



WALKING TOUR

Get Creative!



Leonora (Nora) Witzel (1875 – 1968) enjoyed taking photographs of people and places in Clarksville. Her photography studio was located upstairs at 132 Franklin Street. There is a statue of her on Third Street, near the Courthouse.

Use this walking tour guide to take your own pictures of Clarksville, just like Nora! Make a list of some of the fun and unusual things you see. Be sure to find the building with human faces on it!

Share your photos!
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Photos by Nora Witzel
 Top: Steamboats on the Cumberland River
 Bottom: Dunbar Cave swimming pool
 Archives Collection, Customs House Museum & Cultural Center



Get Active!

Physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health.

Walking is great for your body and mind! This kind of exercise is a fun way to help your heart and lungs, strengthen your muscles and bones, and boost your mood.

This walking tour takes you on a trip to see interesting and historic buildings around our town. The trip is 1.5 miles – that's over 3,000 steps! The average person should try to take 10,000 - 15,000 steps a day to stay healthy and active.



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Customs House
MUSEUM & CULTURAL
C E N T E R

HOURS OF OPERATION
 Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
 Sundays 1 – 5 pm
 Closed Mondays



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1 Customs House Museum & Cultural Center

200 S. Second Street
Our Museum building was the first federally-funded post office and customs house in Clarksville. The oldest part was constructed in 1898.
What kind of bird is on each corner of the roof?



◀ 175 STEPS ▶

2 Dr. Charles Cooper House

202 Madison Street
This house began as a log structure in the 1820s. The brick part of the house was added in the 1850s. The second story frame was added in the 1920s.



◀ 115 STEPS ▶

3 United States Post Office

306 Madison Street
Clarksville's third U.S. Post Office was built in 1961.
How is this roof different from the one on the 1898 Museum building?



◀ 240 STEPS ▶

4 First Baptist Church Faith Building

435 Madison Street
This part of the church was built in 1917.
How many columns do you see on the porch?



◀ 200 STEPS ▶

5 Workforce Center

523 Madison Street
Built in 2014, the Workforce Center provides training and job opportunities for members of our community.
How is this building different from the others around it?



◀ 710 STEPS ▶

6 St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church

518 Franklin Street
This Victorian Gothic church was built in 1873. Pointed arched windows are typical features of this style.



◀ 475 STEPS ▶

8 Knights of Pythias Building

215 Franklin Street
This 1890 building was used by the Clarksville Chapter of the Fraternal Order of the Knights of Pythias. The faces on the building are called **mascarons**.
Why might someone put human faces on a building?



◀ 115 STEPS ▶

7 Trinity Episcopal Church

317 Franklin Street
This Romanesque-style church building was constructed in 1875.
What color are its doors?



◀ 80 STEPS ▶

9 Downtown Commons

215 Legion Street
Finished in 2018, this outdoor space was created for the people of Clarksville to play, enjoy concerts, and even ice skate!
Look for the huge ball that sits on the ground. What is it made of?



◀ 110 STEPS ▶

10 Federal Building

116 N. Second Street
Clarksville's second U.S. Post Office was built in 1935 and has served a variety of purposes since then.

◀ 475 STEPS ▶

11 City Hall

1 Public Square
Our current City Hall was built in 1983 and bought by the city in 2000. The first City Hall, built in the 1870s, is directly across the street.
Both buildings have arched windows. Look for other buildings that have similar windows.



◀ 110 STEPS ▶

12 Poston Building

126-130 Public Square
This building has been home to several businesses since 1843, including a grocery store and furniture store. You can see their advertisements painted on the side of the building.
How much did a package of Uneeda Biscuits cost?



◀ 240 STEPS ▶

13 Roxy Regional Theatre

100 Franklin Street
The Lillian, Clarksville's first movie theatre, was built on this corner in 1913. It was renamed the Roxy in the 1940s. After a fire, the theatre was rebuilt in the current Art Deco style in 1947.
Live theatre productions have taken place at the Roxy since 1983. Look at the marquee - what show is playing?



◀ 85 STEPS ▶

14 Site of McGregor's Grocery

121 Franklin Street
This is the former site of McGregor's Grocery & Meats. Like many buildings on Franklin Street, it was built in the late 1800s.
What business is it now?



◀ 160 STEPS ▶

15 Montgomery County Courthouse

2 Millennium Plaza
The historic Courthouse was built after the Downtown fire in 1878.
The statue of a man on a bench is reading a newspaper. What happened in Clarksville in 1999?

