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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

WARREN COUNTY MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA ADDITION

WA-B-201
Site No.

1. Historic Name(s) St. James Apartments (Warren County, KY)
'Original Owner St. James Realty Company

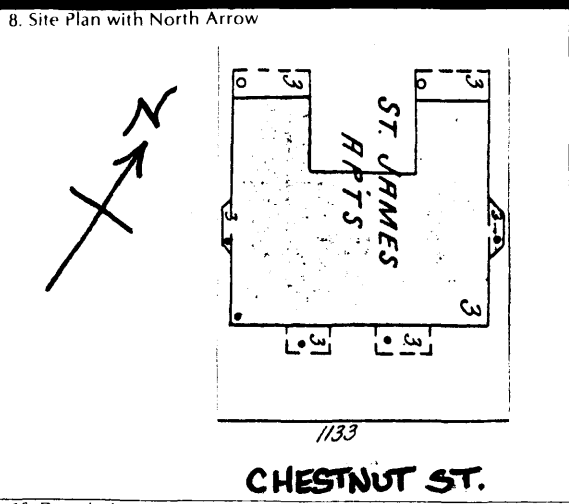
2. Present Name St. James Apartments

3. Location 1133 Chestnut Street, Bowling Green

4. Owner's Name Ron Shrewsbury

5. Owner's Address 1353 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101

6. Open to Public Yes No X
7. Ownership Private C Local State Federal



9. Architect/Builder

10. Date 1912 A. B.

11. Style A. Bungalow B. Craftsman
A. B.

12. Original Use Multi-Residence B

13. Present Use Multi-Residence B

14. Condition Excellent A

15. Stories, No. of Three D

16. Description Vaguely Bungalow style in appearance, this three story, five bay, common bond brick structure was built in 1912 and contains six apartments on the upper floors and two smaller basement apartments constructed on a limestone foundation, this U-plan shaped building is capped by a low pitched hipped roof with deeply overhanging eaves and brackets, interior chimneys and asphalt roofing material. The structure's front facade features two triple tiered porches with brick piers, double doors, transoms and sidelights. Both first floor porches have been enclosed.
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17. Single Pile NA X
Double Pile

18. Floor Plan U-Plan Q

19. Structural Fabric Brick A. C B.

20. Decorative Fabric Brick A. B
Limestone B. S

21. Roof Form & Material Gable - Asphalt

22. Foundation Material Limestone A

23. Outbuildings

24. Alterations Moved Additions
Wall Treatment

25. History See reverse.

Significance See reverse.

27. Source of Information Kentucky Library WKU
Landmark Association

28. ADD/County Barren River/Warren

29. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Bowling Green South G.I.S. Mod.

30. UTM Reference 116 1549580 4093700
Zone Easting Northing

31. Coordinate Accuracy

32. Prehistoric Site Object
Historic Site Structure
Bundling Other

33. National Register District Name:

34. Significance of Evaluation National Register D

35. Status _____ Date _____
National Landmark
National Register
Landmark Certificate
Kentucky Survey
Local Landmark
HABS/HAER

36. Historic Theme Primary Architecture C
Secondary _____
Other _____

37. Endangered Yes
No X

38. ATTACH PHOTO
Roll No. _____
Picture No. _____
Direction _____

39. Prepared by: Kevin Hunter
Jeff Hanna

40. Organization Landmark Assoc. P

41. Date April 1984

42. Revision Dates _____ 43. Staff Review _____

DESCRIPTION continued.

Other elements include an arched entryway with double doors, transom, sidelights and limestone details, 8/1 windows, limestone sills, belt courses and pier caps, brick panels above and below second floor windows on the front facade, frame bays on each side facade and two exterior frame stairways at the rear.

A recent concrete block and frame garage located to the rear of the property replaced the original garage constructed between 1914 and 1925.

Constructed in a simple Craftsman style, the structure's interior includes hardwood floors, wood dividers between living and dining rooms, ceramic tiled fireplaces, original wood moldings, built-in linen closets, built-in china cabinets, plaster walls and plaster ceilings. An interior stairway features wood railings, ballusters and bench seats under the windows. The building also retains original light fixtures, push button switches, brass hardware and cast iron radiators.

HISTORY

St. James Realty Company was responsible for erecting the St. James Apartment Building in 1912. Bowling Green businessmen, Julian Potter and George Moseley, E.B. Stout and Company (Real Estate), Galloway, Huges and Potter (Real Estate) and Louisville Attorney, Adrian C. Humphries, Sr., are known to have been associated with St. James Realty circa 1912 to 1920. St. James Apartment Building was the first such structure to be erected in Bowling Green when built in 1912. No other apartment buildings were constructed in Bowling Green until the late 1920's. During the early to mid 20th century, St. James Apartments served as a fashionable residence for several well-known professional families.

SIGNIFICANCE

St. James Apartment Building is significant for several reasons: the structure was the first apartment building constructed in Bowling Green, the structure has maintained its original integrity and the building serves as a link between the Downtown Commercial Historic District, College Hill Historic District and other older residential neighborhoods immediately east of Bowling Green's historic central core.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name St. James Apartments Site # WA-B-201

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title
Warren County Multiple Resources Area

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 549580 4093700 D. _____

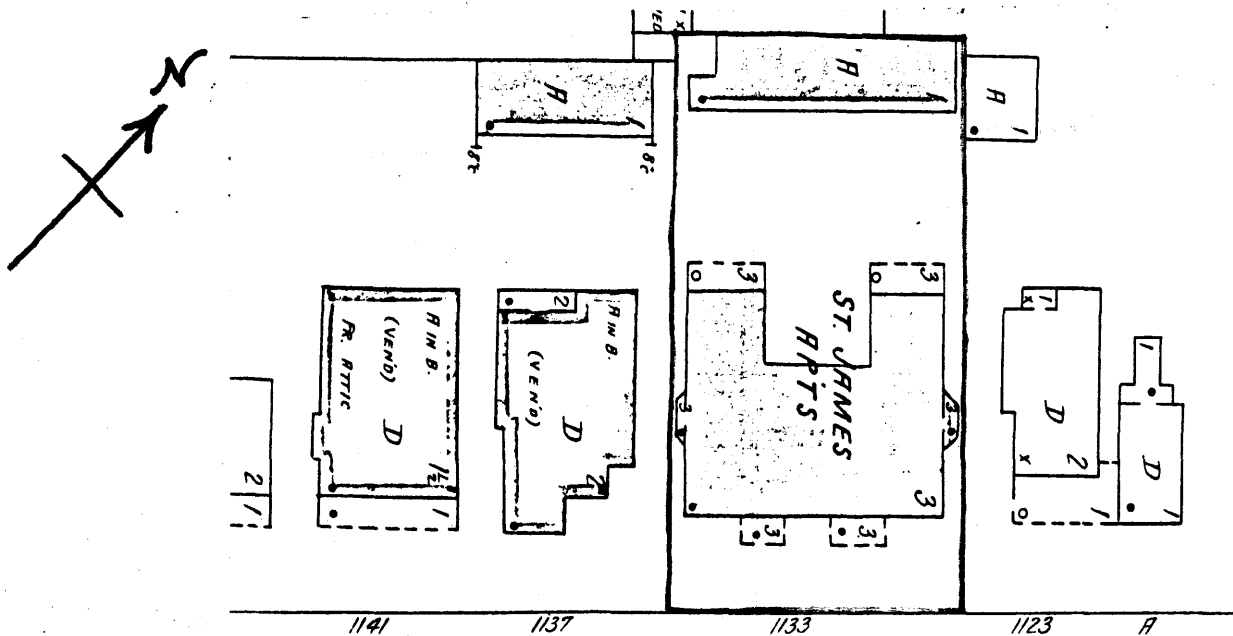
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage _____

Beginning at a point in the sidewalk curbing on the west side of Chestnut Street between 11th and 12th Avenues, then NW 158 feet, then at right angles SW 80 feet, then at right angles SE 158 feet, then at right angles NE 80 feet to beginning.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Warren County Courthouse
429 East 10th Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101