

- 25 **239 MAIN STREET** After the removal of the private homes from Main Street, this building became a pool hall and was also an office for the electric company and Duke Power.
- 26 **237 MAIN STREET** From its beginning in the 1930s, this storefront was most recognized as home to Park's Grocery. It was once the office of Western Union. In recent years it has been home to Puckerbutt Pepper Company, holder of the record for the world's hottest pepper in the Guinness Book of World Records.
- 27 **235 MAIN STREET** The A&P Grocery occupied this space. It was also home to Robert Bradford's men's store.
- 28 **233 MAIN STREET** One of many barbershops on Main Street, this one was owned by Dennis Park. You could also get a shoeshine there.
- 29 **231 MAIN STREET** McGuirt's Shoe Shop with its on-site cobbler was located on the main floor of this building. The second floor at one time was a women's clothing shop.
- 30 **229 MAIN STREET** As one of many grocery stores on Main Street, this building was home to both McWhorter's and Bayne's Grocery. It has also housed Kimbrell Home Supply.
- 31 **227 MAIN STREET** This building was destroyed by fire in 1914. In later years it was home to Belk-Brown Department Store, which eventually expanded to include several adjacent storefronts.
- 32 **225 MAIN STREET** Besides being part of the Belk-Brown expansion, this spot was also Munn's Department Store operated by Ezra Munn.
- 33 **223 MAIN STREET** Hutchinson's Department Store operated here until it was sold and became Stroup's in 1955. Bill Stroup and his wife Gianni owned the store until the 1990s.
- 34 **221 MAIN STREET** J. B. Mills operated Mills' Mercantile from this spot in the 1920s until he moved the business to another storefront. This site was also home to the Eagle Five and Dime store.
- 35 **219 MAIN STREET** W.B. Ardrey Sr. operated Ardrey's Drug Store from this site. In later years it was home to grocery stores the Palmetto and the Pyramid.
- 36 **217 MAIN STREET** After working for Belk-Brown, Frosty Witherspoon opened his own men's shop in this location. Previously the building had been home to Patterson's Men's Shop.

- 37 **215 MAIN STREET** The current Spratt Building, built in 1911, once housed the Fort Mill Depository and the Bank of Fort Mill.
- 38 **213 MAIN STREET** This building suffered fire damage in 1947 and 2007. The original left part of the building that housed town hall and the Masonic lodge was not rebuilt. This remaining section was home to the popular Martin's Drug Store where teenagers of the 1950s and 1960s could be found hanging out at its soda shop after school. Part of the building that was also not rebuilt after the 1947 fire was the site of the armory that was home to Company K, 118th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division that took part in breaking the infamous Hindenburg Line during World War I.
- 39 **201 MAIN STREET** The building that once stood here is now the site of an outdoor restaurant seating area and green space. The original building housed town hall, a bank, a barber shop, and a gymnasium, and also served as a Masonic Lodge that hosted Saturday night dances.
- 40 **THE BANDSTAND** When the building next door was Town Hall, late 1800s Mayor Walter Meacham tired of citizens loafing on the building's porch where they spent time whittling and spitting their tobacco juice on the floor. He commissioned the bandstand with \$50 in discretionary funds so he could get the spitters off the porch.
- 41 **CONFEDERATE PARK** Samuel Elliott White and John McKee Spratt dedicated Confederate Park in 1891. It is home to four statues dedicated to the men of Fort Mill who were soldiers of the Confederacy, the Women of the Confederacy, the "faithful slaves" who helped families survive here at home during the war, and to members of the Catawba tribe who fought in the war.
- 42 **RAILROAD WALKING BRIDGE** When trains parked at the depot it was impossible to get from White Street to access Main Street. In the 1850s, the Southern Railroad built a wooden walking bridge to allow pedestrians to cross over the parked train, ending up in Confederate Park. The bridge was torn down by the railroad in 1954.
- 43 **106 WHITE STREET** For many years the Esso and the Dixie service stations operated on this corner. Veteran's Park was dedicated in 2011 to honor all who have served our country.
- 44 **MILLSTONE PARK** Dedicated in September 2010, the park features an original millstone from the Garrison-Webb gristmill from which Fort Mill takes part of its name.

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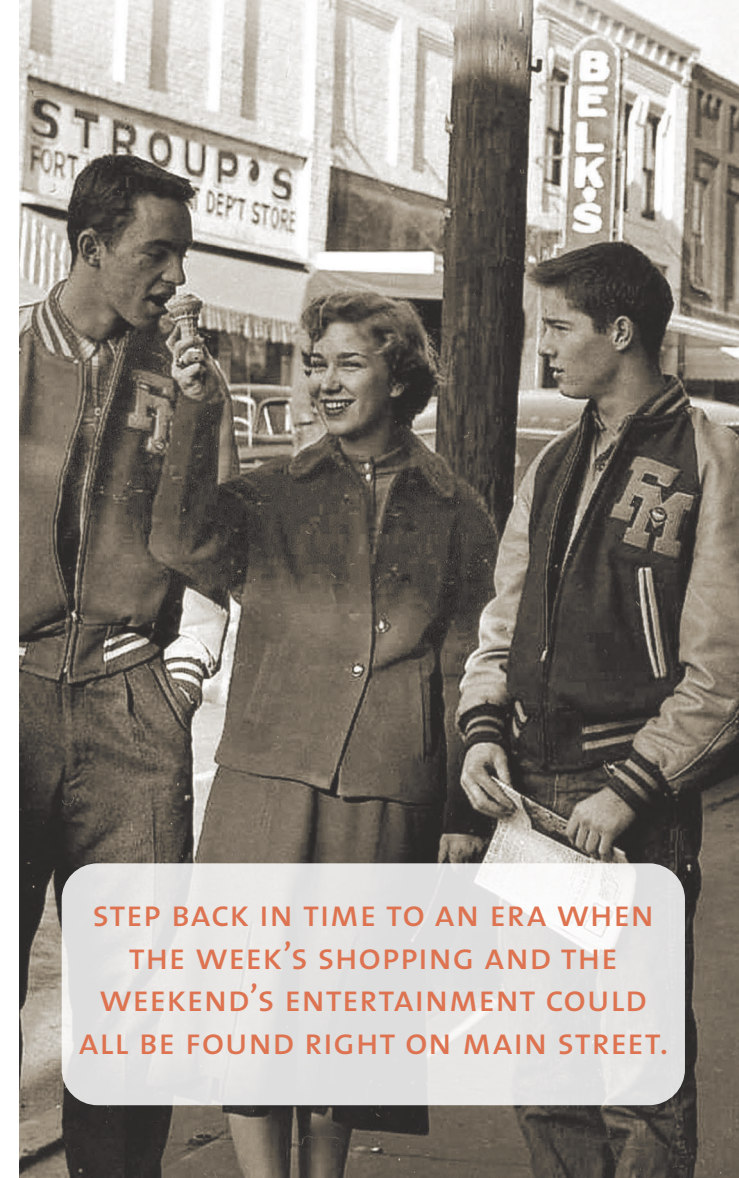


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# Walking Tour



**STEP BACK IN TIME TO AN ERA WHEN THE WEEK'S SHOPPING AND THE WEEKEND'S ENTERTAINMENT COULD ALL BE FOUND RIGHT ON MAIN STREET.**

- 1 **SITE OF THE TRAIN DEPOT** The Southern Railroad Depot, located on the east side of the tracks, was the stopping point for passenger and freight trains. It was torn down by the railroad in 1968.
- 2 **102 ACADEMY STREET** This building, now home to Crossings on Main, was originally the site of Mills & Young Livery. Many people also remember it as Slick's Diner or the place you could catch a taxi at the Blue Goose.
- 3 **100 MAIN STREET** The old Center Theatre was Fort Mill's third theatre. Built in 1948, it remained segregated until the 1960s. It closed in 1970.
- 4 **114 MAIN** Western Auto was located in this building next to the popular theatre. It was also home to Epps' Jewelry Store.
- 5 **116 MAIN STREET** This building was the one-time home of the Fort Mill Times, the town's newspaper since 1892. It was published by the Bradford family for 87 years and continues to serve the area today. In the 1940s and 50s the building housed the Varsity Restaurant.
- 6 **118 MAIN STREET** This address began life as a barbershop in the late 1800s. It housed several businesses including a jewelry store and served as the first home of the Fort Mill History Museum in 2011.
- 7 **120 MAIN STREET** A great variety of businesses have inhabited this site. It has been home to the P&G Grocery, an auto parts store, the Economy Store, and the Grandstand Restaurant.
- 8 **122 MAIN STREET** This building was owned by the A.O. Jones family and housed a variety of grocery stores dating to 1890. At one time they expanded next door to 120 Main.
- 9 **124 MAIN STREET** This building is the oldest retail space on Main Street, dating to 1860. Jones Drug Store was the first business here, and it was later a popular destination as Rexall Café and Pool Hall. It also housed the offices of the Fort Mill Times as recently as 2013.
- 10 **202 MAIN STREET** This was the original post office and large doors for moving mail carts can still be seen on the building's side. Offices for physicians and attorneys were in back.
- 11 **204 MAIN STREET** This was the first Majestic Theatre. At one time, there were two theaters operating on Main Street. The second Majestic was located where the train car now sits on Confederate Street.
- 12 **206 MAIN STREET** Teens of the 1950s and 60s flocked to this address when it housed Rogers Drug Store. Rogers had one of two soda shops on Main Street during those years.



- 13 **208 MAIN STREET** Locals knew where to find Mrs. Smythe of Smythe's Grocery Store. She sat outside this building watching customers come and go. Crane's Cash and Carry occupied the site in later years.
- 14 **212 MAIN STREET** Julius Strause ran the Economy Store, a dry goods store in this space. Bailes and Crouch Jewelry Store and Ackerman's Style Center later took up residence here.
- 15 **214 MAIN STREET** Ed Kimbrell ran his furniture store here in what was once a three-story building. Young and Young Furniture moved in later and the building burned in 1957. This new single-story was built in its place.
- 16 **220 MAIN STREET** First National Bank occupied this building before the town bought it and used it as town hall prior to moving to offices on Confederate Street.
- 17 **226 MAIN STREET** Many people remember visiting Dr. McAlhane's office on the 2nd floor of this building. Dr. Jack Massey also practiced in this office.
- 18 **228 MAIN STREET** Before becoming the counterpart to the barbershop next door, Edie's Hair Care was a jewelry store, a family chiropractic office, and a radio and appliance service store.
- 19 **230 MAIN STREET** Even though it may have changed names over time, this building has been home to the longest continuously running line of barbershops on Main Street. The first was established at this location in 1910.
- 20 **232 MAIN STREET** A private home once stood on this site. Resident Tilly Fox recalled standing on the home's balcony to watch her parents go to dances down the street on Saturday evenings. It has been home to Kimbrell's Furniture Store for many years.
- 21 **240 MAIN STREET** This building was previously the Pure Oil gasoline station. In later years it was known as Elmer's Crown Service Station.
- 22 **108 TOM HALL STREET** When Dr. J.R. Desportes lived at this address he often used the front parlor as a medical office. It later became a boarding house for female teachers and has since been restored to its original single-family configuration by Bayles Mack, whose own grandparents were married on the home's staircase in 1900.
- 23 **107 CLEBOURNE STREET** Fort Mill History Museum's historic Wilson House once stood around the corner on Main Street. It was moved to this location in the 1930s to make room for commercial development.
- 24 **241 MAIN STREET** This lot and the two next door were occupied by private homes until the 1930s when the demand for commercial space necessitated a new use for the property. One of the most memorable businesses to occupy this corner was The Liquor Store. It was also home to Belk Ready-to-Wear.