

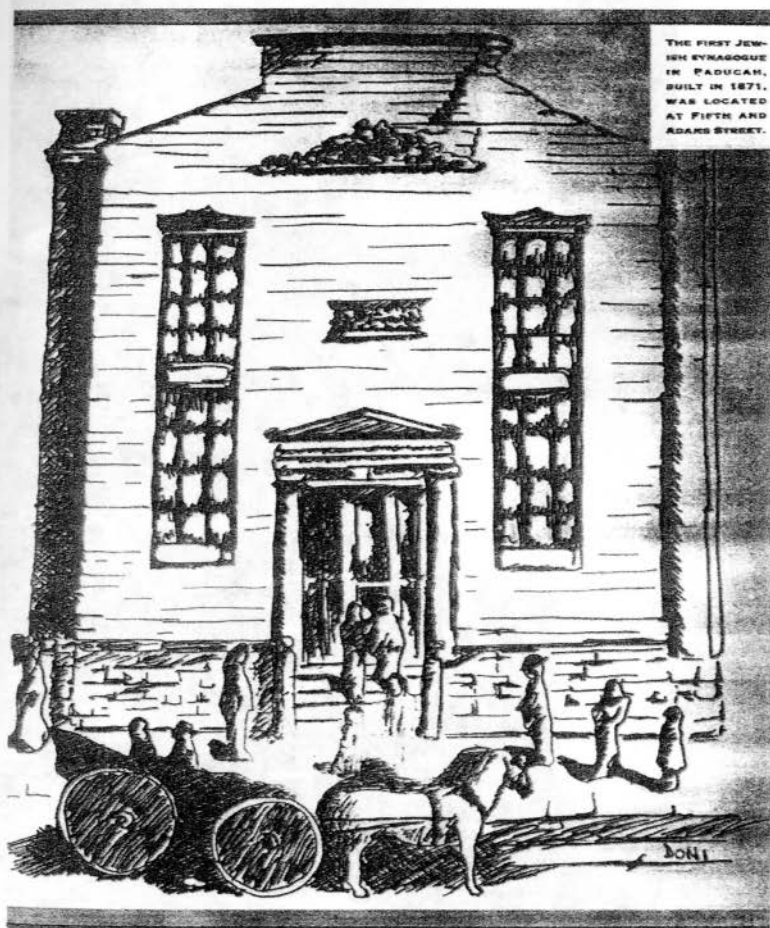
The Vanishing Purchase

We are beginning a new feature in this issue. The feature is called The Vanishing Purchase and highlights historic sites and buildings that are lost forever to the Jackson Purchase. While many examples of the vanishing purchase are available, we will start with several in the immediate area. The Fulton City Depot, the Jewish Temple in Paducah, and the buildings on the square in Mayfield are just a few of the growing number of lost buildings. As these stories increase in number, we would also like to see a growing awareness of the loss and create a heightened concern for and reclamation of the sites and buildings which remain. Help us with this process by contacting your local preservation office and become an active member of any local preservation society that you can find.

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The Vanishing Purchase: Jewish Temple

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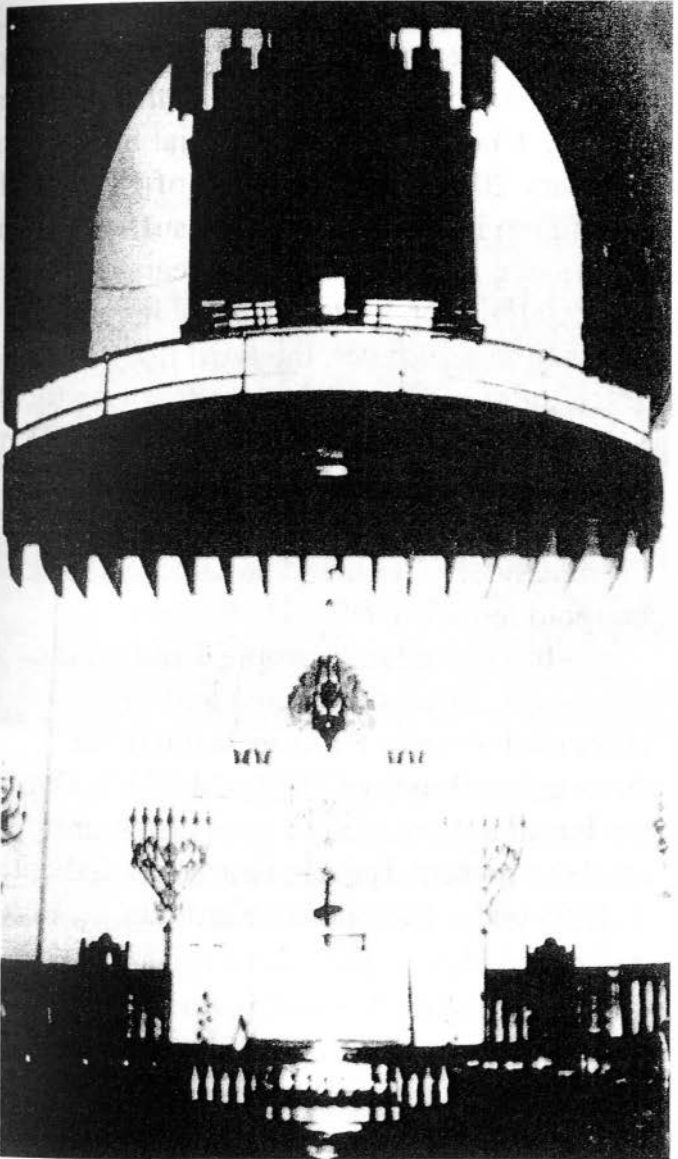


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The first Jewish Synagogue in Paducah. Built and dedicated in 1871, it was located at Fifth and Adams Street.



The Temple constructed in 1893 was replaced in 1963. It was located between Clark and Adams Streets.



The interior of the second synagogue that was built in 1893.

Temple Israel derives from the flood of immigrants that left Germany in the 1830's and 1840's. Chevra Yeshurum Burial Society formed February 20, 1864. By the fall of 1868 the Jewish population in Paducah reached sufficient numbers to form a congregation. Four years later, members decided to set up a site for worship; and the first meeting took place on the third floor over a dry goods store in 1868. The building was located at Second and Broadway. The addition of B'nai B'rith in 1870 led to the construction in 1871 of a two-story frame structure on the east side of South Fifth, between Clark and Adams. Rabbi Leon Leopold led services.

In 1893 a large temple arose on the southwest corner of Seventh and Broadway that continued to serve Paducah through the devastating floods of 1913 and 1937. Damaged, the building struggled to meet community needs until the present Temple Israel was dedicated April 7, 1963 under Rabbi Max Kaufman.