

# ***CELEBRATE NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH***



## **The New Turner Block Lyon-Beard Chevrolet, Lerman's 103-109 East Main Street**

George Redman operated the Golden Horse tavern, on this site in the 1840s, 1850s, and 1860s. General John H. Morgan's headquarters were here New Year's Eve 1862. The current building is known as the New Turner Block for Lettie Redman Turner. This two-story common bond brick building was completed in January 1911. It has brick corbelling and decorative brick lintels over triple windows on the second floor. The Taylor, Pruitt & Jarvis Department Store first occupied the building. 103 E. Main Street was occupied by Lyon-Beard, a Chevrolet dealer, in 1927. Gasoline pumps were located in front of the building on Main Street at that time. The Columbia Avenue entry was used to move cars into the showroom. Later it housed Louie the Greek's Restaurant called the White Spot popular with teens, and a furniture and dry-cleaning business known as Service Cleaners. Ed and George Monson occupied the building in the 1920s. McKnight's Pharmacy, Margaret Ann's, and Nunery Law Office followed. The second floor housed several offices in 1911, Dr. C.C. Patteson, dentist; J.W. Kerr, Insurance; W.M. Jackson, attorney; and Dr. M.E. Jones, veterinarian. During the depression, the WPA financed a nighttime recreational program for young people and they occupied the upstairs over the White Spot. Events such as supervised boxing matches took place there.

The building at 109 East Main Street was constructed circa 1911. Buchanan-Lyon occupied the building from the 1910s to the 1930s and sold hardware, buggies, and wagons. The first Ford agency in Campbellsville was located here. Lerman's occupied the space from the 1930s to the late-1980s. The first floor has a recessed entry. Additions to the façade include opaque glass and black tile. The recessed entry floor is covered with red tile. A leaded glass transom is situated over the east door. A pressed tin ceiling is found in the interior.

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### **Old Taylor County Clerk's Office Oldest Building Remaining in Campbellsville 204 North Columbia Avenue**

Constructed in 1865, this building is located on North Columbia Avenue between Broadway and First Street. Situated on the west end of the Courthouse Square, it is one of the oldest brick buildings remaining in Campbellsville. This late Federal-style building has Flemish bond brick on the front façade with common bond on the sides.

It was constructed to hold county records after Confederate General Hylan B. Lyon set fire to the courthouse on Christmas day, 1864. One side was the office of the County Clerk and the other side was the office for the Circuit Clerk. Until a new courthouse was constructed, the county court was sometimes held here. In more recent years it has served other purposes such as a school, health department, library, restrooms, and has been the home to the Taylor County Historical Society since 1969. The building, owned by the Taylor County Fiscal Court, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

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### **Taylor County Courthouse 203 North Court Street**

The first courthouse on this site was a brick structure centered in the square when Taylor County separated from Green County in 1848. On Christmas day, 1864, Confederate General Hylan B. Lyon burned the Taylor County Courthouse. Before the fire was set, he allowed record books to be removed alleging that courthouses in many counties contained indictments against Confederate sympathizers and that the buildings served as a commissary for federal stores. Federal Soldiers camped all around the courthouse and some slept on the brick floors. Dinners were sometimes prepared for troops and served on the grounds as they camped in the town.

When the Civil War was over, a one-story brick courthouse was built between 1866 and 1867 on the east end of the square. By 1910, a rear addition, second story, and a tower with three clock faces were added to the building. That building was torn down and replaced by the present courthouse in 1965.



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### **Dixie Pawn and Gun Shop On Point Barber Studio 216-220 East Main Street**

This single-story common bond brick building has a corbelled water table and the transom is covered with metal and plastic. This building replaced the home of Robert Emmett Puryear which burned during the 1911 fire. Tenants included Gilpin and Wilkerson Millinery Store, W. B. Marple Poolroom/Restaurant, News-Journal office, Cockerel's Barber Shop, Walker Appliance, Marcum's 5 & 10, Montgomery Ward 1911-1915, Chantilly, Douglas Shoes, Jesse's Shoes, Marshall's Shoes, McMahan Shoes, Dr. Les Richardson's Optical, and Vision's Glass Etchings. Currently, On Point Barber Studio and Dixie Pawn and Gun Shop occupy this building.

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## **Historical Site 201-209 East Main Street**



## **Citizen's Bank and Trust Company - 2012**

In the 1840s-1850s, Ferdinand J. Hiestand ran a tavern on the west end. In 1905, Chandler & Davis Hardware operated in 201. Two major fires between 1910 and 1915 caused extensive alterations on this block. The current building was constructed between 1913 and 1914. Taylor National Bank, known as the Gowdy Bank, occupied the building in 1914 before it closed in 1937. It had been purchased and operated by T.O. Morton when it closed.

Citizen's Bank has occupied this site since 1939. Originally, this building was four stories tall until a fire in 1961 destroyed the top floors. This two-story Bedford stone and New Hampshire granite building was covered with stucco panels in recent years. In 1924, about the middle of the block was Sam and Sodas, a confectionery. Later, 203 was Moberly Grocery, then Hobbs 5 & 10. 205 was Bob Chandler Drug Store, Kroger Grocery, then Taylor County Supply. 207 was Henry Wilkerson Shoe Store, D.L. McCubbins Pool Room, then Brack's Variety.

At 209, John P. Davis' brick house was one of the town's finest homes in the 1860s. Green Cottage was followed by Walker & Thompson's Walgreen Drug Store. Letha's Dress Shop and Scott's Apparel occupied 209 in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Currently, Citizen's Bank and Trust Company and a Federal Post Office occupy the building.

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### **Purcell's Business Products, Inc. 222 East First Street**

Originally founded in 1963 by T.O. Purcell, Purcell's Business Products, Inc. specializes in products for the office. The original store was located at 303 East Main Street. Ownership changed when Onva Hayes and Dan Hayes, both employees, purchased it in 1979. Later, Dan Hayes wife, Linda Hayes ran the business. Previously, the Central Kentucky News-Journal occupied the building. Currently the building is being renovated for a new business.

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### **Taylor County Justice Center 300 East Main Street, 2009**

Prior to 2007, a Ben Franklin Store, Howell's Drug Store, Coyle's Drug Store, Craft Corner, Lyon Funeral Home, and Sapp's Antiques were located on this site. In the 1840s-1850s, a Methodist Church occupied the lot. A masonic lodge was in the block as well. When the Methodists built a new church with a steeple adjacent to the old one, the old building was sold to Robert Colvin for a warehouse, which was rented by Colvin to the U.S. government for commissary stores during the Civil War. The upstairs became a hospital for ill Union soldiers. Jim Tom Gowdy's livery stable was followed by Buchanan-Lyon Company in the 1920s. Central Sales constructed a new building in the 1930s. Turner & Holt Motor Company was followed by Monson's Department Store and Parks-Belk. The new Justice Center was constructed on this site in 2009.



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## **Wise Buckner Sprowles Assoc. PLLC Taylor County Bank in 1937 Farmer's and People's Bank in the 1920s 301 East Main Street**

This was originally the site of the large home of Dr. Sam Chandler. Built between 1896 and 1908, the present two-story sandstone building with marble base had a diagonal corner entry in 1908 and housed the Hord and Hall Hardware Store with a tin shop in the rear. The Telephone Exchange occupied the second floor.

Taylor County Bank opened on this site in 1937 and remained here until its move to the corner of Broadway and Lebanon Avenue. Wise and Lee followed, then Wise Lee and Buckner. Currently, it is occupied by Wise Buckner Sprowles Assoc. PLLC.