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LANDMARK REPORT



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CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION CIRCA 1910.

HISTORY OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Landmark's Fall Program meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 1001 College Street, in the second floor Commission Chambers.

Mr. Charles Coates, City Manager, will be our guest speaker giving an historical perspective of Bowling Green City Government from the 1800's to the present.

Following the program, Mr. Coates will lead a tour of City Hall and discuss plans for expansion underway in the adjacent Kelly Building.

Members and guests are encouraged to attend our Fall membership meeting.

Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County 1984 - 1985 Annual Report

As we reflect back over the past, Landmark has continued its influence, commitment and awareness of our cultural and architectural heritage in Bowling Green/Warren County through a variety of activities and programs. 1984/85 has been a busy year involving continuing activities of the Downtown Revitalization project, several new preservation activities, and maintaining and promoting our efforts and creating a greater appreciation and awareness of our heritage.

As you review Landmark's efforts of last year, please keep in mind that although we have already done a lot and come a long way in a few short years, we need your continuing support and assistance to maintain our momentum and strive to achieve even greater heights as we approach Landmark Association's 10th Anniversary

next year.

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UNDERWOOD JONES HOUSE - c. 1875 506 STATE STREET

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MAIN STREET PROJECT ____

Bowling Green's Downtown Revitalization project as administered by Landmark has continued as a major effort of the Association and has gained wide recognition as one of the more successful programs not only in the state but in the nation. This recognition is appreciated and deserved due to the overall commitment and support of the entire community.

Even though we have a successful project, many things need yet to be accomplished. This past year several ongoing projects were continued and several new ones were started as highlighted below:

Historic Rehabilitation - The Jessee Building at 511-19 10th Street was a tax act project completed by Harlin, Parker, and Rudloff law firm for professional office space on both first and second floors.

Another transformation took place at 426 E. Main (Barclay Building) with the removal of an aluminum facade and considerable interior work for the home of Landmark Travel on the first floor and construction of an apartment on the second floor.

Also during the year, the Old State Theatre was purchased and very nicely rehabilitated for the permanent place of worship for the Fountain Square Church. Business Recruitment Study - a new program to recruit new business for downtown Bowling Green was initiated with a study completed by a Maryland marketing and development consultant. The impetus for this study and strategy was to systematically begin an effort to recruit the types of retail establishments relevant to the downtown market. In addition, recommendations concerning appropriate service businesses were made.

Actual recruitment efforts began during the year with the development of several marketing tools including a downtown color brochure and detailed information on available buildings for lease and sale. This project is intended to be an ongoing one as we strive to provide an appropriate mix and variety of shopping and business establishments in the downtown area.

Tax Moratorium Program - Another incentive program for property owners was begun in November 1984 in conjunction with the City of Bowling Green. This program offers a 5-year tax abatement on improvements to all types of buildings - residential - commercial - industrial - 50 years of age or older. Landmark administers this program for the City and approved four applications totalling \$350,000.00 for last year.



BEFORE



JESSEE BUILDING - 1912 511-517 EAST 10TH STREET

PROGRAMS/TOURS _____

Monthly membership programs continued to be a regular feature for members over the past years. A variety of interesting and informative programs were given, including: Old House Rehabilitation by Dr. Rick Voakes; Future Plans for the L&N Railroad Depot by developer Jimmy Glascock; Traditional Landscaping by John Ridley; The First Thanksgiving by WKU professor Dr. Jay Anderson; History of Western Kentucky University by Dr. Lowell Harrison; Vito Girone and the Legacy of the Beaux Arts by University of Louisville professor Dr. William Morgan.

Also, during the year Landmark provided programs to various local and state groups. Locally, presentations were made to Optimist Club, Lions Club, Downtown Business Association, Mother's Club, SOON neighborhood group, Bowling Green City Commission, and Bowling Green

Women's Club.

Landmark staff participated in several conferences and made presentations to out of town preservation groups including, Boyle County Trust in Danville, Downtown Merchants Association in Campbellsville. two Elderhostel groups at Shakertown-Pleasant Hill, Pulaski Heritage Annual Meeting in Somerset, and to Knoxville Heritage Annual Awards Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Staff also participated on a historic preservation resource team in Davenport, Iowa; gave a presentation on economic analysis at the Southern Main Street Conference in Atlanta, and discussed Bowling Green's Business Recruitment Program at the Spring conference of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA!!

Landmark's book, Architecture of Warren County, makes an excellent holiday gift. Special member price is \$7.88 and it is available at the Landmark office, 9141/2 State



PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING SUMMER TOUR OF LOUISVILLE'S HISTORIC MAIN STREET AS A PART OF WEEKEND TRIP. HIGHLIGHTING THE TRIP WAS ATTENDING THE PERFORMANCE OF "A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION" WITH GARRISON KEILLOR AT KY CENTER FOR THE ARTS.

This past year two walking tour brochures were completed - Smiths Grove Historic District and Bowling Green's Upper Main Street District.

Tours were given in conjunction with Smiths Grove's Annual Summer Fest in August of the downtown commercial and residential areas.

In Bowling Green, Landmark provided several tours of the Downtown District and Upper Main residential area for the week-long Jubilee '84, the Historical Confederation of Kentucky Annual Meeting, Western Kentucky University History Class, and American Planning Association.



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1985 ANNUAL MEETING.

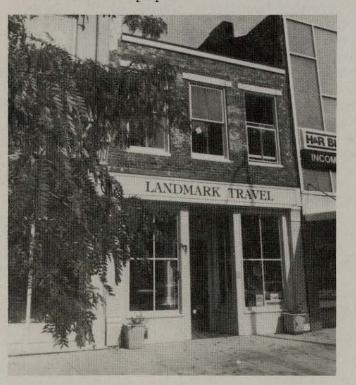
National Preservation week was celebrated with several activities sponsored by Landmark highlighting the theme "The Action's Back on Main Street".

Appropriately, Landmark's Fifth Annual Meeting at the Elks Lodge on Main Street kicked off the week's activities on May 13. Approximately 80 members and guests enjoyed the evening of food and drink, business, and awards.

Elected to lead Landmark for the coming year were Romanza Johnson as President, Rick Voakes as Vice President, Betty Fulwood as Secretary, and Gary Murphy as Treasurer. New members elected included Carol Burford, Suzie Coombs, Casey Lester, John C. Perkins, and Richard Wiesemann.

Preservation Week continued with several open houses in recently rehabilitated buildings in the Downtown Historic District.

Publicity and promotion of Preservation and Landmark was generated through several radio talk shows, television, and several items in newspaper.



BARCLAY BUILDING - c. 1840-60 426 EAST MAIN STREET

AWARDS _

Again this year, Landmark recognized several building projects and their owners with the 1985 Landmark Awards Presentations made to:

- Barclay Building Circa 1840-60 426 East Main Street Maryruth Drescher - Owner
- City Hall 1907 1001 College Street Charles Hardcastle - Mayor
- Cooke Building Circa 1885 433 Park Row Alan Baker - Owner
- Emily J. Gaines House Circa 1897 730 State Street Ron Ford - Owner
- Jessee Building 1912 511-517 East 10th Street Harlin, Parker, and Rudloff - Owner
- Jessee Building 1912 511 East 10th Street Hixon and Downey Law Firm
- State Theatre 1949 929 College Street Fountain Square Church - Owner

And, the prestigious Heritage Award for 1985 was presented to Jane Morningstar for her tireless efforts in promoting historic preservation and the Landmark Association.



JANE MORNINGSTAR (LEFT) RECEIVES 1985 HERITAGE AWARD FROM 1984 RECIPIENT, IRENE SUMPTER AT ANNUAL MEETING.

NATIONAL REGISTER

On December 5, 1984 three Civil War sites in Warren County were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Listed on the Register were FORT WEBB, located off Beech Bend Road; FORT LYTLE, located on Western Kentucky University's campus; and FORT C.F. SMITH, situated on Reservoir Hill.

During the Civil War, Bowling Green became an important military and political center. As a result, several fortifications were constructed on the hills surrounding Bowling Green by the Confederate Army, only later to be captured and improved by the Union Army.

Today we are very fortunate to have portions of the three Civil

War sites remaining as our only surviving reminders of Bowling Green's once extensive system of fortifications.

Another major historic property, the St. James Apartments, was placed on the National Register on August 2, 1984 as a part of the Warren County Multiple Resource Area. The St. James is significant for several reasons: the structure was the first apartment building constructed in Bowling Green in 1912, the structure has maintained its original character, and the building serves as an important link between the downtown district and the older residential neighborhoods.

Landmark is proud to have assisted with the project and listing of the building for its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shrewsbury.

PLANS FOR 1985-86

The coming year should prove to be another exciting and productive one for the Landmark Association as it enters its 10th year of community service. Our ongoing activities such as membership development, Downtown revitalization, technical assistance to homeowners, National Register and survey work, Awards program, membership events, walking tours, publicity and public relations, and office management and administrative responsibilities will continue as a major portion of our work for the coming year.

This past summer, the Board of Directors held its annual planning retreat to take a long term view of Landmark's future over the next five years relative to community involvement and funding considerations. From the planning retreat a variety of new projects and activities were produced. Some of the new programs for 1985/86 that Landmark will tackle include,

- 1. Ongoing commitment to a business recruitment strategy for downtown.
- 2. Organize neighborhood watch projects.
- 3. Produce an historic preservation ordinance for Bowling Green.
- 4. Conduct a second Decorator's Show House in Spring 1986 in conjunction with Arts Alliance.
- 5. Conduct a special "10th Anniversary Celebration" of the Association.
- 6. Conduct a spring bus tour for the membership.
- 7. Erect historical markers in historic districts in Bowling Green and Smiths Grove.

JOIN HISTORIC LANDMARK

Become a Part of Our History

GUIDED TOURS - Complimentary guided walking tours of Bowling Green's Downtown Historic District and Smiths Grove.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Special meetings (Christmas, Summer Picnic, Annual Meeting, etc.), trips that relate to historic preservation and architectural history, and other activities dealing with the rich cultural heritage of Bowling Green and Warren County.

DISCOUNTS - Discounts on Landmark's publication Architecture of Warren County, Kentucky 1790-1940, and reduced subscription rates to the Old-House Journal and the Old-House Journal Catalog.

CONSULTING SERVICE - Technical and design assistance with the restoration of historic buildings, plus guidance and advice on qualifying for available tax incentives. Assistance with National Register nominations and use of Landmark's library and reference materials.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS - Join our volunteers in helping with many activities, including tours, exhibition booths, special events and committees.

NEWSLETTER - Our Bi-monthly Landmark Report which reports on Preservation issues, current local events and the organizations activities.

AND... An opportunity to support the efforts of renewed vitality in Bowling Green and to help us to continue to foster our position of civic responsibility.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Landmark members are encouraged to get involved in the committees established to carry out the new programs and the ongoing activities. We encourage your active participation in carrying out the activities for the year.

The following Committees are now beginning for 1985/86. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees - call the Landmark office at 781-8106.

- Neighborhood Watch
- Membership Development
- Designer Show House
- Book Promotion
- Annual Meeting
- Anniversary Committee
- Tour Committee
- Historical Markers
- Architectural Salvage
- Publicity

FROM THE PRESIDENT....

The 1985-86 officers and board members have been busy meeting (at 7:00 a.m. meetings), setting goals, appointing committees and making plans for this to be the best year ever for the Landmark Association. We do need you, the members, to help. I do hope you will plan to attend the October meeting of the membership, sign up for the committee that interests you, plus recruit new members for the Association.

As you have suggestions for programs, tours, activities, etc., please feel free to let me know. Thank you for your confidence by electing me as your President. Let's all join forces to promote my 1985-86 theme, "to make the best better".

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LANDMARK ASSOCIATION



OCTOBER 24

Landmark Membership Meeting - 7:30 p.m. City Hall

NOVEMBER 28

Happy Thanksgiving

NOV. 29 - DEC. 1

Downtown Christmas
"Open House" Downtown Business Assoc.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 7-9

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities Holiday House BGMU

DECEMBER 15

Landmark Christmas Open House - 3:00-5:00 p.m. Pfefferkorn Residence

DECEMBER 25

Christmas

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