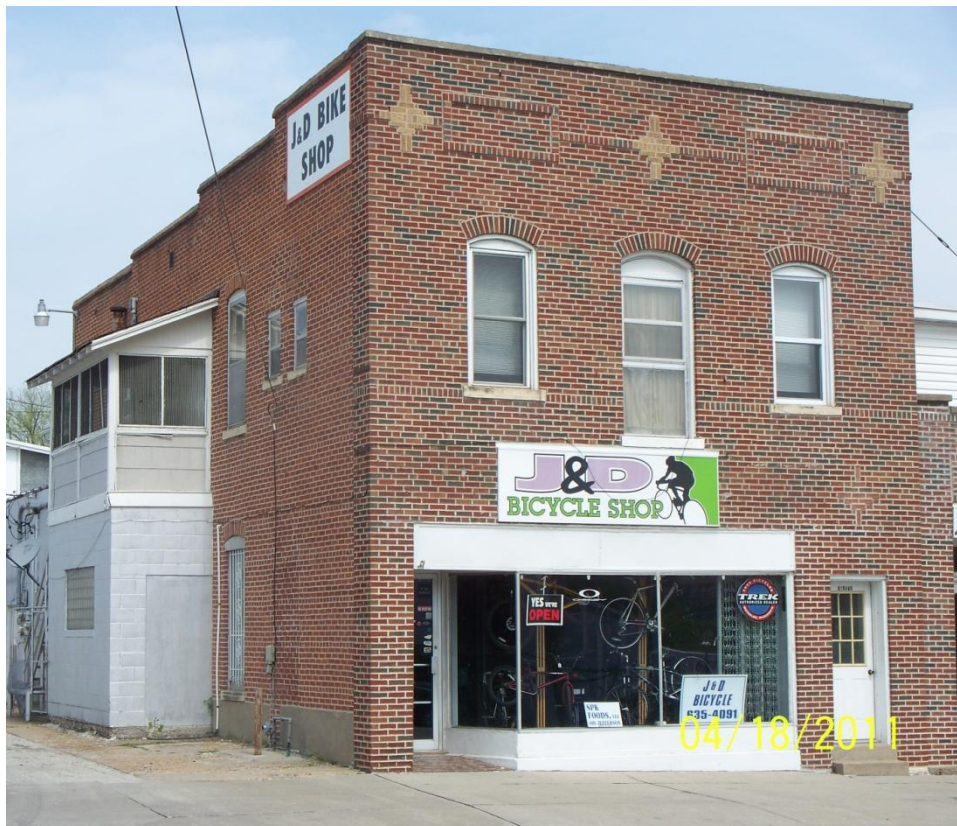


2011 LANDMARK AWARDS

610 Jefferson Street
Western Steam Bottling Works
(J & D Bicycle Shop)
Don & Jo Meyer, owners

The building at 610 Jefferson has been owned by Don and Jo Meyer since 1973 and is the current home of the J & D Bicycle Shop and two second floor apartments. It was built 123 years ago and is one of the oldest remaining examples of a vernacular manufacturing structure in Jefferson City. It has been recommended for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1888 the Western Steam Bottling Works at 610 Jefferson joined the emerging cluster of brick buildings around the intersection of Jefferson and Dunklin Streets, which was becoming the commercial core of the German-immigrant Muenchberg community of Jefferson City's Southside. The building at 610 Jefferson is one of the few nineteenth-century buildings still standing from that commercial core. The two-story brick building, built entirely for manufacturing, is in the simple and functional style of a vernacular manufacturing building. Major changes were made to the building in the 1930s, when the second floor was renovated for apartments and the front façade was converted for retail business enterprises.



620 Madison Street
Busch's Florist & Greenhouse
John Pelzer, owner

Busch's Florist, at 620 Madison Street, has been a commercial anchor of Jefferson City's southside for more than a century. The business draws its name from Hugo Busch, who was born in Germany in January of 1867. Apparently interested in flowers from an early age, Busch worked for three years as a florist's apprentice, before immigrating to the United States in 1884.

Busch's Florist has a long and proud history in Jefferson City and is the oldest continuously operating retail business in the city. The greenhouse is one of the few original "glass" greenhouses left standing today in Missouri. In its 118 year history, John Pelzer who has owned and operated the business for the last 10 years, is just the third owner. Mr. Pelzer has completed a much needed greenhouse renovation and is involved in the Neighborhood Improvement Project.



2024 E. McCarty Street
The Landwehr Dairy Farm
Eric & Stacy Landwehr, owners

In 1908 Frederick and Theresa Landwehr purchased a farm consisting of about 300 acres from the Jacob Rost family and moved their family and livestock by train from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Landwehrs were dairy farmers in Ohio and continued their operation in Cole County just east of the Jefferson City limits. The farm had a nice creek that ran through the property (Boggs Creek) and this was an important feature necessary for the dairy cattle if they were to produce large volumes of milk. The family sold milk to neighbors and then to the Capital City Dairy, which later became the Landwehr Dairy. A springhouse on the property was used to cool the raw milk in the early years. The Capital City Dairy was the first commercially operated dairy in town and was owned by a group of investors including Fred and Harry Landwehr, two sons of Frederick and Theresa.

In the 1940's another son, Frank Landwehr, and his wife, Mildred, acquired the majority of the farm and took over the dairy operation and continued to supply milk to Landwehr Dairy which at that time was owned and operated by Louis Landwehr, a brother of Frank. The dairy farm was a family operation and the five children, Stephana, Carl, Thomas, John and Frankie, helped out on the farm.

Many of the outbuildings no longer exist, such as the barns and storage sheds. Still standing are the milk parlor, smokehouse and springhouse. Evidence of the milking operation can still be seen in the milk parlor. In the case of the smokehouse and springhouse, they were dissembled and rebuilt to their original appearance.



1119 Moreau Drive
The Elmer Ott Home
Stacia & Lewis Mills, Jr., owners

The home was built in 1925 on the east side of Jefferson City by Louis Ott, the owner of the Ott Lumber Company. Louis, the “lumber doctor,” built homes for his family in an east side subdivision, then known as “Fairmont” which was the land that was used for the Cole County Fair in earlier years. 1119 Moreau Drive was the first of these homes and was constructed as a gift to his son Elmer Ott and his wife Pauline.

1119 Moreau Drive was constructed as a brick home with a large porch on the front. When Elmer and Pauline traveled south to visit friends, Pauline fell in love with the colonial style homes. Around 1941, the front porch was removed and replaced with four wood pillars, tile floor, and divided picture windows. At this time a back addition was added which served as a family room, as it still is today. Inside, a large three-panel stained glass window depicting magnolia flowers is located on the landing at the top of the five foot wide staircase winding around creating a balcony on the second floor. The home was built with a large elegant entry hall with an open floor plan suitable for entertaining. Hardwood floors run throughout the home. Knotty pine was used on the walls in the third floor, family room and basement rathskeller because it was less expensive during the war.

This home has remained in the family. Stacia, the great granddaughter of Louis Ott, and her husband, Lewis Mills, Jr. have enjoyed the home as they have kept the integrity of the property.

