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An Old Landmark

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The "Spalding House" to be Torn Away and
Four Handsome Cottages to Take Its place.

Another one of Maysville's old landmarks will soon be numbered with the things of the past. The "Spalding House" on the north side of Fourth street, west of Sutton, purchased a few days ago by Mr. Arthur Campbell, is to be torn down and four handsome frame cottages erected on its site.

The old building is perhaps the oddest-looking structure in Maysville. It occupies the angle formed by Fourth street and what was once the old road leading from this city to Washington before the days of the turnpike. It is a difficult matter to describe its architecture. It looks as much like a large, roughly constructed steamer's cabin, perhaps, as anything else.

The building was erected by the father of the venerable Daniel Spalding of Louisville. In a recent letter concerning the matter - giving the time when the house was put up, &c., Mr. Spalding says:

"The excavation was commenced in the fall of 1820; the building was finished in 1821, and on the 8th of October of that year we moved into it. The plan adopted was to fill the corner between Fourth street and the old road. Don't you see the fitness of things? Although father had ample ground to build any size square house, his architect advised him to stick the house on that beautiful corner. It was built expressly for a tavern, with the view of catching the customers as they came into town. He had a large sign with a beautiful golden spread eagle, but the travelers spread - they did not stop. They preferred going into town in place of stopping in the suburbs."

For years the old building has been occupied by colored folks, and the census enumerators and City Assessor have always been surprised when they figured up the number of people who claimed the house as their home. Judging by the returns, the occupants must be packed in at night pretty much on the sardine style.

The work of tearing down the house will be commenced this afternoon. Messrs. McDowell have the contract, and will also erect the cottages that are to take the place of the old structure. Much of the material will be used in the new buildings. The cottages will range in value from \$800 to \$1,200.

In tearing down the old "Spalding House," the workmen found a brick bearing the inscription, "Wm. E. La Poire, May 11, 1819." We understand Mr. Arthur Campbell will present it to the historical society.
