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LANDMARK REPORT

No. 7 of Bowling Green & Warren County 1986



6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 21, 1986 Hobson Grove

Landmark's Annual Summer Picnic will be Thursday, August 21, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hobson Grove Park picnic area near the entrance. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish or dishes to feed the number of people in your family - salad, vegetable, or dessert. Also, please bring lawn chairs or blankets as there are just a few picnic tables.

Two special activities are planned for the picnic. First of all, for those interested, the Hobson House will be open for tours from 7:00-8:00 p.m. And for those interested in physical activity, our President, Dr. Rick Voakes, will give a mini workshop on the finer points of disc golf. You will then have an opportunity to play a few rounds on the Hobson Grove course. (For those that are not aware, disc golf is the same as frisbee.)

Bring your family and friends and enjoy our annual summer outing Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Hobson Grove.

LANDMARK'S NEW PRESIDENT

Elected to lead the Landmark Association for the 1986-87 year was Dr. Rick Voakes. Dr. Voakes has been involved with Landmark activities since 1980 coming from Tucson, Arizona. Rick is a lover of old houses and antiques, having already rehabilitated two old houses in Bowling Green, one of which houses his medical practice of pediatrics and his living quarters upstairs. He also is an accomplished flutist and masters champion in disc golf.

Joining Dr. Voakes as officers for next year include, Dr. Charles Ray, Vice President; Louis Berman, Treasurer; and Dr. Clarence Wolff, Secretary.



Past President, Romanza Johnson passing the gavel to Dr. Rick Voakes.

LANDMARK ASSOCIATION 1985-86 ANNUAL REPORT

1985/86 was another year of numerous activities and accomplishments for the Landmark Association, through the efforts of a hardworking Board of Directors and many volunteer committees. Significant activities and project involvement are enumerated below:

- Initiation of survey of historic sites in Bowling Green (1st year of 2 year project).
- Preparation of draft of an Historic Preservation Ordinance for the city.
- Establishment of a corporate program to assist membership Landmark's financial resources.
- Successful completion of a second Decorator Showhouse project in joint sponsorship with the Arts Alliance with a net profit of over \$4,000 for each organization.
- Conducted a four-day Spring Tour of historic sites and areas in Mobile, Alabama.
- Preparation of signage designating the five historic districts in Bowling Green and Smiths Grove.
- Planning for special "Tenth Anniversary" celebration of Landmark Association.
- Produced a special plaque recognizing Warren County homes 50 years of age or older.
- Held several events for the general membership during the year:
 - -Annual Summer Picnic
 - -Fall Program and Tour
 - -Annual Christmas Open House
 - -Spring Program and Tour
 - -Annual Meeting in May



Turpin Building, 914-916 State Street

1986-87 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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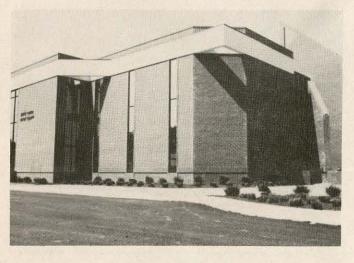
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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION ____

Bowling Green's Main Street Project is now in its seventh year. Through the efforts of the community we have seen a successful revitalization of the central business district and have maintained downtown as the central focus of the city.

Many positive changes have taken place through the establishment of new businesses, rehabilitation and reuse of historic buildings, added value to the downtown tax base, renewed interest and activity in Fountain Square Park, and an overall good public feeling that someone cares about downtown. We have all the numbers and figures to document the successes. But, the important element is the public perception. And that the public perception is overwhelmingly positive.

Many new projects have been completed this past year including the Durbin Building, Turpin Building, Underwood-Jones House, City Hall Annex, and new construction of the \$10 million Justice Center and Warren County Jail on Lower Main Street. Many opportunities still exist and with the strong community support we shall continue the efforts to make downtown even better.



Warren County Justice Center



City Hall Annex

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (6/5/86 - 7/31/86)

New Members

Gertrude E. Bale

Mr. and Mrs. David Broderick Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Childress

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Mrs. Joseph Medalie Mr. and Mrs. James Neessen

Gary Whittle

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Woosley

New Corporate Members

Baker and Moore Investments Pappagallo on the Alley

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Renewals

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Babik

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HISTORIC SURVEY - NATIONAL REGISTER

This past year, Landmark embarked on a major effort to complete the survey of historic sites in Bowling Green. The initial survey was done in 1978 by the Kentucky Heritage Council and identified over 400 sites in Bowling Green and Warren County in addition to nominating five historic districts and one thematic district to the National Register.

The work this year will entail identifying and documenting 100-200 additional historic sites in the city. We will also look at the possibility of expanding one or more of the residential historic districts, namely, the College Hill District and the Upper East Main Street District in addition to preparing a nomination to designate a residential concentration of bungelows in the Magnolia Street area between Scottsville Road and East 10th Street.

Future work will include resurvey work of existing sites to provide further documentation and new survey work to identify additional historic sites in Warren County.

The survey work was started in May 1986 and will be completed this fall with the help of our summer intern Gary Whittle and grant assistance from the Kentucky Heritage Council.



Magnolia Street Area

627 E. 13th Street

PLANS FOR 1986-87_

The coming year should prove to be another productive one for Landmark as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary. Again, our ongoing activities such as membership development, downtown revitalization, National Register and survey work, membership events, walking tours, publicity and public relations, and office management and administrative responsibilities will constitute a major portion of our work schedule for the ensuing year.

This past June, the Board held its annual planning retreat to look at areas of new involvement in the preservation of Bowling Green and Warren County. From this planning session, many new ideas were generated. After further discussion and evaluation, the following new programs were adopted for the new year:

- Historic Home Help This project would provide an ongoing process to educate Warren County property owners of older homes in the skills, problems, and techniques of rehabilitating older homes. This would be accomplished through a combination of general and technical workshops and training sessions in addition to publications, home tours, referral services, and technical consulting services.
- Fund Raising Ongoing funding is essential to the continuation of Landmark's activities and programs. A combination of funding sources needs to be developed on a continuing basis with an emphasis on support from city and county governments, private contributions from individuals and businesses, state and federal grants, book and house plaque sales, and special events and projects.

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.

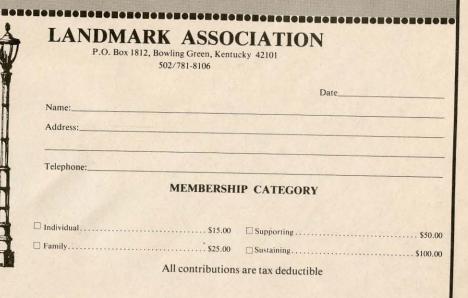
DISCOUNTS - Discounts on Landmark's publication Architecture of Warren County, Kentucky 1790-1940, and reduced subscription rates to the Old-House Journal and the Old-House Journal Catalog.

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.



DINING IN HISTORIC KENTUCKY_

Dining in Historic Kentucky includes many fine restaurants in historic buildings around the state. In this quarter's newsletter we are highlighting Bowling Green's Mariah's 1818 Restaurant.

George and Elizabeth Moore built the Federal style house at 801 State Street in 1818 at a cost of \$4,000. It is the oldest brick house in Bowling Green. George died in 1819, but the house continued to be occupied by his widow, and his daughter Mariah lived there until her death in 1888.

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, the house was converted to a restaurant in 1980 and named for Mariah Moore. The exterior has been restored to its original appearance. Although the interior was altered to accomodate the restaurant use, it still contains much of the original woodwork, poplar floors, and mantels. A collection of antiques and curiosities added by owners Rick Kelley and David Sears contributes a lighthearted touch in the 5 downstairs, while a large combination

room upstairs sporting a fireplace at each end and five large windows across the front, is more formal.

The menu provides a wide selection of interesting appetizers, hearty soups, and a variety of sandwich fare. Entrees of steak, seafood, and pasta are accompanied by a special of the day and an unusual choice of egg dishes. Gooey desserts like Mariah's Delight (hot fudge, nut brownie, ice cream, and whipped cream) should satisfy the sweetest tooth.



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