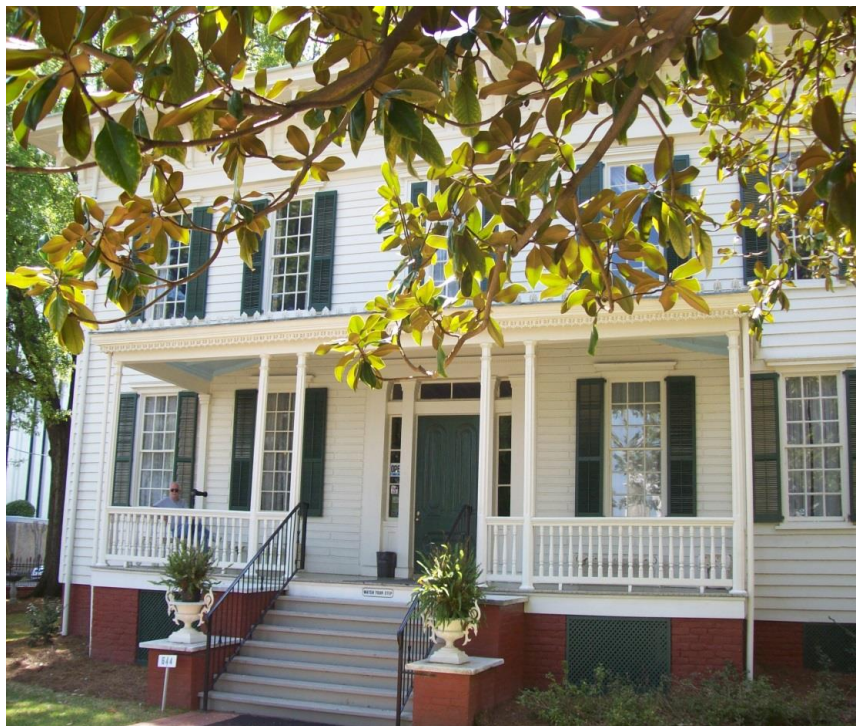


PICTORAL TOUR OF MONTGOMERY ALABAMA – FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS

I love visiting Montgomery, the capitol of my adopted state of Alabama. Come with me and see, via pictures, some of *the most* historical sites in American history!

FROM THE CIVIL WAR DAYS



THE FIRST WHITE HOUSE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.



This is a memorial dedicated to the Confederate soldiers, located on the side of the Capitol Building. President of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis, laid the cornerstone of this statue twenty-one years after the end of the Civil War. Why have a blog, if you can't throw in a little controversy? So here goes....I hate this statue and think it looks ugly. If you are going to build a memorial to honor men who died in vain for their cause, at least make it nice-looking. Growing up in the Great State of Wisconsin, I thought the Northern soldiers (and citizens) were morally superior. After all, they fought to end slavery! If I had visited here in my younger days, I would have been totally perplexed as to why a memorial was built to men who did not want to free slaves. Who knows? I may have burst into then Governor George Wallace's office, without an invitation, and issued him an ultimatum to destroy "that monstrosity". **NEVER** did I think I would move to Alabama. **NEVER WOULD I LIVE IN SUCH A BACKWARDS PLACE!** Today I am a citizen of Alabama because my husband is employed doing cutting edge rocket propulsion research at the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center. Today I read in the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce magazine only the Silicon Valley area of California has a higher capita of people with PHD's than Huntsville. Today I no longer believe Northern folks are morally superior to Southern folks. Today, although I still abhor slavery and hate the looks of this monument, my thoughts about memorials to Confederate soldiers...May They Rest In Peace. I would love to know *your thoughts* about memorials to Confederate soldiers. Please register and leave a comment on my website.

FROM THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT DAYS



I love the signs with the Alabama flag on top commemorating historical events throughout the state.



"THE CORNER" WHERE THE BUS STOPPED On 12/1/1955, AND ROSA PARKS IGNITED THE SPARK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD.



THE ROSA PARKS MUSEUM AND LIBRARY HAS BEEN BUILT AT THE EXACT CORNER WHERE THE BUS STOPPED, AND ROSA PARKS REFUSED TO GIVE UP HER SEAT.



THE ENTRANCE TO THE ROSA PARKS MUSEUM AND LIBRARY



STATUE OF COURAGEOUS AND BRAVE ROSA PARKS REFUSING TO GIVE UP HER SEAT. IT IS LOCATED IN HER MUSEUM



DEXTER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH – WHERE THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT WAS BORN



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS THE PASTOR OF THE DEXTER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. IN THIS CAPACITY, HE BECAME THE LEADER OF THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT. IF THE DRIVER OF THE SILVER CAR IN THE ABOVE KEEPS GOING STRAIGHT, HE OR SHE WOULD COME TO THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN ABOUT TWO BLOCKS. THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH ENDED AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING.

THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH FOR VOTING RIGHTS



LAST CAMPSITE ON THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH. NEXT AND LAST STOP THE CAPITOL BUILDING



THE SERENE GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF ST. JUDE IN SPRING 2013.



THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY TRAIL – DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL



THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL WINDS THROUGH NEIGHBORHOODS AND DOWNTOWN MONTGOMERY



THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY VOTING RIGHTS MARCH ENDS AT THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

FOR JOINING ME ON THE PICTORAL TOUR OF THE HISTORICAL SIGHTS OF MONTGOMERY! I GET GOOSE BUMPS WHEN I STAND IN SPOTS WHERE THE COURSE OF HISTORY CHANGED...LIKE THE CORNER WHERE ROSA PARKS REFUSED TO GIVE UP HER SEAT OR THE DEXTER AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. HOPE Y'ALL ENJOYED PICTURE JOURNEY! HOPE Y'ALL CAN SEE THESE SIGHTS IN PERSON SOMEDAY!