Middleton-Minott Cottage - c. 1886
104 W. 6th Street
This house was constructed near the site of a larger home of Henry A. Middleton, which was destroyed in the earthquake of 1886. The cottage was built for Harriett Minott, granddaughter of Middleton to whom he willed the property along with Newington Plantation.

Kracke House - c. 1886
102 Rutherford Street
The property was purchased by the Kracke family in June 1885 for $400 and sold in 1897 for $2,500, so was likely built around 1886. It is not known if it was built before or after the earthquake.

Carrington House - c. 1871
108 Rutherford Street
This house was built around 1871 by William Carrington, a merchant from Charleston. The land was part of a 34-acre tract purchased by A.W. Taylor in 1865. Rutherford Street was named Taylor Street at that time. This style of house is representative of early Summerville.

Oliver House - c. 1888
14 Rutherford Street
Lovely Victorian home built by Henry Oliver, who succeeded Henry L. Cade as builder of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston. The land, formerly part of the Taylor tract, was bought by Oliver from Carrington in 1887.

Blake Washington House - c. 1862
304 S. Hampton Street
Plantation style home saved from deterioration and neglect by extensive restoration in 1975. The house was built on land whose titles go back to the 18th century land grant Fenwick-Hawkes.

Brafford-Browning House - c. 1830
408 Sumter Avenue
Typical of early Summerville architecture, the home was built high off the ground and open underneath, but the lower floor was closed in after 1915. The house was occupied by Dr. W.M. Brafford in 1838 when it was one of only 29 houses in the village. The exact date of construction and original ownership is uncertain, as the land was formerly a part of Colleton County, only 29 houses in the village. The exact date of construction is difficult to pinpoint, but it is felt that it was built for Mary Webb around 1830.

Geiser Brothers House - c. 1819
415 Sumter Avenue
This house and several others on this end of Sumter Ave. were built to face a street which is no longer in existence. From Sumter Ave., you view the former brick facade.

Buckheit House - c. 1884
317 Sumter Avenue
This land was purchased by Philip Buckheit Sr., a baker from Charleston, in 1882. Records indicate the house was built around 1884 and was occupied by the Steckner, another bakery family, until 1966.

Disher House - c. 1862
303 Sumter Avenue
Deeds for this property go back to 1862, when Robert W. Disher purchased two acres from A.W. Taylor. The street running east of the property (Charleston Street) was formerly named Disher Street.

Brownfield House - c. 1875
230 Sumter Avenue
Originally the residence of the Brownfield family and site of Newington Plantation, a boarding school advertised in 1893 as particularly desirable for Southern young ladies with impaired health who would probably be successful at their studies in this healthy climate. The congregation of what is now St. John a Catholic Church held services in a chapel on the premises.

Kinsloe House - c. 1861
233 Sumter Avenue
Built for Henry W. Kinsloe around 1861, the property was purchased on June 4, 1861 from Rev. Philip Godden, the first Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Summerville, and whose family were large land owners.

Furcell House - c. 1820
224 Sumter Avenue
Deeds date this house between 1821 and 1826. The architecture is typical of very early building lots in sumer’s homes erected by nearby planters.

Charles Boyle House - c. 1866
220 Sumter Avenue
Built by Charles Boyle, an attorney. The land, including the lot to the rear of the house, was purchased from Margaret C. Furcell. At that time, the Colleton and Berkeley County lines ran through the property.

Preference - c. 1865
223 Sumter Avenue
The architecture of this house is West Indies in character. The exact date of construction is difficult to pinpoint, but it is felt that it was built for Mary Webb around 1865.

Samuel Prioleau House - c. 1887
217 Sumter Avenue
This house, as well as the first Summerville inferno, was burned in 1862 for owner Samuel Prioleau. The land was given to his wife, Martha Ann Prioleau, by her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Rhett, who lived next door.

Rhet House - c. 1882
205 Sumter Avenue
Built by Dr. Benjamin Rhet, a surgeon in the Confederacy who later practiced medicine and served on the Board of Health in Summerville. Land titiley go back to Godden’s land, with the largest portion being purchased from the St. Canal and Railroad Company.

Samuel Lord/Elizabeth Arden House - c. 1891
206 Sumter Avenue
A handsome Victorian house built for Samuel Lord by the same contractor who built the Old Pine Forest Inn. Three stories tall with double piazzas, it is more representative of Charleston homes. The house was purchased by Elizabeth Arden, cosmetic firm executive, in 1938 as a winter residence, and remained in her possession until 1954.

The Teacherage - c. 1862
127 West 5th South Street
Records show this 5-acre property was purchased in December 1863 by Mrs. Pauline B. Rhett for $500. The house features unusual interior architecture with an octagonal room and a skylight extending to 16 feet high. The house was purchased in 1874 by the Summerville School District to board teachers. It was then sold to Calvin Paul Hyde Simmer in 1954.

Squirrel Inn - c. 1913
116 West 5th Street
The inn was built by Miss Raven Lewis during Summerville’s days as a winter resort and continued to be a noted inn with fine cuisine until 1966, under the ownership of Jeanne and Eugene Sutter. The building was renovated for condominiums in 1979.
Linda Sue Morgan Sanders was born in Swannanoa, N.C. on April 2, 1939. Sue moved to Summerville in 1976 with her former husband, Dr. John D. Sanders, and their daughter, Kathy.

Sue loved the town of Summerville and was a member of many civic organizations including the Flowertown Garden Club, the Preservation Society, Sculpture in the South, and many more. Sue loved history and helped redesign the brochures promoting the town and the house tours. She spent countless hours researching Summerville’s past and old homes to ensure the info in this very brochure was accurate, detailed, and interesting.

Sue was elected to Town Council in 1988 and served several terms during which she chaired the Planning Committee, Recreation Committee and the Tree Committee. Her passion for protecting the town’s trees was a hallmark of her council service and was embodied in her service in the Flowertown Garden Club.

After over fifteen years serving as a concierge at the Woodlands Resort and Inn, Sue loved sharing her knowledge of Summerville and its history with guests there. That talent she later brought to the Chamber of Commerce where she worked the front desk, greeting visitors to Summerville and answering their questions.

Sue passed away on October 16, 2018. Soon after, the Historic Homes and Flowers Walking Tour that she loved so much was renamed in her memory.

For more information about the trail and things to do in Summerville, visit www.VisitSummerville.com.