

## SITES OF INTEREST *Along the Highways*



65. Blink Bonnie

### TRAVELING TOWARD WINNSBORO

**57. \*\*Valencia** ca. 1834. 1415 Valencia Road. Approx. 1.6 miles from First Baptist Church. Built by Edward G. Palmer from St. James Parish, Santee. He was the chief supporter and first president of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad.

**58. Aimwell Cemetery** 673 North Coleman Highway. Many of Ridgeway's first residents are buried at this early site of one of the Aimwell Presbyterian Church sanctuaries.

**59. Cedar Tree** ca. 1853. 589 Van Exem Road. Off Highway 34, West of Ridgeway. It was home to the first woman elected to Congress, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Exem.

**60. \*\*Mount Hope** ca. 1836. 438 Mt Hope Rd. This plantation style house was built by Dr. John Peyre Thomas, a prominent physician and amateur scientist.

**61. \*\*Vaughan/Blair Stagecoach House** ca. 1820. 183 Barber Road. Located 3 1/2 miles West of Ridgeway on Barber Road off Highway 34. On the old stage route from Columbia to Winnsboro, horses were changed here, and the house was used as a shelter during storms for travelers passing through.



57. Valencia



62. Hunter House



64. Longtown Presbyterian Church

### TRAVELING TOWARD LONGTOWN

**62. \*\*Hunter House** ca. 1820. 1809 Longtown Road. Approximately 1.7 miles from Ridgeway on Longtown Road. Mr. Hunter moved to Honduras rather than live in the Union ruled South following the Civil War. Residence of the late Anna Ferguson (daughter of original owner, Abraham Ferguson) and George R. Hunter, one of the largest landowners in Fairfield County at the time.

**63. Longtown** est. 1793. The oldest and easternmost settlement in Fairfield County borders the old Ridgeway to Camden Road. Once believed to have been called "Log-town" because of the many log cabins built along the Indian fur-trade route that followed the western slope of the Wateree River. Plantations such as Malvern Hall, Melrose, Solitude and Wisteria produced the main agriculture crop of the area, cotton.

**64. Longtown Presbyterian Church and Cemetery** ca. 1882. 8010 Longtown Road. The burial place of many early and influential Longtown families.

**65. \*\*Blink Bonnie** ca. 1822. 10306 Longtown Road. Intersection of Longtown Rd. and Blink Bonnie Rd. Built by Camden banker, Darling Jones, and later occupied by the Robertson and Kirkland families.

## Ridgeway History

Originally known as "new lands," Ridgeway obtained its present name following construction of the Charlotte, Columbia, and Augusta Railway, completed in 1850. Railroad owners decided not to build on the Camden route, but rather to use the "ridge way." At an elevation of 625 feet above sea level, it is the highest point along the Southern Railway line between Augusta and Charlotte.

The earliest settlers were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians migrating from Virginia and North Carolina in the 1760s. As early as the 1800s, English and French Huguenots from the low country of South Carolina began migrating to escape malaria.

Because of the railroad, Ridgeway became a prosperous agriculture supply center between ca. 1890-1915.

The Ridgeway Historic District consists primarily of 33 structures, with another 22 structures within a three-block area, dating from the 1870s to the 1920s, and located on both sides of the railroad.

## Ridgeway Annual Special Events

*Spend the Day in Ridgeway* throughout the year with festivals that celebrate our small town southern hospitality.

### Pig On The Ridge

First weekend in November

### Holidays On The Ridge

First weekend in December

### Arts On The Ridge

First weekend in May

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# HISTORIC Ridgeway

## WALKING TOUR



## GUIDE & MAP



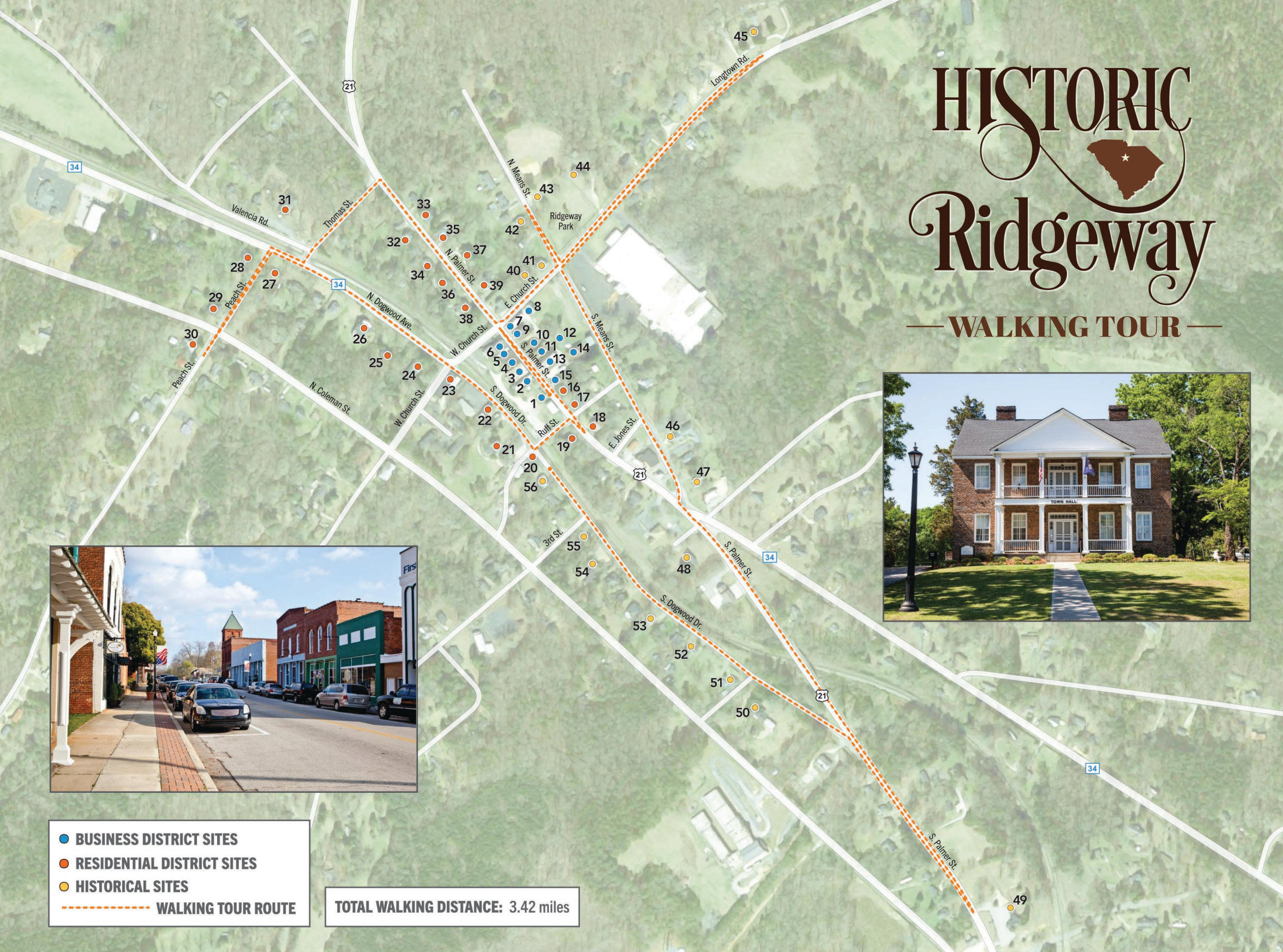
# HISTORIC Ridgeway

— WALKING TOUR —



- BUSINESS DISTRICT SITES
- RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SITES
- HISTORICAL SITES
- WALKING TOUR ROUTE

TOTAL WALKING DISTANCE: 3.42 miles





## PALMER STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT

- 148 FT **1. World's Smallest Police Station** ca. 1940. 160 South Palmer Street. The rear portion was a four sided open brick shed covering the town well. The horse trough is still visible at the rear foundation
- 87 FT **2. Town Hall and City Jail** ca. 1904. 140 South Palmer Street. The 2-story brick building includes a belfry.



1. World's Smallest Police Station



2. Town Hall and City Jail

- 114 FT **3. Johnson Building** ca. 1908. 130 South Palmer Street. The 3-storefront brick structure next to the Town Hall was built by W.J. Johnson, and features a cast iron engaged post and stucco covered brick on the front façade.
- 60 FT **4. Cooper Building** ca. 1895. 120 South Palmer Street. This two-story brick structure, which features cast iron pilasters on first floor façade, was occupied by W. H. Ruff Furniture.
- 55 FT **5. Lipscomb & Smith Co.** ca. 1900. 110 South Palmer Street. This two-story brick building, once a grocery store, now houses an antique store.
- 79 FT **6. The Bank of Ridgeway and Masonic Lodge** ca. 1899. 100 South Palmer Street. Lot was purchased for "a brick building to be erected on said site." The Bank used the 1st floor while the Lodge used the 2nd floor.
- 64 FT **7. Thomas Company Store** ca. 1911. 105 South Palmer Street.
- 30 FT **8. Original Thomas Store** ca. 1875. 105 South Palmer Street. Directly behind the brick store is the original wood-sided building.



7. Thomas Company Store

- 148 FT **9. Brick Store** ca. 1880. 115 South Palmer Street. Built by J. Monroe Wilson, it later became the 2nd store for Thomas & Co.
- 87 FT **10. Dobson's Drug Store** ca. 1925. 125 South Palmer Street.
- 60 FT **11. Ruff & Cloud Mercantile** ca. 1860. 135 South Palmer Street.



11. Ruff & Cloud Mercantile and Ridgeway Water Tower

- 150 FT **12. Ridgeway Water Tower** ca. 1922. Located behind Ruff & Cloud Mercantile.
- 157 FT **13. Ruff & Co. Hardware** ca. 1901. 165 South Palmer Street.



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- 184 FT **14. Ruff's Gin House** ca. 1947. 165 South Palmer Street. Building located behind Ruff & Co. Hardware.
- 185 FT **15. Dr. James W. Team Drugstore** ca. 1925. 175 South Palmer Street.

## RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

*\*\* Denotes National Register of Historic Places Record*

- 66 FT **16. Samuel F. Cooper House** ca. 1882. 185 South Palmer Street.
- 89 FT **17. Railroad House** ca. 1900. 195 South Palmer Street. Built for the Charlotte, Columbia, and Augusta Railroad Co. employees.
- 149 FT **18. W.B. Kennedy House** ca. 1904. 215 South Palmer Street. Originally a single story home, the second story was added when Mrs. Kennedy inherited money from her father, who stipulated the entire amount be spent at once.
- 180 FT **19. Dr. James W. Team House** ca. 1905. 110 West Ruff Street. The house also served as a respite for patients.



19. Dr. James W. Team House



21. The James B. Coleman House

- 170 FT **20. Jones & Kelly Oil Co.** ca. 1910. 200 South Dogwood Avenue. Location of one of the first gas stations in Ridgeway.
- 143 FT **21. \*\*The James B. Coleman House** ca. 1853. 170 South Dogwood Drive. The current Town Hall, also known as The Century House, was built of locally made brick.
- 167 FT **22. Original Ridgeway Post Office** ca. 1904. 150 South Dogwood Drive. The lot with buildings was purchased by W. B. Kennedy in 1904, and by 1919 the main building was occupied by the Post Office.
- 258 FT **23. Charles P. Wray & Co.** ca. 1900. 100 South Dogwood Drive. Once a brick carriage garage, this building was originally owned by Robert H. McElvey.

- 164 FT **24. Isaac C. Thomas House** ca. 1885. 120 North Dogwood Avenue. Home to the founder of The Thomas Co.
- 124 FT **25. Lahun/Rosborough House** ca. 1876. 130 North Dogwood Avenue. It was originally located next door to Aimwell Presbyterian Church and moved to the current location.



24. Isaac C. Thomas House

- 223 FT **26. Charles P. Wray House** ca. 1910. 140 North Dogwood Avenue. A neoclassical style home, where local legend states that Mr. Wray can be seen staring down from the attic window at railroad tracks looking for his wife and child who were killed, along with him, in a tragic train accident.
- 525 FT **27. The Ruff House** ca. 1920. 180 North Dogwood Avenue. A craftsman-style house.



26. Charles P Wray House



**180** **28. \*\*James Monroe Wilson House** ca. 1890. 200 North Dogwood Avenue.

**336** **29. F.P. Hinnant House** ca. 1910. 190 West Peach Street.

**235** **30. First Baptist Church Parsonage/Bowen House** ca. 1880. 315 West Peach Street.

**174** **31. First Baptist Church** ca. 1840s. 220 North Valencia Road.

**162** **32. Augustus Tally Moore House** ca. 1899. 170 North Palmer Street. His young son was distressed at seeing a local crippled man. The young boy promised to repair the man's foot one day. A.T. Moore Jr. became a doctor, perfecting and patenting the first artificial hip socket. One of his earliest surgeries was to repair the crippled man's foot.



34. Isabell Ruff Traylor House

**40** **33. J. Spann Edmunds House** ca. 1906. 165 North Palmer Street.

**174** **34. Isabell Ruff Traylor House** ca. 1918. 150 North Palmer Street. A craftsman-style bungalow built by W.H. Ruff for his daughter.

**37** **35. Reid H. Brown House** ca. 1895. 155 North Palmer Street. The one-story Queen Anne style home is one of the oldest homes on the street.



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**173** **36. Florence Ruff Hoaten House** ca. 1911. 140 North Palmer Street. Built by Daniel Walter Ruff for his daughter.

**47** **37. W. Herbert Ruff House** ca. 1910. 145 North Palmer Street.

**167** **38. D.W. Ruff House** ca. 1904. 120 North Palmer Street. Ruff was the grandfather of the present owner.

**46** **39. Robert Charleton Thomas House** ca. 1906. 125 North Palmer Street. A Victorian-style home.



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41. Boozer/Whitlock House

## OTHER HISTORIC SITES

**422** **40. Desportes House** ca. 1915. 150 East Church Street.

**67** **41. Boozer/Whitlock House** ca. 1900. 180 East Church Street.

**351** **42. R.H. McElvey House** ca. 1910. 140 North Means Street.

**63** **43. Ridgeway High School "Arch"** 225 East Church Street (view from across the street at 140 North Means Street). At site of old school.

**123** **44. The "Teacherage"** 225 East Church Street. It was built to house single teachers and later school principals.

**195** **45. \*\*Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church** ca. 1839. 307 Longtown Road. Originally a wood structure, the church was built in the Carpenter Gothic Style on this site in 1854 and later brick veneered.



43. Ridgeway High School "Arch"



45. Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

**45** **46. Aimwell Presbyterian Church** est. 1790. 265 South Means Street. The brick building, originally a wooden structure, was built on this site in 1885.

**260** **47. Wm. B. Hogan House** ca. 1900. 285 South Means Street.



48. Ruff Chapel

**336** **48. \*\*Ruff Chapel** ca. 1873. 110 West Broad Street. A wooden structure that was built on land given by David Ruff for the building of a Methodist Episcopal Church.

**47** **49. Lebanon Presbyterian Church** ca. 1872. 667 US Hwy 21 South. The site of the first parochial school for African-Americans in the county.



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**3** **50. Maggie Cloud Smith House** ca. 1892. 400 South Dogwood Drive.



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**115** **51. Sallie B. Parker House** ca. 1899. 390 South Dogwood Drive.

**253** **52. W.E. Baxter House** ca. 1920. 380 South Dogwood Drive. A craftsman-style home.

**241** **53. T.J. Castine House** ca. 1925. 350 South Dogwood Drive.

**357** **54. Annie Rosborough Parker House** ca. 1920. 310 South Dogwood Drive.

**168** **55. Bolick House** ca. 1905. 300 South Dogwood Drive.

**341** **56. Ward/Ross House** ca. 1900. 230 South Dogwood Drive.