

105 Jackson Street (Parsons House)

Jefferson City, MO 65109



The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) got possession of 105 Jackson Street as part of the East Capitol Avenue Urban Renewal Plan. The property has been boarded up for many years and the owner has neglected the property. The property is currently vacant.

THE PARSONS HOUSE

The Gen. Gustavus A. Parsons House at 105 Jackson Street, one of the oldest structures in Jefferson City built in the 1830s. It has a rich history in Jefferson City and significant due to two prominent Capital City families.

The house was built for Missouri's first State Treasurer, John Walker who allegedly kept the state treasury in his home's iron box. A monument in Walker's honor stands at the west entrance to Riverview Cemetery.

Gustavus Parsons and his wife Patience bought the home in 1847 from Treasurer Walker. Parsons, from Virginia, had served as Thomas Jefferson's personal secretary and later served twice as Missouri's adjutant general, settling Indian uprisings on the Missouri-Kansas border.

The house was opened by the Parsons family for a hospital in the late 1840s in response to the cholera epidemic and later for both Confederate and Union soldiers in the 1860s.

The Parsons House was built in the classic style of New Orleans French nobility. The first floor's base is 16-inch limestone blocks topped by 12" of oak boards to hold exterior's solid walnut clapboards. The interior woodwork was hand-carved mahogany. Originally, the home's entrance stairs were at the front of the house with no front windows opening to the River.

Recognized in 1993 as a Historic Preservation Landmark, this important building was acquired by the Jefferson City Housing Authority in 2019 and is **now for sale and open for bids**. Details on bid requirements, as well as the evaluation template, can be found at http://www.jchamo.org/newsdetail_T2_R76.php.

We are having a **open house for 105 Jackson Street (Parsons House) on April 9th at 11:30 am**. If you are interested in attending or know someone who is, please send them our way.

You can see all the pictures of 105 and other properties currently still available here: http://www.jchamo.org/newsdetail_T2_R76.php. Our link will also allow you to view the Press Release, Request for Proposal, and Evaluation Template.

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