ROGGS

Hi, my name is J.E.Boggs! In 1892, I was elected President for the newly proposed Pickens Railroad. We all knew the importance of having a railroad connect Pickens and Easley and in 1898 it was completed. I am glad you are visiting the site of the Pickens Doodle railroad today! I was also a teacher in the educational system for Pickens. After the town outgrew the small schoolhouse behind C.L.Hollingsworth's home (near the Presbyterian Church on West Main), a school opened in the McFall Building where South Carolina National Bank later stood (corner of Main and Hwy 178). Then the two-story Piedmont Institute opened in the block west of Garvin Street, on a four-acre lot given by Mrs. Naomi Clayton. I would like to suggest that you visit West Main Street where many Pickens businesses exist today. As you walk down the street, try to imagine where these schools used to be.

MAULDIN

Hi, my name is Joab Mauldin! I was the first Sheriff of Pickens, from 1868 to 1872. My son later became a judge here in town, living at the historic Hagood-Mauldin house; my daughter-in-law, Miss Queen, was active at that home honoring military veterans. The house is still there at North Lewis Street. As the first sheriff, I worked in an old wooden stockade (originally on the corner of Cedar Rock St and Pendleton St.) that was moved here from Old Pickens. I would have enjoyed working in the new Gaol (jail) built in 1902, but Sheriff McDaniel was in office then. I would like to suggest that you go to visit that Gaol which is now the Pickens County Museum of Art and History, located at 307 Johnson Street. Go behind the museum as well and view the antique jail wagon that carried inmates to daily work locations.

ANDREW

Hi, my name is Andrew Pickens! This town was named for me! I never lived here because I was born in 1739 and died in 1817, well before the town was established here in 1868. I did live nearby, though, and I am buried near Clemson. I was a famous Revolutionary War General serving 1775-1783. After the war I earned the name Skyagunsta (Wizard Owl) from the Native Americans

because of the good relations I had with them in this area. I held a lot of important state offices, and one of my sons even became a politician serving as Governor of SC! I would like to suggest that you visit the Pickens County Courthouse. Behind the courthouse is a statue of me and you can read more about my life! There is also a Veterans Memorial Garden honoring Pickens war veterans from the Revolutionary War to present day.

HAGOOD

Hi, my name is James E. Hagood! I was active in "Old Pickens" in 1856 as Clerk of Court. I also built a gristmill to the north of present day Pickens. In 1868, I moved my house here to New Pickens, and I became an important lawyer in town. My wife, Esse, and I gave land for the first church in the area, Pickens Courthouse Methodist Episcopal Church South, renamed Grace Methodist Church in 1911. I can't believe this church has been established here since 1868! I later gave land so the cemetery at this church could be moved, expanded, and non-denominational. Very old graves and newer ones can be found at Sunrise Cemetery, located on east Cedar Rock Street. Benjamin Haqood was my son and just one of my many relatives who stayed active in this area. I would like to suggest that you visit my home on North Lewis Street, the Hagood-Mauldin house, which today is a museum. I also want you to visit my mill about 3 miles north of town off Highway 178, found at the Hagood Mill Historic Site.

ELIHU

Hi, my name is Elihu Griffin! I helped provide a relocation spot for the town of Old Pickens Courthouse. I sold 94 acres for only \$270 to help the new town of Pickens get established right here. The site of the courthouse is on land I provided. I was a pioneer citizen and builder who wanted to help this new rural county seat be successful. After I died in 1874, my son, John, lived in my nearby house with my wife, Ann. John Calhoun Griffin was a local merchant so I would like to suggest that you head into town and visit the businesses on East Main Street today. Then turn right on Ann Street and visit the yellow Elihu Griffin house, which is on the National Historic Registry.

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