Savannah's Historic Squares



Chatham Square - On Bernard Street between Taylor and Gordon streets. Laid out in 1847 and named in 1851 after William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham.

Chippewa Square - On Bull Street between Perry and Hall streets. Named to commemorate the 1814 Battle of Chippewa in Canada. The bronze figure by Daniel Chester French immortalizes General James Edward Oglethorpe, who faces south, protecting Savannah from invasion by the Spanish in Florida.

Columbia Square - On Habersham Street between York and State streets. Savannah's eastern limit when it was a walled city during 1757-90. Bethesda Gate, one of the six city gates, was located on this square. A fountain from Wormsloe sits in the center.

Crawford Square - On Houston Street between Hull and Perry streets. Laid out in 1841 and named for William Harris Crawford, a former Governor and U.S. Senator.

Elbert Square - On Montgomery Street between Hull and Perry streets. Created and named in 1801 for Samuel Elbert, a member of the Provincial Congress of 1775 and a former Governor.

Ellis Square - On Bernard Street between Bryan and Congress streets. Created in 1733 and named for Henry Ellis, the second royal governor of Georgia. The square was the site of the Old City Market and was replaced by a parking garage in 1954.

Franklin Square - On Montgomery Street between Bryan and Congress streets. Created in 1790 and named for Benjamin Franklin, American statesman and agent for the colony of Georgia during 1768-75. The old city water tank stood in its center and the square was called Water Tank Square and Reservoir Square.

Greene Square - On Houston Street between York and State streets. Named for General Nathaniel Greene, who lived at nearby Mulberry Grove Plantation, which was given to him for his exemplary service in the Revolutionary War.

Johnson Square - On Bull Street Between Bryan and Congress streets. This square was the center of activity in the earliest days of the colony. Named for Robert Johnson, the Governor of South Carolina, who helped the Georgia colony. In the center is the grave and monument of General Nathaniel Greene.

Lafayette Square - On Abercorn Street between Harris and Charlton streets. Created in 1837, and named for the Marquis de Lafayette, who visited Savannah in 1825.

Liberty Square - Once resided on Montgomery Street between State and York streets. Established in May 1799 and named in honor of the Sons of Liberty who fought the British during the Revolutionary War.

Madison Square - On Bull Street between Harris and Charlton streets. Named in honor of James Madison, fourth President of the United States. The Square's statue honors Sgt. William Jasper, who fell in the Siege of Savannah in 1779. A granite marker denotes the southernmost line of British defense during the American Revolution.

Monterey Square - On Bull Street between Taylor and Gordon streets. The last of the beautiful Bull Street squares, it was names to commemorate the Battle of Monterey during the Mexican American War. The square's monument honors Casimir Pulaski, a Polish nobleman who was mortally wounded during the Siege of Savannah while fighting for Americans.

Oglethorpe Square - On Abercorn Street between State and York streets. Laid out in 1742 and named for the founder of Georgia and Savannah, General James Edward Oglethorpe.

Orleans Square - On Bernard Street between Hull and Perry streets. Created in 1815 to honor the heroes of the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812. The fountain in the square was dedicated in 1889 by Savannah's German societies to recognize the contributions of early German immigrants.

Pulaski Square - On Barnard Street between Harris and Charlton streets. Laid out in 1837. Named for Count Casimir Pulaski. At one time azalea bushes were planted in the center of the square in the shape of a St. Andrew's cross, the centerpiece of the Confederate Battle Flag.

Reynolds Square - On Abercorn Street between Bryan and Congress streets. Named for Captain John Reynolds, Governor of Georgia in 1754. Marshall Daughtery's statue of John Wesley, father of Methodism, was erected in 1969.

Taylor Square - On Abercorn Street between Taylor and Gordon streets. Formerly Calhoun Square. This square is in honor of Susie King Taylor; an educator, nurse and author.

Telfair Square - On Bernard Street between State and York streets. Originally St. James Square, it was renamed after the Telfair family in 1883. The Telfair Museum of Art resides on the square.

Troup Square - On Habersham Street between Harris and Charlton Streets. A featured part of the square is the Armillary Sphere in its center. Laid out in 1851 and named for former Governor George Michael Troup.

Warren Square - On Habersham Street between Bryan and Congress Streets. Created in 1791 and named for General Joseph Warren, president of the Third Provincial Congress.

Washington Square - On Houston Street between Bryan and Congress streets. Established in 1790 and named for General George Washington. the square was formerly called Easter Common.

Whitefield Square - On Habersham Street between Gordon and Taylor streets. Named for George Whitefield, a nationally famous preacher and Savannah mister and founder of Bethesda Orphanage. The square was established in 1851 and houses a Gazebo in the center.

Wright Square - On Bull Street between York and State streets. Names for Sir James Wright, Georgia's third and last colonial governor. The monument in the square honors William Washington Gordon, an early mayor of Savannah who established the Central of Georgia Railroad. The large boulder marks the grave of Tomochichi, the Yamacraw Indian Chief who welcomed General Oglethorpe and the first colonists.