



Hall, built with a train-load of granite building on this campus is Hammond ist College. The longest-standing campus of Spartanburg Methodist- and changed and is now the beautiful Walter Montgomery. The mill grew the Industrial Institute in 1911 in a house donated by mill owner improve the lives of mill workers led to the creation of the Tex-



Town Hall, a mural of the historic village, and a life-sized white horse rising from the river in tribute to the textile league baseball team. Swing by Maryville School, built by the mill in 1915 to educate African American children.



to see one of the best-preserved mill villages and collection of arts-and-crafts homes in the state. There's a museum at the College The vision of a Methodist minister who wanted to improve the lives of mill workers led to the creation of the Tex-



standing in Spartanburg County. into the river. It is the largest mill still was rebuilt after the flood washed it terished. The mill near the monument mill history and the Pacolet River wa-



destroyed five cotton mills. The 21-foot memorial is accom- South Carolina history killed 70 mill village residents and in 1903 the largest flood in

of mill life and more than 400 with plenty of first-person accounts Textile Town, a "people's history," the local history titles, including independent bookstore, and browse 10. Hub City Bookshop Stop by Spartanburg's



view of more than two centuries and see artifacts of of mill village life. See the huge Riverdale Mill bell and the Beaumont company stores, and a 500-pound bale of cotton, among other historic textile items, including photographs, that stretch back to the early 1800s.



can see actual pieces of the Wall. the only places in the U.S. where you their factory. Spartanburg is one of pieces of the Berlin Wall in front of German owners have installed actual country. Stop at Menzel Inc., where tanburg had the highest per capita foreign investment in the makers set up shop in the 60s and 70s, at a time when Spar-



aged by Fred Dent, U.S. Secretary of Commerce under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. Call ahead (864-576-1073) if you'd like to see inside of this historic factory turned urban living space.



family of four can eat for about \$25. open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays, and get an old-fashioned bottled soda. (Cheerwine is a local favorite.) It's of retro flourishes, and you can even mill village in 1946. You'll find plenty that began serving meals to residents of the nearby Arcadia family's homemade chili is your best bet—in a local landmark

from the local quarry in Pacolet. The Buchheit Administration Building lobby contains several historical displays.

continues to this day. grew up around this little joint, and the mill hill. A sense of community cars and venture a little farther off workers could afford to purchase like's began about the time textile locals for more than 50 years.



Bring along some breadcrumbs for the waterfowl that gather 500 species of trees and shrubs. acres with fountains, ponds, and is open to the public. Wander 600 Milliken's world-class arboretum Though you can't tour the facilities, for 40 plants all over the world.



16-acre project is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 12. Drayton Mills The crown jewel of Spartanburg's mill renaissance is the massive renovation, which includes 289 apartments in a former spinning mill facing Drayton Road (built 1902) and a weaving mill (built 1929) behind it. Warehouses and a magnificent former company store on site are being marketed to restaurants and retail shops, and a 2-mile public walking trail now extends in each direction. The entire



11. Beaumont Mill During World War II this factory was the first cotton mill in the nation to devote its entire production to the war effort by making "duck" fabric—also known as canvas. At its height, Beaumont employed more than 1,200 people. It is now owned by Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, which is locating its administrative offices there in a huge renovation in 2016. Once completed, the lobby will have displays associated with the local textile industry.

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13. Milliken & Co. In business since 1865, privately-held Milliken & Co. is arguably the most successful U.S. textile company of all time. This research campus creates products for 40 plants all over the world. Though you can't tour the facilities, Milliken's world-class arboretum is open to the public. Wander 600 acres with fountains, ponds, and 500 species of trees and shrubs. Bring along some breadcrumbs for the waterfowl that gather at the main pond.



14. Ike's Korner Grill Stop in for a beer, burger and hand-cut fries at a mill village eatery that has been serving locals for more than 50 years. grows up around this little joint, and the mill hill. A sense of community cars and venture a little farther off workers could afford to purchase like's began about the time textile

COTTON IS IN OUR BLOOD

Spartanburg's textile industry began in 1816, and the community grew to become one of the nation's mightiest textile centers, eventually becoming known as "the Lowell of the South." More than 100,000 men, women, and children labored in Spartanburg County textile mills over the course of two centuries. This tour gives you a glimpse into their lives. It also lets you travel through time. You'll discover a business from the 1800's that is still operating today along with mills that now have a second life after significant changes in the industry. You'll have a chance to rub elbows with folks who are intricately connected to our textile heritage.

Each tour is designed with history and your appetite in mind. The half-day tour offers an overview with a breakfast and lunch option. The full-day provides an in-depth adventure with an opportunity for three meals.

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Beaumont Mill

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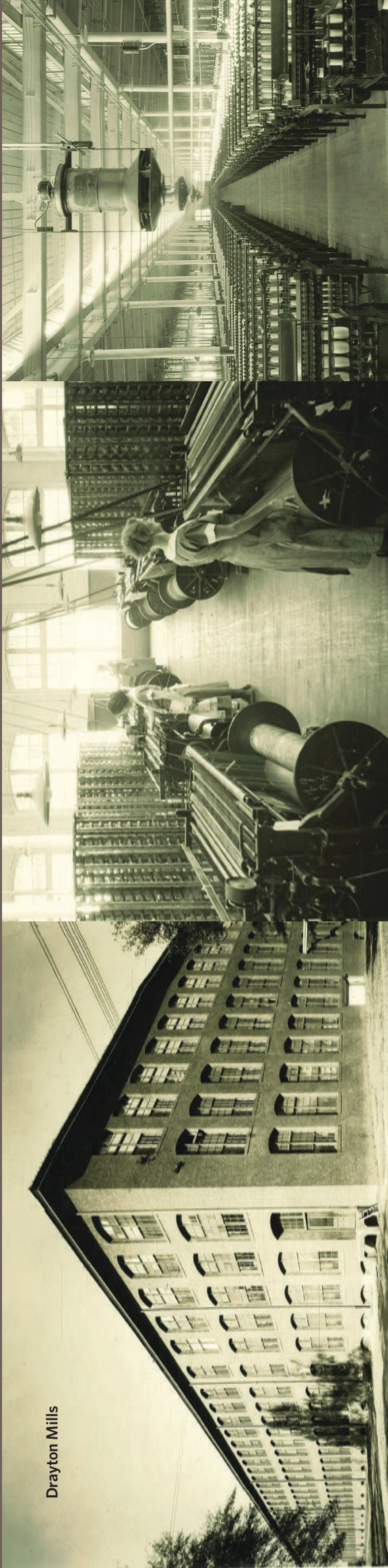
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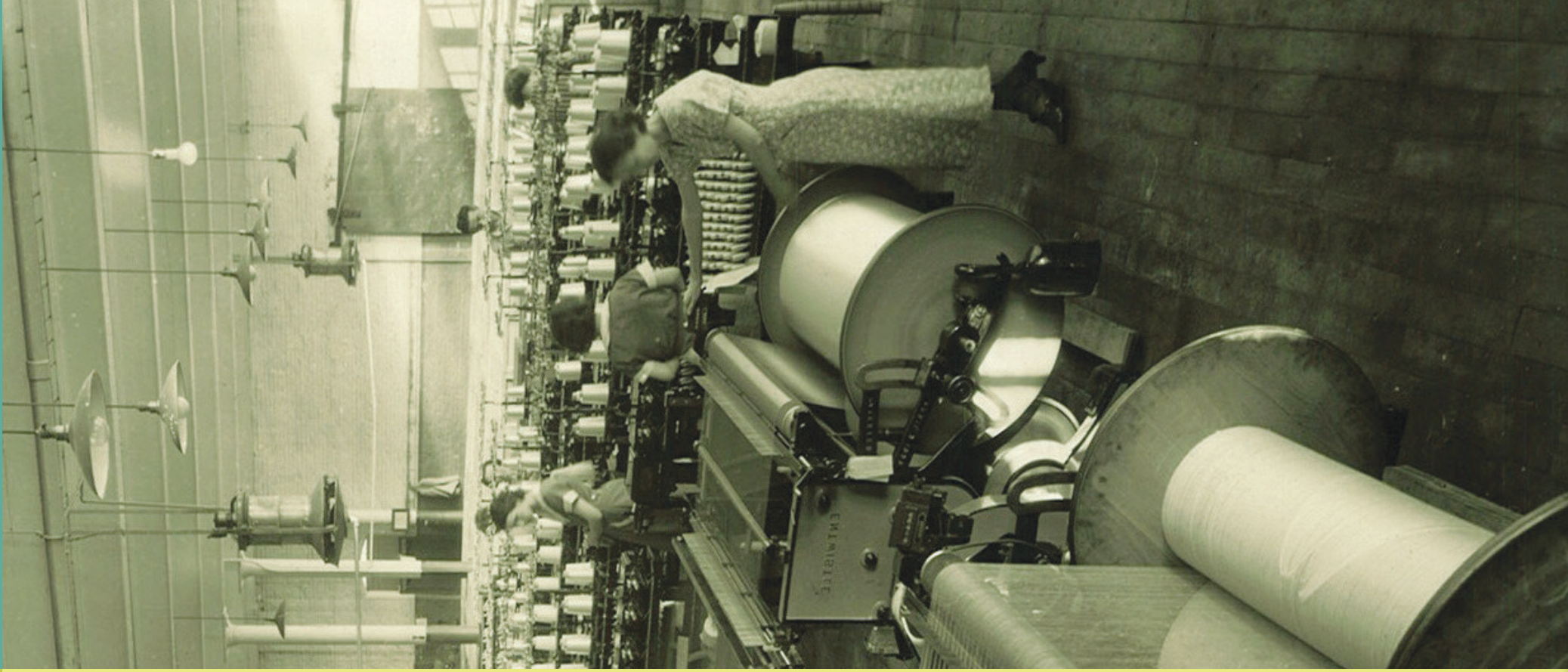
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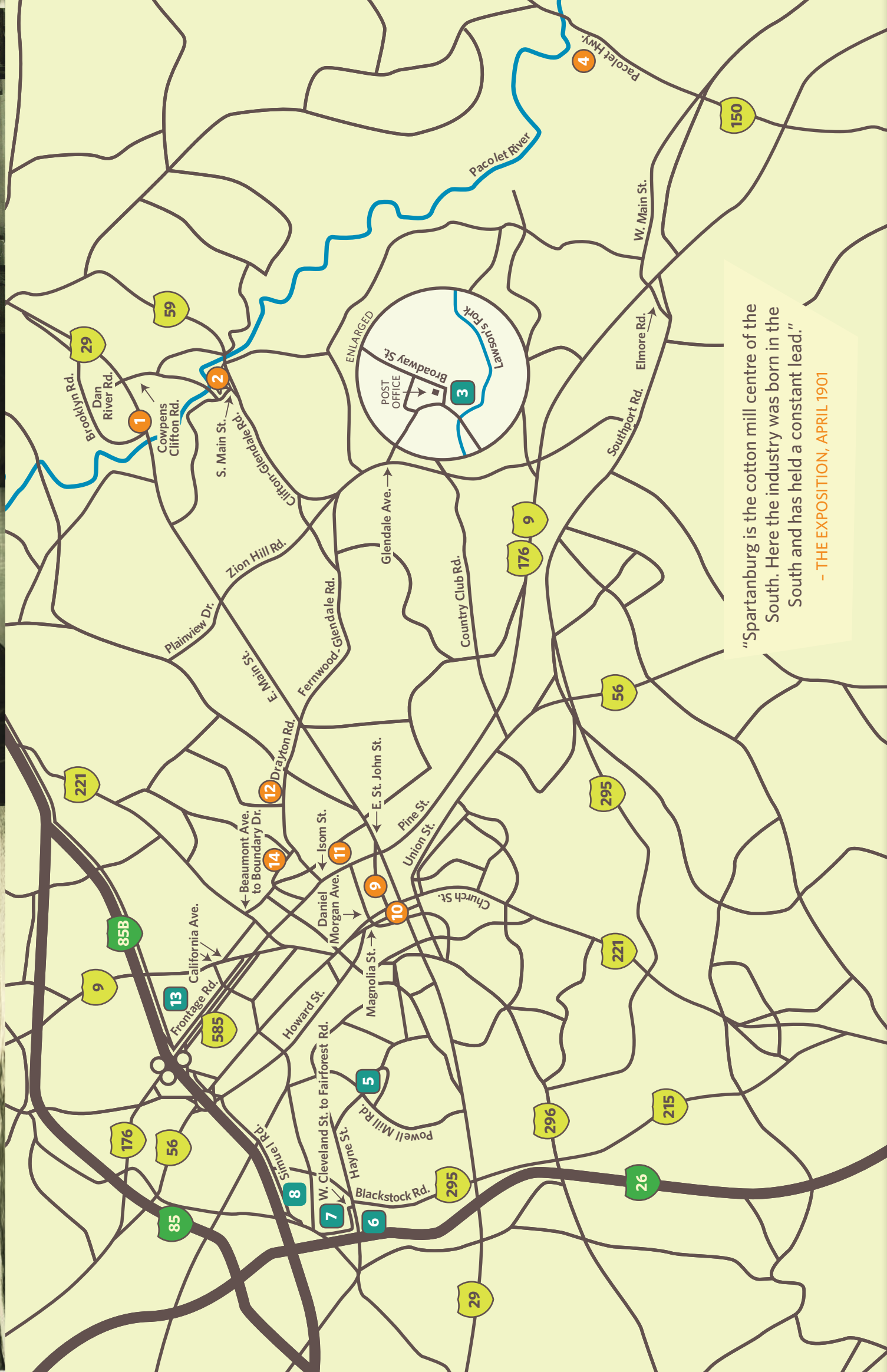
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3061 U.S. Highway 29, 29307
- Dolline's**
140 S. Main Street, Clifton, 29324
- Glendale Shoals**
351 Broadway Street, 29346
- Pacolet**
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- Holmes Hot Dogs**
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- Mayfair Mills Lofts**
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- The "Auto-bahn" and the Berlin Wall**
951 Simuel Road, 29301
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200 East Saint John Street, 29302
- Hub City Bookshop**
186 West Main Street, 29306
- Beaumont Mill**
702 North Pine Street, 29303
- Drayton Mills**
1800 Drayton Road, 29307
- Milliken & Co.**
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