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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 revitalizing 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, Hughes 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.

IF ELECTED...

From banners to bumper stickers, the endless variety of political campaign memorabilia will be on view in "If Elected... Today's Society from the Henry Clay Saucers to the Fireflies used in Campaigns." The Rather Kentucky Political Americans Collection," which opened September 11, will be on view in the Harry L. Jackson Gallery. For more information, call (502) 745-2492.

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 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 attended the reception and included Trella Johnson from the Smith 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.

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 Loven, 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.
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 440½ 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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