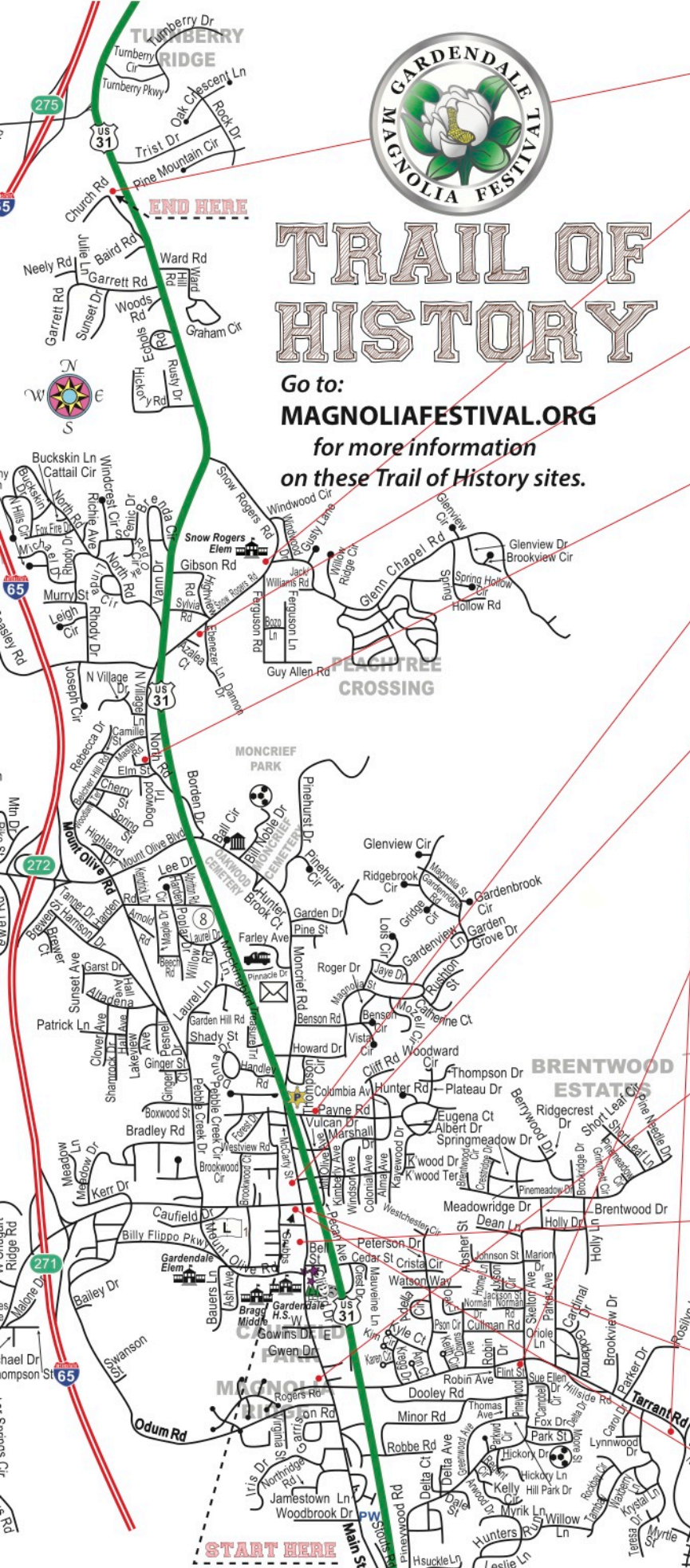




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- ⑫ **7027 Church Rd - END HERE**
Former Friendship United Methodist Church, currently owned by Friendship Community Church. First church in the city limits of Gardendale, established in 1837. The original church building was constructed in log cabin style and John Belcher donated land for the church for the price of \$1 an acre.
- ⑪ **2636 Snow Rogers Rd**
Snow Rogers Community House was the result of the Work Progress Administration (WPA) established by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. The community house, constructed in 1939, was built by many of the 9,000 unemployed people of Jefferson County.
- ⑩ **2436 Ebenezer Lane**
Former Ebenezer Methodist Church, currently owned by Revealed Word Worship Center. This church was built in 1860 on Snow Rogers Road. The church was constructed on an acre of land donated by John and Susan Belcher to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- ⑨ **2328 North Rd**
Elkhead Tourist Court was an important service station with a restaurant attached to it and cabins on the hill. Many travelers that passed through the city relied on service stations similar to Elkhead in order to have a place to stay and rest before continuing on their travels.
- ⑧ **116 Payne Road**
A man of German descent that lived in Cullman, Alabama, constructed the home in 1910 but never lived there. Instead, S.T. Thompson acquired and was the first occupant of the home in 1919. The home has remained in the Thompson family and is currently owned by Katherine Thompson Grimes.
- ⑦ **1236 Main Street**
One of the oldest homes still standing in Gardendale. The house was built in 1875 and remodeled around 1959.
- ⑥ **795 Tarrant Road**
Built in 1902, the general store doubled as a home for the Mickwee family. Steven and Jeanie Phillips renovated the house in 1989 as their current residence. Kahlil Mikwee purchased the store/home from Mr. Frank Cole in 1920. The Mickwees were known as a generous family to the community.
- ⑤ **489 Tarrant Road**
Moore Home. Well known for the large fieldstone structure in the front yard of the property, the tank was created as a cistern for an irrigation system by Mr. Ray Moore. The water collected was piped out to his turnip fields. He served as both a Jefferson County Commissioner and Baptist minister.
- ④ **704 Main Street**
The first Gardendale post office opened its doors in 1935. It was originally located on Main Street where Gardendale High School currently sits. Prior to the establishment of this post office, the citizens of Gardendale had to send and receive mail through the post office in the city of Morris.
- ③ **940 Main Street**
Former Gardendale First Baptist Church. Established with 27 members on September 30, 1876, it was originally named Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church. The church was renamed on October 19, 1956 to Gardendale First Baptist Church. J.I. Kimmons donated the land for this location.
- ② **100 Fieldstown Road**
Former site of James Kimmons Home (Current Site of Walgreens). Built in 1890, the house was home to the Kimmons family. It was eventually demolished when a shopping center was built in the fifties.
- ① **205 Fieldstown Road - START HERE**
Former Site of James Kimmons' Store (Current Site of CVS). The store was one of the first in Gardendale, originally constructed in 1890. Jugtown Turnaround, an original play about how Gardendale changed its name from Jugtown in 1906, centers around this store.

Start your Trail of History Driving Tour with Kimmons store (#1), where the city's name was changed from Jugtown to Gardendale in 1906, and end in North Gardendale at the former Friendship Church. Enjoy!