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Name: George Mischel & Sons Building
(DAOB 102)

Location: 412 E. 2nd St.

Owner: George Mischel
412 E. 2nd St.
Owensboro, Ky.

Classification: Building

Specific Date: C. 1910

Description: The George Mischel Building is a one-story, perfectly symmetrical building with a six bay, limestone front. The storefront has two evenly spaced doorways and four display window spaces. The rhythm of the bays is established by the contiguous height of the bays and the use of identical double pane transoms. Each window bay rests on a stone sill and panel. The slightly recessed pair of entrances have double doors with central glass panels. The recesses of the doorways are decorated by panelled molding. The door and window bays are divided by piers of smoothly cut stone. Each pier is one block wide and rests on a four foot high base. Running on top of the piers and across the building is a flat stone cornice. Projecting slightly out over the street level, courses of limestone blocks continue up the building front to form a parapet wall. Four rectangular attic vents lie in the middle of this parapet wall. The roofline peaks in a square parapet containing a panel reading GEO MISHEL & SONS. A stone cornice tops this parapet. The parapet wall rises at each corner of the building with squat, stone projections with matching cornices. Stone quoins join the decorative stone front with the exposed brick side wall. Two back windows with stone sills and lintels and a modern painted sign are the only details on this side wall. The rear of the structure has large openings that allowed vehicles and workers to enter and leave. The warehouse appearance of the side and rear of the building reflects the functional aspects of the building. The rear of the structure was built to accommodate the hard work of loading and unloading stone markets.

Significance: The George Mischel Building stands as a magnificent testament to the stone carving talents of the George Mischel family. The complete limestone facade and the building's simple and elegant front serves as an inobtrusive reminder of the skills of the company. The Mischel family has been in the monument business in Owensboro for over 100 years beginning as the Mischel Brothers in 1878. George and Nick went their separate ways in the early 20th century when George opened George Mischel and Son on east Main St. (now 2nd) which continues operating today with that same name. Possibly to distinguish his business from Mischel Brothers Monuments on west Main St., George decorated his storefront with examples of his trade. The Mischel Monument Building is an unique example in which the original owners were able to express their skills in their building's architectural style and decoration.

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Seldom are building owners able to invest their talents so directly into their building.

Acreage: Approximately .15 acre

Verbal Boundary Description: The George Mischel & Sons Building is designated on the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission's Computerized Land Use File - Census Tract 3, Traffic Zone 3, Block Number 105; Parcel Nubers 12 & 13.

UTM References: (Owensboro East) 16/490575/4180630