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## PA 2006 Annual Meeting at two historic sites After Campbell Club luncheon, meeting will move to Longfellow School



Campbell Club, built circa 1880

Friday ▪ June 9, 2006 ▪ 11:30 AM

### PA 2006 Annual Meeting: Campbell Club to Longfellow School

Starting at 517 Frederica St, then to 1716 Frederica St  
Campbell Club buffet with beverages ▪ \$10 per person

**Please make reservations by June 5**  
Phone 270-683-3380 or Email [garysoft@aol.com](mailto:garysoft@aol.com)

Short Business Meeting to Elect Board Members & Officers  
Updates on Campbell Club's extensive renovations  
Tour Longfellow School & hear status of OHS plans  
Meet with Dr. Larry Vick, city schools superintendent



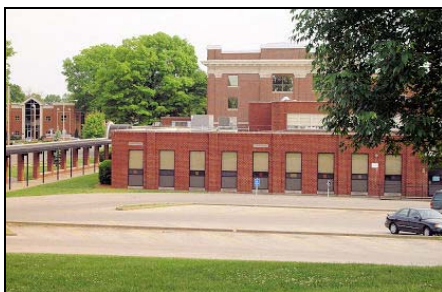
Longfellow School, erected 1931

## Campbell Club and Longfellow School: 50 years & 12 blocks apart on Frederica Street

Preservationists in Owensboro-Daviess County will have the opportunity to visit two historic buildings, when Preservation Alliance holds its 2006 Annual Meeting on Friday, June 9.

**The Campbell Club** will be stop one at 11:30 AM, where a buffet luncheon will be held, including a short business meeting. Then members will hear about the extensive renovations that have been made to the private dining club, which serves as a regular meeting spot for several groups, including the Preservation Alliance board of directors.

**Longfellow School** will be stop two at 1:00 PM, where we will tour the 1931 building, which is under possible threat of demolition



Owensboro High School from Longfellow Hill

as part of plans to expand the campus of Owensboro High School. Dr. Larry Vick, superintendent of city schools plans to meet with the group and discuss the status of the expansion plans.

**This should be** a fun and interesting midday program. Make your reservations today by phone at 270-683-3380 or by email at [garysoft@aol.com](mailto:garysoft@aol.com). Luncheon is \$10 per person and includes beverages.

### Significance of the Campbell Club

**The Campbell Club** was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 28, 1986, as part of a multiple resource nomination to the register, produced by Glenda Thacker, an Emeritus Director of PA:

“**The Campbell Club building** is a surviving example of the impressive Victorian domestic architecture that once dominated Frederica Street, one of Owensboro's leading residential areas in the late nineteenth century. Most of these late Victorian structures have been replaced by twentieth century commercial buildings. The Campbell Club is an outstanding example of Second Empire architecture and one of the most important

late Victorian structures in Owensboro. The elegant home was built by John S. Woolfolk, incorporator of the Peoples' Wharf-Boat and Transfer Company and sold a few years later to C.D. Jackson, one of the wealthiest men in Owensboro. Jackson was a distant relative of President Andrew Jackson and owned considerable land throughout the county. When he died his heirs sold it to a wealthy distiller who kept it only a few years before selling it to attorney J. D. Powers. Powers was an officer of the Peoples' Wharf-Boat and a state legislator. Dr. W. F. Gillim owned it for 31 years and the house is commonly remembered as the Gillim House. It became a boarding house for the upper class in the early 1930s and many of its residents are now leading citizens of the community. In 1959 it was converted to a private dining club, which saved it from being razed and replaced with a commercial building. Frederica St. was once lined with majestic homes from 4th St. to Griffith Avenue. The Gillim House is the only one remaining north of 9th St. and one of three left north of Parrish Avenue.” ■

**INSIDE: Architect attended Longfellow School dedication**

## Longfellow School dedication big deal in 1932 Architect William Butts Ittner, authority on school design, attended



The front page of the January 17, 1932, **Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer** announced the program for the January 20 opening of the “beautiful new Longfellow school building.”

The guest of honor was to be William Butts Ittner (1864-1936), whose St. Louis architectural firm designed the \$68,425 structure, about \$912,000 in 2006 dollars. On June 15, 1931, Key Bros. Construction Co., of Murray, won the contract to build the school.

Ittner studied architecture at Cornell University. In 1985, Carolyn Hewes Toft, wrote in *St. Louis Architects: Famous and Not So Famous, Part 4*, that Ittner's St. Louis school designs stretched from 1898 to 1915. “In addition to the fifty school buildings in St. Louis, Ittner's firm produced hundreds of school buildings in over 25 other states.

“Other notable buildings by Ittner in St. Louis include the 1916 Missouri Athletic Club (designed with G. F. A. Brueggeman) and the 1921 Scottish Rite Cathedral. In 1922, Ittner lectured at New York University on School Planning and was appointed by the National Education Association to the Committee on Administration of Secondary Education. Ittner was invited by President Herbert Hoover to a White House Conference in 1926, the same year that he was elected Vice President of the St. Louis Plaza Commission.”

You can read more about the Longfellow School grand opening and William Butts Ittner on PA's Web site – PAupdate.org. ■

## Preservation Bits



### Peachtree Saves Buildings

**Dr. Scott Reeder and Larry Peech**, owners of Peachtree Galleries have decided to rehabilitate the 1930 building with the blonde brick façade, located at 104-106 W 2nd St, rather than demolish it. It and the 1885 building to the west suffered damage from fire last year. The 1885 building has already been repaired and is open for business. Debris is currently being cleared from behind the scorched blonde façade. In 1982, the 1930 building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing element to the Owensboro Historic Commercial District. ■



**Detail from 223 St Ann St façade –** 1890s building that will be rehabilitated as part of the downtown branch of Independence Bank. ■

### In Memoriam - PA Members



**Helen Edward Coomes**  
Sts Joseph & Paul nbhd.  
6/12/1919 – 10/21/2005



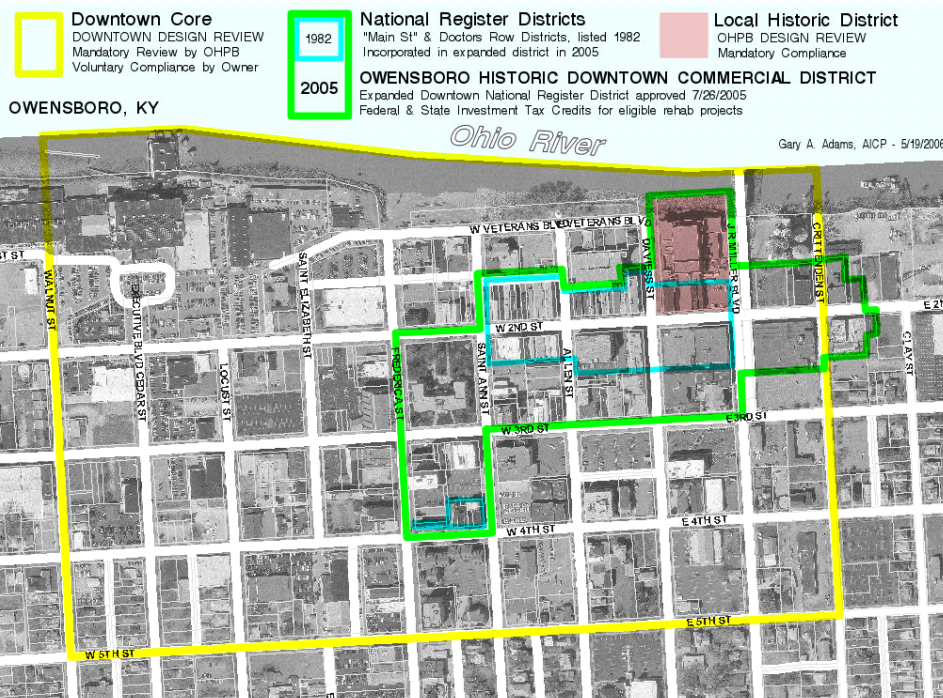
**Richard Daniel Edwards**  
A founder of Pres. Alliance  
Died 10/30/2005, age 66



**Lois W. Boeckman**  
Antique dealer & appraiser  
8/23/1930 – 12/2/2005

## Owensboro Historic Downtown District expansion approved

The **National Register Review Board** approved the expanded downtown historic district, which became effective 7/26/2005. The expanded area includes the original 1982 “Main St” district and the Doctors Row district along W 4th St just east of Frederica. There are several overlapping districts in the downtown for which different review processes are applicable. ■





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**2006 Preservation Alliance Membership Form**

If "2006" is NOT printed on your mailing label, it's time to renew with PA.

- Annual PA Membership @ \$20 per household  
 \_\_\_\_ Persons for 2006 Annual Meeting @ \$10 per person

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Status Watch for Historic Buildings**

**Preservation Alliance** monitors particular historic buildings to encourage their preservation. As a community, we are not always successful -- the Felix Grimes House was demolished by permit issued 12/27/2005. However, Zazu's, Smith-Werner, Coca-Cola, and others are alive and enlivening downtown.



**BATES BUILDING • 1880s • 101 W 2nd St**  
Waterfront 101 LLC, an investment group, owns this building. Interest in downtown property is expected to grow as the Riverfront Master Plan is implemented over the next several years. The impressive façades on 2nd and Allen streets make this building a cornerstone of downtown's historic "Main Street" corridor.



**SMITH-WERNER • 1880s facade (1860s) • 118-124 W 2nd St**  
Daviness County Fiscal Court has owned this building since October 2000, and currently plans to spend \$250,000 on renovations to the structure and its historic and distinctive Italianate façade, which is one of the last remaining and most extensive examples of 19th-century pressed-metal technology in the downtown area. Some rear portions of the 1860s structure may be removed to satisfy building codes. A Renaissance Kentucky grant will be applied to the costs.



**E 2ND ST ARTS DISTRICT • Early 1900s • 300-400 blk E 2nd St**  
Owner Terry Woodward has made significant renovations to several buildings including the Barret-Fisher and Coca-Cola (left). The city and Woodward jointly extended streetscape improvements from J R Miller Blvd to Clay St. The two blocks are now included in the National Register historic district, with several contributing buildings.



**ELMER MILLER HOUSE • 1905 • 301 E 5th St**  
This very prominent and architecturally elaborate building has been subject to city property maintenance citations for several years. The current owners have been seeking a buyer who is more able to afford the costly rehabilitation that is needed to save this jewel of Old Owensboro. The house has several windows with elaborate beveled glass and a beautiful transom above the French doors on the front porch. For more information, log on to PAupdate.org.



**LONGFELLOW SCHOOL • 1931 • 1716 Frederica St**  
Owned by Owensboro Public Schools, until recently it was occupied by Western Kentucky University, Owensboro. The OPS board is studying possible expansions to Owensboro High School that could threaten this special building.



**OWENSBORO ARMORY • 1947 • 1501 W Parrish Av**  
Was listed in the National Register on 9/6/2002. The large, two-story brick building is arranged in a U-shape and is identical to the armory at Ashland except for brick color. Many original features are intact. Changes over the years have not adversely affected the armory's historic integrity. Recent proposals eventually would move the National Guard unit to the airport and expand city recreation here.

**PA Email List over Past Year**

Listed below are selections from emails sent in the past year to members of the PA Email List. **You can join the list by providing your email address on the dues form above.**

**7/18/05:** Historic projects by Sherman-Carter-Barnhart, the architects designing the OHS campus expansion, which will impact the Longfellow School building.

**7/22/05:** Smith-Werner study committee presentation to Daviness County Fiscal Court of the 6 options for preserving the building.

**8/20/05:** Readers Write letter in Messenger-Inquirer regarding preservation of the Smith-Werner & Longfellow School buildings.

**9/16/05:** 1932 opening of the Longfellow School building," from PA Vice-president Sue Haycraft; background info on Longfellow's architect, William Butts Ittner.

**10/11/05:** Effort to preserve the U.S. Marine Hospital in the Portland neighborhood of Louisville, from PA board member Frank Wagner.

**12/13/05:** Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit program that was enacted in 2005.

**2/16/06:** Demolition of the Felix Grimes House, (1301 Leitchfield Rd at Grimes Av), built circa 1867; listed in the National Historic Register 6/18/1975; city issued demo permit on 12/27/2005; Elmer Miller House at 301 E 5th St (NE corner of 5th St & J R Miller Blvd) was for sale by its owner.

**5/17/06:** Public Life Foundation of Owensboro's May 2006 issue of the *Public Life Advocate* includes a wonderful article by Benjamin Hoak about Longfellow School, other historic building projects, and an overview of broader issues related to historic preservation in Owensboro. ([www.plfo.org](http://www.plfo.org)) Also, notice that the 2006 PA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 9, starting at 11:30 AM, at the Campbell Club. ■

## Preservation Alliance Annual Meeting Friday – June 9, 2006 – 11:30 AM Campbell Club to Longfellow School



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