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✓ CHILDREN'S BEDROOM SETTING, CIRCA 1900
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March 29, 1983 marks the grand opening of "Growing Up Victorian: A Kentucky Childhood," a major exhibit at the Kentucky Museum. Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the exhibit examines the environments, events and ideas that shaped childhood in 19th century Kentucky.

The exhibit contains several sections including a children's bedroom, a parlor setting, a schoolroom corner, a domestic funeral scene and a program exploring the lives of four southern Kentucky women who "grew up Victorian" and led very different adult lives.

Of particular interest to antique and interior design enthusiasts are the exhibit's five room settings. Based on 19th century photographs, illustrations and written sources, the settings feature Victorian furniture and accessories from the museum's collection. Authentic paint colors, 19th century woodwork and flooring, and reproduction wall and window treatments create accurate backgrounds for the artifacts.

To interpret these diverse materials, labels, visitor-operated games and quotations from 19th century Kentucky sources encourage the visitor to consider the values and attitudes that influenced childhood. Victorian culture was characterized by a middle class value system that included domesticity, cultivation, self-improvement, literacy, etiquette and piety, among other qualities. "Growing Up Victorian" shows how this value system affected what children learned, how they learned it and how it shaped their lives.

"Growing Up Victorian: A Kentucky Childhood" will open Tuesday, March 29, 1983. A public reception will be held on the evening of Monday, March 28 from 7-9:00 p.m.

LANDMARK MARCH MEETING

Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend the next monthly meeting to be held at the office of the BOWLING GREEN BOARD OF REALTORS, 440½ EAST MAIN STREET, on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Landmark will present "The Victorian House: Identification and Conservation." Produced by the American Association for State and Local History, this presentation surveys popular residential architectural styles from 1850 to 1900. Common conservation problems are also addressed in the program. This program complements the Kentucky Museum's major exhibit, "Growing Up Victorian: A Kentucky Childhood," opening March 29.

This month's meeting will be held at the Bowling Green Board of Realtors office, located in the Getty Building. Built circa 1870 by John Getty, this Italianate commercial row building was the location of Nahm Brothers Dry Goods. Moses and Ben Nahm moved their business into the building in 1871 and later purchased the structure in 1885. Currently owned by David Faxon, this building has been the location of Western Auto since 1942. A third floor roller skating rink still contains the original hardwood floors. The building's limestone facade was rehabilitated along with a portion of the second floor to house the Board of Realtors. The Getty Building is a part of the Downtown Commercial Historic District.

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.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Baldwin
Sara Beal
Mrs. Joseph A. Cook
Margaret Sloss

JEAN THOMASON TO BE HONORED

Jean Thomason, owner of Jean Thomason Realty and a Landmark Board member, has been chosen by Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity as the honoree at the fraternity's annual banquet on March 29 at the Garrett Conference Center on the Western Kentucky University campus.

Jean has also been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for Preservation Action. This national organization promotes preservation advocacy and monitors federal legislation effecting historic preservation.

ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are being finalized for the Landmark Association's 1983 Annual Meeting to be held during "Preservation Week," May 8-14. Additional information will be announced in the April issue of the Landmark Report. We hope our membership will keep this event in mind when making plans during this week.

HOMES COMPETITION

A Diamond Jubilee Homes Competition is being sponsored by the National Association of Realtors as part of the association's 75th anniversary. Anyone wishing to suggest a home built in 1908 for consideration should contact the Bowling Green Board of Realtors.

Any house built in 1908 representing those found in the local area and maintaining original architectural integrity are qualified for nomination. Nominations will include photographs, real estate history and other related information.

A panel composed of members of the American Institute of Architects will choose 10 finalists and a winner for recognition. June 1 is the deadline for nominations.

VICTORIAN PASTIMES

Beginning March 29 and continuing every Tuesday through April 19, the Kentucky Museum will sponsor Lunch-time Learning programs at 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This spring's series complements the museum's new exhibit, "Growing Up Victorian: A Kentucky Childhood," with programs about Victorian gardening, literature, cemeteries and parties. The programs will combine slides, discussion and other activities that will introduce participants to Victorian social and cultural life.

Other related activities sponsored by the Kentucky Museum during the next several weeks include a lecture on "The Horticultural Extravaganza of the Victorian Era" Monday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. and "Victorian Family Day" on Saturday, April 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be a day of experiencing croquet, party games, toy-making and other activities for the whole family.

An exhibition of 27 quilts will be on display at the museum from April 19 through May 15. "Kentucky Quilts: 1800-1900" features three quilts from the Kentucky Museum collection. A second exhibition of 20 Afro-American quilts will be on display at the museum from April 26 through June 17. For further information concerning any museum activity, call 745-2592.

DESIGNER'S SHOWCASE

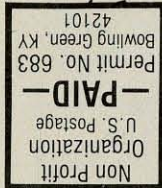
The Designer's Showcase originally scheduled for May 1-15, 1983, has been postponed until the spring of 1984. We appreciate the interest of those who have volunteered to help with the project and we will call on you as plans progress.

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 23: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30 PM BG Board of Realtors
- Mar. 28: "Growing Up Victorian"
Reception - Kentucky Museum
7:00-9:00 PM
- Mar. 29: Exhibit Opening
"Growing Up Victorian"
Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 2: Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 AM Fountain Park
- Apr. 4: Victorian Gardens lecture
7:30 PM Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 5: Victorian Horticulture
11:45 AM Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 12: Victorians at Rest
11:45 AM Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 19: Parties in the Parlor
11:45 AM Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 20: LANDMARK BOARD MEETING
7:30 PM Landmark office
- Apr. 23: Victorian Family Day
10AM-2PM Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 19-May 15: Kentucky Quilts
Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 26-June 17: Afro-American Quilts
Kentucky Museum
- Apr. 27: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
David Brook, Ex. Director
Preservation Alliance
7:30 PM at Mr. & Mrs. James
McGuirk - Smiths Grove
- MAY: LANDMARK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
MEETING
- May 14: Garden Club Open House
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- May thru Aug.: Concert in the Park
Wednesdays 12-1:00 PM
Fountain Square Park
- June 11: Arts Alliance Street Fair
10 AM-10 PM Fountain Square

INVITE A FRIEND TO OUR NEXT MEETING!

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*Landmark Members Are Cordially Invited
To the Grand Opening Reception
for
"Growing Up Victorian: A Kentucky Childhood"
A New Exhibit at The Kentucky Museum
Monday, March 28, 1983
7:00-9:00 p.m.*

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