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Nando Felty's Saloon (104), 1500 Front Street. Commercial building, late 19th century.

Description:

The saloon is a three-story three-bay brick commercial building facing the Ohio River and the railroad tracks. Although the first-floor show windows are filled with later brickwork, their slender cast-iron pilasters with serpentine relief survive. This cast iron motif was formerly also found on the facade of the City Market building on Greenup Avenue, demolished in 1978. To the left of the storefront is a stair leading to upper-floor rooms. The two principal facades are embellished with a pressed metal Italianate cornice and window hoods, and the southwest wall is painted with several fine early commercial graphics, including "LET US BE YOUR TAILORS; THE UNITED WOOLEN MILLS CO; TAILORS TO THE MASSES."

Significance:

Its location adjacent to the Ohio River ferry slip made this saloon and boarding house a prominent Ashland social center until Prohibition. Barry and Johnson, John Cobs, and Nando Felty were successive owners of a saloon here. This is one of the most substantial nineteenth-century commercial buildings in Ashland, and is the only surviving early hostel building.

Owner: Ben Williamson Supply Company, 1539 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky.

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