

Movie Tour

Canton, Mississippi



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Walking Tour of Canton

➤ Begin your Film Walking Tour at the Trolio Hotel. This building was the main production office for “A TIME TO KILL”, based on the John Grisham novel. Everything was located in this building; including the director’s office, the producer’s office, casting, accounting, wardrobe, transportation, and even the actor’s mailboxes. The hotel has also served as the productions office of “THE PONDER HEART” and a 1930’s restaurant in “O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU”. The upstairs was transformed into a 1940’s hospital for “THE RISING PLACE” and a 1940’s hotel for a PBS blues documentary.

Walk outside and turn right

➤ Chandler-O’ Cain Barber Shop is virtually unchanged since the 1940’s. It was seen in “A TIME TO KILL” and “MY DOG SKIP”.

CONTINUE SOUTH

➤ The Rose Garden Studio, still a part of the hotel, has been a set of Goodloe’s Store in “MY DOG SKIP”, and a general store in “O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU.”

PROCEED TO THE CORNER OF PEACE AND UNION STREET

➤ In “A TIME TO KILL”, the KKK marched up Union St. and turned right to the courthouse. The National Guard marched up Peace St.



Cross the street and turn left to the South side of the Square. Walk to Montgomery McGraw Law Firm.

➤ The roof of the one story side of this building is where the young black man threw the firebomb and the sniper shot the national guardsman in “A TIME TO KILL”. “O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU” installed the awnings.

Turn and look at the Courthouse

➤ The exterior of our grand courthouse was used extensively in “A TIME TO KILL”. The lawn was the site of the political rally in “O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU”. In preparation of this scene, two sides of the building were painted antique white. Townspeople thought it looked so elegant that the entire Courthouse was painted antique white. The grounds were also used in “MY DOG SKIP”.

➤ **Continue to the corner and cross at Peace and Liberty street to the Renasant Bank. Turn right and proceed South on Liberty Street, turn left on Fulton Street and walk to the Old Noble Boarding House.**



Walking Tour of Canton
(continued)

- This charming two story yellow house was a boarding house for young teachers and served as Rivers Applewhite's home in "MY DOG SKIP".

Keep walking east on Fulton Street

- The Old Madison County Jail will be on the right, built in 1870; it was used for over 99 years. It was transformed into a school in "MY DOG SKIP".

Continue east to the corner of Fulton & Lyon Street, turn left on Lyons Street. Continue on Lyons and cross over Peace Street to the Dinkins Home.

- This beautiful old home, with two gorgeous Live Oaks in the front, was Willie's grandmother's home in "MY DOG SKIP". It was also used in "THE RISING PLACE" and has been featured in several commercials.

Continue down Lyon Street to Center Street

- Straight ahead on Center Street is the beautiful antebellum Mosby Home. This was Judge Noose's home in "A TIME TO KILL". The house and grounds were also seen in "MY DOG SKIP".

- Directly to the right, on the east corner of Center and Lyon Street is Skip's Home. This early 1900's house was the Morris home in "MY DOG SKIP". The house and yard were re-modeled to reflect the early 1940's, complete with a victory garden in the

back. Dink's house is next door and on the west corner of Center and Lyon Street is the Victorian home seen in the background in MY DOG SKIP. This neighborhood was chosen for "MY DOG SKIP" because all of the homes were built in the late 1800's or early 1900's.

Walk west on Center St. toward the Square. Go ½ block to Sacred Heart Catholic Church and turn left. Walk through the parking lot and by the Parish Center to Peace Street. Turn right toward the Square and walk ½ block.

- Grace Episcopal Church is where Jake, Carla and her parents were attending services in "A TIME TO KILL". The exterior was filmed when the media confronted Jake as they were exiting the church.

Continue west to the Square. Turn right on Liberty by J&J Outfitters.

- The Elk's Lodge is upstairs over Sult's Gifts and was the prosecutor's office in "A TIME TO KILL".

Walk to the corner and cross Center St. to BankPlus. Cross Liberty St. to the Restaurant.

- The advertisements on the side of the building are for Coca-Cola and Seale-Lily ice cream, painted by the scenic artist of "MY DOG SKIP". The restaurant also was transformed into the exterior of the Dixie Theatre. The small building directly behind the building facing Liberty was the Army Recruitment Office.



Continue west to the corner and cross Union St. Turn around and look at the side of the building where you just crossed.

- This mural, painted by Warner Bros. artists for the film "A TIME TO KILL", was featured at the beginning of the movie.

You are standing on Wohner's Corner, now known as the Wilbanks building at Union & Center St.

- This building was built around 1900 for a saloon downstairs and attorney's office upstairs. In 1995, Warner Bros. had three crews working 24hrs a day for one week to create the Wilbanks Building for "A TIME TO KILL". Downstairs is the coffee shop where Jake (Matthew McConaughey) and Roark (Sandra Bullock) met and upstairs is Jake's office.



Walk down West Center St.

- The Willie Morris/My Dog Skip Museum opened to the public at the premiere party of My Dog Skip. The museum includes sets and props from the movie and a tribute to author Willie Morris.

Turn and go back to the corner and cross West Center St.

The building to the right was the Canton Post Office from 1910 to 1988. In 1972, it was featured in the first full-length film that was filmed in Canton, "Thieves Like Us".

- The Canton Historic Square is on the National Register of Historic Places.

