

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH



**Campbellsville Civic Center
Taylor County Public Library
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Campbellsville Baptist Church
205 North Columbia Avenue**

Situated on the corner of Broadway and Columbia Avenue, this two-story brick structure was built as the Campbellsville Baptist Church between 1889 and 1890 under Reverend W.D. Arvin for \$ 8,000.00. Charlie Hoskins built this Gothic Revival church using bricks from his kiln behind Campbellsville College, now Campbellsville University. Lancet windows pierce the facade that is visually supported by buttresses.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church purchased the building from the Baptists in 1916. In 1955, an educational annex was added on the rear. In 1972, Laura Sue Toby and Helen Vaughn undertook the task of organizing and pursuing the creation of a public library for Taylor County.

In 1974, the City purchased the building and converted it into the Taylor County Public Library. Under the direction of Elaine Munday, the doors were opened on January 13, 1975 as the Taylor County Public Library with a collection of 16,842 books and other materials.

Historically, a wood-frame Baptist Church was located here where Union soldiers were cared for during the measles and typhoid epidemics that hit Civil War training camps in the county in the fall and winter of 1861-1862. It also served as a courthouse after the Taylor County Courthouse was burned during the Civil War.

The city renovated the building in 2013 by uncovering the stained-glass windows, refinishing the hardwood floors, exposing the sloped tongue and groove wood ceiling, and renovating the offices to house Team Taylor County and the City Council Chambers.

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Yellow Rose & Co. Tulip Tree Caulk Hardware 117-119 East Main Street

This two-story Italianate style, common bond brick building was constructed in 1885. Simulated leaded glass transoms span above the storefront windows. A cistern remains in its central courtyard where horses could be watered. Previously this building was occupied by Coakley and Durham Dry Goods from 1888 to the early 1900s. Caulk Appliance and Caulk Hardware began here about 1940. Monson's first store was here in 1929. George Monson bought out Coakley and Durham. Snappy Tomato Pizza occupied this side in recent years.

Creed Haskins, the original owner, was written in the sidewalk in front of this store at 119 East Main Street. According to the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, the building has housed hardware since its beginning. The only exception is noted on the 1908 map, which indicates the building was a bowling alley. Among the hardware stores in the early-20th century was the Smith and Flora Hardware. Caulk Hardware, a Porter Paint dealer, was its long-time occupant in the latter 20th century. In recent years, the Tulip Tree store occupied the space and in recent years, Yellow Rose & Co.

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Merchant Tower Merchants Hotel 102 East Main Street

The Merchants Hotel replaced a merry-go-round run by Joe Willock on the same site. Before the merry go round, it was the site of the Leet Hotel, which burned.

The Merchants Hotel was constructed in 1910. This three-story brick building was built by a corporation controlled by B.S. Breeding (1858-1933) to house drummers or salesmen that came to Campbellsville. The building consisted of a lobby and thirty-two rooms. A turret accents the corner with a conical roof. Elliptical arched windows pierce the upper floors. Dormer windows, a second-floor balcony, and arcaded ground floor entry add interest to this Romanesque style building that is supported by a stone foundation.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, it played an important role in the commercial growth and development of downtown Campbellsville by providing meals and lodging for traveling salesmen. It was also the social center for local residents. In its heyday, it was a leading hotel in the area and the parlor on the second floor became a popular recreation spot. During Prohibition, liquor was served in a room called the "Blind Tiger." It also contained a noted restaurant. Also, in this block were Pruyear's Restaurant and Marple's Restaurant.

After 1935, the hotel became a rooming house. The front office section has been occupied by various insurance companies, one of which was Turney Harding's Commonwealth Insurance. Today, the building is being renovated.

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Bertram Cox & Miller U.S. Post Office 321 East Main Street

Originally, this was the site where the stagecoach was kept. The Borders Home, then a Doctor's Office Building where Dr. J.L. Atkinson, Dr. W.B. Atkinson, Dr. Frank Buckner, and Dr. Lee Gowdy practiced, and the J.R. McRoberts Home. In 1936, the site was occupied by the former U.S. Post Office. The old post office contained two murals by artist Bert Mullins: one depicting Zachary Taylor in the Seminole War and one with an agricultural theme.

Today, the old post office building is occupied by Bertram, Cox and Miller Law offices. The lampposts and sidewalks in front of the building were replaced in 1992 when Mayor Robert Miller was in office.

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Bethel First Presbyterian Church 502 East Main Street

The Bethel Church was organized in 1799 when Taylor County was a part of Green County, third oldest church congregation in the county. For thirty years, the Bethel pastor held worship services one Sunday each month in Campbellsville at the Methodist Church.

In 1882, the Campbellsville Presbyterians decided to construct a new building on East Main Street which was completed in 1884. The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church gave permission for 43 members to be a part of this new church. In May 1884, the new church was dedicated with 45 members. In 1886, 56 more members joined the church. The church was destroyed by fire in 1892 and reconstructed in Gothic Revival style; the bell and furnishings were saved. A Sunday school annex with a basement was constructed in 1921. The sanctuary was remodeled in 1970. The Fellowship Hall and Sunday school rooms were added in 1980.

In 1992, the church was damaged by fire. While the entire building was not destroyed, the sanctuary was damaged and remodeled that same year followed by a re-dedication service.

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**Merle Norman
Penn-Ratcliffe Hardware
Davis Brothers
125 East Main Street**

Situated on the corner of South Court and East Main Street is the Merle Norman store. Constructed between 1876 and 1883, this two-story glazed brown with light tan brick building has stone lintels and sills framing the windows. The corbelled brick parapet wall accents the exterior.

Originally built to house Phillip, Putnam and Company, a general store or dry goods store occupied the building between 1886 until 1915. During those years, Ed Coakley ran a store, as did James G. Phillips, and J. R. "Hawk" Davis, operating with his brother, J.E. "Trapper" Davis, under the name Davis Brothers Hardware selling farm implements.

Clyde Williams Law Office was upstairs as was Johnny Burkholder's Insurance Agency in the front corner. In recent years, the building has housed Penn-Ratcliffe Hardware (1950s), Lay-Simpson Furniture (1970s), and presently Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique (since 1980s). At that time, the main entrance was altered, and a flared metal roof was added at an angle to emphasize the corner entry.

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Tucker Diamonds and Gold Sandpaper and Wine 121-123 East Main Street

One of the oldest buildings in downtown Campbellsville, this two-story building was constructed in 1885 by Samuel R. Bass. As a reminder of his accomplishment, Bass painted his name and the date “1907” on the second floor that remains visible today.

This building is a classic example of the Victorian Italianate style with tall, narrow windows with decorative window hood molds and frieze. Several businesses have occupied both buildings over the years. In 121, the Bass & Bryant Drug Store and Hubbard’s Grocery occupied the buildings at the turn-of-the century, followed by Pierce Grocery in 1923, Squire’s Grocery and the Campbellsville Barber Shop in 1947, Gorin Singer Sewing in 1976 and Tucker Diamonds and Gold from 1948 to present.

Originally Miss Mary Green Johnson’s millinery shop was at 123 East Main Street in 1895 followed by the Farmer’s Deposit Bank in 1902. The historic pressed tin ceiling remains intact. This bank eventually merged with People’s Bank in 1924 and became The Farmer’s and People’s Bank. The building was also occupied by Wilkerson’s Restaurant, then O.B. Finn who sold cold drinks, medicines, perfumes, tobacco, silverware, and books. Young’s Jewelry from 1948-1980, was later known as Tucker’s Jewelry. Maxine’s Discount Shoes occupied 121 until 2011. Tucker Diamonds and Gold moved to the left half of the building at 121. Sandpaper and Wine occupies 123 E. Main Street.

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The Green Room Creative Press Megin Davis Pool Hall 130 East Main Street

This two-story, common bond brick building built between 1876 and 1882 has stone sills, tin window hood molds, and cast-iron pilasters from George L. Mesker, Evansville, IN. Brick corbelling and a decorative metal parapet accent this Italianate style building.

Dr. W. T. Chandler ran a drugstore on the site from the 1880s until the early-1900s. The March 1911 fire caused \$50 in damage to the building. By the 1930s, Garland Shipp ran a restaurant here, followed by a series of poolrooms including the Megin Davis Pool Hall, a craft shop (the Smock), W. R. Knifley Wholesale Grocery, Gray's Shoe Store, the News-Journal, Creative Press, and an antiques shop (Main Street Memories). Currently The Green Room, a Day Spa, occupies the building.

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Newton Block The Elegant Touch and Glitz U.S. Post Office 222-226 East Main Street

This nine-bay wide two-story common bond brick building has second floor windows with flat arches on the north and east facades and segmental arched windows on the west and south facades. It has cast iron details on the front façade with stone sills.

Built circa 1886 as the Newton Block by Sylvester and "Abe" Newton, it contained the Newton Hotel. Around 1895, there was a grocery store. In 1900, the Campbellsville Hotel was located here through 1927. Charles Wright practiced law here.

In 1908, a U.S. Post Office maintained space in the Main and Central corner until the 1930s when it relocated to its new building at 321 East Main Street. In 1917, Bryant & Shively Jewelers occupied 222. A fire burned the building in 1911 and 1934. John Turner Mardis's Restaurant occupied the building before Floy's Dress Shop. Floy's was remodeled in 1949 and the late-1950s. Baldwin's Department Store, Ouida's, Brack's, Worldwide Fabrics, Millie's Bridal, Dollar Store, Cato's, Elegant Mother, Twice as Nice, and now Elegant Touch and Glitz have expanded into this space.

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Kerr's Workplace Solutions Chandler's Office Supply 208 East Main Street Chandler's Novelties, 1892 210 East Main Street

In 1894, building contractor Charles A. Bridges Sr., built this two-story common bond brick building located at 208 East Main Street. It has hood molds over the second-floor windows and a decorative tin parapet wall with a cast iron front façade. Brick corbelling creates a decorative pattern that stretches across the front façade. The transom lights are covered with signage.

According to 1908 Fire Insurance Sanborn maps, the building housed a hardware store, probably Sam Sanders Hardware. Subsequent to Sam Sanders' Hardware, Charles Sanders and Tom Disney ran a hardware store. In later years, Oliver Crouch had a poolroom and George and Mildred Willson ran a dress shop, Willson's Blue Bunny, here. Sensations followed. Today Kerr's Office Group occupies the building.

Chandler's Novelties, Main Street's oldest continuous business, located at 210 East Main Street, was built in 1892. This two-story common bond brick building is three bays wide and has flat arches over the second-floor windows with stone sills. William A. Chandler began first with a general store and a lunch counter. Joseph William "Chip" Chandler succeeded William. At present, Bill, Chip's son, and his wife Jill own the business. The building was added on to in 1910 by W.C. Jones, contractor.

In 1954, the interior was completely remodeled, and a new stockroom built in the rear. In recent years, the store has expanded to the adjacent building on the west. Historically, Dr. Milton Elliott followed by Dr. Don Bernard occupied office space upstairs.

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Mitchell's Clothing Hatcher-Mitchell Men's Store 221 East Main Street

Mitchell's Men's Wear was originally located near the Merchants Hotel in 1910. It is the 2nd oldest continuously operating business in Campbellsville. The business moved to its present location in 1919 when this building was constructed.

It has decorative corbelled brickwork along the parapet wall and transom windows above the paired second floor windows. A flared metal awning with a canvas valance and distinct signage enhances the front facade. Well-dressed storefront windows flank the recessed central entry doors. Pressed tin ceilings accent the interior. A cistern is in the back of the building.

Owners Lynn and Mattie Mitchell opened the store with brother-in-law Dan Hatcher in 1910. In 1946, Lynn, Jr. and Billy Mitchell, Laura's father, took over the store. When Billy Mitchell was 9 years old, he kept the store open while his parents ran down Main Street to see an airplane crash which involved his mother's nephew. In 1990, Laura Wilds returned to Campbellsville and continues the three generations of family members who have continuously owned and operated this store since it opened. The store sells men's and women's wear.