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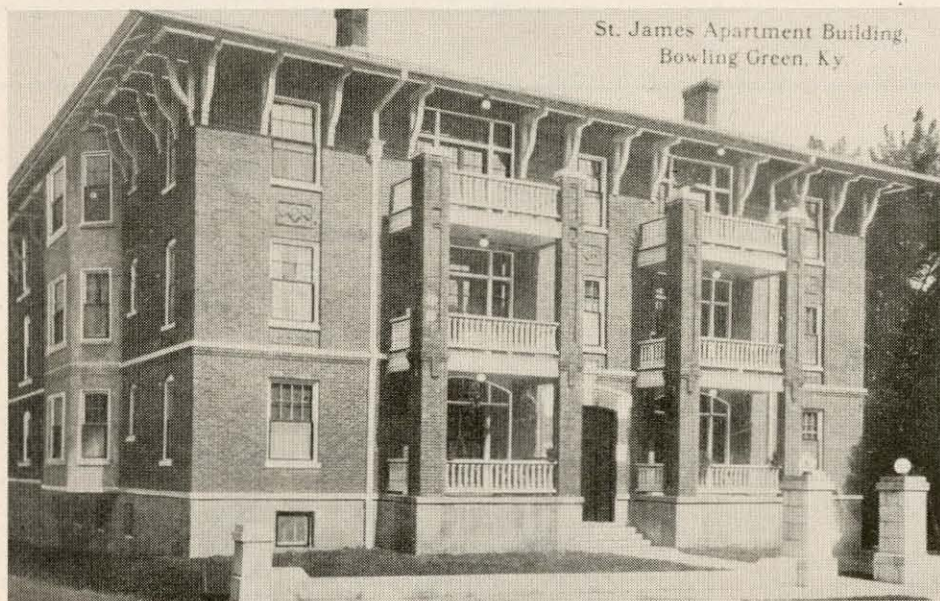
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of Bowling Green & Warren County

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ST. JAMES APARTMENTS IN NATIONAL REGISTER



ST. JAMES APARTMENT BUILDING CA. 1920

The Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County is pleased to announce that St. James Apartments, 1133 Chestnut Street, was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on August 2, 1984 as part of the Warren County Multiple Resource Area. St.

James Apartment Building is significant for several reasons: the structure was the first apartment building constructed in Bowling Green, the structure has maintained its original integrity and the building serves as a link between the Downtown Commercial Historic District and older residential neighborhoods east of Bowling Green's historic central core.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shrewsbury, the current owners, are in the process of re-

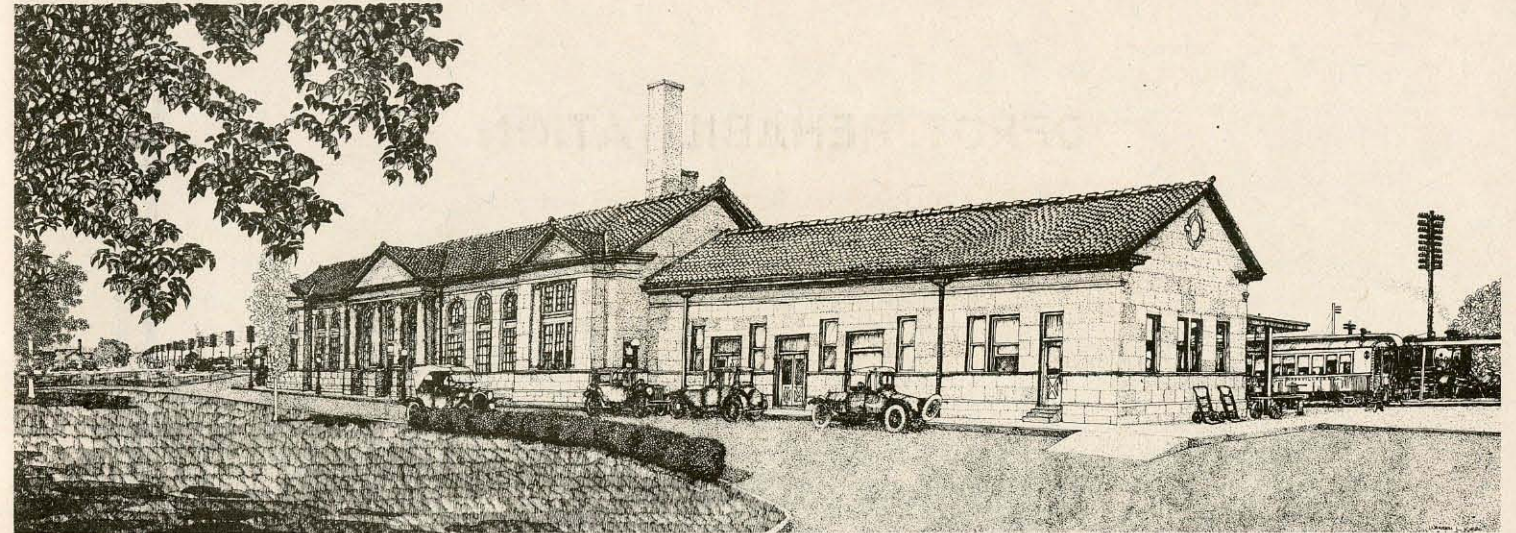
vitalizing the structure. Interior improvements include drywall and plaster repair, bringing electrical work to code, installation of appropriate light fixtures, painting, wallpaper and carpeting. On the exterior, the enclosed first floor porches have been removed and opened up as they were originally constructed. All iron porch railings have been replaced with wood duplicating the originals. Also, the yard has been landscaped and a new fence has been installed on each side of the concrete entrance columns. In the future, the rear entrance will be improved with a landing, walkway, canvas canopy and landscaping.

Bungalow style in appearance, this three story, brick structure contains eight apartments. St. James Realty Company was responsible for having the structure built in 1912. Bowling Green businessmen Julian Potter and George Moseley, E.B. Stout and Company (Real Estate), Galloway, Hughs and Potter (Real Estate) and Louisville attorney, Adrian C. Humphries, Sr. are known to have been associated with St. James Realty circa 1912 to 1920. St. James Apartment Building was the first such structure to be erected in Bowling Green when built in 1912. Apparently, no other apartment buildings were constructed in Bowling Green until the late 1920's. During the early to mid 20th century, St. James Apartments served as a fashionable residence for several well-known professional families.

Listing in the National Register gives recognition that the site has historical, architectural or archaeological significance within the context of community, state or nation.

DEPOT REHABILITATION

Mr. James Glascock of Bowling Green Station, Ltd. will present a preview of rehabilitation plans for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Depot at the Landmark Association's September meeting. This program will feature slides of the depot in its present condition and a scale model of the structure as it will appear after rehabilitation. Everyone is invited to attend this preview to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 PM.



LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD DEPOT BY WARREN KIRBO

IF ELECTED...



From banners to bumper stickers, the endless variety of political campaign memorabilia will be on view in "If Elected... The Rather Kentucky Political Americana Collection," which opened September 11 at the Kentucky Museum.

Over 1,500 posters, buttons, medals, giveaways and commemorative items are displayed, spanning almost a century and a half of Kentucky political history. The collection was donated to the museum by Lexington attorney Julius K. Rather, formerly of Bowling Green.

"The exhibit reveals the wide range of personalities and the diversity of slogans," said Robert Brigl, associate curator of exhibits. He added, "You can readily see how Kentucky politics have changed since the mid 1800s-- and still remain very much the same." "It reflects our throw-away culture," commented Connie Mills, a Kentucky Library reference librarian who helped compile an exhibit information notebook. "You can follow the technology of our society from the Henry Clay glass saucers to the frisbees used in today's campaigns."

The exhibit, which includes some very old and rare objects like a long-stemmed clay pipe with the image and name of Henry Clay carved on the bowl, will remain in place through March 3, 1985 in the Harry L. Jackson Gallery. For more information, call (502) 745-2592.

CNB RECEPTION

A presentation of Landmark's recent publication, Architecture of Warren County, Kentucky 1790-1940 was held on August 28th at Citizens National Bank - Main Place. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Lester hosted a wine and cheese reception attended by community dignitaries, local media representatives and Landmark's Board of Directors.

Guests included Mr. Joseph Y. DeSpain, Director of the Commonwealth Preservation Council, who delivered a short address concerning the value of Landmark's historic preservation efforts to the local community.

Citizens National Bank's reception gave Landmark an opportunity to present a hardbound edition of the survey book to several local libraries. Representatives from the libraries attending the reception included Trella Johnson from the Smiths Grove Public Library, Karen Turner, Director of the Bowling Green Public Library, Riley Handy, Department Head of the Kentucky

Library and Museum and Dr. Earl Wassom, Director of Library Services, Western Kentucky University.

Landmark appreciates the Lesters, Laura Bowra and Citizens National Bank for the time and effort they have taken to assist Landmark in presenting Architecture of Warren County to community representatives.



LANDMARK PRESIDENT, DAVID FAXON, PRESENTS ARCHITECTURE OF WARREN COUNTY TO DR. EARL WASSOM

MEMBERSHIP

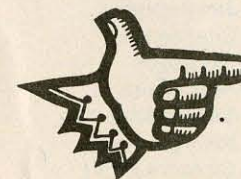
A special note of appreciation to the following who joined Landmark or renewed their memberships since the last issue of Landmark Report:

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Jackson
Mr. Marshall Love, Jr.

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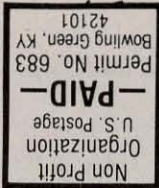


A REMINDER: 1984-1985 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE CURRENTLY DUE. THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SENT IN RENEWALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND THEM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Calendar of Events:

- Sep. 26: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30 PM BG Public Library
- Sep. 29: "Kentucky Literature"
Workshop Kentucky Museum
9:30AM-12:30PM 745-2592
- Oct. 9: Downtown Business Association Monthly Meeting
11:30 AM BG Board of Realtors 440 1/2 E. Main St.
- Oct. 24: LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
7:30PM BG Public Library
- Nov. 10: Historical Confederation of Kentucky Annual Meeting - Kentucky Museum
\$10.00 (502)546-2662
- Nov. 17: "Victorian Christmas"
Workshop Kentucky Museum
9:30AM-12:30PM 745-2592
- Dec.1-3: "Holiday House"
BGMU 801 Center Street
782-1200

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