CITY HALL
1945

One of the earliest buildings to occupy the corner was built by Mrs. Amy Morewood as a memorial to her late husband. The Morewood's restaurant operated on this site in 1912. John Joseph Block owned the store from 1908 through the 1940s. Over the years, the corner became known as the Block Corner. In 1943, the Suburban Post newspaper office was housed under the building. The building later became the City Hotel. When this building was burned, it was replaced by a restaurant. The block was built in 1878 and the highway ran along the property. In 1895, the current building was made of brick for the current structure. It was constructed in 1947 and opened as a Subway Restaurant. The building was purchased in 2000 and moved City Hall in its current location in 2007.

BLOCH CORNER
Northwest Corner of
Bellevue and Main Streets

Named for Joseph Block in 1899-1900, who emigrated from Russia and opened a successful mercantile store on this corner from the late 1870s until the late part of the century. The building that housed the store was known as the Mirabella Building, one of the most elaborate buildings in the state at the time. In 1899, the town named a street after Block's house.
BUDD’S CORNER
Northwest Corner of Bellevue and Court Streets

Named for J. Adam Budd who owned a building on this corner for many years, where he operated a saloon. Another business also located in the Budd Building in the early 1900s was the Elk Restaurant owned by chef Charles A. “Didee” Lastrapes, who later owned and operated the famous Didee’s Restaurant.

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Named for Solomon Jacob (1836-1917), an immigrant from Germany who opened his mercantile store on this corner during the 1860s. Jacob's store was the place to find just about any kind of staple and dry goods, such as shoes, hats, clothing, crockery, hardware, and groceries. The business operated for many years with Solomon's sons, Jonas, Aaron and Adolph, eventually operating the store. The building was eventually sold and demolished. Jacob's Corner eventually became a car lot for Bordelon Motors, Inc., a Ford dealership in downtown Opelousas for several decades.

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KING’S CORNER
Southwest Corner of Landry and Main Streets

Named for the family of Felix King (1819-1897), who owned a general merchandise store on this corner as early as 1847. King also served as President of the Board of Police for some years. When King went out of business, other merchants occupied the store until the late 1880s. The building was demolished around 1888 and replaced with the First National Bank of Opelousas, which later became St. Landry State Bank.

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MANON’S CORNER
Northeast Corner of Court and Landry Streets

Named for Manon Baldwin, a Free Woman of Color and one of the first known businesswomen in Opelousas. The businesses she owned included a tavern and boarding house that were operated on this corner until her death in 1858.

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PITRE’S CORNER
Southeast Corner of Bellevue and Court Streets

Charles Pitre owned a building on this corner for many years. The Pitre building housed several businesses, including Eddy’s Pool Hall and Saloon and the Eddy Hotel. In 1904, the building was destroyed by fire. In 1911, Union Bank and Trust constructed the current Beaux-Arts style building.

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