



CITY OF CLINTON

Clinton, the county seat of Sampson County, is the largest and oldest city in the county, having been incorporated in 1852. The first European settlers to come to the Sampson County area were Scotch-Irish immigrants from North Ireland around 1740. One of the many Scotch-Irish drawn to the area in search of rich farmland and flowing rivers was John Sampson. Immigrating with John Sampson was his fifteen-year-old stepson, Richard Clinton. Like his stepfather, Richard Clinton soon distinguished himself in governmental and military service, serving as Duplin County Register of Deeds for ten years, and then in the Provincial Congress held at Hillsborough.

In 1776, Richard Clinton organized a company of militia minutemen from upper Duplin and led them as captain in the defense of Wilmington against the British. He was later appointed Colonel of Cavalry and Brigadier General of the Fayetteville District. Upon the establishment of the state government of North Carolina by the Halifax Constitution of 1776, Richard Clinton served as one of the first members of the House of Commons, representing Duplin County. Clinton continued as a representative of Duplin County until the creation of Sampson County in 1784. Clinton secured the passage of the act creating the new county, and proposed the name "Sampson" in honor of John Sampson, his stepfather and benefactor.

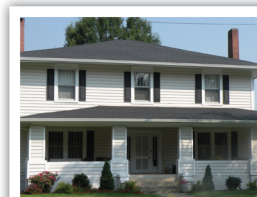
If not for a financial panic in 1819, Clinton would have another name. There was an earlier incorporated town of Clinton in old Rowan County (Now Davie), but it folded in 1822. The town moved immediately to drop the name "Clinton Courthouse" and incorporated under the name of Clinton. The corporate limits of the town at that time extended a half mile each way from the courthouse. Since that time, the town has become a city and grown to its present day limits. The early records of the town have been lost due to one or more of the disastrous fires that have swept Clinton. The largest was a Tuesday night, March 2, 1877, that many said could be seen from 10 miles away.



1 Dr. Victor R. Small House



2 Jim McArthur House



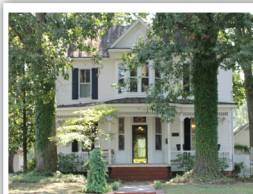
3 Henry L. Stewart House



4 Clyde Carroll House



5 Col. John Ashford House



6 Dr. Fleet R. Cooper House



7 College St. School



8 L.C. Graves House



9 Peterson-Bethune House



10 First Baptist Church

Self-Guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings

Tour to begin at the Dr. Victor R. Small House. Parking available behind house.

College Street District

1. 709 College Street Dr. Victor R. Small House
2. 700 College Street Jim McArthur House
3. 617 College Street Henry L. Stewart House
4. 616 College Street Clyde Carroll House
5. 615 College Street Col. John Ashford House
6. 612 College Street Dr. Fleet R. Cooper House
7. 606 College Street College Street School
8. 600 College Street L.C. Graves House
9. 500 College Street Peterson-Bethune House
10. 408 College Street First Baptist Church

Proceed to other side
of Courthouse to
Chestnut Street District

Homes are not
open to the public

Selected hours for
Dr. Victor R. Small House

Chestnut Street District

11. 115 Fayetteville Street Sampson Community Theatre
12. 207 N. Chestnut Street Warren Johnson House
13. 201 N. Chestnut Street Amma Chesnut House
14. 109 N. Chestnut Street Alfred Johnson House
15. 103 N. Chestnut Street Matt Herring House

West Main Street District (Turn right onto Main Street)

16. 302 W. Main Street Richard Clinton Holmes House
17. 314 W. Main Street F. T. Atkins House
18. 320 W. Main Street Amma F. Johnson House
19. 311 W. Main Street Allmond Holmes House
20. 212 W. Main Street Dr. William G. Micks House
21. 110 W. Main Street St. Paul's Episcopal Church



11 Sampson Comm. Theatre



12 Warren Johnson House



13 Amma Chestnut House



14 Alfred Johnson House



15 Matt Herring House



16 Richard Clinton Holmes House



17 F.T. Atkins House



18 Amma F. Johnson House



19 Allmond Holmes House



20 Dr. William G. Micks House



21 St. Pauls Episcopal Church

College Street District



Chestnut Street & Main Street Districts



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