HISTORY OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Western Kentucky University, having a history reaching back to the late 19th century, has played an important role in Warren County. Dr. Lowell Harrison, with the Department of History at Western Kentucky University, has spent the past several years researching Western's history utilizing materials from the university archives.

Dr. Harrison will be featured as guest speaker for Landmark's January meeting to be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Wednesday, January 23, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. His presentation will cover Western Kentucky University's early years under the administration of Henry H. Cherry, Western's first president. A specialist in Kentucky history, Dr. Harrison has authored numerous articles and books including John Breckinridge: Jeffersonian Republican, George Rogers Clark and the War in the West, The Antislavery Movement in Kentucky, and The Civil War in Kentucky.

CIVIL WAR SITES ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER

The Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County is pleased to announce that three Civil War sites in Warren County have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Listed in the National Register as of December 5, 1984 are Fort Webb, Fort Lytle and Fort C.F. Smith. During the Civil War, Bowling Green became an important military, as well as political center. As a result, several fortifications were constructed on the hills surrounding Bowling Green by the Confederate Army. These fortifications were later captured and improved by the Union Army. Today, portions of Forts Webb, Lytle and Smith are the only surviving visual reminders of Bowling Green's once extensive system of Civil War fortifications. Fort Webb, located off Beech Bend Road, was named by Federal forces and was locally known as Webb's Hill.
Revitalization of the Jesse Building was completed this past December by James D. Bryant, Jerry A. Burns, Max B. Harlin III, James D. Harris, William J. Parker and William J. Rudloff. Now utilized as professional offices, the structure appears as it did when constructed in 1912. Steve Downey and Steve Downey were responsible for revitalization of their first floor offices.

**JESSEE BUILDING 1912**
511-517 EAST 10TH AVENUE

**MEMBERSHIP**
Landmark's addition of 13 new memberships brings our total new memberships for the year to 43. These new members along with our recent renewals expand Landmark membership to 490 people. We appreciate everyone’s support and participation.

**New Members**
- Ms. Diane Alpert
- Mrs. Betty Anderson
- Mrs. Marie Carter
- Mrs. Donna Chatman
- Mr. Robert W. Eaton
- Mrs. Cassandra Cates
- Mrs. Patricia H. Keller
- Mr. Kevin Kirby
- Ms. Lou Lazarus
- Dr. and Mrs. David Livingston
- Ms. Mary Alice Oliver
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rogers
- Mr. Asher L. Young

**Membership Renewals**
- Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hale
- Dr. and Mrs. John S. Herrick
- Mr. Alan Palmer

**OUT-OF-COUNTY MEMBERS**
Because the Landmark Association is a countywide historic preservation organization, we receive most of our membership support from residents of Warren County. However, some of our support comes from outside the county. This month, we would like to recognize those Landmark members who live outside Warren County, yet maintain an interest in Landmark activities.

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**Next Month...**
Landmark's February 27th meeting will feature the traveling exhibit, "Vito Girone: The Beaux-Arts Education of an Architect," at the Kentucky Museum. Dr. William Morgan from the University of Louisville Department of Fine Arts will be the guest lecturer.

**DOWNTOWN APARTMENT FOR RENT**
Overlooking Fountain Square Park, downtown's largest apartment with 2,000 square feet is currently available for rent. This $500 per month apartment is protected with a sprinkler system and has two bedrooms, two baths, all kitchen appliances, W/D hook-up and an average electric bill of only $20. For further information, call 843-3256.
In 1949, the Kentucky Department of Transportation began the Historical Marker Program. Under this program (assigned to the Kentucky Historical Society in 1962) over 1,400 historic sites along Kentucky highways have been identified. Approximately twenty of these markers have been placed in Warren County. Beginning with this issue, Landmark Report will periodically introduce the various historical markers found in Warren County.

**Warren County (Warren County Courthouse)**

Established by Legislature, 1796, as the 24th county of Kentucky. Formed from part of Logan County. Parts of Barren, Allen, Edmonson, and Simpson counties later taken from original Warren boundaries. Named for Maj. Gen. Joseph Warren who died at Bunker Hill in 1775. Two earlier courthouses, the first log and second brick, 1812, were built in present Fountain Square.