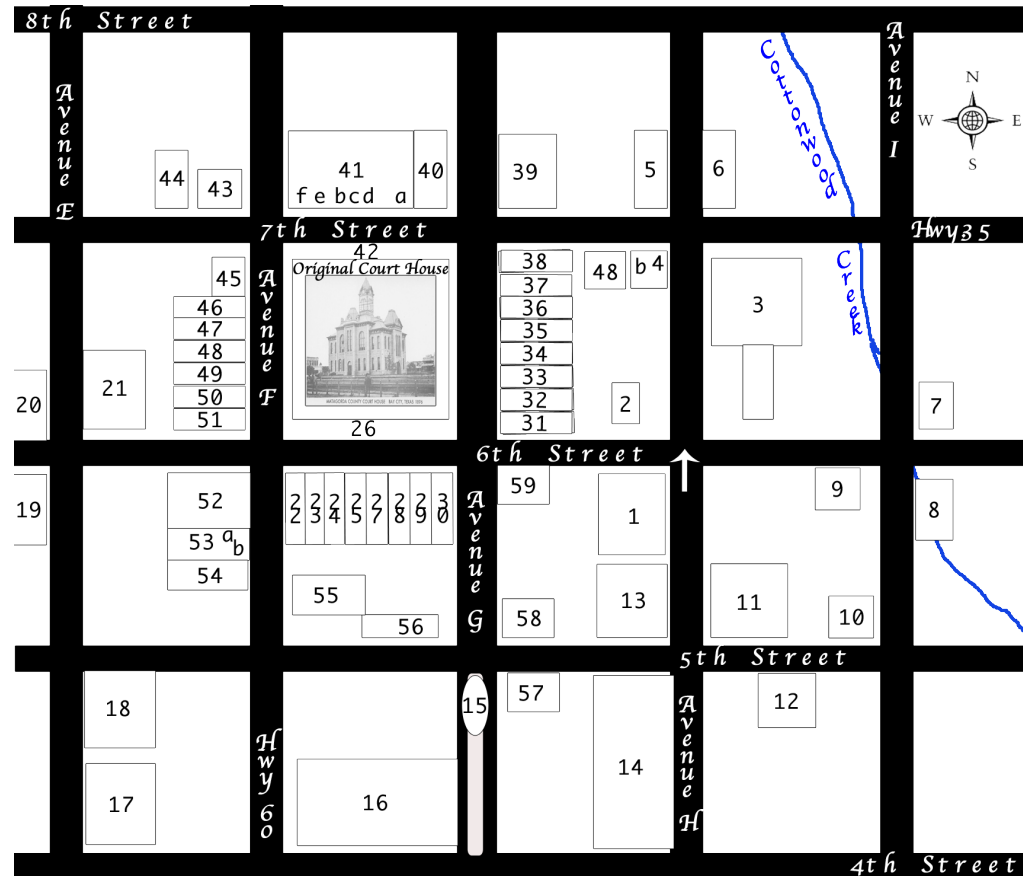


# Bay City Texas Downtown Walking Tour-North

- 1. MUNICIPAL COURT** (1824 6th St.) - Fire Department was originally located on this site; current building erected as a City Hall in 1927, later became the museum in 1965
- 2. SISK HARDWARE** (1831 6th St.) – built in 1950. Dates back to 1895 when the family arrived and began a business called "Sisk General Merchandise Store." 1916 to 1956 Sisk Hardware was on the South side of the square (# 29). Many original fixtures have remained in the store. Closed in 2012
- 3. INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE** (1916 7th St.) – built in the 1970's. Originally Bay City Bank & Trust
- 4. HEALTH FOOD COTTAGE** (1840 7th St.) - built in 1913 as Ehlert's Bakery.
- 4b. LISA'S MAIN STREET SALON & COFFEE BAR** (1822 7th St.) - built as a furniture store and undertaking establishment in 1900 by William Walker.
- 5. BAY CITY OFFICE SUPPLY BUILDING** (1839 7th St.) - constructed in 1901 for V. L. LeTulle, O. J. Doubek, and Henry Rugeley and later the LeTulle Mercantile Store.
- 6. BAY CITY NAILS (OLD FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING)** – (1901 7<sup>th</sup> Street) built in 1903 by architect Jules Leffland, Hatchett & Large.
- 7. HAIR EXCHANGE** (2121 Ave I) – built in 1908. Housed the Fire Department equipment and served as a place of storage for the Water Works Department in the 1920's and 30's.
- 8. LIBERTY PARK & BANDSTAND** (2000 6th St.) – built in approximately 1907 on southwest corner of courthouse square. The bandstand was moved from the courthouse square in 1963; the park was named "Liberty Park" on April 1, 1985 in commemoration of the Nation's Bicentennial celebration.
- 9. FIRE STATION** (1920 6th St.) - Bay City Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1906. Present station built in 1950.
- 10. ART LEAGUE OF BAY CITY BUILDING** (1921 5th St.) - built in 1903. Originally the Presbyterian Manse and later the Huebner home.
- 11. CITY HALL** (1901 5th St.) - built in 1963; original site of the First Presbyterian Church
- 12. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER** (1900 5<sup>th</sup> St.) building erected in 1958 to house the Bay City Public Library which was founded in 1913.
- 13. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (2216 Ave H)- established in 1898; present building was erected in 1936.
- 14. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** (2304 Ave H) - part of the Matagorda Circuit in 1895; built on this land in 1904; present building erected in 1957.
- 15. RICHARD GUSMAN PARK** (2300 Block Ave G) - built in honor of Richard C. Gusman, long time mayor of Bay City.



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- 16. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** (2321 Ave F) - organized in 1895; been in this location since 1909.
- 17. JAIL** (2308 Ave. F) - this jail was built in 1982 and expanded in 2007.
- 18. SITE OF JAIL BUILT IN 1931** - Demolished in 1991.
- 19. ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** (2200 Ave E) - established as a mission of Christ Church in Matagorda in 1895; this building erected after destructive storm in 1909.
- 20. TAYLOR-STEVE'S FURNITURE STORE** (1521 6th St.) - founded in 1909 as Taylor-Hill Furniture was on East side of Square; moved to this location in 1966.
- 21. BAY-TEX HOTEL** (1600 Block 6<sup>th</sup> Street) - constructed in 1927; early social center
- 22. TEXAS STATE HEALTHCARE** (1700 6th St.) - Location of Grand Opera House built 1906. Current building erected for Bay City Bank and Trust in 1957.
- 23. WILD BILL'S WESTERN WEAR** (1708 6th St.) - built in 1904. Known as the Langham Building.
- 24. ANTIQUE MALL** (1720 6th St.) - originally known as part of the Langham Building was the site of the Post Office in 1912 until the post office was built in 1927 (#45)
- 25. ANTIQUE MALL** (1722 6th St.) - Previously Tetts Jewelers, established in 1913.
- 26. CONFEDERATE MARKER ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE** (1700 Block of 6th St.) Marker was dedicated by the E. S. Rugeley 542 U. D. C. Chapter of Matagorda County in 1913.
- 27. BASKET SHOP & BOUTIQUE** (1928 6th St.) - erected in 1908 and known as the Austin Building
- 28. WELLS FARGO BUILDING** (1732 6th St.) - built in 1910. Site of Wells Fargo 1910-1925
- 29. MUSTARD SEED** (1736 6th St.) - built in 1907. Present building dates back to 1905 when Doubek & Hawkins Furniture Store began its business
- 30. LAW OFFICE** (1744 6th St.) - constructed in 1930 by the Citizen's State Bank.
- 31. HOMESTEAD** (2145 Ave G) - built in 1906 for Matagorda Pharmacy.
- 32. PROFESSIONAL BUILDING** ( 2139 Ave G) - built in 1906. Once the site of Taylor-Hill Furniture.
- 33. BAY CITY FLORAL** (2133 Ave G) - built in 1908. In 1907 was the home of Korn Wagons & Implements. Current building erected in 1908.
- 34. DIXIE THEATER BUILDING** (2129 Ave G); built in 1909 for Secrest Jewelers which operated at this site almost 100 years
- 35. TOWN SQUARE RESTAURANT** (2125 Ave G) - built in 1909. Owned by C. Langham in 1903; V. L. LeTulle in 1906; Brackin Jeweler & Optician was here in 1913.
- 36. GREEN BROS. JEWELERS** (2121 Ave G) - built in 1905 and known as the Boney building; housed the first telephone office upstairs; Stinnett Bros. Confectionery 1906-1942;
- 37. PRECISION DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING** (2113 Ave G) - built in 1905. Part of the Boney Building.
- 38. OSHMAN BUILDING** (2105 Ave. G) - first brick building on the Square erected in 1902 by I. Ditch.
- 39. WELLS FARGO** (1801 7th St.) - First National Bank, founded in 1902, moved to this location in 1912.
- 40. EZ PAWN - EZ MONEY LOAN SERVICES - ADMIRAL TITLE LLC** (1741 7th St.) - built in 1913. First Hamilton Building was a wooden building in 1895, burned, then a second Hamilton was built. This is the third. Served as the first courthouse (temporary), a church, and location for community meetings in 1894-1896.
- 41a. LIVERY STABLE SITE** (1727 7th St.) - In 1895 site of a livery stable.
- 41b,c,d. FAT GRASS RESTAURANT** (1717 7th St.) - built in 1908. Etie's Cafe opened here in 1932 and operated until a fire destroyed the building's interior in 1969
- 41e. HAPPY RADIO- KKHA** (1713 7<sup>th</sup> St.)
- 41f. FARRAR & ASSOCIATES** (corner Hwys 60 & 35) - (Daehne's) built in 1908. O. J. Doubek assumed ownership of the Texaco Station at this site in 1928.
- 42. WAR MEMORIAL** (1700 Block of 7th St.) - built by the citizens of Matagorda County for all who gave their lives in wars since 1918. Dedicated November 11, 1987. The courthouse was built in 1965.
- 43. OLD BAY CITY BANK** (2044 Ave F) - erected in 1898; site of the Town Office and first newspaper, *The Bay City Breeze* in 1894.
- 44. PAULA'S PRECIOUS CUTS & GAMCO VIDEO GAMES** (1627 7th St.) - built in 1906 as a Masonic Hall.
- 45. MATAGORDA COUNTY MUSEUM** (2100 Ave F) - built in 1917. Dedicated May 9, 1992. Former Post Office 1918 - 1989
- 46. MATAGORDA COUNTY MUSEUM ANNEX** (2116 Ave F) - museum archives are housed here. Hurley's, which began in 1924 behind Matagorda Pharmacy, moved to this site in 1940.
- 47. TRAVEL WORLD** (2124 Ave F) - site of early Bouldin Drug Store destroyed by fire in 1908; rebuilt in 1911
- 48. HUSTON DRUG STORE** (2128 Ave F) - built in 1914. In 1895 this was the site of the Nuckol's House; P. G. Huston Drug Store 1914-1965.
- 49. IGLESIA CENTRO CRISTIANO** (2138 Ave F) - housed Davidson's Confectionery, Bowen Bus Station and W. T. Cox Insurance.
- 50. HEART & HOME** (2140 Ave F) - built in 1912. Site of a saddle shop in 1895; Gaines Building 1912-1917; American Cafe 1920; White House Cafe 1927
- 51. GOLD STAR FINANCE** (2144 Ave F) - 1895 site of a saddle shop & saloon; current building erected 1912.
- 52. FIT FOR LIFE** - (2200 Ave F) Location of Nuckol's Hotel which burned to the ground in 1945. Current building built in 1966.
- 53a. KARGES CONSTRUCTION** (2224 Ave F) - constructed in 1950s.
- 53b. FORTENBERRY LAW FIRM** (2228 Ave F) Built in 1948 as W. T. Cox Insurance.
- 54. DICKERSON BUILDING** (2230 Ave F) - built by Dr. F. E. Dye as a clinic in the early 1930s.
- 55. RHEMA FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** (2227 Ave F) - known as the Long Building and was constructed in 1927 for Mae Brunner and P. R. Hamill for a motion picture theater called the "Colonial." John Long bought the building and renamed it the "Texas."
- 56. TRIBUNE BUILDING** (1717 5th St.) - built in 1916 to house The Daily Tribune.
- 57. CHAPEL BUILDING** (2301 Ave G) - FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - site of the First Christian Church 1909-1960. Building was moved from Old Gulf in 1939.
- 58. BACHMAN BUILDING** (2245 Ave G) - built by early grocer R. C. Bachman in 1936.
- 59. CHILDREN'S STORE** (1800 6th St.) - erected by the Ditch brothers in 1930s.