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THE NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE

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Natchez, Miss. - With the coming of spring Natchez again will be the mecca for thousands who will make the NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE, February 28 through April 1. This unique event presents a convincing reenactment of life in the Deep South before the War Between the States changed the picture so drastically. The old world elegance of the thirty antebellum houses opened to visitors during this period is a nostalgic reminder of the days when the Old South was the epitome of gracious living. In the midst of the present day bustle, Natchez remains serene---a restful oasis where for the moment life returns to a slower and more pleasing tempo.

No other city in the United States has so many antebellum houses within so small a radius. In a single morning or afternoon the visitor can see five houses, dating from the French and Spanish dwellings of the eighteenth century to the mansions of Georgian architecture or Greek Revival built by wealthy cotton planters in the opulent period just preceding The War. Three days are required to visit all the houses.

On Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings the Confederate Pageant is presented in all its startling beauty. This production has become famous throughout the nation for the glamour of its costuming and staging.

A program of Negro spirituals offers entertainment for the alternate evenings of Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Presented by an all Negro chorus in one of the old churches, this hauntingly beautiful music weaves itself perfectly into the picture of the Old South.

The unique charm of Natchez is a heritage of all Americans. The ladies of the garden clubs of Natchez invite you to share that heritage by making the NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE, February 28 through April 1. For detailed information write THE NATCHEZ PILGRIMAGE, Natchez, Mississippi

NATCHEZ

ON THE MISSISSIPPI

"Where The Old South Still Lives"



Natchez Pilgrimage

February 28 Through April 1

1959

Six Different Tours — 30 Beautiful Ante-Bellum Homes

Morning Tour — White

THE ELMS, HAWTHORNE, LONGWOOD,
GLOUCESTER, CONNELLY'S TAVERN

Houses Open 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

February 28, March 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30



THE ELMS: 1782. Built during the Spanish era. Contains many interesting architectural features. Mellowed by age and set in the midst of an old-fashioned garden. Home of Mrs. Joseph B. Kellogg.



HAWTHORNE: 1814. Typical home of the Southern planter. Unusual architectural features. Home of Mrs. Carl A. McGehee.



LONGWOOD: Under construction at the beginning of Civil War. With the exception of the first floor, never completed — weird and ghostly. Owned by descendants of the builder, Dr. Haller Nutt.



GLOUCESTER: Prior to 1803. First Natchez mansion. Once the home of Winthrop Sargent, first Mississippi Territorial governor. Home of Mrs. Lenox Stanton.



CONNELLY'S TAVERN ON ELLICOTT'S HILL: 1795. Where Andrew Ellicott, in defiance of Spain, raised the American flag in 1797. Andrew Burr and Blanche Burr met here secretly in 1807.

Afternoon Tour — Blue

MONMOUTH, MONTEIGNE, BONTURA,
D'EVEREUX, CHEROKEE

Houses Open 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

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MONMOUTH: 1818. Where General John A. Quitman of Mexican War fame lived. A house of superb architecture. Furnished throughout with handsome antiques. Owned by Mrs. Hubert Barnum.



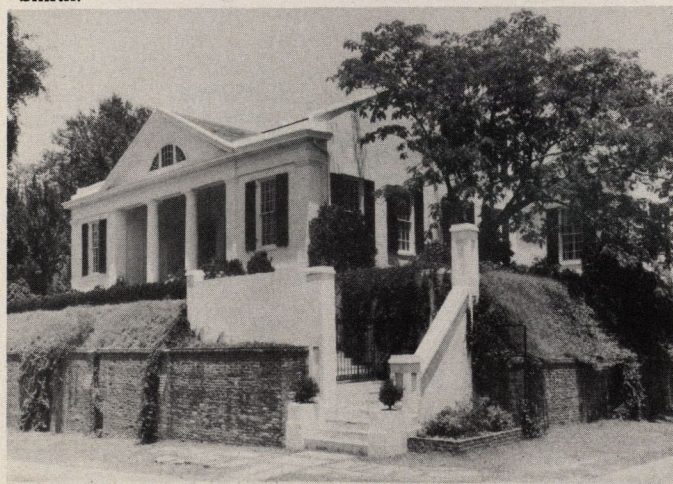
MONTEIGNE: Built in 1855 by Confederate General Wm. T. Martin. Classic building, surrounded by century old live oaks. Superb collection of azaleas and camellias. Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kendall and family.



BONTURA: Built 1790-1830. Typical Creole style. Overlooking the Mississippi River in section of Natchez once reserved for Spanish grandees. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Evans of Natchez and Los Angeles.



D'EVEREUX: 1840. Fine example of Southern Colonial architecture, pure Greek Revival. Henry Clay, close friend of the original owners, was entertained here. Home of Miss Myra Virginia Smith.



CHEROKEE: 1794-1810. Antedates nearly all the larger Natchez houses. Interesting cross hall and tree in front.

Morning Tour — Green

TWIN OAKS, LINDEN, MELROSE,
ELMSCOURT, ELGIN

Houses Open 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

March 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31



TWIN OAKS: 1814. Built on Spanish land grant. Occupied by Federal troops during the War Between the States. Shaded by ancient live oaks. Home of Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Whittington.



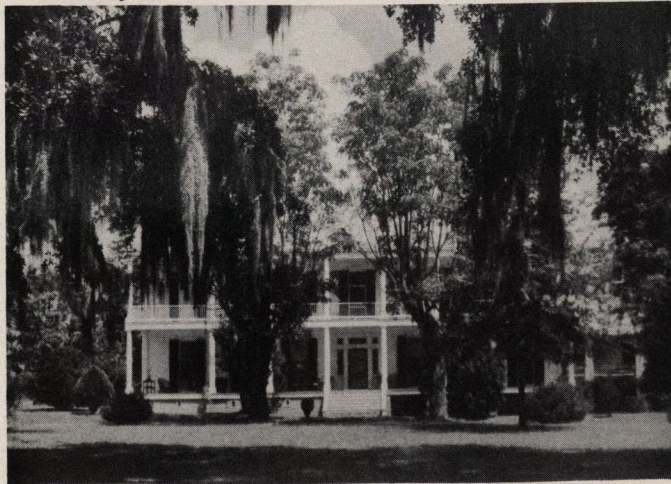
LINDEN: Prior to 1790. Once home of Thos. B. Reed, first U. S. Senator from Mississippi. Occupied since 1840 by the Conner family and descendants. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fauntleroy.



MELROSE: 1845. Perfect example of the Old South's stately mansions. Furnishings, house, grounds unchanged since antebellum days. Audubon's Natchez landscape hangs here. Home of Mrs. G. M. D. Kelly.



ELMSCOURT: 1810. Famed as the "House of a Thousand Candles". Contains many unusual and beautiful relics of the past. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. MacNeil of Natchez and Princeton, New Jersey.



ELGIN PLANTATION: House built 1790-94 by Dr. G. M. D. Kelly.

Afternoon Tour — Purple

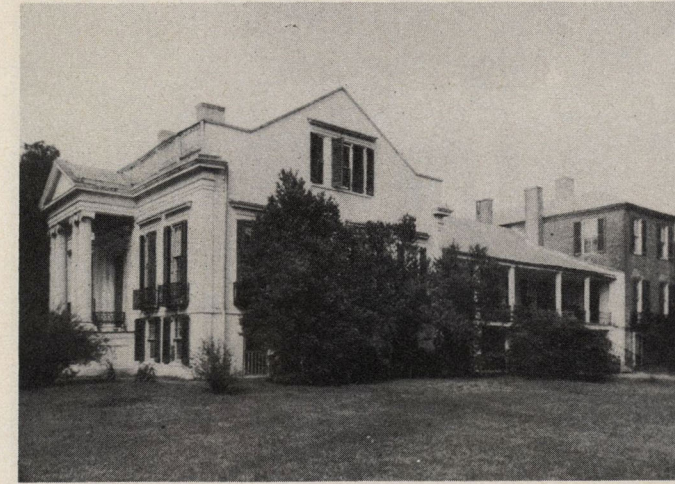
THE BRIERS, RICHMOND, HOPE FARM,
DUNLEITH, GREEN LEAVES

Houses Open 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

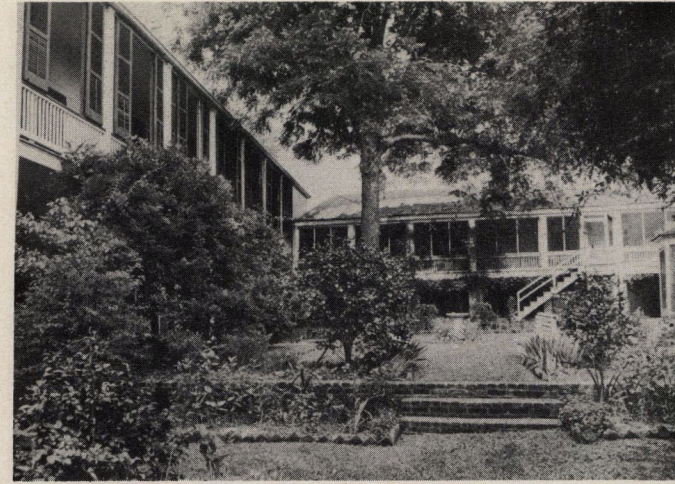
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THE BRIERS: 1812. Birthplace of Varina Howell. Here the "Rose of Mississippi", in 1845, married Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. Home of Mrs. W. W. Wall.



RICHMOND: 1784-1832-1860. Three houses joined together, representing three periods of Natchez history. Home of the John Shelby Marshall family, who have owned and occupied Richmond since 1832.



HOPE FARM: 1774-1789. Once home of Spanish Governor. Charmingly furnished in antiques. Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Balfour Miller. Mrs. Miller is the originator of the Natchez Pilgrimage. (Picture shows rear of house).



DUNLEITH: 1847. Imposing mansion surrounded by large columned galleries. In possession of the Carpenter family for five generations. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carpenter.



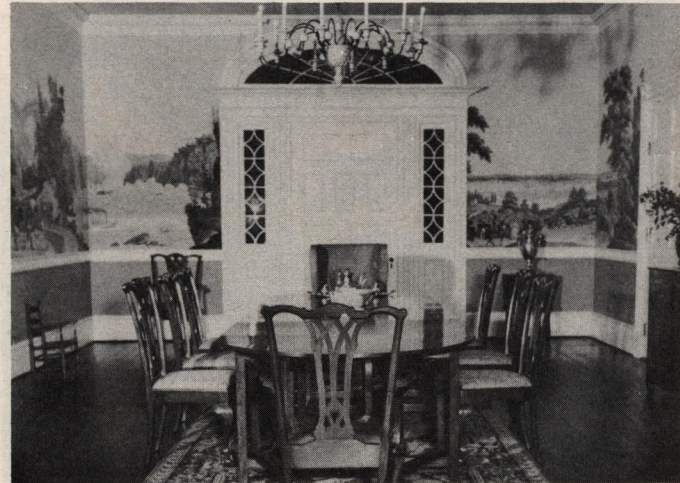
GREEN LEAVES: 1847. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carpenter.

Morning Tour – Red

HOLLY HEDGES, ARLINGTON, THE BURN,
AIRLIE, STANTON HALL

Houses Open 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

March 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, April 1



HOLLY HEDGES: Built in 1796 by Don Juan Scott. Remodeled by Judge Edward Turner in 1832. Beautifully restored and furnished with antiques by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hart Miller.



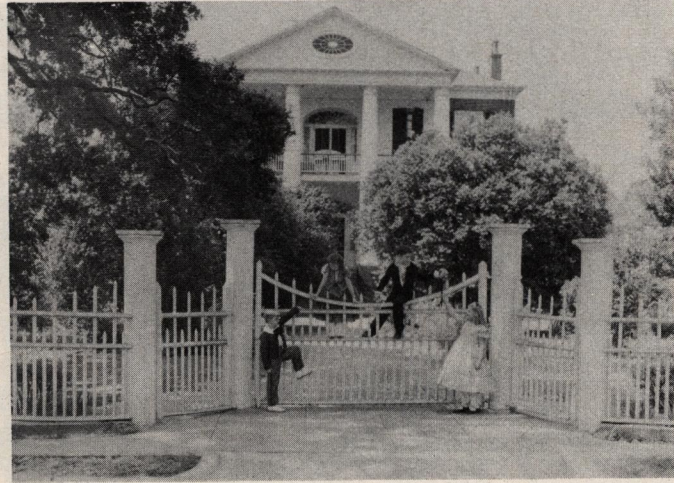
ARLINGTON: Built in 1816. Architecturally perfect. Original furnishings. Museum of antiques, paintings, old glass and antique dolls. Towering shell-pink azaleas. Home of Mrs. Hubert Barnum.

Afternoon Tour – Yellow

ROSALIE, THE PARSONAGE, MISTLETOE,
LANSDOWNE, MOUNT REPOSE

Houses Open 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

March 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, April 1



ROSALIE: 1820. Headquarters of Union Army during War Between the States. General Grant stopped here. Near site of Natchez Indians' massacre of French at Fort Rosalie, 1729. State shrine of Miss. D. A. R.



THE PARSONAGE: 1840. Built by Peter B. Little, owner of Rosalie. Here his devout young wife, Eliza, entertained visiting Methodist ministers. Interesting family relics. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Orrick Metcalfe. (Rear view.)

The Natchez Pilgrimage

February 28 Through April 1

The two Garden Clubs of Natchez invite the lovers of history and the romantic traditions of the Old South to step into the past for an enchanted visit during Pilgrimage time in Natchez. Here you may wander in old-fashioned gardens of azaleas and camellias, of sweet olive trees and boxwood hedges. Ladies in hoop-skirts will welcome you to thirty beautiful antebellum houses, which still treasure the relics and furnishings of a vanished era. In the colorful legends of these gracious, time-mellowed dwellings is enshrined the history of the Natchez Country.

The women of the Garden Clubs, who are sponsoring the Natchez Pilgrimage and whose talents and efforts pioneered this event to national renown, have adopted a restoration program to perpetuate for posterity this rare example of the South of long ago. The unique charm of Natchez is the heritage of all Americans, and we are deeply grateful to our many thousands of visitors who are making this historic development possible.

Myrtle C. Byrne *Ethelena P. Chadwick*

Mrs. Charles J. Byrne
President, Pilgrimage Garden Club

Mrs. Carl Chadwick
President, Natchez Garden Club

Greetings from the Governor of Mississippi and the
Mayor of Natchez:

In Mississippi today we are experiencing a renewed awakening to those lasting values portrayed by the glorious history of a noble past. Such outstanding occasions as the Natchez Pilgrimage not only prove this fact, but offer inspiration to all Americans.

Therefore, I take special pleasure as Governor of Mississippi in directing the attention of the country to the Pilgrimage to be held February 28 through April 1, 1959, and I extend cordial greetings to all visitors to our state who come here for the purpose of taking part in this outstanding event.

J. P. Coleman

J. P. Coleman, Governor
State of Mississippi

The City of Natchez, in cooperation with the Pilgrimage Garden Club and Natchez Garden Club, welcomes you to historic Natchez during the annual Natchez Pilgrimage.

Troy B. Watkins

Troy B. Watkins, Mayor
City of Natchez

TRAVEL INFORMATION: Ask your Automobile Club, Railroad Agent, Airways Representative, Travel Bureau, Bus Agent, regarding tours to the Natchez Pilgrimage.

For reservations in antebellum houses or private homes write the "Natchez Pilgrimage". Rooms available February 28 through April 1 by writing, wiring, telephoning or visiting Pilgrimage headquarters. Please disregard any statements that rooms are not available, when enroute to Natchez without reservations. For hotel accommodations write the Eola Hotel, Natchez Hotel, Bellemont Motel.

THE NATCHEZ TRACE, a national parkway (under construction), once an ancient trail of the American Indians, road of the pioneers, established as a mail route by Thomas Jefferson in 1801 and traveled by Andrew Jackson, leads to historic Natchez through a land of legend and beauty.



PILGRIMAGE HEADQUARTERS

February 28 Through April 1

ELKS CLUB

Corner Pearl and Franklin Streets

GENERAL INFORMATION

TOURS: To complete the tours to all the houses requires three days. Thirty houses are shown during the three days. There are two tours each day, making 6 tours in all. The prices of the tours are as follows:

1 Tour (5 houses)	\$ 4.00 per person
2 Tours (10 houses)	8.00 per person
3 Tours (15 houses)	12.00 per person
4 Tours (20 houses)	14.00 per person
5 Tours (25 houses)	17.00 per person
6 Tours (30 houses)	20.00 per person

Grammar and high school students \$2.00 per tour. Tickets will be sold daily at Pilgrimage Headquarters, corner Pearl and Franklin Streets (The Elks Club) from which the tours start. **NO TOUR OR PAGEANT TICKETS SOLD BEFORE ARRIVAL.**

No tour sold less than a 5-house tour as pictured in this folder. Read folder carefully as to grouping.

TRANSPORTATION is available at \$1.00 a person per tour. Visitors driving their own cars will have no difficulty, as the tour routes are plainly marked with numbered signs leading from house to house.

Light weight Spring clothes and coats are appropriate for this season of the year.

JEFFERSON MILITARY COLLEGE, Washington, Mississippi, founded 1802, offers a thorough preparation for college. Cadets participate in Confederate Pageant. (Six miles from Natchez.) Visitors welcome.



THE BURN: 1832. Pure Greek architecture. Suspended semi-spiral stairway. Federal hospital during Civil War. Noted for its camellias and azaleas. Home of Mr. S. B. Laub.



MISTLETOE: Built 1807 by John Bisland for his son, Peter, on land granted him by the Spanish Crown. Interesting and early plantation house. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hopkins Lambdin.



THE ROYAL COURT OF THE 1958 CONFEDERATE PAGEANT.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The Confederate Pageant Presented at the City Auditorium at 8:30 on the Evenings of Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Admission — \$2.50. Tickets sold at Pilgrimage Headquarters (The Elks Club) daily, can also be obtained at the City Auditorium on the evenings of the scheduled performances. Formal dress is not necessary. No reserved seats sold except for large organized tour groups.

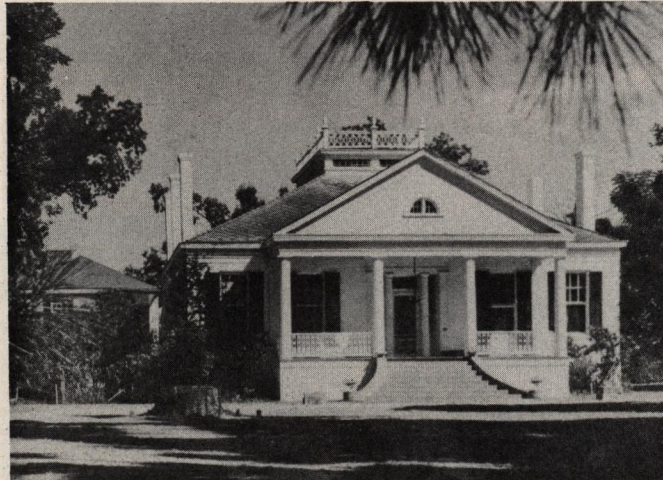
The brilliant Confederate Pageant, depicting scenes of the Old South, will transport the audience to the days of long ago. So faithfully does this pageant re-create that romantic era of the past, that the Confederate Pageant has become as famous as the old Natchez houses.

Negro Spirituals

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN — Presented every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday night during February 28 through April 1. 8:15 P.M. Beulah Baptist Church 710 Bee Street (between Rankin and Pine). Admission \$1.50.



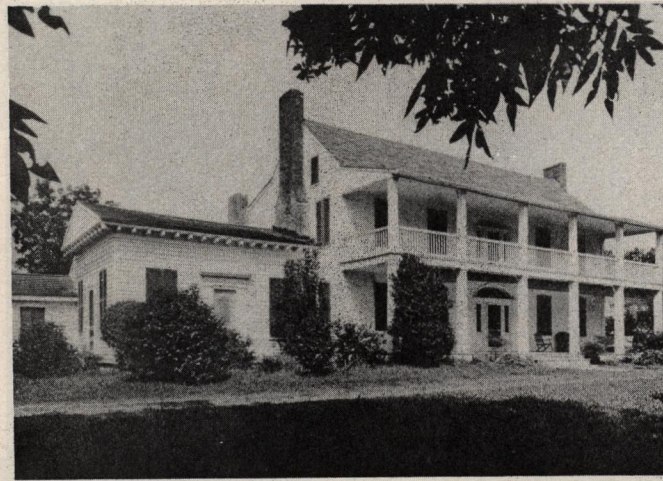
AIRLIE: Prior to 1790. Formerly home of William Aylette Buckner. Now occupied by his descendants, the Ayres P. Merrill family. Used as a Federal hospital during the Civil War.



LANDOWNE: 1853. Plantation house. In possession of descendants of the original owner. Home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Marshall and Mrs. James H. Ward.



STANTON HALL: 1851. Most palatial mansion in Natchez. Built during great cotton era. Chartered ship brought materials, furnishings from Europe. Restoration project of Pilgrimage Garden Club. Rooms for tourists throughout year. Carriage House Restaurant in court yard open the year around.



MOUNT REPOSE: 1824. Perfect example of early plantation house, erected on lands granted by Spanish Crown in 1786. Occupied by descendants of original owner. Home of Dr. J. D. Shields.