
In 1937 the restaurant was completely remodeled and continued in business there until December 1941 when it moved to a larger building close by.

On October 27, 1941 the city council authorized the moving of the police station to another, more convenient, location.

The former police space in the Round House was occupied by the WPA Ohio Forest Survey and the State Unemployment Service.

Then on September 11, 1950, the council heard a county idea to raze the Round House to provide space for a memorial. The city council decided to retain its lease on the property.

On Friday, September 22, 1950, the county again announced plans to demolish the Round House. This aroused a storm of protest from the Jackson City Council and local citizens. But on October 23, 1950 the city council voted to accept \$3,000 from the county in payment to release any claims the city had on the building. The county went so far as to vote to raze the building, but the city would not prepare the

deed for signing as long as this was the county's posture. Finally, the plea to halt the demolition of the building was approved and the council signed the deed on December 1, 1952.

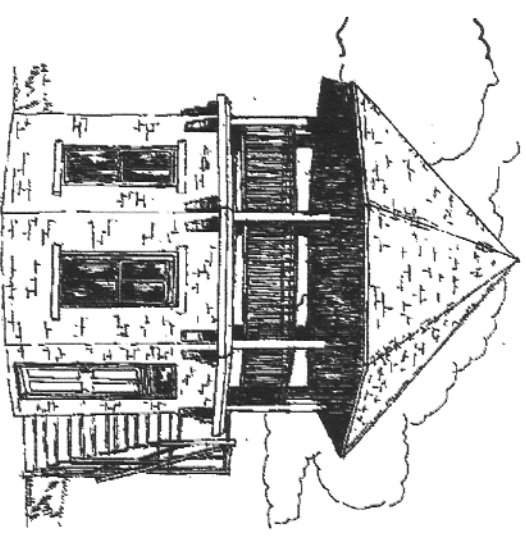
Following the departure of the Round House Restaurant the office of Veteran's Affairs leased the lower floor. In 1954 the Jackson Chamber of Commerce began occupying the building and remained there until July 31, 1993.

With the building vacant a plan was submitted calling for the construction of a John Wesley Powell Memorial Plaza. This would be a concrete plaza surrounding the Round House and the Powell Memorial building and would additionally feature seating, landscaping, and period lighting. This is an ongoing project now headed by the Jackson Historical Society.

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The Round House



Builder 1887

It is called the Round House, but it's Octagonal in shape. It was once owned by the City, but stood on land owned by the County, and yet neither had a deed to the property.

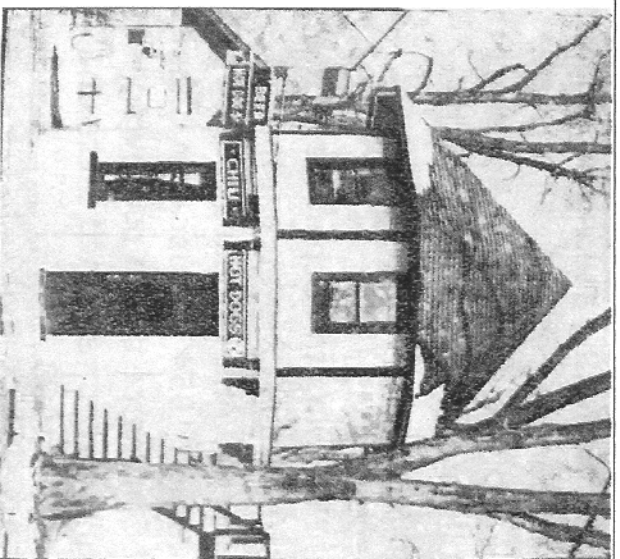
The Round House was designed by Jackson merchant John H. Price. In September 1887 it was built as a weigh station on the lower floor and an open-air bandstand on the upper story and was situated on the public square west of the Jackson County Courthouse. It cost \$200 to build.

There must have been a delay in starting or in the progress of the work because *The Jackson Herald* expressed concern in August and early September, 1887, about the lack of progress in the construction.

The particular reason for the anxiety was that there was to be a Grand Reunion of Civil War veterans and sons of veterans scheduled for September 22 and 23, 1887. Various committees were busy preparing the town for the celebration and displaying the colors to do homage to the soldiers of the Republic.

By the first day of the Grand Reunion, on Thursday, September 22, 1887, the bandstand and weigh station were done.

The new octagonal structure was now available for all to see. Besides decorations, martial music filled the air with melodies.



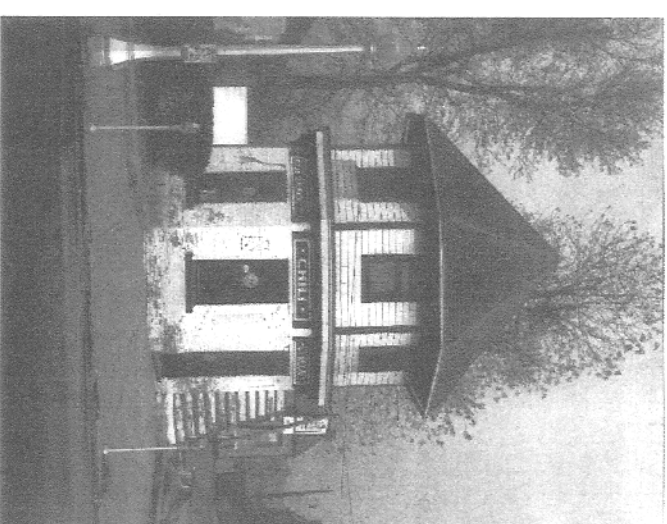
Round House Circa 1940

The configuration was unique at that time. The arrangement provided the only large scales in Jackson for farmers and furnace wagons hauling iron ore to be weighed. The second story provided for frequent concerts performed by local Jackson bands; one was the Silver Cornet Band. However, the use of the scales declined and during the installation of the brick pavers on Main Street, the scales were removed.

In early 1923 a decision was made to enclose the band stand. The second floor was converted to the police station. From there police

maintained their headquarters and, from the windows of the second floor of the eight-sided structure, they were able to keep a watchful eye for law violators.

For a time the lower floor was used by the city service director and the police department, then in the 20s the lower floor of the building became the site of a hot dog stand known as "The Round House" and operated by Earl Davis. He purchased the formula for the renowned Round House Hot Dog sauce from a man in Portsmouth, Ohio.



Round House Circa 1950