



OTHER NOTABLE MARKERS

Alexandria

Kent Plantation House

(Located off MacArthur Drive on Bayou Rapides Road)
Built between 1796 and 1800, it is the oldest structure in central Louisiana; an outstanding example of rural Louisiana plantation architecture, open for daily tours.

St. James Episcopal Church Marker

(Located at Bolton and Murray)
Church organized in 1844; structure on this site first built in 1925.

T.O. Moore Marker

(Hard Times Plantation – Old Highway 71 South)

Pineville

Fort Buhlow / Fort Randolph Marker

(Located off Highway 71 just north of O.K. Allen Bridge)
Site of forts built following the second invasion of Union troops in 1864. Some earthworks are still intact.

Bailey's Dam Marker

(Located on Highway 71 North)
Site of dam that allowed the escape of 35 Union ships trapped upriver in 1864.

Old LSU Site Marker

(Located on Highway 71, across from V.A. Hospital)

Kees Park

(Located off Highway 28 East)
Salute to Motherhood Statue. History of park and the Kees Family of Pineville sited.

Town of Boyce

Henderson Hill Marker

Site of the largest skirmish in Rapides Parish during the Civil War was a pivotal moment in the Red River Campaign.



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HISTORICAL MARKERS

District Walking Tour

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707 Second Street
Alexandria, Louisiana 71301

Pineville Tour

24 Mt. Olivet Episcopal Church Marker

Established in 1857 by Bishop Leonidas Polk, this Church, which housed Union troops, was saved from the burning that destroyed other downtown buildings during the Civil War. Many notable people from Louisiana's history are buried here.

25 Jewish Cemetery Marker

Marks the earliest known Jewish settler in the area as 1880. Brief history of Jewish settlers; earliest gravesite is 1852.

26 Methodist Cemetery

1873 Church and Cemetery located on land donated by Thomas E. Maddox. Original site of First Methodist Church.

27 Old Rapides Cemetery Marker

In 1711, Franciscans established a Catholic mission at the "Grand Rapides" on this site. French and Spanish settlements followed, in 1723 and 1763. Veterans of all U.S. Wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War, are buried here.

28 Pineville Marker

Pineville's history is traced in front of the former City Hall building, which has been restored as a teaching museum.

29 Alexandria National Cemetery Marker

Established to bury the thousands of Union and Confederate soldiers killed in the area in 1863 and 1864, the cemetery now holds the bodies of more than 5,000 veterans from every war of which the Americans have fought in past years.

30 First United Methodist Church Marker

Recounts history of area Methodists as far back as circuit riders in 1802 and the first church in 1875.

31 Louisiana College Marker

Traces Baptist College's history from its founding in 1906.

Alexandria Tour

- 1 **Alexandria Marker**
History of Alexandria up to and through 1864, when the entire town was burned to the ground by Union troops.
- 2 **Alexandria Marker No. 2**
History of Alexandria from Civil War to 1992.
- 3 **Fulton Park**
Cornerstone of Alexandria's Old City Hall, built in 1909.
- 4 **Thomas C. Manning Marker**
Honors outstanding jurist and diplomat, who served twice as Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, once as Chief Justice and as U.S. Minister to Mexico.
- 5 **Rapides Parish Governors Marker**
Lists the four Governors of Louisiana who were from Rapides Parish.
- 6 **Rapides Parish Marker (Alexandria Museum of Art)**
Site of the first trading post, established before 1800. This land belonged to Alexander Fulton, who laid out the city of Alexandria in 1805. Home of Rapides Bank from 1898 to 1954.
- 7 **Red River Marker**
Brief history of the navigation of the Red River.
- 8 **Old Railroad Station**
Alexandria Transportation Center's façade utilizes materials from the old railroad station, built in the early 1900's. Narrative plaque on wall at the levee stairway.
- 9 **Commercial Building**
Circa 1915, Alexandria's first "skyscraper" shows the Chicago influence of Architect Louis Sullivan.
- 10 **Alexandria Daily Town Talk/ Courthouse Site Marker**
Location of the Rapides Parish Courthouse. Until recently, the Town Talk operated as a family-owned newspaper here since St. Patrick's Day, 1883.
- 11 **James Wade Bolton House Marker**
Built in 1899, and one of the premier examples of Queen Anne Architecture in the area, the house is now filled with studios housing working artists.
- 12 **Arna Bontemps' Boyhood Home Marker**
Now the African-American Museum and Cultural Arts Center, this building was the home of the noted author/poet, scholar and pioneer in children's literature.
- 13 **Bland House Marker**
Colonial Revival Structure (c. 1910) now housing a private business.
- 14 **Alexandria Genealogical Library**
Building constructed in 1907 with funds from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation as a library to replace the one that burned down during the Civil War.

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- 15 **Masonic Temple Building**
Constructed in 1927, the style of 15th century Florentine townhouses, the building was used as a USO headquarters during World War II.
- 16 **Emmanuel Baptist Church**
Church organized in 1881 in Pineville. Neo-Gothic structure built in 1950. A highlight of the grounds is "Angel", a sculpture by Lin Emery from New Orleans, nationally known for her creations.
- 17 **St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Marker**
Constructed in 1895 in the Neo-Gothic style. During reconstruction, this site was the headquarters of general George Armstrong Custer, whose 4,000 troops almost mutinied while stationed here. Guided tours by appointment only.
- 18 **Hemenway Building**
Late version of Chicago-style skyscraper. (c. 1918)
- 19 **Hotel Bentley / Maneuvers Marker**
Built in 1908 by lumberman Joseph Bentley. Renovated and reopened in 1985. One of the few remaining grand hotels of the era still standing. The ornate lobby is a "must see". A Louisiana Military Maneuvers marker is also located on the property.
- 20 **Alexandria's Oldest Hospital**
The Alexandria Sanitarium, founded by six area physicians, was opened in 1903 "to provide for the skillful treatment on medical and surgical cases of any nature."
- 21 **Alexandria Holocaust Memorial Park**
Installed in 2013 in memory of the millions who perished during the Holocaust, in addition to all victims of genocide and inhumanity.
- 22 **Governor Pinchback Marker**
First African-American Governor of Louisiana.
- 23 **Lee Street Riot Marker**
Site of 1942 racial confrontations.

