A MAN AND HIS WORK

William Leon Davis, a native of Christian County, Kentucky, is the oldest of nine children and a son of a sharecropper and Highway Department worker. Mr. Davis' artistic and sensitive nature led him to the photographic profession after moving to southern California in 1969 and returning to Kentucky in 1979. Mr. Davis expresses his love and appreciation for Kentucky's unique landscapes, people and architecture by sharing his experiences with others.

A small, but beautiful part of his work involves teaching photographic workshops and conducting field trips. Much of Mr. Davis' work is used in decorating restaurants, offices and homes. His photography has also been exhibited in museums, art galleries, libraries, banks and art shows.
JULY LANDMARK MEETING

Landmark members and their guests are invited to attend the July Landmark Meeting to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, July 27, 1983.

Mr. Joe DeSpain, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Preservation Council, will explain the activities of Kentucky’s only state-wide historic preservation organization. During this program, the Commonwealth Preservation Council’s recently completed media presentation will be shown. This presentation will be used throughout the state and highlights historic preservation efforts in Kentucky, including activities of the Landmark Association.

Following the program, a tour will be given of the newly rehabilitated McIntire Building, 1025 State Street. Owned by Mr. Joe Bill Campbell, this structure was built circa 1910 by George McIntire and is a fine example of early 19th century commercial architecture. This building was adapted for reuse by the law firm of Campbell, Smith and Kerrick.

REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

A workshop concerning rehabilitation and repair of older homes will be held in Louisville on Saturday, July 23, 1983. Sponsored by the Louisville Historic League and the Historical Confederation of Kentucky, this day-long workshop will be conducted at the Old Louisville Medical School, First and Chestnut Streets.

Discussions featured during the day include Permits and Regulations, How to Get the Most Out of Your Architect or Contractor, Exterior Structural Problems, Mechanical Systems, Interiors, External Structures and Landscaping.

For further information, contact Debbie Reynolds at 581-9124.

DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation in the Downtown Commercial Historic District is continuing with the recently completed rehabilitation of the McIntire Building, while revitalization is underway for the Gerard Hotel.

Mr. Joe Bill Campbell, owner of the McIntire Building, recently moved his law firm into the structure at 1025 State Street. Built circa 1910, this building originally housed a harness shop and hardware store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kennedy have begun rehabilitation of the Gerard Hotel, 423 Park Row. Built circa 1870 by John C. Gerard, this building served as a hotel and housed commercial establishments on the first floor. This structure is currently the location of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Division of Licensing.

Calendar of Events:

July-Sep.: Concert in the Park Wednesdays 7-9:30 PM Fountain Square Park

July-Oct.: Farmers’ Market Tues. and Sat. 7:30AM City Parking Lot

July 23: Rehabilitation Workshop 9:30 AM Old Louisville Medical School

July 27: LANDMARK JULY MEETING 7:30 PM BG Public Library Joe DeSpain-Commonwealth Preservation Council

Aug. 17: LANDMARK BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM Landmark office

Aug. 24: LANDMARK AUGUST MEETING 7:30 PM BG Public Library Richard Holland-Growth, Inc.

NEW CPC PRESIDENT

Landmark’s Executive Vice President, Dick Pfefferkorn, was elected President of the Commonwealth Preservation Council at the organization’s Annual Meeting in Danville.

Officers elected for the coming year include Dick Holland, Vice President (Paducah); Kit Garrett, Secretary (Hopkinsville); and Betty Morris, Treasurer (Harrodsburg).

Participants attending the Annual Meeting were given tours of Perryville, the McDowell House in Danville and downtown Danville. Dr. Richard Morrill, Centre College President, was the featured guest speaker during the luncheon. Activities concluded with a cocktail party at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace.

NEW LANDMARK MEMBERS

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

Ms. Anita Anderson
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bussey
Mr. and Mrs. David Drescher
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Glaser
Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Janes
Mr. and Mrs. John Karay

"Fountain Square 1983" is Mr. Davis’ first reproduction print and has been released as a limited edition of 250 prints. He hopes time and opportunity will allow him to photograph more of Kentucky’s beautiful landscapes and architecture. For further information regarding Mr. Davis’ work, contact Landmark at 781-8106 or Mr. Davis at 781-7855.

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