

# A Brief History of Nashville, Tennessee



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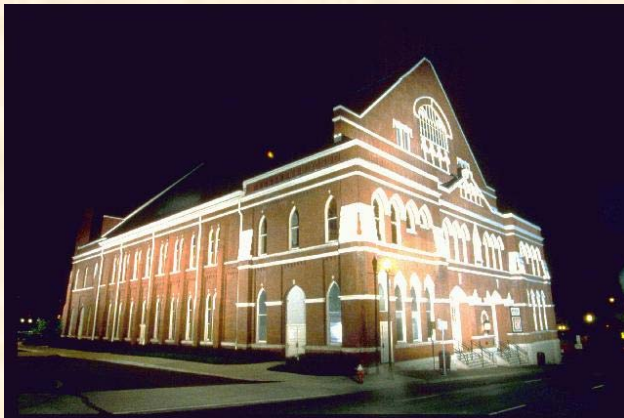
# Nashville's Founding

- **The city was founded on Christmas Eve, 1779 by two teams of pioneers from the Carolinas.**
- **Upon arrival, they began building Fort Nashborough**



# Music, Music, Music...

**Davy Crockett moved to the area in 1811. At the time, he was well known for his fiddling and buck dancing.**



**In 1892, construction of Ryman Auditorium – “The Carnegie Hall of the South” – was completed.**

## More Music Facts

- **What is now Music Row began when Owen Bradley built a studio on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in 1954**
- **Elvis recorded more than 200 songs at RCA's Historic Studio B on Music Row**
- **Other musicians who have recorded in Nashville include: Roy Orbison, Brenda Lee, Jimmy Buffett, Bob Dylan, Megadeth, and Amy Grant**

# Musical Firsts

- **The most enduring radio show in the nation (now known as the Grand Ole Opry) began on November 28, 1925 when WSM radio began the tradition of airing country music every Saturday night**
- **In 1941, Nashville received the first FM license in the United States**
- **In 1947 the first ad jingle was recorded in Nashville**
- **The Country Music Association was founded in Nashville in 1958**

# Musical Money

- **Music is a \$2 billion per year industry in Middle Tennessee**
- **Country music has more radio outlets than any other format**
- **Today, more Nashvillians are employed in the production and marketing of contemporary Christian music than of country music**

## Not Just Music

- **Belle Meade Plantation is where Iroquois (the first American horse to win the English Derby) was bred.**
- **Seabiscuit and War Admiral can also trace their lineages back to Belle Meade.**
- **President Teddy Roosevelt coined the phrase “Good to the last drop!” after drinking locally produced coffee at the Maxwell House Hotel**
- **Presidents Andrew Jackson and James Polk both lived in the Nashville area.**

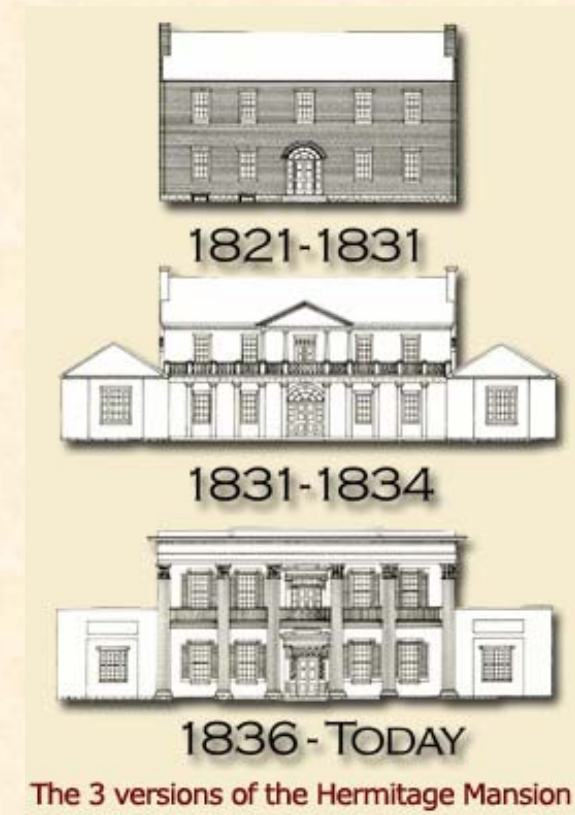
# The Hermitage



- **Andrew Jackson purchased the property in 1804 from Nathaniel Hays.**
- **Beginning with 9 slaves on the property and growing to 160 at the time of Jackson's death, The Hermitage grew cotton as a cash crop as well as food for the plantation's use**
- **Jackson also indulged his passion for raising racehorses at the property.**

# The Hermitage

- In 1821, the Jacksons moved from the Hays' log cabin to an 8-bedroom, Federal-style mansion built on the property
- The mansion was enlarged in 1831 and refurbished and remodeled after an 1834 chimney fire.



# The Hermitage



**Rachel Jackson died in 1828 (the year before Andrew became President).**

**Andrew Jackson died in 1845.**

**They are buried together in the tomb he built for her on the property.**