GA Hwy 341 Historical Driving Tour Hawkinsville/Pulaski County



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ST. THOMAS A.M.E. CHURCH 205 N. Dooley St., Hawkinsville, GA 478-783-2599

The first church of the Methodist congregation in Hawkinsville, GA was built sometime between 1825 and 1832 at the corner of Dooley and First Streets.

Visitors welcome anytime.



THE OLD OPERA HOUSE 42 Lumpkin St., Hawkinsville, GA 478-783-1884

Constructed in 1908 for performing arts and continues to be used today for musical theater, children's productions, comedy shows and all types of musical concerts. Visitors are welcome to tour Monday - Friday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



HARNESS HORSE TRAINING FACILITY 290 Abbeville Hwy., Hawkinsville, GA 478-892-9463

The first Georgia harness races were held in Hawkinsville during the 1894 "Wiregrass Exposition" which may be why Hawkinsville is known as the Harness Horse Capital of Georgia. Between October and April you can watch the harness race horses being trained daily in preparation for their qualifying races which are held in early April. Visitors are welcome anytime.



BEMBRY'S MILL 4 miles east on Hwy 341 at Limestone Creek, Hawkinsville, GA

The mill property has been owned by the Lancaster-Bembry family since 1807. Around 1810-1812 a wooden/earthen dam using handhewn beams of heart pine and wooden pegs was built on Limestone Crrek on property owned by William Lancaster to power a grist mill. Some years later a saw mill and cotton gin were built nearby and all were powered by the creek. Between 18060 and 1865 the saw mill and cotton gin burned but the grist mill survived and provided commercial services for this part of the area for nearly 100 more years. In December 2009, the property was placed in a Conservation Easement which is held by the Georgia Forestry Commission. Visitors welcome anytime.