

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Carlisle house true to Greek Revival architectural form

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 There are few houses in Nicholas County that stay true to any one architectural style. The reason although there are many beautiful houses in Nicholas County are often mixtures of many types and periods of styles. As patterns become more readily available to carpenters they borrowed styles from every period and mixed architecture was the result.

One such landmark that stays true to one style is the King home, often known as the Corwin Robinson House recently bought by Mr. and Mrs. Jerolyn Clark.

The house, built in 1865 by Colonel Anderson, was bought by Robert King and wife Mary in 1906.

The family moved from Dept. in England to Mason County before buying the house in Nicholas County.

King was a carriage maker in Ohio before buying a hardware store on the corner of Main and Elm, which is presently Gerette Furniture.

King was one of the first to ship Blue Grass Seed Strippers to other parts of the United States.

Descendants of the Kings are Curie King Robinson, Annie King Barkley and her son, a fourth-generation King, Louis Potting.

The new Clark house, a frame masonry bonded structure, is an example of Greek Revival architecture.

The structure that do not consist of two or three windows make a clear, crisp impression and stick in your mind as strong, pronounced," said Gerette, a member of the local society and compiler of local evidence for the historical register.

Greek Revival are those structures with a exterior passage plan showing that all the rooms branch off the central hall.

Some unique features of Greek Revival plan include three to five story and interior and exterior columns that create balance and symmetry.

The house, according to Jerolyn Clark, was built in 1865 by Colonel Anderson, two rooms at a time.

"We found out from our estate manager that the house was built several little at a time. He said he could tell by the lay out of each room."

One of the legends connected to the house history is Anderson told all the men to bring accounts because of the little skirts that were taking place at the time around the Civil War.

After starting or after the King House was a market stand in the corner of one of the streets and it still there today.

"We don't know whether it is true or not but it would be interesting to know if it is just a myth," said Clark.

We found out from our exterminator that the house was built on a little at a time
 Jerolyn Clark



Jerolyn Clark



The King house displays the Greek Revival architecture. It was built around 1865 by Corwin Robinson. Heather Mathes Photo.

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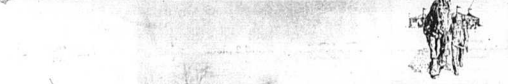
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Or if one is lucky enough some horse might be close to a fence, close enough for a stroke between the ears or even a pat on the nose.



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