

CAMERON, NORTH CAROLINA

Born of a plank road and a railroad and spurred on by the turpentine and dewberry industries, Cameron, North Carolina, prospered in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Fayetteville plank road arrived in the area in the 1850's, and with the arrival of the railroad in 1875, a town was planned and built by people taking advantage of the opportunities the railroad offered.

Cameron was the end of a run for the Raleigh and Augusta Railroad. Entrepreneurs settled here and made a substantial living in various businesses, notably turpentine distilleries, the mercantile and hotel trades, and especially dewberry farming and consignment. The dewberry business became so successful that for many years Cameron was considered the dewberry capital of the world. Surrounded by the farmland of Moore County, the planned town developed along the main thoroughfare, Carthage Street, radiating from the railroad around which its major activities centered.

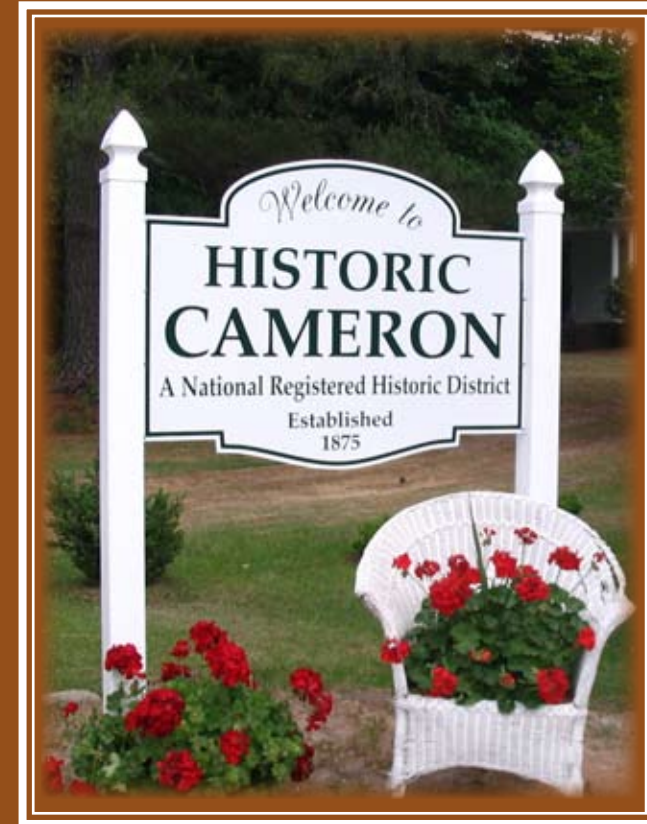
Along Carthage Street, Cameron's railroad men, merchants, and farmers built a compact community consisting of one and two story frame and brick houses, stores, and churches displaying elements of the styles popular in the era of 1875 to 1925. Though the trains no longer stop in the town and dewberries are not grown on a large scale anymore, Cameron still retains its turn of the century character and its feeling of a modest, isolated, concentrated village.



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A National Register Historic District**

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CAMERON SHOPS

(A) THE PRISSY HEN ANTIQUES AND GIFTS

John M. Foust built this house in 1878 and he operated a General Store in Cameron just below the Muse Bros. Store. That building was removed years ago. Store Hours: Wed-Sat 11:00-5:00 and other times by appt. Phone 910-245-3415. Primitives, collectibles, future antiques, Country Decor, Candles, Dough Bowls and NC Handcrafted Folk Art.

(B) THIS OLD HOUSE ANTIQUES

Built in the 1890's, later the residence of Jack Phillips, a well known Cameron merchant. Group Shop. Open Mon-Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 1:00-5:00, Phone 910-245-1231. Collectibles, Glassware, Furniture.

(C) FERGUSON HOUSE ANTIQUES

This house was built in 1887 by Dr. Kenneth Ferguson, who served as mayor of Cameron and Southern Pines. Group Shop. Open Wed-Sat 10:00-5:00. Phone 910-245-3055. Primitives, Formal Furniture, Accessories, Kitchen Items.

(D) THE OLD HARDWARE

Built for a Ford agency in 1920, later J. A. Phillips Hardware and Mule Auction Center. Group Shop. Open Tues - Sat 10:00-5:00 Phone 910-245-7001. Country and Formal Furniture and Accessories. THE DEWBERRY DELI AND SODA FOUNTAIN, located downstairs, serving Tues-Sat 11:00-4:30 Phone 910-245-3697. www.oldhardwareantiques.com

(E) SOUTHERN ACCENTS ANTIQUES

Formerly the town drug store and doctor's offices, built in the early 1900's. Now an Antique Shop selling fine quality antique furniture and accessories. Open Wed-Sat 10:00-5:00. Teresa Wiggs, Shopkeeper Phone 910-245-3784.

(F) ANN'S COLLECTIBLES

This was a post-war military building, relocated to this site as the home of the Cameron Woman's Club. Antiques, Accessories and Unique Collectibles. Ann Maroua, Owner. Open Wed-Sat 10:00-5:00. Phone 910-245-8525.

(G) McPHERSON'S STORE

Operated as a general store by H. P. McPherson from 1885, later by his son, Cone, until the 1950's. Now a Group Shop. Open Wed-Sat 10:00-5:00 Cottage furniture, collectibles, garden relics, linens, jewelry and glassware. THE TEA COZY serving Wed-Sat 10:00-5:00. 910-245-2453

(H) McKEITHEN'S STORE

A Historic Building. Established by Murdoch McKeithen in 1883 as a Merchantile Store.

(I) SULLIVAN'S ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

Built in 1951, served until recently as Cameron Farm Supply. Group Shop. Open Mon-Sat 10:00-5:00 Phone 910-245-1185. Furniture, Primitives, Baskets, Pottery and Glassware.

(J) THE MARKET AT THE HISTORIC MUSE BROS. STORE

Established in 1886 and known as the largest general store between Raleigh and Augusta. Group Shop Open Wed-Sat. 10:00-5:00. Phone 910-245-3020. Furniture, Collectibles, Vintage Accessories. COFFEE, GRINDESPRESSO BAR serving Wed-Sat 10:00-5:00.

(K) ANGIE'S UNIQUE WINDOWS

Established by J.A. McClemy as a jewelry store and later became the town millinery. Now the home of Custom Vintage Windows. No two are ever the same. Also handmade soaps, candles, antiques, collectibles, modern furniture and accessories. Angie Sellers, Owner. Open Tues-Sat 10:00-5:00. Phone 910-964-5488.

POINTS OF INTEREST

(1) TURNER-McPHERSON HOUSE, 1867

Built by Dr. Hector Turner, confederate surgeon and legislator, for his wife, Kate. Later the home of H.P. McPherson, Moore County Commissioner.

(2) PARKER HOUSE, 1918

Built by W.G. Parser, who was a telegraph operator with the SAL Railroad and the son-in-law of Everette Borst.

(3) BORST HOUSE, 1883

Everette Borst was an employee of the railroad. His wife, Elizabeth Blue, Was a descendant of Dougald McDougald, who was instrumental in the construction of the Plank Road.

(4) L.B. McKEITHEN HOUSE, 1923

L.B. McKeithen was the son of Murdoch McKeithen and a partner in the family's general store and continued the business until his death in 1963.

(5) CAMERON METHODIST CHURCH, 1886

This church, built by Duncan and Alien Campbell, is noted for its New England-style architecture and its little-altered interior.

(6) THE GREENWOOD INN

A historic building constructed in 1874 to accommodate railroad men and traveling "drummers"

(7) OLD CAMERON JAIL

Built in 1 880s and in service through the 1 920's, the Old Jail was moved in 2004 to present location behind "The Market." Now restored and provides a museum for Cameron's artifacts.

(8) RODWELL HOUSE, 1890

Moses Britton, local hotel owner, built this fine Queen Anne House for his daughter, whose husband, Ed Rodwell, was an agent for the railroad.

(9) McFADYEN HOUSE, 1878

Neil A. McFadyen was a prosperous Cameron merchant before the turn of the century and a seller of saddles and harnesses, later the home of J.A. Phillips.

(10) McLEAN HOUSE, 1920

J.D. McLean was a banker with the Bank, of Cameron, and later a Moore County tax collector.

(11) JOHN C. MUSE HOUSE, 1878

John Muse with his brother, Andrew, established Muse Brothers Merchantile in the 1 870's.

(12) THE MURDOCK MCKEITHEN HOUSE

Built in 1892 by one of Cameron's leading merchants..

(13) CAMERON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1879

Formed by members of Union and Buffalo Presbyterian Churches, this church Was also associated with the education of Cameron's children through Daniel McIntyre's Classical School. The town cemetery is located behind the church

