

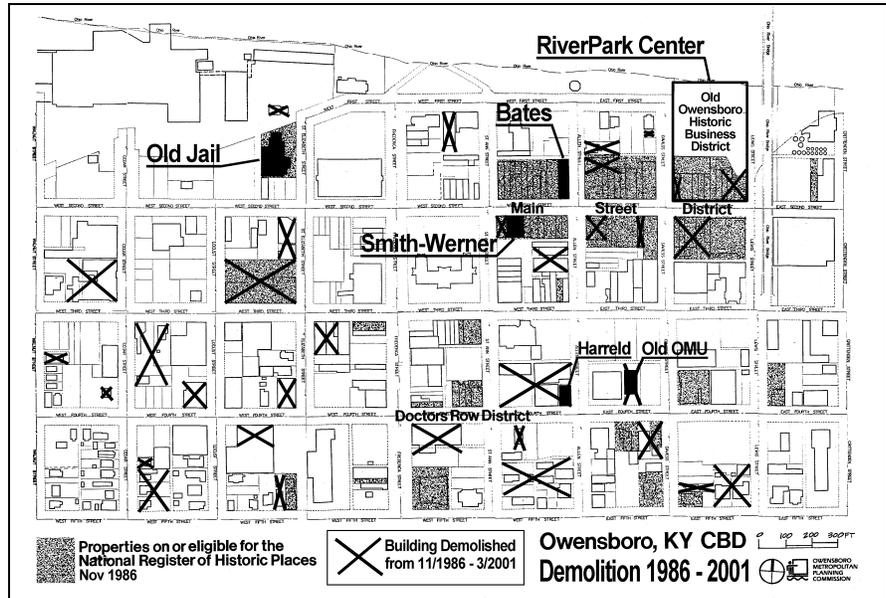
# PA Update

Spring 2001

## Historic Preservation Districts Near Approval

In April 2000 the Owensboro City Commission established the Owensboro Historic Preservation Board and a process for the local designation of historic districts subject to mandatory design guidelines. Changes to the physical characteristics of buildings within the districts can be regulated, affecting new construction, alterations, and demolition. Each district can have unique design guidelines as appropriate to the area and as agreed upon by affected property owners.

Two proposed local historic districts are near adoption. Recently, the preservation board held a public hearing and recommended approval of the districts to the city commission. The planning commission, which must also review the proposal, voted in support at its April 19 meeting. The city commission is expected to consider final approval soon.



### J Z Moore Historic District



The J Z Moore Historic District has been on the Nation Register of Historic Places since the 1980s. With local historic designation, any major alterations to a building on the front half of a lot must meet 5 out of a set of 8 standards. These include roof pitch, porch size/placement, decorative trimwork, width of structure, ground floor height, exterior siding material, front door size/placement, and dormer size/placement. Under the ordinance, color cannot be regulated.

### Old Owensboro Historic Business District Starts with RPC

Owensboro's downtown core, including the Main St. National Historic District, has been subject to a set of design guidelines adopted in 1990 and administered by the Design Review Commission and Downtown Owensboro Inc. Review by the design commission has been mandatory

for building alterations, but compliance has been voluntary. Now, the RiverPark Center will become the Old Owensboro Historic Business District, and compliance with the existing guidelines will become mandatory. This local district may grow to include other historic buildings in the area.

## PA Annual Meeting

Friday - May 18, 2001 - 11:30 AM

**"Haphazard,"** historic home of John & Riley Hess

717 Pleasant Valley Road, Owensboro

Lunch will be served - \$10.00 per person

**Please Make Reservations with Payment by May 11**

**Or Call 270-926-8882**

**(See form on page 3)**

Short Business Meeting to Elect Board Members & Officers

Talk & tour of Haphazard by Riley Hess

# Endangered Buildings Down 2

Last year, the Board of Preservation Alliance listed five historic buildings that PA believed to be under threat of demolition. Subsequently, two of the five were demolished. The three most important on the list remain standing. Here's an update.



**Daviess County Jail**

The Daviess County Jail, which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, soon will be vacated, when the county moves prisoners to the new detention center on US 60 E.

If and when the downtown jail goes on the market as surplus property, speculation points to John Bays, owner of the Executive Inn, as interested in acquiring the jail. The Messenger-Inquirer has reported that Bays says he will "tear it down" should he purchase the jail.

Preservation Alliance still maintains that the jail would make an intriguing restaurant, bed & breakfast, offices, or nightclub.

Another idea would be for Bays to adapt the most historic part of the jail as an entrance pavilion to expanded exhibition space, combining the best of the old and new. This was done successfully at the RiverPark Center.

PA has suggested that the county retain the old jail for public use or lease, or place stipulations on any sale requiring a buyer to preserve the historic portions of the jail.



**Bates & Smith-Werner**

The Bates and Smith-Werner buildings, icons of the downtown Main Street Historic District, still stand.

The first floor of the Bates facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is under a renovation permit obtained by Danielle Nagar to become "Club 101," a restaurant with bar. Eventually the upper floors of the Bates may be converted to residential use.

In October 2000, the Daviess County Fiscal Court purchased the Smith-Werner Building along with other adjoining properties previously owned by the Al Arnold family. The Elite Cigar Store and the Downtown Café currently occupy the building, which has a distinctive Italianate pressed-metal façade.

Prior to purchasing the properties, the county stated it had no plan to demolish the historic buildings, and would consider selling the buildings while retaining the surface parking in the middle of the block.

The Preservation Alliance Board has taken the position that the county's interim ownership of the property may be an opportunity to better protect the buildings and assure their long-term preservation.

As the county could do for the old jail, prior to sale of the Smith-Werner or other historic buildings, the county could stipulate that the buyer would have to preserve the historic features of the buildings.



**Harreld & Old OMU buildings**

The site of the former Harreld Building is now a grassy lot. Old National Bank now owns the lot, on which it has planned to build its Owensboro headquarters.

Although it was a solid structure with an attractive façade on two street fronts, the city demolished the former police station and transit office last fall in order to sell the cleared site to Old National.

Ironically, the City Commission approved the demolition and sale in April during same meeting at which it adopted the historic preservation ordinance.

The Old OMU Building, which used to stand just east of City Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, was demolished by the city last fall and is now a parking lot for City Hall employees.

## Preservation Bits

**Could Old Jail's historic front part** serve as an entrance pavilion for expanded exhibition facilities at the Executive Inn? It might just fit.



**White Line**, projecting south in line with east wall of Exhibition Center, shows Old Jail's most historic part lies east of the center.

### *In Memoriam*

**NELDA BOGGESS CALLIS**, who died in March 2001, was an active member of Preservation Alliance for many years. She was dedicated to the enhancement, protection, and preservation of Owensboro's historic houses and other buildings. Nelda's ideas were always welcomed and she will be missed. Her most recent concern was the fate of the old jail. Nelda played a major role in the establishment of Owensboro's Dogwood-Azalea Trail.

### **Regional Preservation Coordinator**

Stewart Sebree has replaced former coordinator Anne Gryczon. PA and the Owensboro Historic Preservation Board relied extensively on Anne's expertise and enthusiasm. We wish her luck in future pursuits. Sebree's office is jointly funded by Historic Landmarks of Indiana, the Kentucky Heritage Council, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. *Good luck, Stewart!*

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## **2001 Preservation Alliance Dues Renewal**

If "2001" is NOT shown on your mailing label, please renew your Preservation Alliance dues.

- Annual PA Dues @ \$20.00 per household**
- \_\_\_\_\_ persons for Annual Meeting @ \$10.00 per person**
- Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

PA appreciates your membership. Want to do more?

- I would like to serve on the Board of Directors of Preservation Alliance
- I would be interested in serving on a standing or ad-hoc committee
- I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_

## **Kentucky's Historic Schools Symposium to be held May 11 at Male High School in Louisville**

You are invited to attend the first Historic Schools Symposium in **Louisville, Friday, May 11, 2001, 8:45-5:00.**

The symposium is sponsored by the Kentucky Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet, the Kentucky Heritage Council, the Kentucky Department of Education, and Preservation Kentucky.

The Schools Symposium is an excellent opportunity to learn of the progressive future that can be realized through preservation and maintenance of these important public buildings. Whether you are looking to reuse an old school building as a community resource, to keep an existing school in service, or to examine design solutions appropriate to historic schools, this symposium will provide you with the tools to succeed.

The Schools Symposium will be held in historic Louisville Male High School, constructed in 1914. Located at 911 South Brook Street, the school remains an impressive monument to public school construction in the city of Louisville at the turn of the last century. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Male High School was closed in 1993, and was slated for demolition in 1999. As a result of efforts led by the Louisville Historical League, the school was renovated in 2000 to provide meeting and office space.

Male High School can be reached from Interstate 65. From I-65, take the St. Catherine Exit (135), and turn west on St. Catherine (it is a one way street). Continue two blocks on St. Catherine, then make a

right onto Second Street. One block later, make a right onto Kentucky Street. Pass First Street, and make a left onto South Brook Street. The school is on the right on the corner of Breckenridge Street.

**Registration fee is \$30 in advance and includes lunch. Registration fees increase after April 30 to \$35.**

**Phone 502-564-7005 with any questions or to register.**

***Checks for conference registration should be made payable to Preservation Kentucky, Inc.***

Return with payment by 30 April to:  
Historic Schools Symposium  
c/o Preservation Kentucky, Inc.  
PO Box 5123  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

### **Morning Sessions: Information and Case Studies**

Session A. What can your community do with abandoned school buildings?  
Session B. Can your community's historic school be renovated?

**Lunch** (Vegetarian available)

### **Afternoon Session: Issues and Policy Sessions**

Session C. Preserving African American Historic Schools  
Session D. How does education policy affect historic schools?

Continuing Education Credits are available for architects registered with the AIA.

## **Historic Preservation & the Global Marketplace**

The economist Peter Drucker wrote, "Tomorrow's educated person will have to be prepared for life in a global world ... He or she must become a citizen of the world in vision, horizon, information. But he or she will have to draw nourishment from their local roots and, in turn, enrich and nourish their own local culture. That is the globalization approach of preservation."

The Brown-Forman Corporation certainly understands the globalization/local culture connection. The company employs people from 50 different countries and sells products in a hundred nations.

With their resources they could locate virtually anywhere. But where did Brown-Forman choose to make a \$7 million investment? At the 150 year old Labrot & Graham Distillery in rural Woodford County.

This choice of location was a conscious corporate decision. The director for brand development for Brown-Forman, Bill Creason explains, "We as a company owe our beginnings to bourbon.... Its fitting that Brown-Forman should have a facility like Labrot & Graham, a place where Kentuckians and tourists alike can come to learn about bourbon's rich heritage."

Brown-Forman has taken Drucker's advice -- becoming a citizen of the world while enriching and nourishing its own local culture.

*[Excerpted from Historic Preservation and the Economy of the Commonwealth, by Donovan D. Rypkema, May 1997]*

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**Please renew your PA Membership Dues for 2001**

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**Thank You, Preservation Alliance Members**

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