

4. The Landrum Home 75 East Broad St

This beautiful home, built in 1905, is an example of late Victorian-style architecture. LaVann and Chuck Landrum have lived in the house since 2000, where they raised four children.

The home, located in the Cole Town District of Newnan, a residential neighborhood named for the Cole family of R.D. Cole manufacturing.

Brothers R. D. Cole and Matthew Cole founded R. D. Cole Manufacturing in the mid-1800's. The company initially provided millwork and quickly grew to produce corn mills, boilers, engines, buildings, houses, steel, aluminum, and alloy. By the time it was sold in 1968, it was one of the largest producers of water towers in the country.

The home was built for R.D. Cole Jr., the Superintendent of the company, and also the namesake of his uncle, R.D. Cole. He and his family lived in the home until 1924 when they moved to a new home in the Platinum Point District in Newnan. His daughter, Ruth Cole, moved into this house with her husband, Brian Blackburn, secretary of R. D. Cole Manufacturing, and lived in the home until her death. While living there. Ruth made many changes to the house including, relocating the entry to the front stairs, Moving the living room fireplace, windows, and front door. She replaced the simple trim work of the early 1900's with more elaborate 1900's trim in the front rooms and a few art deco influences of the 1940's.

From 1976 - 1997, Donald Sawyer and his wife lived in the house while he was employed by Brown Steel which operated at the site of the former Cole Manufacturing. Jon and Corinne Paul lived in the house from 1997 - 2000 and made improvements to include central heat and air and a modern laundry on the upstairs level.

The Landrums have enjoyed living in Newnan and raising their children in this home. They have made many improvements to the home, including repairing the plaster walls which showed many cracks from movement caused by the adjacent train, modernizing the five original bathrooms, and adding a new half-bath. The kitchen, originally constructed as a detached kitchen connected to the house by a porch on two sides, has been expanded and the porch is fully enclosed. The upstairs retains original heart pine floors in most rooms.

The home was featured in the 2012 film, Joyful Noise. Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer, and Kris Kristofferson filmed at the house.

The home was severely damaged by the 2021 tornado that affected so much of Newnan. The majority of the home has been put back together. The Landrums are grateful for the many kindnesses shown to them during the impact of the storm and are pleased to support Newnan Presbyterian School and Elevate.