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## Metropolitan Historical Commission Meeting

### Agenda

Teleconference

December 14, 2020

12:00 p.m.

#### I. Call to Order

Clay Bailey, Chair

#### II. Establish that COVID-19 requires telephonic meeting as permitted under Executive Order No. 16

#### III. Approval of October Minutes

#### IV. Historical Markers

Jessica Reeves

- Jesse Shelton DeMoss
- East Nashville Fire
- Tennessee-Springwater Brewery

#### V. Other Business

#### VI. Adjourn

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Jesse Shelton DeMoss- MHC edit

Location: 6900 block of River Road

Jesse Shelton DeMoss was the grandson of Bellevue co-founder James DeMoss and the son of prosperous farmer Thomas DeMoss, of the Davidson County 14<sup>th</sup> District. Between 1866 and 1870, Jesse moved with his family from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> District. In 1868, following his wife Delilah's death, he established the family cemetery. Jesse, his sons and his grandsons were farmers along River Road for 90 years. From 1800 until 1957, the DeMoss family operated farms in the Bellevue area.

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## East Nashville Fire

Location: NE corner of S 7<sup>th</sup> St and Fatherland

Nashville's worst disaster by fire occurred on March 22, 1916. The fire began at 11:47 a.m. near the rear of Seagraves Planing Mill at S. 1<sup>st</sup> and Oldham Streets. **Winds of over 50 mph swept it eastward.** The fire was brought under control around 4:30 p.m. near S. 10<sup>th</sup> and Dew Streets. **Over 35 blocks, it burned nearly 650 buildings,** including Warner School, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Woodland Presbyterian Church. One person was killed, and **3,000 were** left homeless.

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Location: Vultee Blvd. off of Briley Parkway (near airplane observation area)

Side 1:

## **THE TENNESSEE/SPRINGWATER BREWERY**

In 1858 P. & N. Harsh built a small brewery near Franklin College on Stones River Pike. E.D. Crossman & M.J. Drucker took over in 1860, renaming it the Tennessee Brewery. After fire destroyed it in 1860 and again in 1864, Drucker rebuilt it as the Spring Water Brewery and leased to L. Mankel and M. Frank in 1866. F. Laitenberger (of Germantown's City Brewery) assumed the lease briefly until the brewery closed in 1872 due to competition from the Nashville Brewing Company.

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Side 2:

## **THE TENNESSEE BREWERY**



1860-61 Nashville City Directory advertisement for the Tennessee Brewery. The distribution office was located on Market St. (now 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.)

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***During this meeting, there will be an opportunity to call in and give a comment. The number to call for live commenting is 629-255-1965 and the Chair will announce when the phone lines are open and ready to receive calls.***

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**Date and Time:** 12-14-20 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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