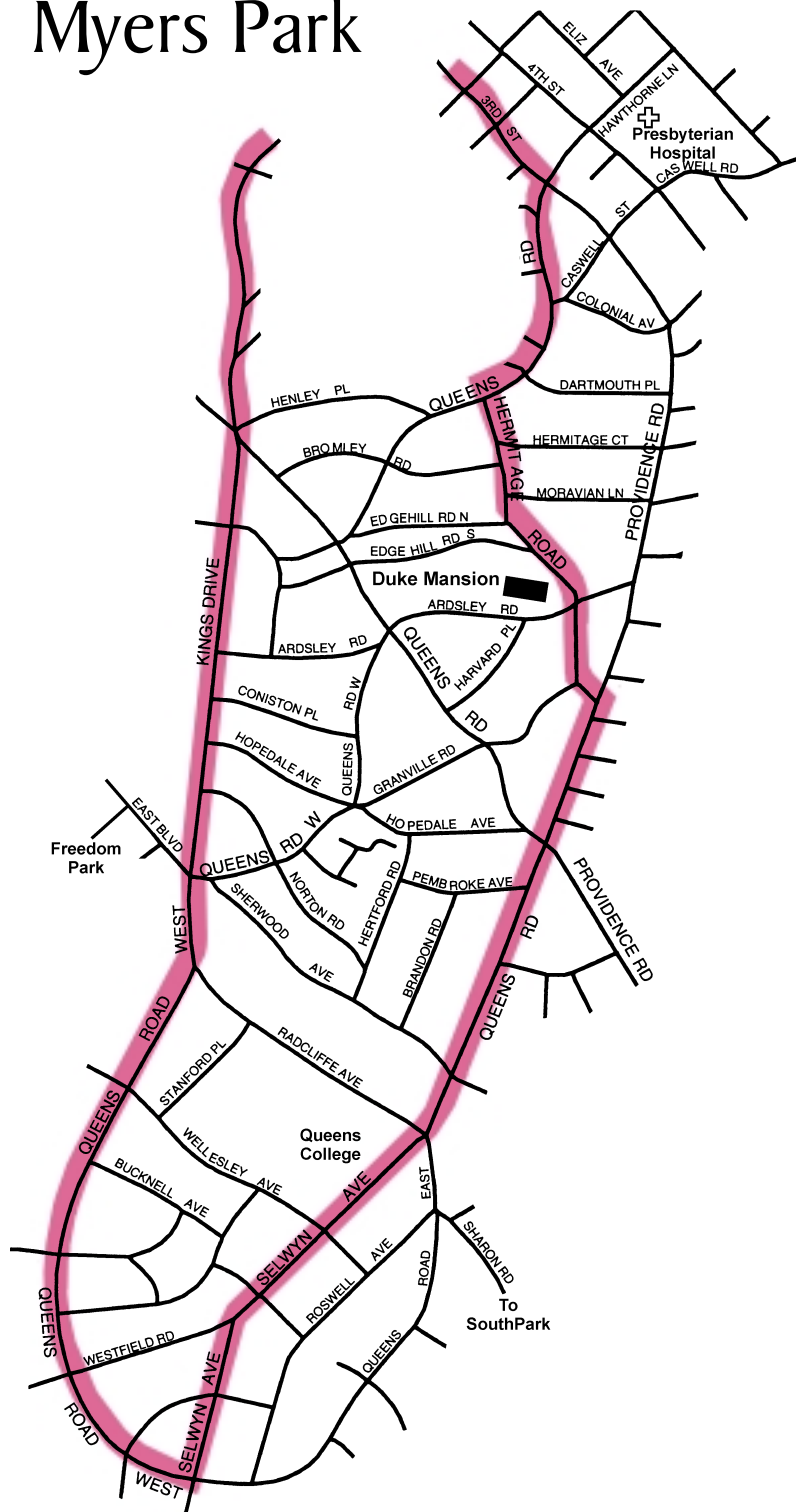


Myers Park Driving Tour

Myers Park



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From uptown, follow Third Street east to Queens Road. Turn right onto Queens Road. This was the original entrance road to Myers Park. The neighborhood was begun in 1911 on an 11-hundred acre cotton plantation owned by John Springs Myers. The developer was Myers' son-in-law, George Stephens.

The wide median in Queens Road was once occupied by streetcar tracks. Notice the stone shelters, once used by residents waiting to ride the electric streetcars, or "trolleys."

From Queens Road, turn left onto Hermitage Road. On your right, at Hermitage and Edgehill Road South, is The Duke Mansion. This was the home of James B. "Buck" Duke, founder of American Tobacco Company and one of the founders of what is now Duke Power Company. He was a major benefactor of Duke University, which is named for his father, Washington Duke.

Just beyond the Duke Mansion, on your left, is a large tree-shaded park. This was once the front lawn of the Myers plantation house. The house itself was on a crest behind the homes on your right. It is no longer standing.

Continue on Hermitage to Providence Road. Turn right onto Providence.

On your right, at 802 Providence Road, is the oldest existing house in Myers Park. Completed in 1913, it is now a branch of First Citizens Bank. The bank has carefully maintained the home in essentially its original appearance.

At the intersection of Providence and Queens, continue straight ahead onto Queens Road. At Queens and Selwyn, continue straight onto Selwyn. On your right is Queens University.

Continue on Selwyn to Queens Road West. Turn right onto Queens Rd. West. This is sometimes described as the most beautiful street in Charlotte. This was once open fields. The trees were set out after Myers Park was developed.

Continue on Queens Road West to Kings Drive. Follow Kings Drive back to uptown Charlotte.