



Opelika 'An Industrial City' Location: S. Railroad Avenue

Opelika as an industry; cotton mill to textile plant, magnetic tape manufacturing.

Opelika as a railroad town; during the Civil War, Opelika's warehouses used as Confederate supply depots. Union raids (Rousseau) tore up the railroads and destroyed Opelika's warehouses in 1864/1865.

Erected by: the AL Tourism Department and the city of Opelika, July 2010



'Kilgore Scholarships' Location: corner of S. 9th St & Avenue

A couple used to own a grocery store and dedicated a large sum of their money to providing scholarships to graduates of Lee County high schools, AU High, Opelika High, Beauregard, Smith's Station. Scholarship functional since 1967.

Erected by: Lee County Commission and Historic Chattahoochee Commission in 1997



Alabama State Motto Location: S. Railroad Avenue

Erected by: Opelika Exchange Club, 1979

The destruction of Opelika's railsystem and warehouses being used as storehouses for confederate forces "defending Atlanta"

'Rousseau's Raid to East Alabama'

Location: corner of Railroad Ave.

ROUSSEAU'S RAID TO EAST ALABAMA

Erected by: Opelika Historic Preservation Society and Historic Chattahoochee Commission (2000)



Marker of First United Methodist Church Location: Avenue A

History of the church

building/organization/origins; established as the first religious organization in the area in 1837 with 22 members.

Erected by: Historic Chattahoochee Commission



Commemorating fallen veterans of WWI and WWII and those that served Erected by Veterans of Foreign Wars



'Bill Roberts Park" Location: S. Railroad Avenue

Dedicated to Chairman of Opelika who contributed to the vegetative beauty of Opelika along the railroad.

'Railroad Avenue Historic District' Opelika, AL

Location: WITHIN Bill Roberts

Talks specifically about railroad avenue; talks about the expanse of the city, the addition of a railline to Columbus. Mentions raid of Rousseau and Wilson.

Erected by: Opelika Downtown Redevelopment Authority



'South Railroad Avenue' Location: S. Railroad Avenue

Earliest buildings in Opelika and the legacy of the man who created them; his grandchildren were practicing lawyers in Opelika and Montgomery.



Robert E. Lee Memorial Location: Avenue C. S 8th Street, & Geneva St

Erected by: Daughters of the Conferderacy (+ Graves) One marked, one unmarked- Pvt. Ralph W. Summers, 1889-1918 'U.S.A' Sidewalk leading up the memorial is 'provided by the Civic Leauge'



Bill Robert's Marker Location: Opelika Depot; South Railroad Ave.

Donated by the Opelika Exchange Club and 'Keep Opelika Beautiful'



Opelika Depot Restoration, 1998

Funded by the Istea Grant and 'citizens of Opelika' AL Department of Transportation Opelika Arts Association Inc Opelika Main Street Inc



Lee County Courthouse Information Location: corner of S. 9th St & Avenue A

Lee county was created from portions of Russell, Macon, Chambers, and Tallapoosa by act of the Alabama legislature approved in 1866. An early courthouse stood across the street from the present structure in 1896.

Erected by: Historic Chattahoochee Commission (1978)



(1926-2007) Dragon/griffin symbol being the Pepperell trademark symbol Founder of P. Manufacturing Co. opening in 1925 with a vision to open the first Pepperell Mill located in the South. Pepperell was one of the largest and strongest corporations in the textile field. The mill was destroyed in 2013 by

Erected by: contributions + support of friends and families of Pepperell Village; dedicated to the memory of the employees of Pepperell Manufacturing Co.