Ford Studios** - This Art Deco style building, originally Smyth County Motor Company. was built in 1930. It now houses The Ford Studios.
- 15 **R. T. Greer & Co.** - Once called the "Herb House," R. T. Greer and Co. made herbal medicines. The building now houses apartments. 1916.
- 16 **Pruner Boarding House** - Built in 1915, the former Past Time Antique Emporium was once a boarding house, theatre, and bowling alley.



- 17 **Piggly Wiggly** - Now home to Downtown Boutique & Sister's Cafe, this 1914 building was once Marion Drug Company and Piggly Wiggly.
- 18 **Alexander Building** - Built in 1923, this building has held a clothing store, barbershop, jewelry store, and apartments. It is now home to Marion Outdoors.
- 19 **Corner Cafeteria** - Originally a parking lot for Piggly Wiggly, this building was constructed in the mid-1940s and held several different eateries.
- 20 **United State Post Office** - Built in 1936, this building operated as a post office until the 1990s. Now Macados.
- 21 **United Department Store** - Now home to Vencille Insurance and Hungry Brother BBQ, this department store included clothing and furniture sections and a lunch counter.
- 22 **Greer's Restaurant & Tea Room** - Built in 1923, this structure with unique architecture was the home to a restaurant and ball room.
- 23 **Goodell Building** - First used as a grocery store and market in 1898, the building has housed many stores over the years. It is now Edward-Jones Investments.
- 24 **Marion National Bank** - Built in 1906, this building was originally the home of Marion National Bank until it moved in 1927. It now houses Cornett Jewelers.
- 25 **Richardson Building** - Since its construction in 1891, this building has been home to Collin's Bros., People's National Bank, and Roses, It is now home to Helping Hands Community Thrift Store and Hester's Country Store.
- 26 **First United Methodist Church** - Built in 1888, the church appearance has undergone several changes through the years with editions in 1924 and 1964.
- 27 **Masonic Temple** - This building has been used continuously by the Masonic Order since its construction in 1909.
- 28 **Bank of Marion** - The current Bank of Marion building was constructed in 1923 after it outgrew its 1897 constructed building at the same location.
- 29 **Leonard & Sprinkle Buildings** - Built in 1893 and 1899, the store fronts originally housed a dry goods store, drug store, and post office.
- 30 **Marion Auto & Supply Company** - Built in 1920, it has been said that the rooftop was used for tennis courts and parties.
- 31 **Marion Municipal Building** - Completed in 1935, the building houses Marion's Town Offices. It once held a library on the second floor.
- 32 **Appalachian Spirit Gallery** - Built in 1908, it was originally the J. Ellis Dickerson residence. His second wife, Lola Poston, painted the murals in the Lincoln Theatre.
- 33 **Collins House B&B** - Built in 1924, it was originally the residence of George A. Collins of Collin's Bros. Department Store in Marion.
- 34 **Miller Law Office** - Built c. 1875, the law office was originally located behind Judge D.C. Millers home on Town Street. It was moved in 1892 when the home was demolished.
- 35 **Holston Manufacturing Company** - Completed as a Sewing Factory c. 1907, the building underwent renovation in the 1990s and was converted into office space.
- 36 **Smyth County Chamber of Commerce** - Originally the Walter E. Greer residence built in 1912, the structure has been used for offices since the 1980s.
- 37 **Ebenezer Lutheran Church** - Built in 1950 when Marion Lutheran Church merged with Ebenezer. An addition was added in 1997.
- 38 **Odd Fellows Hall** - Built in 1851 by the International Order of Odd Fellows, the structure was rebuilt in 1872 and enlarged in 1906. One of the oldest structures on Main Street.
- 39 **Mt. Pleasant Preservation Society** - Originally the Mount Pleasant African Methodist Episcopal Church built 1913, the society operates a museum to preserve the area's black history.
- 40 **Christ Episcopal Church** - Built in 1940 after the original building on East Main Street was torn down to build Parks Belk Department Store.
- 41 **Marion College** - Before Closing in 1967, Marion College operated in the building since its construction in 1912. It now is home to the Blue Ridge Job Corps.
- 42 **Royal Oak Presbyterian Church** - Built in 1923, the current building is the third to house the church and the second on the same location.

- 43 **Marion Service Station** - Now home to Royal Oak Realty, the service station replaced the Thompson House Hotel when it was built in 1935.
- 44 **Goolsby Building** - Built in 1924, the building was once home to the Smyth County News and Marion Democrat, both owned and operated by Author Sherwood Anderson.
- 45 **Marion Passenger Station** - The station was built in 1904 and was used until passenger service stopped in 1971. It is now used as offices and store fronts.
- 46 **Carnegie School** - Built in 1931 as Marion's public school for black children, it served as an educational and social center for black youth until desegregation in 1965. Katherine Johnson of NASA fame (then Katherine Goble), taught here.

RESIDENTIAL SITES

- A Killinger Residence & Tenant House - 1931, 1937.**
211 & 215 Broad Street
- B Evelyn Thompson Lawrence Residence - 1919**
312 Broad Street
- C W. F. Culbert Residence - 1905**
115 N. Church Street
- D W. L. Lincoln Residence - 1904**
305 N. Church Street
- E C. C. Lincoln Residence - 1898**
228 N. Church Street
- F Sheffey Loom Building - mid-1800s**
123 W. Lee Street
- G J. F. Painter/Goble Residence - 1895**
133 W. Lee Street
- H H. B. Staley Residence - 1909**
109 W. Strother Street
- I Eleanor B. Starcher Residence - 1961**
109 W. Strother Street
- J B. F. Buchanan Residence**
135 W. Strother Street
- K R. T. Greer Residence - 1905**
201 W. Strother Street
- L O. C. Sprinkle Residence - 1909**
122 N. Sheffey Street
- M Marion Male Academy - 1874**
343 College Street
- N J. H. Rouse Residence - 1911**
403 College Street
- O H. L. Kent Residence - 1914**
407 College Street
- P William O. Austin Residence - 1867**
307 West Main Street
- Q Nannie M. Copenhaver Residence - 1935**
221 West Main Street
- R J. C. Campbell Residence - 1907**
205 West Main Street
- S Lustron Home - 1950s**
115 S. Sheffey Street
- T John S. Copenhaver Residence - 1874**
116 Cherry Street
- U Dr. John S. Apperson Residence - 1886**
104 Cherry Street
- V C. M. Wolfe Residence - 1909**
326 E. Main Street

