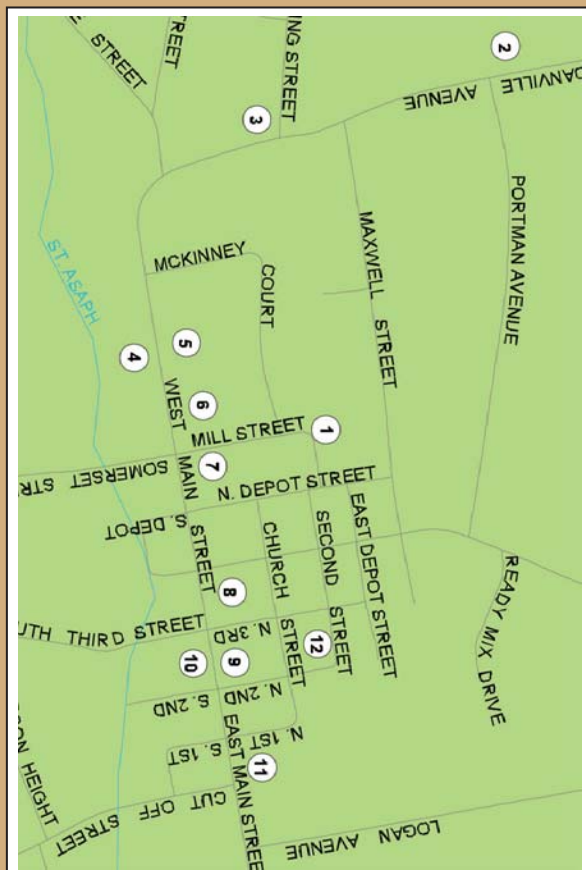


Walk On the HISTORIC Side



Lincoln County
Courthouse

The city of Stanford has made great strides in preserving its heritage. Many restoration projects have been completed in the past few years and several more are scheduled in the near future. The central historic area was named to the National Register of Historical Sites in 1993 and Stanford was designated a *Preserve America* community by First Lady Laura Bush in 2004.

Stanford is the second oldest town in Kentucky and the county seat of Lincoln County, one of the three original counties in Kentucky. After coming to Kentucky with Daniel Boone, Benjamin Logan built a fort here in 1775. Over the years, Logan's Fort became the town of Stanford.

In 1795, Logan's Trace, the route followed by Colonel Logan, became part of the famous Wilderness Road by an act of the Kentucky Legislature. Stanford's Main Street was once part of the Wilderness Road and is the oldest Main Street in Kentucky.

While you enjoy your tour, stay awhile and have a bite to eat or a cup of coffee and get to know our friendly people. We know you will find it time well spent.



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Historic Walking Tour Stanford, Kentucky



1. L & N Depot - 1866 N. Depot Street. The original structure, used for freight and passengers, was built in 1866. In 1912 the existing building was constructed. Gov. Franklin Roosevelt visited the depot on October 22, 1932, while campaigning for the presidency. The facility has a museum, community center, park, and a walking trail. The old Baughman Mill is located next to the depot.



2. Alcorn Homestead - 409 Danville Avenue. In 1885 James Walter Alcorn moved into a new home on Danville Avenue, the same location on which he had been commissioned as an officer in the Confederate army. The Alcorn family lived in the house until 1975. The home is privately owned.



3. Logans Fort Historical Marker - Corner of Danville Avenue and Martin Luther King Street. The site of the original fort is located about one half mile west of here.



4. Meeting Place - 315 W. Main Street. Built in 1788, this historic building was one of the first houses in Stanford. It originally served as the first church building in Kentucky, a home in the 1930's, and then a library.

5. Stanford Female Seminary (Fox Funeral Home) - 312 W. Main Street. This building was incorporated by an act of the Kentucky Legislature in 1869. It was very successful until its closure in 1907. From 1907-1931 it served as Stanford Grade School. In 1939 after extensive remodeling it was opened as a funeral home and continues to operate in that capacity.

6. United Methodist Church - 310 W. Main Street. Stanford's first Methodist congregation was established in 1856. The present building, at a cost of \$20,000, was opened and dedicated on January 5, 1919. The educational wing was added in 1963.

7. Main Street Business District - Main Street between Mill Street and Second Street. The central business district includes many restored commercial buildings. Highlights include the circa 1905 Willis-Overland Garage, an antique soda fountain, and the Interior Journal, one of the oldest continuously operated newspapers in Kentucky.



8. Lincoln County Courthouse - 102 E. Main Street. This 1909 structure was the fourth courthouse built in Lincoln County. The architecture is a classical Beaux-Arts influenced design. An Ionic order portico fronting the courthouse features round columns of brick. It is a genealogy goldmine, with records dating back to 1780. The courthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

9. Stanford Christian Church - 200 E. Main Street. The Christian Church in Stanford had its beginning in 1834 when four persons started the Reform church and met in homes. After meeting in a school house and a church building on Depot Street, the present building was built in 1881. An addition was built in 1925.



10. Stanford Presbyterian Church - 213 E. Main Street. The present building was built in 1836. In 1928 the colonial front was added. The first church building was a one meeting house, built in 1792. In 1802 a church building was built at what is now Buffalo Springs Cemetery. The bell, taken from the first church building, is still being used today.



11. Welch's Well Site - 302 E. Main Street. This is the site of Welch's Well, named for the family that occupied the property in the late 1800's. The well was a source of water for members of the community not having access to good drinking water.



12. Stanford Baptist Church - 204 Church Street. The Stanford Baptist Church had its beginnings in 1852. The present sanctuary, built in 1971, replaced the one built in 1884. The bell on display here was taken from the church's first building.

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