



MAIN ST MOREHEAD

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Now. THE MOONLIGHT  
SCHOOL MUSEUM AND  
THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC  
OUTDOOR STAGE AT

THE END OF EAST  
FIRST STREET.

608-784-7473



PUSH  
BUTTO  
FOR  
WALK  
SIGNA

NORMAN WELLS HOME (BUILT 1918)

MAIN & COLLEGE BLVD

ACROSS FROM OLD COURTHOUSE

PEANER & ELLIS ATTY'S

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Now: LOOKING EAST ON  
FIRST STREET AT THE  
FREIGHT STATION TODAY.

HOLD

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CORNER S. WILSON AVE

morehead ky

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JERRY'S RESTAURANT  
RAZED

10-10-07



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**T-BONES** STEAKHOUSE

**PLAYOFFS**  
SPORTS BAR

**T-BONES** STEAKHOUSE

**T-BONES**  
STEAKHOUSE  
784-8825

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STEAKHOUSE  
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**GENERAL**  
**REPAIRS**

**APPLIANCE**  
**REPAIRS**

M 11 21  
STREET  
MAREHEAD

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VIA AIR ST

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2006

Armory

KY 801

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2006

Site of proposed

Super Wal mart

KY 32 + Viking Dr.

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~~MOREHEAD NATIONAL  
WHITTAKER BANK  
CORNER CAREY AVE  
MAIN ST. 2007~~

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Now THE CORNER OF  
CAREY AVE AND MAIN  
STREET IS THE SITE  
OF THE WHITTAKER  
BANK.

FIGURE THE ...

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2006

New Office Bldg. + Apts  
Branham Ave. + Main St.  
Owner: Phil Tackett

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5-A  
Now

2008

LOOKING EAST ON MAIN ST  
AT LARA, FANNIN MOTOR  
SALES - ONE SEES A LARGE  
INVENTORY OF AUTOMOBILES.

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Now

2008

CORNER HURDIS AT MAIN ST  
L-R - FIRST FEDERAL SAUNGS  
+ LOAN AND DR MAYO'S  
OPTOMETRY OFFICE

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Now

Now -

PARKING LOT AT THE  
WARREN H DROUD FOOT  
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
BLDG ~~AT~~ THE CORNER  
OF 2<sup>ND</sup> ST AND  
TAPPEIT AVE

VE  
ET

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COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION  
OPENED ON W. MAIN ST  
MOREHEAD  
2008

W MAIN ST



Now 3 A

~~2007~~ 2008

W-MAIN # RT 32  
LOOKING ~~TOWARD~~ OUT TOWARD  
INTER STATE - ~~IS~~ IS A  
PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
AND BUSY 5 LANE  
HIGHWAY

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Demolition of property  
corner of By-Pass and KY. 518

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
NEW COURTHOUSE OFFICES  
W MAIN ST  
MORSENBURY

11-14-10





BRANHAM AVE

NOW  
OPEN

AD  
IAL  
R  
CCOUN

NOW (2007)

W. MAIN ST  
BRANHAM AVE.  
IS A LADIES  
EXERCISE CLUB.

PHIL FACKETT  
AVE

NEW

FITNESS

OR

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USED  
6-07



Installing new Sewer line  
for 218 Knapp Ave (John Ellis Home)  
oil LEFT

1090 <SRT> /T09960I

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Demolition of the  
old "Dub Bellamy" house  
owned by SCMC at  
Corner Fleming Ave + E. Sun St.

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Demolition of the old  
Noah Hall Feed store (incl. Live Poultry)  
Later Dorsey Hardin, Jr Barbershop.

MAIN SF Morehead

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MAY 14 ST + BCS LHO R AVE  
~~OL 17 CITY HALL~~  
2006

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NORMAN WELLS CAME  
+  
MAIN ST  
MOREHEAD  
2006

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2010  
THOMPSON GROVE HALL

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2008  
BUILDING ON W. SUN  
ST. READY FOR DESTRUCTION  
(OLD HOME OF (BLAIRS).  
PREPARATION FOR NEW  
MSU - UK ST CLAIR  
IDENTITY CENTER





(FORMER ~~2008~~ OF ME GEORGE)  
~~HOME~~ ON W SUN ST

READY FOR DESTRUCTION

IN PREPARATION FOR

NEW UK-MSU

+ ST CLAIR

HEALTH CENTER

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ON FAIRBANKS AVE (now S. WILSON)  
2007 BUILDING THAT

ONCE HOUSED THE

REGAL STORE -

OWNED BY RAY LITTLE

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Now (2007) MATH + SOUTH WILSON (~~2007~~)  
MOREHEAD KY

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2007



Morehead  
Building where Dr  
Louise Ceudin began  
her medical practice  
in 1948.

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MOREHEAD  
MAIN ST - OLD CITY  
2006 NALC

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2008  
BUILDING - OLD HOME  
OF JOHN ADAMS  
DEMOLISHED ON

FLEMING AVE  
FOR NEW UK-MSU +  
ST. CLAUDE HEALTH CENTER 22



NOW - 2008

Before demolition of  
the old Bishop Drug Store + ~~MAIN~~  
McKinney Bldg., Dr. Wheeler Office  
upstairs. Corner Main + S. Wilson.  
Morehead, KY

3/08 BUILDING  
RAZED 2008

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CARTER ST

Electronic Filing  
**TAX RETURNS**

WILLIAMS & WILSON  
ACCOUNTING & TAX SERVICE  
1000 S. MAIN ST. SUITE 100  
MARTINSBURG, WV 26158  
304.263.1234

H-A  
Now

LOOKING WEST ON  
FIRST STREET AT  
THE FREIGHT STATION  
2008

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NOV-2008  
THE CENTER OF  
MAY & SOUTH WILSON

AS IT LOOKS TODAY - Bishop Drug,  
WILL PROVIDE office

MUCH NEEDED

PARKING FOR THE  
NEW CONFERENCE  
CENTER

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2007

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Allen - Mad Memories



MAIN ST & N HARGIS AVE  
OLD SAUVAGES / LUMBERLAND  
2000

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NEGATIVE FRONT YARD

LANDSCAPE WITH OAK

W. SUN ST

2008







1950s

MAH

SA



MOREHEAD

(1960)

First started by Albert and Pearl Patton it later, it  
~~later~~ became known as SKAGGS DRIVE-IN. ~~IT~~ PROVIDED CURB SERVICE ON  
W MAIN ST (PRESENT LOCATION OF FARM BUREAU)  
MOREHEAD KY  
1960

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ROBERTS  
DRIVE IN  
FINE FOOD

DRINK *Coca-Cola*  
FOUNTAIN SERVICE

Ford

ROBERTS DRIVE IN

(1960)

Roberts Drive Inn Provided CAB Service on  
RT 32 ~~5~~ miles ~~North of~~ ~~RT 32~~ Towards Flemingsburg  
Morehead Ky

Slogan "IF ITS GOOD FOOD YOU WANT  
VISIT ROBERTS DRIVE INN"

1960

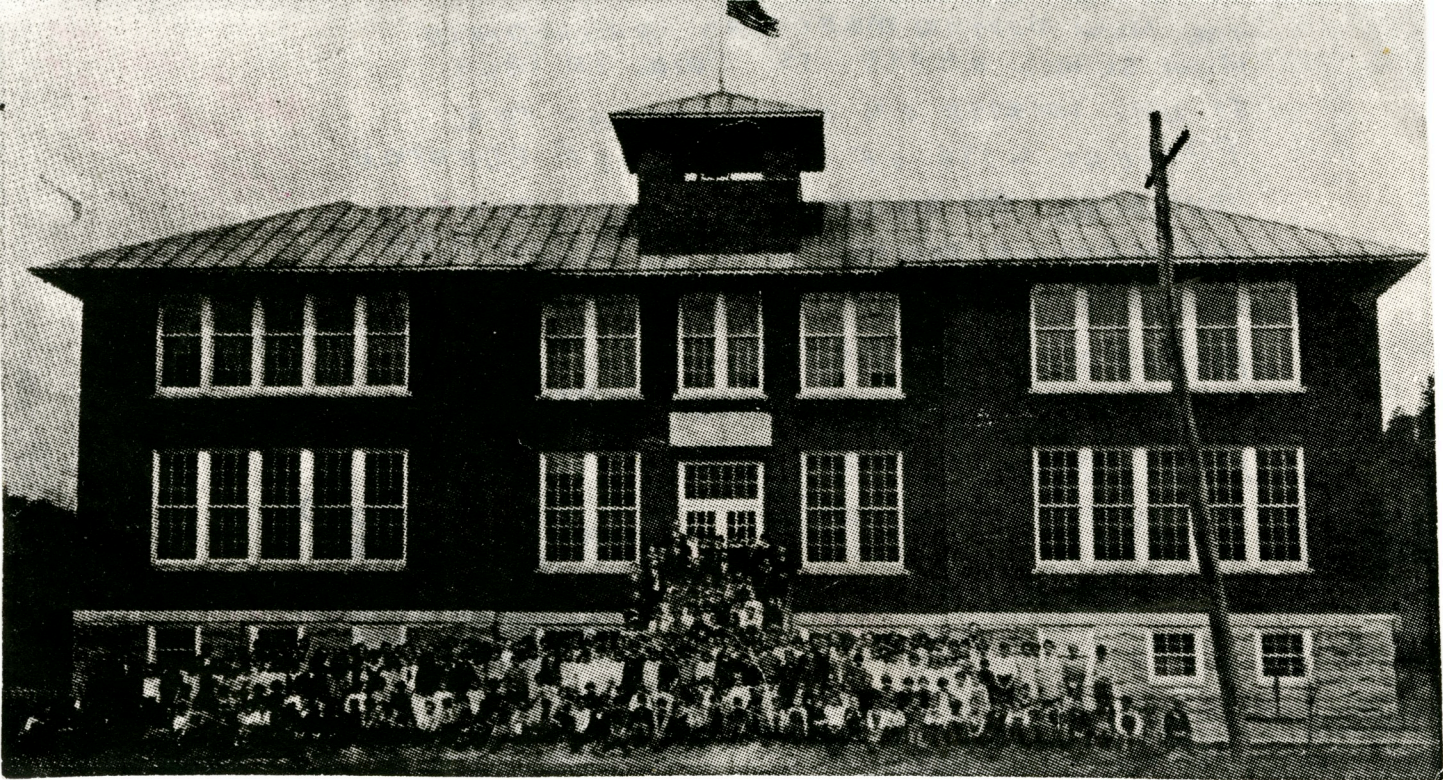
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Rap Supermarket  
Main St  
1960~

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THE NEW MODERN MOREHEAD CONSOLIDATED  
HIGH SCHOOL OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1923.

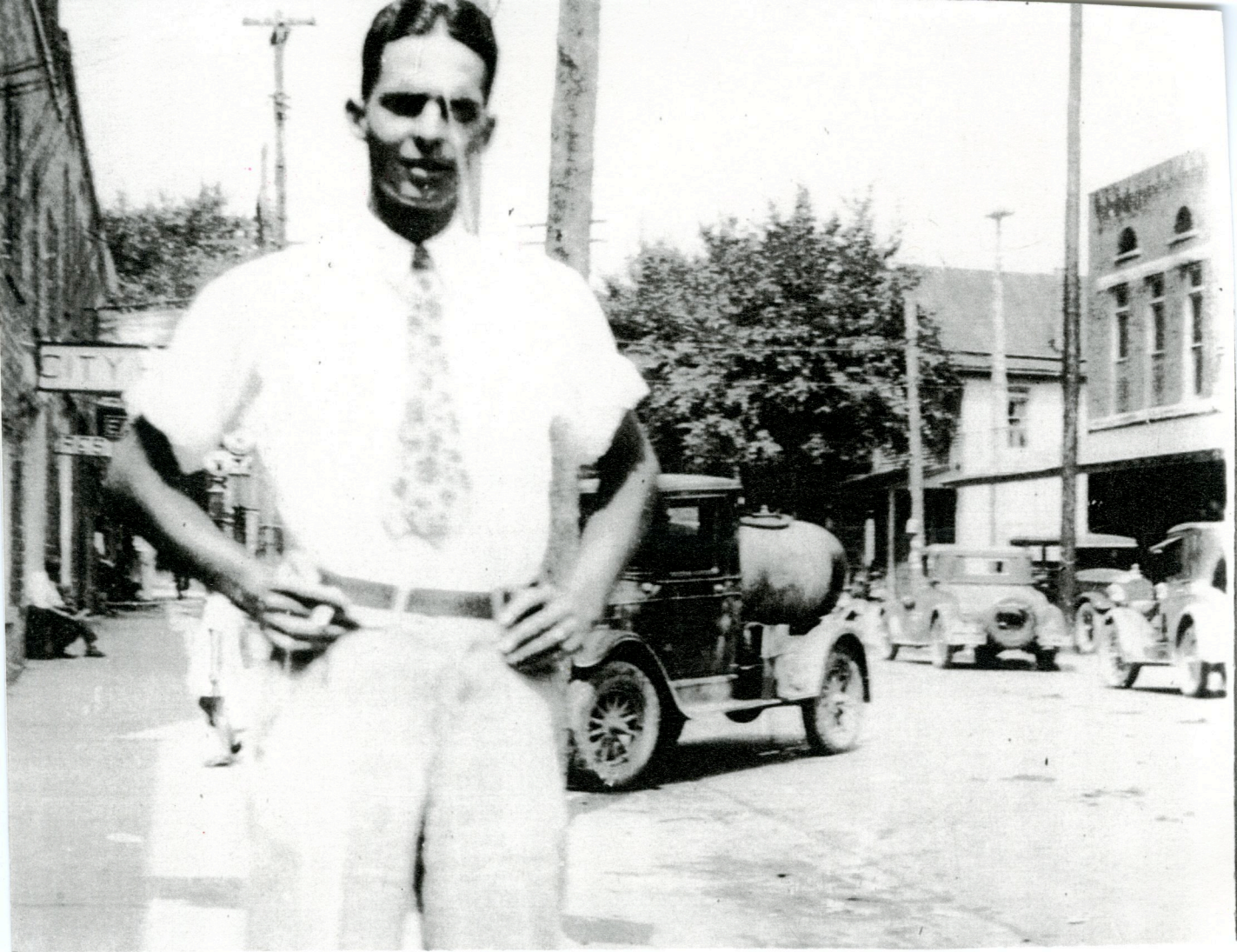
IT WAS LOCATED ON SECOND ST AT THE  
PRESENT SITE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUILDING. THE BUILDING WAS BUILT DURING  
THE HARLAN POWERS ERA AS SUPT, AND  
IT WAS GUTTED BY FIRE IN 1933, BUT  
REBUILT IN SIX MONTHS. THE SCHOOL BUILDING  
CLOSED ~~AND~~ IN 1962 WHEN THE  
NEW ROWAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OPENED  
ON WEST SUN ST.

Post 30, 110  
usually from  
85

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This photo C. 1930. <sup>THE</sup> <sup>Δ</sup>  
In today's world one would  
be standing in front of Debe  
loopers Easter main street  
at the corner of S. Blair Ave.  
Notice the white building (on  
right) it was razed in the  
early 1930's to make way  
for Bishop's Drive. Glass and  
the McKinney building that  
was razed in 2000 to make  
way for a parking lot on  
Main street

The brick building on the  
right is still standing.  
Notice the car parked  
under the car port. Car  
Also notice the "oil tank  
trailer" with center.  
It appears to have delivered  
at least 50 gallons of oil.  
The old city hotel is on  
the left behind the well  
dressed un-identified man  
"Duke" who was a

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MIDLAND

TRAIL

HOTEL

MIDLAND TRAIL  
HOTEL



LIANCES



WESTERN UNION

Fires one U

FRALEY'S  
FOOD MARKET

AAA  
RADIO AND  
TELEVISION

EAGLE  
RESTAURANT

ELLINGTON'S

CELEST

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Morrell's Rain Stick 1950

Photo Art Stewart

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This stately Historic Home Located at Main St  
AND CAREY AVE. WAS BUILT IN 1907 AS THE  
PRIVATE RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM YOUNG. IT  
WAS THE FIRST BRICK RESIDENCE IN MOREHEAD,  
AND WAS LATER PURCHASED BY DREW EWANS.  
IT SERVED AS THE LAKE FUNERAL HOME UNTIL  
IT WAS TORN DOWN AND REPLACED BY THE  
MOREHEAD NATIONAL BANK IN 1984. NOW URBANIC

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STANDARD  
OIL  
PRODUCTS

CROW  
ETHYL

CROW

U.S.  
TIRES

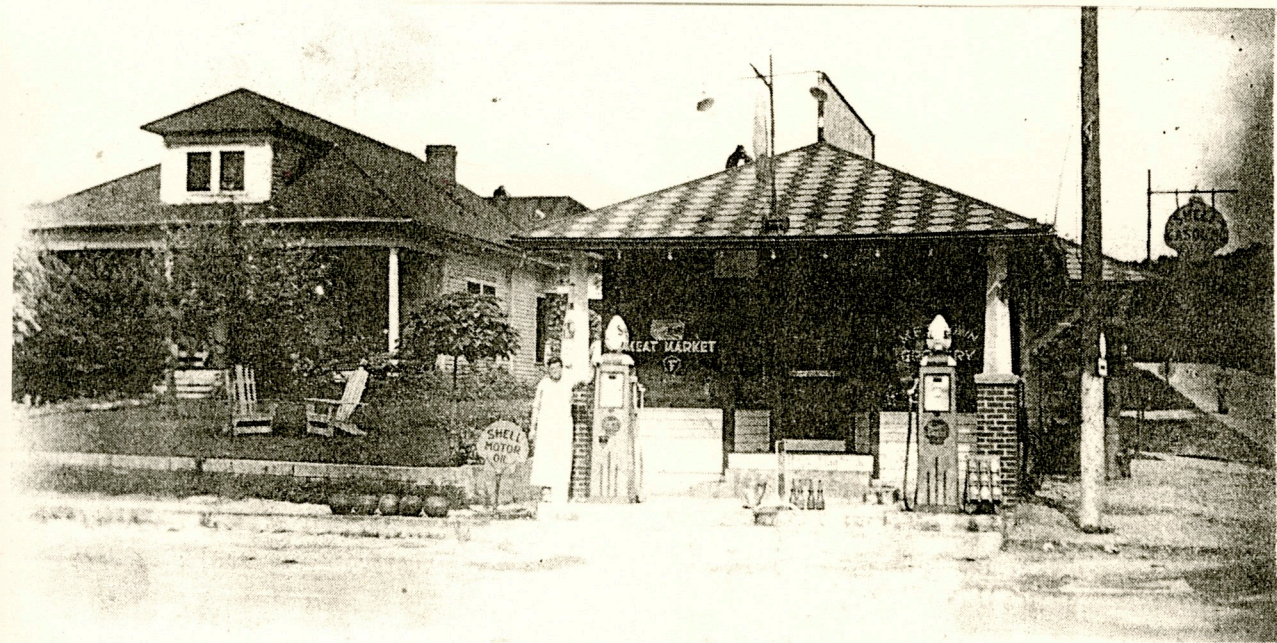
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~~THEN~~  
MAIN AT SOUTH  
WILSON 1920S WAS  
THE SITE OF A STANDARD  
OIL STATION, HARDWARE  
AND DEPT STORE

ST AT SOUTH WILSON  
CHANGED THAT MUCH -  
THERE WERE GAS PUMPS  
ALY IN THE STREET IN  
OF THE CARR - PERRY GARAGE.

MAIN ST  
1930  
~~1925-26~~

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M.F. (MILLARD) BROWN STORE & HOME

Located at corner of U.S 60 W. and Old Flemingsburg Rd. (Rt.32). Mr. Brown is standing in front of store & Ambrose N. Blair is seen walking up old

021 32 + MAIN ST  
MOREHEAD - 19305

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Southern Belle -  
Womens Dept store  
Main St 1960-  
Mrs. Doro Williams (C)  
owner

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Mc Brayet - Pierce 100¢ store  
Main St. Morehead  
1961

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Starting demolition of the old  
Bishop Drug, McKinney Bldg.  
Picture taken on S. Wilson behind the  
Bldg.

~~MAIN~~ MAIN ST & WILSON

3/08

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2<sup>d</sup> THEN.

A GUEST UNLOADS AT THE "NEW" ~~WESLEY~~

Midland Trail Hotel - Morehead, Ky.

Other 70 ROOM HOTEL UNST

Located ON MOREHEAD'S MAIN ST. FOR ~~1939~~ 50 YEARS.

SIGN SAYS!

BREAKFAST 7:00 - 8:30

(NOT LUNCH) DINNER 11:30 - 1:30

(NOT DINNER) SUPPER 5:30 - 7:30

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FORMER  
PROFESSOR HOLTZCLAW  
HOME  
BUILDING ON W. SUN  
ST - BEING PREPARED  
FOR DESTRUCTION IN  
PREPARATION FOR  
THE NEW INSU-  
LATION CENTER  
HEALTH CENTER

Harold Holtzclaw's  
Family



INSIDE DAIRY CHEER ACROSS  
FROM THE LAUGHAN HEALTH  
BUILDING 1962.

L-R - IN BOOTH: MAQUERIE  
& CLIFFORD CASKEY.

STANDING L-R - Dr. Harold Halbrook  
& MARK HALBROOK - EDDIE HALBROOK

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McCoy - Pierce  
Self - Sewer Society Stores  
Morehead - Vaneburg  
Blaine Hill - West Liberty  
Brooksville

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MOREHEAD MAIN ST 1950s

Looking East From  
HAROLD AVE

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JERRY'S DRIVE-IN  
1962 CHRISTMAS  
ROBBERY VICTIM

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EARLY CLASSIC HOME

BUILT BY CLAY FAMILY ?  
EARLY 1900s

Dr. Clay's Home

MAINT ST. MARYS

Mrs Clay + Dr Clay Center



ACREE GROCERY

HARLAN  
ACREE

(1950)

MOSE  
ACREE



519-4560  
Morehead

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MADISON ST MOREHEAD 1920



The Old Home Place

ROWAN CO-  
KY





MURVEL CROSLBY HOUSE  
CAMBRIAN ST WIMBORNE

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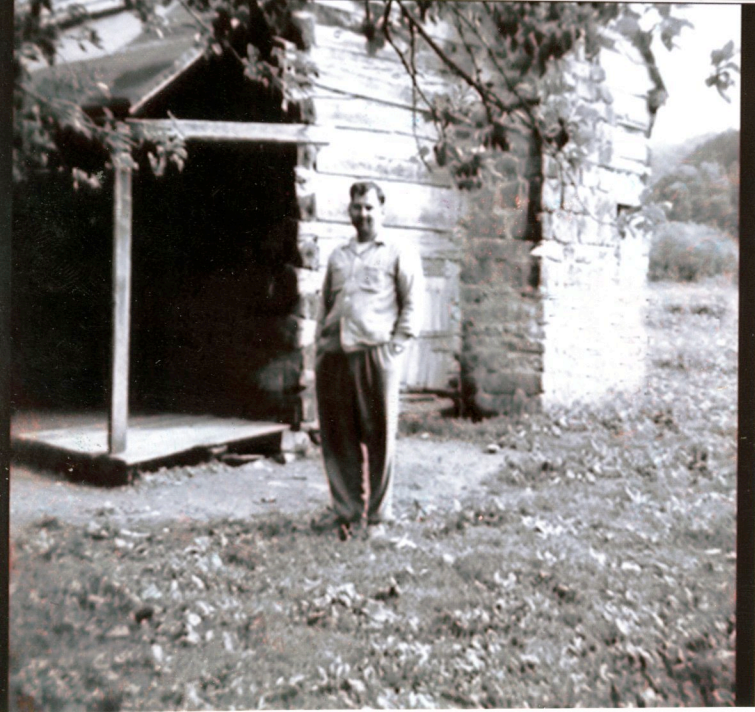
MAIN ST  
~~CROSBY~~ HOUSE

PLAIN HOUSE NEXT DOOR

BEING TORN DOWN WHERE  
U.S. BANK IS LOCATED

~~1970~~

1970<sup>S</sup>



MOSE ACREE AT

LOWER LICK FORK

LOG CABIN

HORNESFELD - 19502

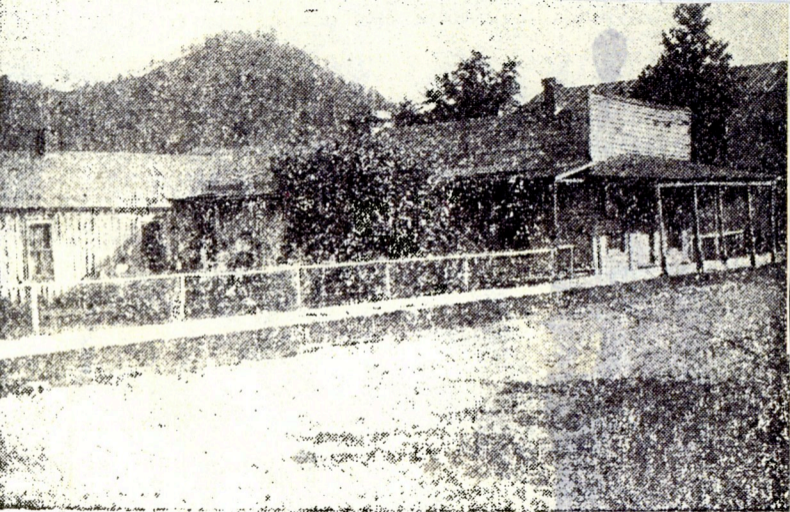
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**BUILT IN 1858**—Known as the Joe Clark property this house was built in 1858 at the corner of what is now Main Street and Trumbo Avenue (across from courthouse). It contained many offices, some of them county officials. Norman Wells bought the property in 1918 and built his home on the site, the second brick home in Morehead, the first being the present Lane Funeral Home built by Bill Young. Mr. Wells bought this building and lot (86 feet by 185 feet) for \$1,200. In recent sales Main Street property like this (unimproved) brought over \$400 a front foot.

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THE KNAPP HOME

LATER WILLET  
HOUSE - LOCATED  
ON MOREHEAD'S  
MAIN ST.DLA ND  
ST

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# PAT'S POOL ROOM





MOREHEAD KY

A LANDMARK BUSINESS,  
IN MOREHEAD FOR  
MANY YEARS

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ONE OF THE THRIVING businesses in Morehead some 30 years ago was the Cosmograph Company which made motion picture projectors sold throughout the world. The process was patented by E. E. Maggard who founded the company. ~~In collecting material for this edition Photographer Norman Tant located one of the old Cosmograph's, cleaned it up and it worked better than you might expect. One of the largest orders the company received was from Russia. This is a picture of the employees shortly before Cosmograph lost its market and closed down because of improvements made by eastern manufacturers. Most of these people are still living.~~ Seated, from left: Bill Curtis, Russell Clayton, George Johnson, Howard Davis, unidentified, Leslie Cooper, Bill Thurber, Lonnie Porter, Charlie Caudill, Reb Bradley, Charlie Jones, Sam Caudill, Sam Bradley, Wm. Gretta. Standing: Carrie Townsend, Ed Goodan, August Rahm, next three unidentified, Wayne Vinton, unidentified, Mr. Robinson, unidentified, George Clayton, Bob Adams, unidentified, Prentiss Boyd, Freddie DeBord, unidentified, Augustine DeBorde, Oscar Hall, Fred Wheeler, unidentified, Jesse Stewart, unidentified. Sam Bradley was a partner with Mr. Maggard in the business.



Above is the Knapp and Clay homes on West Main Street in Morehead, KY.

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Two of Merriam "Stately" House  
Late 1800s + Early 1900s  
W Man

JUST WEST OF METHODIST CHURCH



MAIN ST - MOREHEAD

19502

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**WESTERN  
AUTO  
ASSOCIATE STORE**

149 E. Main

784-5436

**PERRY'S HARDWARE & APPLIANCE**

"For All Your Hardware —  
Sporting Goods —  
Appliance Needs"

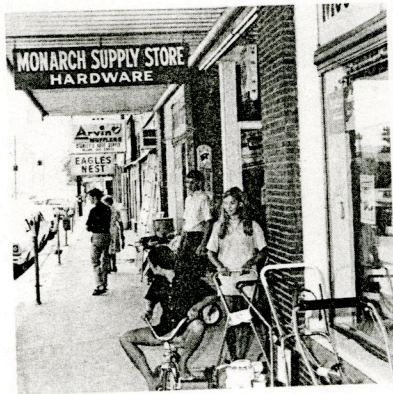


784-4867  
106 W. Main Morehead, Ky.

**MONARCH  
SUPPLY**

784-5796

Main St.  
Morehead



**MARTINDALE**

**Furniture & Hardware Company**

"See Parney"

169 E. Main

784-4470

INDUSTRY

**Lee Clay Products  
INCORPORATED**

VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE NEVER WEARS OUT  
MANUFACTURERS OF



SEWER PIPE, FLUE LININGS, WALL COPING  
AND CHIMNEY TOPS, FIRE BRICK, FIRE CLAY  
DRAIN TILE, SEPTIC TANKS-METER BOXES



**CLEARFIELD, KENTUCKY 40313**  
ROWAN COUNTY

WEDNESDAY

July 10, 1996  
Lexington, Ky.

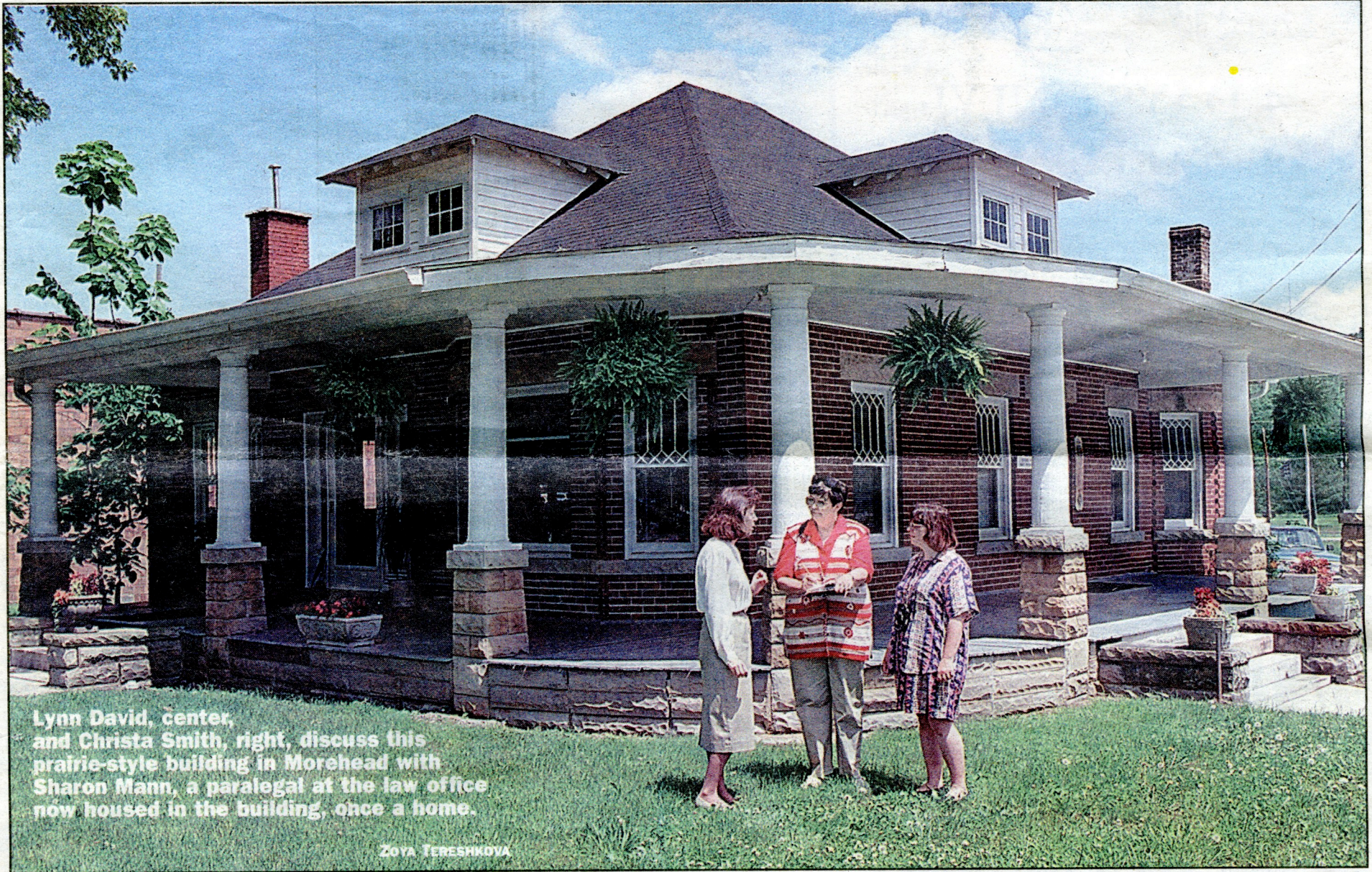
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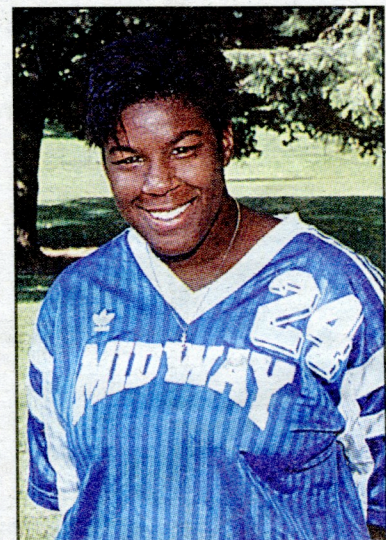


Lynn David, center, and Christa Smith, right, discuss this prairie-style building in Morehead with Sharon Mann, a paralegal at the law office now housed in the building, once a home.

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# History sets some buildings apart in survey

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The Appalachian Cultural Heritage Project has documented 467 buildings in 33 Eastern Kentucky counties. Project coordinator Lynn David and architectural historian Christa Smith are working to document dwellings, workplaces and other buildings used by previous generations of Appalachian residents. Although their main efforts are directed toward buildings that would probably go unnoticed by the casual observer, a few do stand out.

■ A pre-Civil War log barn in Carter County is a good example. The barn contains graffiti from the Civil War era, and David and Smith think the carvings were put there by a group of soldiers passing through the area. "It's an interesting structure," David said, "and the owner has taken quite good care of it."

■ In Haldeman, a building that was the headquarters of the Kentucky Fire Brick Company from the early 1920s for two decades now serves as the local post office. The building was part of a large factory complex in Rowan County that included the factory, recreation facilities, and even a company house where visitors would stay. Many of the buildings are now in ruins, making it easy to forget the thriving business that flourished there.

"I don't think that a lot of people would ever suspect that these things were once there," said David.

■ Scattered across Eastern Kentucky are several buildings constructed by the Works Progress Administration from 1933 until the beginning of World War II. The WPA spent about \$162 million in Kentucky, employed thousands of Kentuckians and built more than 9,000 public buildings and 14,000 miles of highways. Among these buildings were numerous schools and voting houses built of native stone, and many of them are still used for their original purpose.

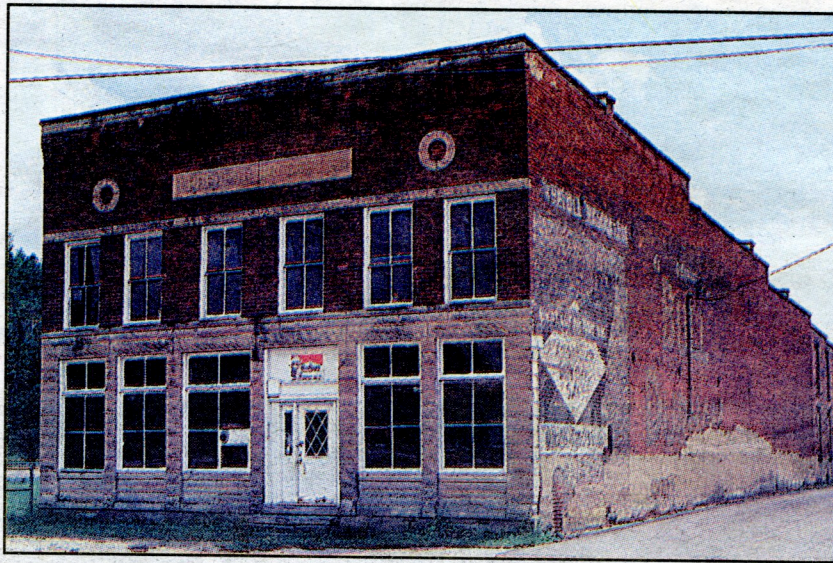
■ The project has also surveyed the Hazel Green home of former state Sen. William O. Mize. The two-story brick house is "a beautiful home," David said. "He was influential in the Senate, and he also gave a lot of donations to the Hazel Green School."

■ The Norman Wells residence in Morehead is an excellent example of prairie style architecture coupled with other stylistic influences. The home, built in 1918, was visited by Alben Barkley, vice president under Harry Truman. The beautifully restored building now serves as a law office.

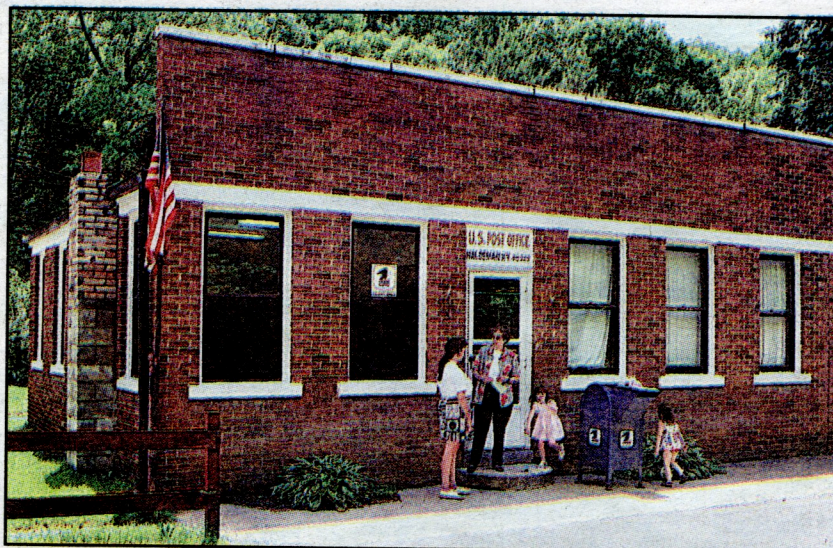
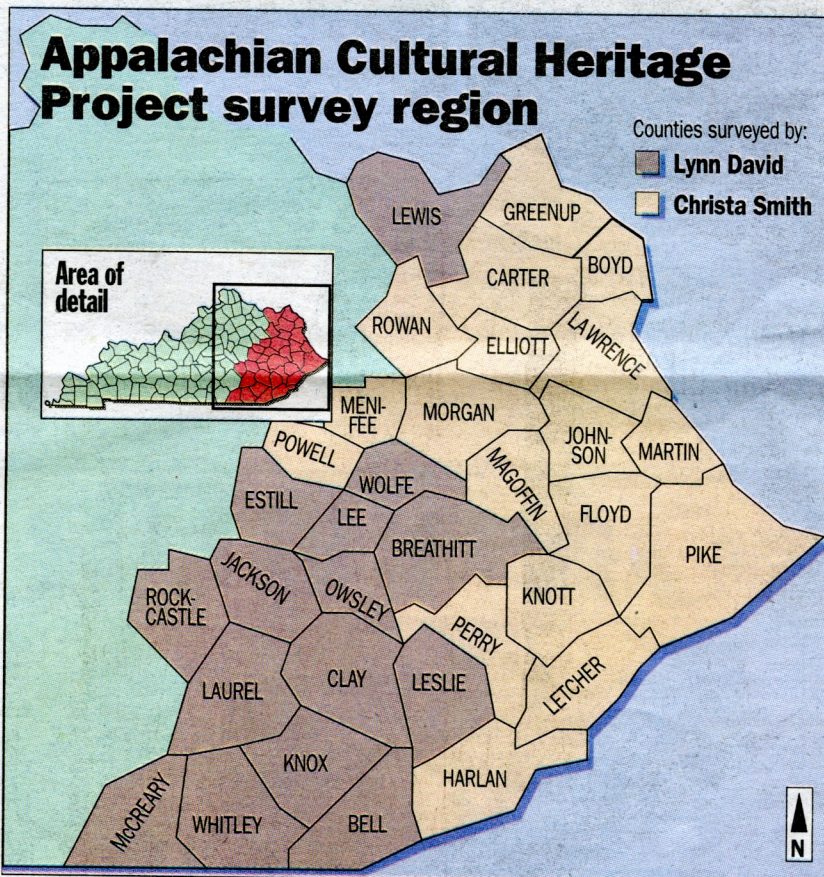
But those buildings are the exceptional ones. David and Smith stress that their work concentrates more on the architecture of the common man. As Smith said, "Our focus is on the usual."



Lynn David walked out measurements at the historic Norman Wells home in Morehead.



The Union Grocery Store building in Morehead once housed a thriving grocery. Soon it will be home to Morehead's Folk Art Museum.



The post office in Haldeman, in Rowan County, once served as headquarters of the Kentucky Fire Brick Company.

# FOCUS

## Survey looks at every architectural landmark

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MOREHEAD — They are the buildings that make a town — houses and post offices, gas stations and schools — what is known as vernacular architecture. They are part of the local landscape, like the roads, the rivers and the mountains.

They are the kinds of buildings that you probably don't give a second thought — in fact, you probably don't even notice them until they're gone.

Now, a team from Morehead State University's Center for Community and Economic Development is working to ensure that these important landmarks are documented and preserved.

The Appalachian Cultural Heritage Project works to locate, document and register historic sites in 33 counties in Eastern Kentucky. This survey will then be used to help create re-use and redevelopment strategies for these counties, including preservation, tourism and education efforts. The project has been financed by grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Kentucky Heritage Council.

### Local input

Working with local residents, the project first tries to identify culturally historic buildings — that is, buildings that may not be architecturally significant, but which are important to the culture of a town or county.

"We work with people in the community," said Lynn David, the project's coordinator. "After all, it's not my community, it's theirs. They've been absolutely marvelous, very supportive of our work."

"People have been great," David said. "Anything they can do to help us, they do. In Breathitt County, a young gentleman took two days off from work to help me. We drove the roads together looking for buildings."

Christa Smith, architectural historian for the project, also stresses the importance of community in-

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lvement. "You get so much information just sitting down and talking with people," she said.

The sites range from warehouses and barns to homes and schools. Some have been beautifully restored and maintained, and others are on the verge of collapse. All are at least 50 years old.

Having located the sites, David Smith then set out to record as much information about them as possible.

This documentation includes measurements, construction methods and materials, stylistic influences and many other aspects, along with photographs of the buildings. If possible, they will also sketch out floor plans.

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Much of the project's work is done in the field, across the width and breadth of Eastern Kentucky. Smith and David work separately to cover as much territory as possible. "Travel is a big issue," Smith said. "If the weather is good, we will stay in the field as long as we can."

Traveling the back roads of Kentucky has its own peculiar requirements. In addition to cameras and other documentation tools, David typically carries a first aid kit and a spray with her on her surveys, along with an extensive collection of maps.

"We haven't had any problems, though," David said. "I've only seen one snake, thank goodness, and it isn't even poisonous."

The experience gained through their field work also gives them an insight into the region's past, Smith said. "After you've been in the field for a while, you can tell a town's history just by looking around."

To complement their work in the field, David and Smith also do extensive archival searches to find newspaper stories, deeds, transfers or any other documents that deal with the



site. "Our goal is to place the site in its location both geographically and culturally," David said. "We want to show how important these buildings are in the culture of a town."

### Sparking preservation

The hope is that this documentation will help keep many of these historic buildings from being lost in the grand sweep of time because of their prosaic origins. David said that, to date, the project has documented 467 historic sites, with the eventual goal of surveying about 550 sites. Some of these sites will then be nominated for placement in the National Register of Historic Places.

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**Above:** This Rowan County voting house was built by the Works Progress Administration and still serves its original purpose.

**Left:** Farmers Elementary School in Rowan County was built in 1938, also by the Works Progress Administration.

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