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LANDMARK REPORT

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THE BRIDE WORE BLUE

Wedding dresses, mementos, beliefs and traditions of Kentuckians in the late 19th and early 20th centuries will be featured in "The Bride Wore Blue: Wedding Costumes and Customs from Kentucky," a new exhibit opening October 11 at The Kentucky Museum.

The "Bride" exhibit gets its title from not only a blue wedding dress on display that was originally worn in a February, 1885 wedding in Columbia, Kentucky, but also from the symbolism and beliefs concerning the color blue.

In addition to the blue 1885 dress, "Bride" features wedding dresses from 1895, 1906, 1913, 1927 and 1946. A bridesmaid's dress, groom's tuxedo, the dress of a wedding guest and turn-of-the-century lingerie will be on view. Displayed near each wedding dress are documents and mementos relating to that wedding, such as newspaper clippings, photographs or wedding certificates. Mementos from other Kentucky weddings and a group of silver wedding presents will also be exhibited.

An assortment of wedding beliefs, culled from Western Kentucky University Folklore Archives, are printed on the walls of the exhibit, along with excerpts from actual love letters found in the Manuscripts Division of the Kentucky Library.

"The Bride Wore Blue," which replaces "A Bird in a Gilded Cage" exhibits of women's fashions, will remain in place at least one year. The Kentucky Museum is located on the campus of Western Kentucky University. For more information, call 745-2592.



CARRIE DONNA BRIDGES (MRS. OTHO D. PORTER)
MARRIED APRIL 9, 1895 IN MACON, MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER LANDMARK MEETING

Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend the October Landmark Meeting to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Irene Sumpter will present a slide program and lecture concerning the memorial windows in five of the downtown churches. These churches include the Presbyterian Church, State Street United Methodist Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church (now Victory Baptist Church) and the First Baptist Church.

A tour of the Christ Episcopal Church Chapel will be given after the program. Refreshments will be served in the Parrish Hall.

NEW LANDMARK MEMBERS

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

Mrs. L.G. Byars
Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Franklin
Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Harkleroad
Miss Addie Hochstrasser
Mr. Joseph R. Huddleston
Mr. and Mrs. Roger M. Parrish, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Webb

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Landmark would like to thank the volunteers who have responded with the "committee preference sheets." We are still in need of volunteers to help with the following areas: Annual Meeting, Awards, Membership and Programs. Anyone interested in these areas is encouraged to contact the Landmark office at 781-8106.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Revitalization in the Downtown Commercial Historic District is continuing with the addition of three more projects now under construction.

Mr. David Weaver, owner of the Potter-Matlock Bank and Trust Company Building at 912 State Street, has rehabilitated the formerly vacant second floor. In addition to several office lease spaces, the second floor is the new home of Weaver Appraisal Company. The building's facade has received a new paint color and a new awning is planned for the first floor facade. This building was built circa 1860-1863 by J.R. Golliday and C.R. Edwards and for many years, was the location of Potter-Matlock Bank and Trust Company. Of special interest is the pressed metal facade, one of only four in the historic district.

Hartig and Binzel Master Jewelers will soon move into its new location in the Cooke Building, 431 Park Row. Mr. J.C. Janes is completing rehabilitation of the building's first floor. Built circa 1880, the Cooke Building was occupied by Sheppard's China Hall and Southern Progress. Since 1900, the structure has a history of housing dry goods and clothing stores.

The most recent revitalization project concerns the Volunteer Fire Department Building at 1019 State Street. Built circa 1370, the structure is owned by Mr. James W. Moore and has been the location of Bill Moore Insurance for a number of years. Damaged by fire in 1911, the building has undergone several alterations and will be rehabilitated to its pre-1940's appearance. The second floor will be adapted for reuse as office lease space.

OLD-FASHION CHRISTMAS

Downtown Christmas activities will begin November 25th with a three-day "Open House" sponsored by the Downtown Business Association. DBA's theme for the Christmas season will be an "Old-Fashion Christmas." As part of the "Open House" activities, DBA has made arrangements with Kentucky Classic Carriages, Inc. (Louisville) to give carriage rides downtown. Santa Claus will also make his appearance downtown during the "Open House" with sleigh rides for the children.

In addition, DBA will encourage business and property owners to participate with window displays appropriate to the holiday season theme. DBA is currently looking for items such as furniture, clothing, toys, games, dolls, trains, etc. to be used in the window displays. Anyone wanting to donate the use of these items for window displays, please contact Nancy Lowe at the DBA office, 781-7838.

BUYER'S GUIDE

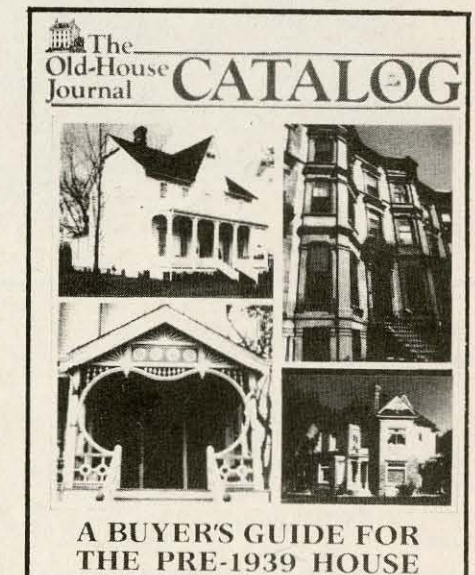
Landmark is offering the NEW Old-House Journal 1984 Buyer's Guide Catalog at a special discount of \$7.50. Regular cover price for this catalog is \$9.95.

Just off the press, this edition of the catalog is bigger and better than ever before. In addition to featuring nationwide sources for almost 10,000 products and services, the 1984 catalog has over 250 new companies listed, an expanded 8-page color insert, and a new State Index that enables you to locate suppliers in your area.

This catalog is most valuable to anyone rehabilitating an older home. Please contact the Landmark office at 781-8106 to reserve a copy.

Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 22: Houchens Center Brunch
10:00 AM - Christmas
Ornaments - 842-6761
- Oct. 26: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30 PM BG Public Library
- Nov. 11-12: Garden Club Flower Show
Eastwood Baptist Church
- Nov. 12: Houchens Center Brunch
10:00 AM - Oriental Rugs
842-6761
- Nov. 19: Holiday Christmas Bazaar
Houchens Center
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Nov. 23: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30 PM
- Nov. 25-27: Downtown Open House
Downtown Business Association
- Nov. 25-Dec. 24: Old-Fashion Christmas
Downtown Business Association
- Dec. 3-5: Holiday House
Bowling Green Municipal Utilities
801 Center Street
- Dec. 3-4: Houchens Center annual display
Dec. 10-11: of Christmas trees, doll
Dec. 17-18: houses, music boxes and musical
instruments. 842-6761
- Dec. 10: Fountain Square Christmas
7:00 PM - Fountain Square Park



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THE O.D. PORTER BUILDING, 227 EAST MAIN STREET,
WAS BUILT BY DR. O.D. PORTER IN 1906 AFTER
A FIRE DESTROYED HIS OFFICE. THIS
BUILDING HOUSED BLACK BUSINESSES UNTIL VACATED.

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