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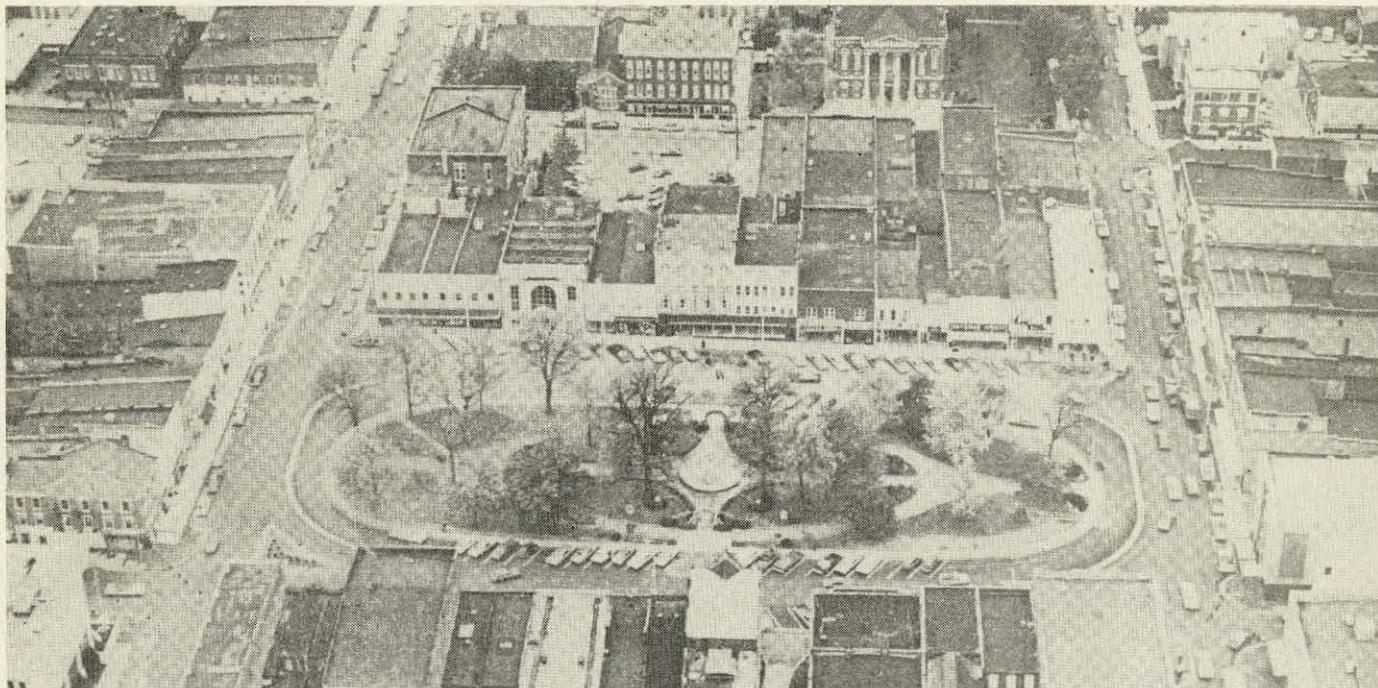
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# LANDMARK REPORT

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## LANDMARK FEBRUARY MEETING

Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend the next monthly meeting to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kazuyuki Abe, Landscape Supervisor, and Mr. Carl Pitchford, Landscape Gardener, for the Bowling Green Beautification Commission will present a slide program explaining the purpose and activities of the commission. Several city parks, including Fountain Square, are maintained by the commission. Originally given to the county in 1798 by George and Robert Moore, the square was deeded to the town for use as a public park upon completion of the courthouse in 1867. Fountain Square Park is listed in the National Register and has changed little since designed by John Cox Underwood in 1871.

A tour will follow the program at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Coombs, 1338 College Street. Built circa 1890, this two story brick residence is eclectic in character, containing elements common to Italianate, Queen Anne and Greek Revival styles of architecture. This house was purchased in 1894 by James A. McKenzie, Minister to Peru during President Grover Cleveland's administration. Later sold to G.H. Lazarus, a local livestock dealer, the house has been owned by the Coombs since 1972. This house is located in the College Hill Historic District listed in the National Register.

## DESIGNER'S SHOWCASE

Landmark and the Arts Alliance will be combining efforts to hold a major fund raising event to be held May 1-15. A Designer's Showcase will feature the work of several interior designers from Bowling Green and around the state. Each designer will have one room at Kinloch in which to present an example of their creativity. Kinloch, owned by Mr. Charles Thomas, is listed on the National Register and is located at the end of Church Street.

In order for this event to be successful, we will need LOTS OF HELP!! A Steering Committee, chaired by Barbara English, includes Sara Bennett, Vickie Campbell, Gerri Coombs, Romanza Johnson, Mary Lee Kelley, Bob Marko, Mary Jane Parrish, Dick Pfefferkorn, Alice Rockhold, Mary Ross Smith and Richard Wiesemann.

Landmark's responsibilities will include the following committees:

**BOUTIQUE COMMITTEE:** Responsible for conducting and staffing a boutique store during Showcase hours. This store would sell items in the house in addition to items from other sources.

**TICKET COMMITTEE:** Responsible for handling all ticket sales including group sales, individual and at the door.

**PARKING COMMITTEE** (John C. Perkins, chairman): Responsible for handling grounds parking during the Showcase hours.

**HISTORICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE:** Responsible for compiling Kinloch's history for inclusion in the program.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** (Alice Colvard, chairman): Overall Showcase publicity including TV, radio, newspaper and posters.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** (Alma Hall, chairman): Responsible for publishing the Showcase program including advertisement sales.

**SPECIAL TOURS COMMITTEE:** Responsible for contacting local community organizations to arrange and schedule special tours.

**LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:** Responsible for securing local landscape contractors to landscape the grounds.

Contact the Landmark office at 781-8106 to serve on the committee of your choice. Everyone's help is needed.

## HOBSON HOUSE

The Hobson House Association has requested help from Landmark in providing hosts at the Hobson House during the month of March. Two or three people are needed to greet visitors each Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please call the Landmark office at 781-8106 or Romanza Johnson at 782-1200, as several days are yet to be filled.

## NEW LANDMARK MEMBERS

Several new members have recently joined the Landmark Association. Landmark would like to welcome the following to the organization. We thank you for your support and look forward to your participation.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brelsford  
Mr. David Browning  
Dr. W.O. Carson  
Dr. and Mrs. John Chamberlin  
Mary Nell Duncan  
Mrs. Marion Floyd  
Rose D. Glaiber  
Mrs. J.C. Holland  
Mrs. Frances J. Turnipseed  
Mrs. Sue Yarbrough

## STATE CERTIFICATION PROCESS THREATENED

Regulatory changes are proposed by the Department of the Interior (DOI) that would end required state historic preservation review of tax act applications for qualified rehabilitation. This move appears to be an administration tactic to justify zero historic preservation funding to the states in 1984.

DOI claims that the states will continue to process tax certifications whether they are required to or not. However, the policy of state governments has been to discontinue participation in federal programs for which federal funding has been eliminated.

Currently, the states play a vital role in the certification process before project proposals are sent to the National Park Service (NPS) for final approval. Many state historic preservation offices (Kentucky Heritage Council) work closely with developers and local preservation groups (Landmark Association) in conjunction with tax certifications to assure federal standards for rehabilitation are met before they are seen by the National Park Service.

Considering a backlog in processing applications effecting some regional NPS offices, the proposal to eliminate state participation will cause more time delays and appeals. Preservationists feel such a move will discourage rehabilitation of historic buildings. In addition, the DOI is proposing a "user fee" system to charge developers applying for tax act benefits. Congress will be considering these motions in the next several months.

(Information courtesy Jan. 1983 issues of Preservation News and Preservation Action Alert.)



## ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

Studs Terkel, author of Working and American Dreams: Lost and Found, will be the featured speaker at the fourth Kentucky Conference on Oral History. Sponsored by the Kentucky Oral History Commission, the conference will be held February 24-26 at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville.

The conference will begin the evening of February 24th with a reception followed by a showing of the Appalshop film, "The Big Level: Party Politics in Leslie County, Kentucky." The following day's sessions will include a presentation by Donald Ritchie of the United States Senate Historical Office. Mr. Terkel will speak at dinner on the evening of the 25th. On Saturday, the Kentucky Folklore Society will hold its annual meeting and will conduct a session on "Interpreting Kentucky Folklife."

For further information, contact Kim Lady, Kentucky Oral History Commission, P.O. Box H, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602. (502) 546-7544.

### *In Brief:*

**PRESERVATION GRANTS:** The National Preservation Act of 1966 as amended authorized a Federal matching grant-in-aid program whereby State Historic Preservation Officers awarded grants for the restoration or acquisition of historic properties according to an approved State Plan. Only properties listed in the National Register are eligible to apply. Since 1981, no funds have been appropriated for the matching grant program and future funding for this program appears unlikely.

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HABS: 1983 marks the 50th anniversary of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS). Since 1933, HABS has trained teams of students in the art of documenting historic buildings through measured drawings. These drawings provide a precise record of America's historic architectural structures and are made a part of the permanent collection of the Library of Congress.



## *Calendar of Events*

- Feb. 23: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING  
7:30 PM BG Public Library
- Feb. 27: Heart Sunday
- March: HOBSON HOUSE PROJECT  
Sat. & Sun. 1-4:00 PM  
Hobson House
- Mar. 16: LANDMARK BOARD MEETING  
7:30 PM Landmark office
- Mar. 23: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING  
Peggy Ellis, Ex. Dir. - CPC  
7:30 PM BG Public Library
- Mar. 28: "Growing Up Victorian"  
Reception - Kentucky Museum
- Mar. 29: Exhibit Opening  
"Growing Up Victorian"  
Kentucky Museum
- May 1-15: DESIGNER'S SHOWCASE  
Kinloch
- May: LANDMARK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL  
MEETING