

Self-Guided Easton Tours *Bike or Walk*

FUN FACTS AND GHOST STORIES



Spring Hill Cemetery

Tour Time: 30 minutes • Cycling Time: 15 minutes
Safety Rating (4 of 5)

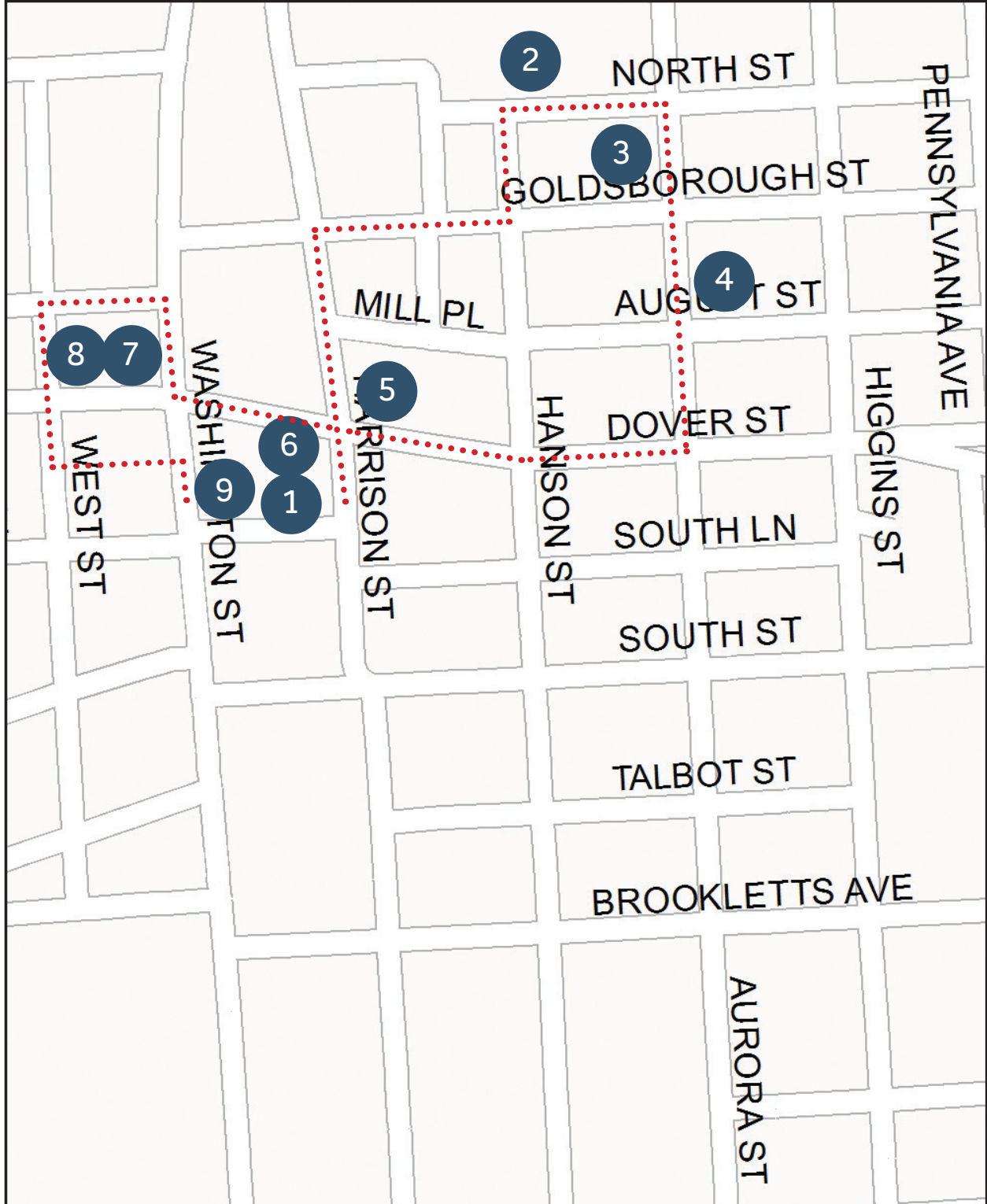
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- 1 All tours begin at the Talbot County Visitor and Resource Center:** 11 S. Harrison St. Come in and learn about other sites, events, and activities in Talbot County.

Turn left on S. Harrison St., then right on Goldsborough St. Turn left onto Hanson St.

- 2 Spring Hill Cemetery:** North and Hanson Sts. (1802)

This burial ground was used by several denominations of “Christians, strangers and people of color.” Three former Maryland governors are buried here: Samuel Stevens, Jr. (1822–1826), Daniel Martin (1828–1831), and Philip Francis Thomas (1848–1851). Beneath an old tree at the end of the property, there is a marker for the Little Drummer, among the youngest to serve in the Revolutionary War. John Franklin “Home Run” Baker is also buried here.

Have a contest...who can be the first to find all of the Spring Hill cemetery notables?

Take a left on North St., then turn right onto N. Aurora St.

- 3 Foxley Hall:** 24 N. Aurora St. (1794) Legend has it that Charles Dickinson, killed in a duel with Andrew Jackson, was born here. It was also the former home of Oswald Tilghman (great-grandson of Lt. Col. Tench Tilghman—financier of Revolutionary War). Oswald Tilghman was a civil war veteran, Maryland State Senator, and local historian. Oswald is said to haunt the rooms with his cigar smoke.

There are stories of mysterious candles lit and moving about in the house, secret slave chambers, and insane relatives who had been locked in the attic haunting the space with their screams.

- 4 John S. McDaniel House:** 14 N. Aurora St. (1865) The area of town was once known as Silk Stocking Row. This Queen Anne style house was built by Thomas Robson, owner of the Union Hotel and editor of the Eastern Star (ancestor of the Star-Democrat). Because of his Confederate sympathies, Robson lost the house and it passed into the hands of a variety of prominent Eastern Shore families. It was purchased by John and Florence McDaniel in 1923. It is now a Bed and Breakfast.

Turn right onto Dover St.

- 5 The Tidewater Inn:** 101 Dover St. (1949-1951) The Tidewater Inn is a historic hotel and an Eastern Shore landmark. It is a Colonial Revival brick, hip-roofed, four-story hotel with flanking three-story wings and an addition on the north wing. It has hosted many of the great names in America—Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor, Bing Crosby, the Kennedy’s and Robert Mitchum to name a few.

The Tidewater Inn is believed to be haunted by the spirit of Mr. Arthur Grymes, the man who built the hotel in 1947 after a previous hotel on the same spot burned down. Workers at the Tidewater say Mr. Grymes is still there, keeping an eye on the place and its workers.



6 Avalon Theater: 40 E. Dover St. (1921)

The Avalon Theater is an art deco-style theater that was one of the most famous movie houses in the area, hosting three world premieres, including *The First Kiss* with Fay Wray and Gary Cooper. Two ghosts haunt this building—the ghost of



an actress called Marguerite (she is the third woman from the left in a portrait of five Vaudeville actresses) and another who likes to play with knives, particularly on the third floor bar. The Avalon staff claims that the elevator rides on its own... whenever it likes.

At the corner of Dover and Washington Sts., turn right onto Washington St., the Courthouse is on the left.

Take a detour—smell the flowers at the garden on the corner of Washington & Dover Sts.

7 Talbot County Courthouse:

11 N. Washington St. (1794) A ghost known as “The Colonel” walks the halls unlocking doors and spying on anyone unlucky enough to be walking. The Courthouse has a colorful history. In November 1861, Federal officials arrested three men charged with interfering with the election process by heckling Unionists at a rally. Opposed to the arbitrary arrests and abuse of civil liberties, Judge Carmichael, suspected of being a Southern sympathizer, instructed grand juries to indict those people who made or abetted such arrests. As a result, Secretary of State William Seward ordered Judge Carmichael’s arrest and more than 125 deputies and soldiers surrounded the Courthouse. An unconscious Carmichael was dragged out of the courtroom and taken to Fort McHenry. Six months later he was released without ever being charged or tried for any crime.

Turn left onto Federal St.

8 Sheriff’s House and Jail: (c. 1881) Federal St. The first and second floors of this three story building served as the residence of the County Sheriff and his family. Two rooms on the top floor were for prisoners—one for men (see window from Federal Street) and one for women. The jail is said to be haunted by previous prisoners. There’s been one apparition of a lady in blue who stood by the elevator and then vanished.

Turn left onto West St., after Dover St. turn left into the parking lot.

Turn right onto S. Washington St.

9 Talbot Historical Society Museum:

27 S. Washington St. The Talbot Historical Society has opened a new Museum in the Mary Jenkins House (circa 1790) which is one of the oldest frame buildings in Easton. The Museum is designed to capture the spirit of Talbot County and showcase notable Talbot County residents including Edward and Henrietta Marie Neall Bennett Lloyd, Samuel Hambleton, Frederick Douglass, Frank ‘Home Run’ Baker, and Ruth Starr Rose. Learn more about the men and women whose graves you visited at Spring Hill Cemetery. (Open Thursday–Saturday 10–4). The award winning gardens across the street are open daily.

Turn right on S. Washington St., then left on Glenwood Ave., then left onto S. Harrison St. to return to the Visitor Center.