

Emma Bell Miles Tour – Chattanooga/Red Bank

- Meet in the parking lot at **Christ Church Episcopal** 599 McCallie Ave (McCallie at Douglas, 663 Douglas)
[Miles was baptized by Father William C. B. Robertson two days before she died, and her funeral service was held here on March 21, 1919].
- The parking lot exits onto Oak--Turn left on Oak, go straight to Georgia
- Turn right on Georgia, note the **The Flatiron building** down on the left
[In 1914, Miles wrote a column about the mockingbird that lived in a cage on the second floor].
- Go straight through **Fountain Square**
[Miles lived nearby in 1913 and 1914, and wrote a series of columns, “Fountain Square Conversations,” for the *Chattanooga News*].
- Turn right on Vine
- Turn right on Lindsay, **the Robbery Corner**
[On Feb. 7, 1914, Miles was robbed here by Houston Green. Four years later, at his mother’s urging, she wrote a letter requesting that he be set free].
- Go by the current location of the Francis Willard Building
- Turn right on Oak, close to where **the Francis Willard Building** used to be
[Miles shared a room here in the spring of 1914 and then again in the fall of 1915].
- Turn right back on Georgia, go straight through Fountain Square again
- Continue straight on Georgia, past the site of **the 424 Georgia apartment** on the right
[Miles lived here fall 1913–spring 1914, at the beginning of her first winter migration to Chattanooga, which ended when she became pregnant and too ill to work].
- Cross the Veterans’ Bridge
- Turn left on Frazier, go straight to the **Little Art Shop** on the corner with Forest
[Miles stayed here September 1914–February 1915, during her second winter migration to Chattanooga, which ended when she was hospitalized at Pine Breeze].
- Turn right on Forest, turn right to go through the parking lot behind the Little Art Shop
[Miles’ apartment was upstairs, looking into the tree tops. She carried coal up the stairs].
- Turn right on Delmont, and right back on Frazier, go straight to Market
- Turn right on Market
- Turn left on Bell (**the 503 Bell Avenue apartment** is further up the street
[Miles and her family lived there in the fall of 1914].

- Turn right on Spears, **Frank's brother's apartment** nearby
[Miles spent Christmas here in 1915].
- Turn left on Lawn, go up to **110 Lawn** (vans will need to turn around in the parking lot by the church on the corner to the right)
[Miles lived here after she left Pine Breeze in October 1918, accepted her first communion here on March 17, 1919, and died here on March 19, 1919].
- Turn around, go straight down Lawn
- Turn left on Hamilton Avenue, **Frank's mother's apartment** nearby
[Miles stayed here for a few days before moving to the Lawn street house].
- Stay on Hamilton Ave, go along top of Stringers Ridge, by White Oak Park, near the former **Pine Breeze Sanatorium**
[Miles stayed here in February 1915 and then again September 1916–October 1918].
- Turn left on Memorial Drive, turn right into **Memorial Park Cemetery** (White Oak)
- Go almost all the way around the rotary, turn right up the hill behind the office
- Stop at the stone steps on the left, **EBM's grave** is down the steps and to the right, with a view of the edge of Walden's Ridge in between the trees
[Miles was buried here on March 21, 1919].
- Leaving the cemetery, turn right on Memorial Drive
- Turn left on Dayton Blvd., go through **Red Bank**
[Miles lived here with her mother the first year after they arrived from Rabbit Hash, KY, in the summer of 1890. They stayed in the Conner and Hartman settlement on the Brownstown Road].
- Go through the tunnel under Stringers Ridge
- Continue straight on Cherokee Blvd.
- Turn right on Market St., go across Market Street Bridge
- Go straight to 8th St., turn left on 8th St, view of the Dome Building
- Turn left on Georgia
- Turn right on McCallie, return to the parking lot at Christ Church Episcopal to the left

Other Miles sites in the Chattanooga area: the Cadek Conservatory of Music on 725 Oak Street (Miles had a painting studio and taught a class there in the fall of 1913); Mission Ridge (Miles' parents taught school and lived there in 1901); the Carnegie Library at the corner of Georgia and 8th street; the Wheatley house lot on 215 Alabama Ave (Miles visited with the Wheatleys for several days in the spring of 1912).

Sources: Grace Toney Edwards, "Emma Bell Miles: Appalachian Author, Artist, and Interpreter of Folk Culture" (Dissertation, U of Virginia, 1981); Kay Baker Gaston, *Emma Bell Miles* (Walden's Ridge Historical Association, 1985); Emma Bell Miles, "Journal" (U of Tenn. at Chattanooga Special Collections, transcribed by Steven Cox).