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TOLL HOUSE PROJECT

Located at 99 College Street, this modest brick structure was discovered to be of historic significance in relation to Bowling Green’s early transportation history. Originally a pioneer trail, the Louisville and Nashville Pike had developed into a major north-south route and crossed the Barren River into Bowling Green in this area. As early as 1834, a bridge had been built in the vicinity to improve access to the town from the north. A wooden covered bridge with stone piers was built in 1838 and another was built after 1862. Presently, an iron truss bridge built in 1915 crosses the river at this point.

Because 19th century road and bridge construction was paid for through private subscription, a building was needed for collection of tolls and to house the toll collector in order to pay for maintenance of the bridge. Although no exact date can yet be attributed to the building, a toll house had been at this location as early as 1843. Deeds for the property from 1867 and 1874 mention Matthew Hare and James McConnell respectively, as occupants of the house. This has also been the location of a blacksmith shop and most recently, Bryant and Son Grocery. The appearance of the building has changed through the years by enlarging the structure with three brick additions prior to 1900 and several frame additions since 1900.

The City of Bowling Green acquired this property in April, 1982, as part of the Midtown Redevelopment Plan. Because redevelopment plans called for clearing the land northeast of First Avenue with no future development, the Bowling Green Board of Realtors approached the city and the Landmark Association with the idea of rehabilitating the brick portions of the Toll House as the Board’s annual "Make America Better" project. Since April, the Board, in conjunction with Landmark, has been cleaning the property and removing the frame additions. Many volunteers have contributed their time to this project including Ann, Ward and John Elliot, Jimmy Ellis and crew, Betty Fulwood, Patty Greninger, Becky and Kevin Hunter, Nick Lannert, Ramona and Jimmy Morrison, Ron Murphy, John Parker, Dick Pfefferkorn, Ross Pinkstaff, Linda and Charlie Ray, Alice Reneau, Tim Shaw, Jim Smith, Joan Stahl, William Stamps, Jean Thomason, Rick Voakes and David Williams.

Although plans for utilization after rehabilitation have not been fully developed, involvement by the Bowling Green Board of Realtors and the Landmark Association with the community in this project will demonstrate how a variety of groups and individuals can work together to achieve a better community through historic preservation.
PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLIC PRIORITIES

- Continue Landmark Awards program for presentation at Annual Meeting in May 1983.
- Continue monthly membership meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except December and May.
- Conduct Third Annual Meeting of the Landmark Association during preservation month in May 1983.
- Publish monthly newsletter under new format for membership and others to be mailed by the third Wednesday of each month.

- Assist the Kentucky Heritage Council, Community Preservation Council, and other related state and local organizations in providing and disseminating information regarding Landmark activities and programs throughout the year.
- Involve Landmark members more actively through committee structure.
- Continue presentations to local civic and community organizations publicizing the efforts of Landmark's preservation and development efforts.
- Erect historical markers designating each of the five historic districts in Bowling Green and Warren County.
- Develop a publicity program to educate the general public about the Landmark Association and its preservation and development activities.

LANDMARK VOLUNTEERS

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE
- Nanna Lee Hunter - Co-Chairman
- Jane Gurnett
- Alice Colvard
- Romana Johnson

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- Jim Parrish - Chairman
- John C. Perkins
- Gary Murphy

FINANCE COMMITTEE
- Jim Parrish - Chairman
- Rich Wiseman

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
- Bob Marble

FUND SOURCES COMMITTEE
- Riley Handy - Chairman

HISTORICAL MARKER COMMITTEE
- David Faxon - Chairman
- Rick Vokes

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- John C. Perkins - Chairman
- Bob Smith
- Nick Pfefferhorn
- Rick Vokes

LOWER MAIS COMMITTEE
- David Gardin - Chairman
- Gary Murphy
- John C. Perkins

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- Dave Gardin - Chairman
- Alice Colvard
- Romana Johnson

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
- Sandra Dunn - Chairman
- Alice Colvard
- Romana Johnson

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
- Carol Berard
- Alice Colvard
- Romana Johnson

SAVAGE COMMITTEE
- Richard Wiseman - Chairman
- John C. Perkins
- Jay Sloan

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
- Virginia Atkins
- Betty Alwood
- Donna Phillips

STAFF ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
- Virginia Atkins
- Betty Alwood

ADMINISTRATIVE (STAFF) PRIORITIES

- Maintain accurate recordkeeping system throughout the year.
- Conduct an annual review by a local CPA.
- Participate in city budget process and prepare Landmark request during March and April 1983.
- Submit monthly reimbursement requests to the Kentucky Heritage Council throughout the grant period.
- Prepare and conduct an annual presentation to City Commission regarding Landmark activities and programs.
- Maintain close communication with city officials and Kentucky Heritage Council throughout the year.
- Maintain and operate the Landmark office in a business-like and professional manner throughout the year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIORITIES

- Approve and adopt the annual operating budget prepared by the Finance Committee.
- Conduct a Board Planning Retreat for preplanning of annual Program of Work during April 1983.
- Conduct a mid-year budget and Program of Work Review and make adjustments as necessary.
- Conduct twelve monthly Board of Directors meetings during the year.
- Perform an annual evaluation of the Executive Vice President during March 1983.
**OCTOBER MEETING**

Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend our next monthly meeting to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. Debbie Smith, Registrar for the Kentucky Museum, will present a slide program concerning the background and relationship between pioneer settlements and early cemeteries. A portion of the program will deal with Hugh F. Smith, an early Warren County stone carver. Many tombstones located throughout the county, including Fairview Cemetery and Pioneer Cemetery, can be attributed to Hugh Smith.

A brief history of Pioneer Cemetery and examples of Smith's work will be pointed out during a lantern tour of the cemetery following the program. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be available at BGPMU after the tour. Anyone wanting to donate the use of a lantern, please contact the office at 781-8106.

**FOR SALE:** Antique Walnut Drop-leaf Table $200
Burt Feintuch 731-0981

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**Calendar of Events**

- **Oct. 20:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
  7:30 p.m. Landmark office

- **Oct. 27:** LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
  7:30 p.m. BG Public Library

- **Tue. & Sat. through Oct.:**
  Farmers' Market
  7:30 a.m. City Parking Lot

- **Nov. 10:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
  7:30 p.m. Landmark office

- **Nov. 13:** CPC-HCK Conference
  9:00 a.m. Elizabethtown, Ky.

- **Nov. 13:** Museum Workshop "Victorian Christmas"
  9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Kentucky Museum

- **Nov. 17:** LANDMARK MONTHLY MEETING
  7:30 p.m. BG Public Library

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**NEW LANDMARK MEMBERS**

A number of new members have joined the Landmark Association since last month. Landmark would like to welcome the following to the organization. We thank you for your support and look forward to your participation.

- Evelyn B. Buchannon
- Nan Shelby Calloway
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dowse
- Dr. and Mrs. Jack Glasser