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St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church (53), Carter Avenue and 12th Street. 1912.

Description:

This gable-facade common-bond brick church is located on a prominent site at the corner of Carter Avenue and 12th Street. It is entered through a projecting corner tower topped by a belfry and a pyramidal roof with a metal finial. Sunday School rooms are housed under a lower cross gable at the rear. The facade is enriched with a three-part Palladian window, and all window openings are emphasized with stone lintels and sills and colored glass. The building is essentially unaltered.

Significance:

Established by Reverend Christopher Seals four years after the founding of Ashland, the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church constructed its first building on lots at the corner of Carter Avenue and 11th Street. It was, then, one of the first congregations to take advantage of the offer by the Kentucky Iron, Coal and Manufacturing Company to give land to any group that would construct a church in Ashland. In 1905, the frame building was moved to 12th Street, and seven years later the present structure was built adjoining the old church. The older building has since been demolished. The fine brick and stone church that was built in 1912 gives an indication of the substantial nature of the A.M.E. Church by that time, and the pride that the Black community took in a visible symbol of social accomplishment.

Owner: St. James A.M.E. Church, 1200 block Carter Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky.

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