

Components



A Celebration of History & Place Through Art In Downtown Foley

Eight Components:

36' Panel Mural commissioned professional with students

Four Door Murals —commissioned artists

12' Mural—commissioned artist highlighting agriculture

Pocket Park - downtown beautification

Pocket Park Sculpture—commissioned artist

Alston Entrance beautification walkway

Historic Walk Murals — travel through time

Instagram Spots— Students will change yearly



CAT ALLEY STORY



Cat Alley & John McClure Snook

John McClure Snook was a southern gentleman, community service-oriented leader and a visionary. John McClure Snook also had a love for cats. At the Hotel Magnolia, there were cat doors for the cats to come and go as they please. Mr. Snook's love for cats extended into his businesses where cats were free to roam in certain areas and he even had a house downtown that was just for the cats!

When he owned the Hotel Magnolia and the Gulf Telephone Company, Mr. Snook built an underground tunnel between the two buildings to keep the rain off - this tunnel goes right under our Cat Alley. The tunnel was also built for another reason: part of the GulfTel building was built as a civil defense shelter and the tunnel was part of that.

He was ahead of his time with women's liberation, he trained his female employees to defend themselves as well as their home during the Cold War and they were also trained in the jobs that the men did at GulfTel. John Snook became known worldwide for his "Nylon Army". He even allowed his women sharpshooters to shoot cigarillos that he held between his lips for publicity stunts.

We have many cats in Foley and we like to think they are the many descendants of John Snook's cats. It seemed only fitting to name the alley between the Hotel Magnolia and one of the buildings he used to house GulfTel - Cat Alley.

