

DISCOVER THE LEBANON VALLEY & THE ARCHITECTURE OF DOWNTOWN LEBANON



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Welcome to Downtown Lebanon and home of the Visit Lebanon Valley Visitor's Center. We invite you on a 1.4-mile loop featuring some of the architectural treasures throughout the historic downtown. Stroll at your own pace and enjoy the shops along the way or discover something new just off the path.

PENNSYLVANIA'S
Lebanon Valley

1. Samler Building | 802 Cumberland St. Lebanon, PA

This Victorian Queen Anne was not the original building on this site. Previous to its construction by Nutting in 1890, J.H. Yingst Hardware stood here, circa 1875. Andrew's Cut Rate Drug Store occupied the building in the 1930s. The upper floors were originally built as offices but were converted to apartments in the last half of the 1900s.

2. Mann Building | 815 Cumberland St. Lebanon, PA

In 1890, the Schaffner Inn stood at this site. George Washington and Alexander Hamilton stopped here in 1794 on their way to quell the "Whiskey Rebellion." It was demolished in 1900, and a new Italian Renaissance style building was erected in 1903, housing the Isaac Mann clothing store and the prominent Easter's School of Telegraphy. In 1920, the Farmers Trust Company of Lebanon moved into the building.

3. Salem Lutheran Church | 119 N. 8th St. Lebanon, PA

This Victorian Gothic style building was designed by local architect, H. Richter. The limestone church was built in 1796 by master builder Christopher Uhlerwith. A second story was added in 1848. If you look at the north elevation you can see the stone outline of the original windows and door. From 1773 to 1774, Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg was pastor of the church and later went on to become the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, under President George Washington, overseeing the adoption of the Bill of Rights. The red sandstone building to the north was built in 1898 to accommodate the growing congregation. Both the original church and the Chapel are on the Historic Register.

4. Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad Station | 161 N. 8th St. Lebanon, PA

This beautiful structure was designed by George Watson Hewitt, known as the Dean of Philadelphia Architects. The railroad station was built by Robert H. Coleman in 1883, and purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1917. It was built during a time when railroad stations were considered to be the entrance to cities and towns.

5. Reading Railroad Station | 250 N. 8th St.

Designed by the Wilson Brothers & Company in the Shingle Style, this station was built in 1900 and operated for the Reading Railroad until 1963, when passenger service was discontinued. The station was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

6. Mansion on 5th | 5th & Cumberland Sts. SE Corner

This Victorian-Second Empire home, built in 1860, has a mansard roof, bay windows, and gingerbread trim. It was built by Josiah M. Funck, a prominent lawyer in the mid-1800s. Purchased from his heirs in 1923, it is still in use today and available to the community for Special event rentals.

7. St. Luke's Episcopal Church | 6th & Chestnut Sts. NE Corner

Built through the largess of the Coleman family which made its fortune in Cornwall and other mining enterprises, this is an outstanding example of the Victorian Gothic Movement. The facade has all the elements of European Gothic facades including the Rose Window, deep splayed entrances, twin towers, the use of two colors- Sandstone and Limestone, both quarried in the Lebanon County and multi colored shingles. The interior carvings and the gargoyles were done by Italian masons who worked in the open lot across the street. The church has a large, square parapeted tower with gargoyles, a steep pitched roof of variegated slate, and numerous gables.

8. Lebanon Farmer's Market & Visit Lebanon Valley Visitor's Center | 35 S. 8th St.

Prior to 1892, this site was home to the Lebanon County Jail and will forever be connected with the story of the Blue Eyed Six. In the 1870s the small town of Lebanon made national news with the infamous murder case of the Blue Eyed Six, still studied in law books today! The trial lasted for nearly six months and ended with the courtyard hanging of five of the Blue Eyed Six on this very property. Fire destroyed the structure just a few years later. The 30,000 square foot Victorian-Second Empire style structure that currently occupies the site was built in 1892. The Market was restored to its original condition in 2006.

Today, the Farmer's Market is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and is home to Visit Lebanon Valley, our local Visitors Center with vast information about area activities.

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