



Historical buildings in Bolivar, Tennessee

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AT ONE TIME in the 1800s, **Bolivar** was forecast to become the second largest city in West Tennessee, next to Memphis. The Hardeman County town is located on the Hatchie River, which brought it fortune and commerce.

More than a hundred buildings in Bolivar are on the National Register of Historic Places, making it a treasure for history buffs. Most of the places reflect the pre-Civil War prosperity of Bolivar that produced the famous forecast (alas, economic conditions changed, and Bolivar stayed in the small-town arena).

A few buildings in Bolivar stand out. **Magnolia Manor Bed and Breakfast** (circa 1849) was the Winner of Fodor's "One of the South's Best Bed & Breakfasts." Magnolia Manor was built by Judge Austin Miller in 1849. He was a prominent attorney and is credited with helping place the southern boundary of Tennessee. The McNeal Place, an 1856 Tuscan-style villa noted for its exquisite Spanish ironwork and considered to be one of the premier showplaces of Tennessee. A Greek revival home, **the Columns**, built in 1860, was used as a makeshift hospital for wounded and sick soldiers during the Civil War. An extensive restoration is now in progress at the house.

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Bolivar Historic District

Bolivar, TN

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What's black and white and cute all over? Giant pandas Ya Ya and Le Le at the Memphis Zoo, and more than 3,500 other animals in exhibits.

Directions Available

Magnolia Manor Bed & Breakfast

Bolivar, TN

http://www.tnvacation.com/vendors/magnolia_manor_bed_breakfast/

Magnolia Manor circa 1849 housed Generals Grant and Sherman. Featured in National Geographic Magazine.

Directions Available

Bills-McNeal Historic District

Bolivar, TN

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Some of Bolivar's oldest and most historically significant homes are found in this district. Structures include the McNeal house and the Pillars.

Directions Available

The Columns

Bolivar, TN

http://www.tnvacation.com/vendors/the_columns/

Antebellum home and large grounds, available for tour by appointment.

Directions Available

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Hardeman County's original courthouse, **the Little Courthouse**, was built in 1824 and moved to its present site just off the square in 1827. One of only three log courthouses still standing in the United States, it now serves as the county's museum.



MAGNOLIA MANOR
BED & BREAKFAST

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The Little Courthouse

Bolivar, TN

http://www.tnvacation.com/vendors/the_little_courthouse/

Built in 1824. Restored and maintained by the Hardeman County Chapter A.P.T.A. Open the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. Groups please call for an appointment. For any other day beside the second and fourth Sat, please call for an appointment.

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