

GA Hwy 341 Historical Driving Tour

McRae-Helena/Telfair County



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Telfair County
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TELFAIR MUSEUM OF HISTORY
Forsyth St. McRae-Helena, GA
229-868-2530 | 229-868-7114 | www.phshistory.org

The Telfair Museum of History was established to help celebrate the county's bicentennial in 2007. It is located on Forsyth St. in McRae-Helena, adjacent to the Savannah, Americus, and Montgomery Railroad and is housed in the historic freight depot. The Museum's collection has display sections dealing with the county's historic agriculture, naval store and timber occupations as well as the modes of transportation along with many other historical items.



OLD SOUTH GEORGIA COLLEGE

903 W. College St., McRae-Helena, GA
229-868-2520 | 229-868-7114 | www.tcfta.com

The Old South Georgia College Administration Building is a county landmark that was constructed in 1892 by the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church. It provided grades through 11 and three years of college. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. Currently, the building is maintained by the Pioneer Historical Society of Telfair County as the Telfair Center for the Arts. Tours by appointment.



SUGAR CREEK PLANTATION

786 Golden Isles Parkway, McRae-Helena, GA
229-315-5546 | www.sugarcreekplantation.com

Built in 1937, this historic 12 room home is the former residence of two Georgia Governors, Eugene Talmade and his son Gene who later served 24 years in the U.S. Senate. Tours by appointment.



CAPTAIN JOHN L. DAY HOUSE
W. Railroad St., Lumber City, GA

Captain John L. Day was a Lumber City steam boatman. It is said that this was the first brick house in Telfair County. The cast iron fence, porch rails and columns are to be a replication of a steamship.



HISTORIC TRAIN TRESTLE
One mile south of Lumber City, GA along Hwy 341

This historic train trestle, constructed somewhere between 1916 and 1930, has been a landmark for Lumber City for many years. At one time, the trestle rotated on its center to allow steamboats to pass through this section of the Ocmulgee River. The shed on top allowed the bridge operator a good view of the trains and steamboats. Today, the trestle no longer rotates but the tracts are still used by Norfolk Southern on a daily basis.