

1816 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard (House)  
Russell Neighborhood - Jay's Cafeteria Project  
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Location: 1816 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard  
Russell National Register District  
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Significance: 1816 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard is significant within the context of the Russell National Register District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of camelback shotgun houses that were built throughout this particular neighborhood (as well as throughout Louisville) during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Houses with this floor plan were routinely built for the common man as worker housing. A variety of architectural ornamentation reflecting popular Victorian era styles were often applied to shotgun houses. The Italianate was among the styles most commonly used in the Russell District.

Description: 1816 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard is a wood frame residence constructed with a camelback shotgun floor plan. It exhibits both Italianate and Classical Revival style architectural influences. A single-story brick porch with a hipped roof which first appears on Sanborn maps in 1905 spans the width of the primary facade. Its cornice detail doesn't match that found on the main house. All windows and doors on the house have been boarded making it difficult to determine with certainty the details of the building. However, it appears that a door to the east is balanced by a single window to the west. A hipped roof tops this front, one-story portion and is ornamented with a cornice with dentils and other decorative details. A side entrance on this rear portion is located to the east and has a small porch with Eastlake wood detailing. The second floor has two elongated windows with unornamented lintels. A gabled roof tops this section. It is covered with asphalt shingle as is the roof on the single-story portion.

History: Although the exact date of construction for this building is unknown because building construction records are not extant, it probably dates from circa 1867. According to City Directories this structure was occupied by 1868 by E.L. Gambrall of E.L. Gambrall and Company. He resided at this address both by himself and with a series of roommates until 1887 when he moved out and others lived at this address. Elizabeth A. Gambrall held title to this property beginning in 1867 (DB 134x88).

Source: Caron's Directory of the City of Louisville. Louisville: Caron Directory Company, 1832-1993.

Louisville Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission. "National Register File." Louisville, 1974-1993.

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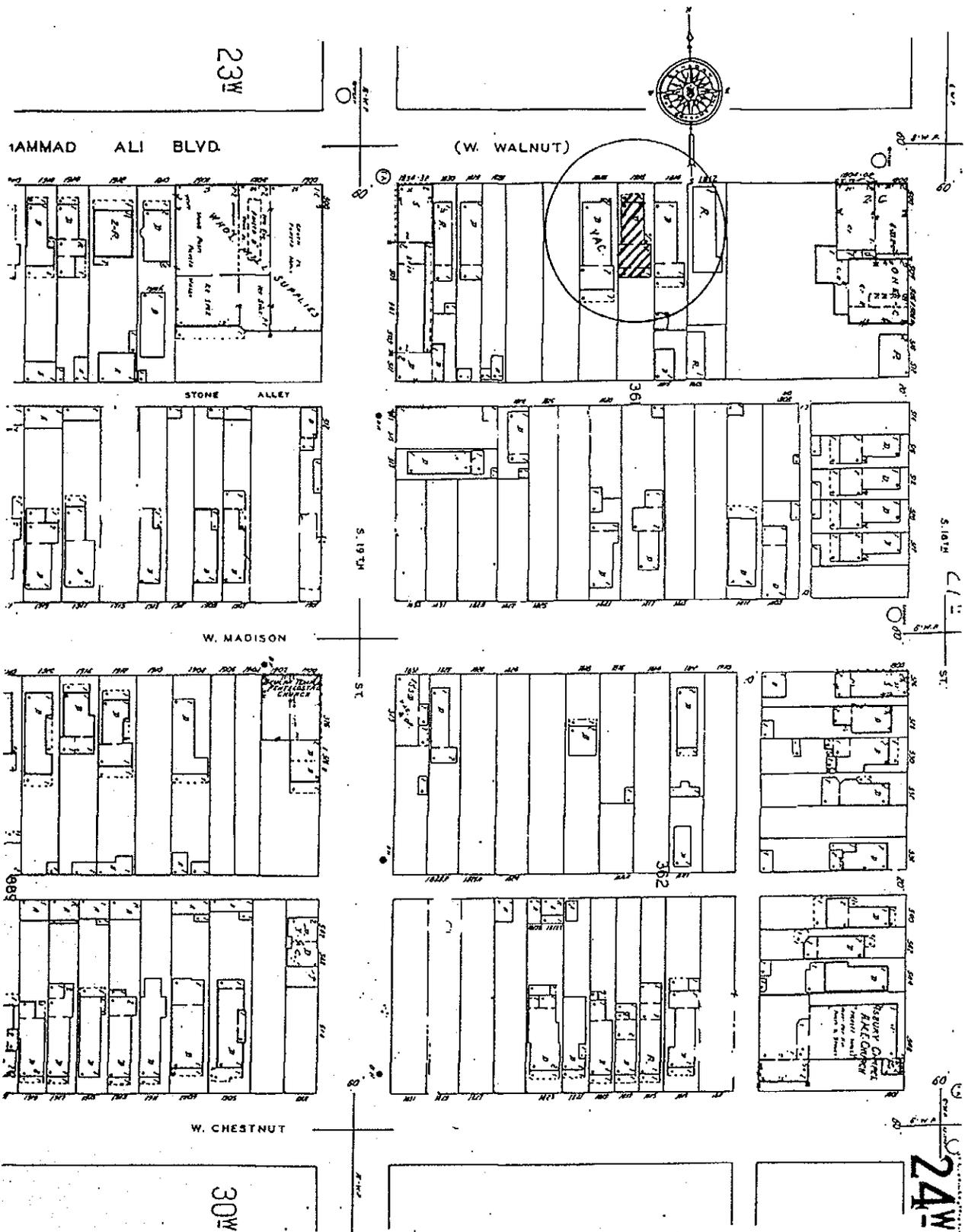
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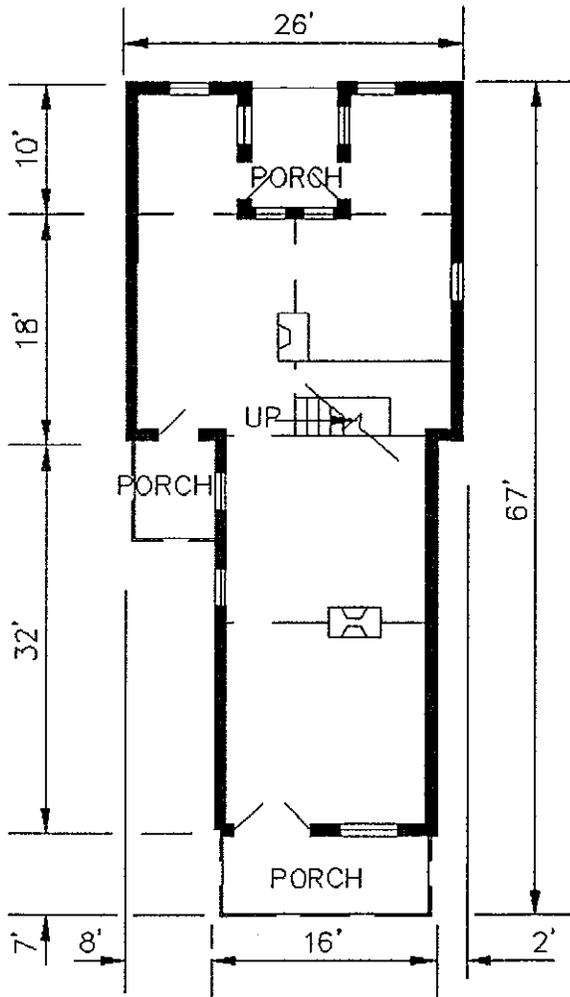
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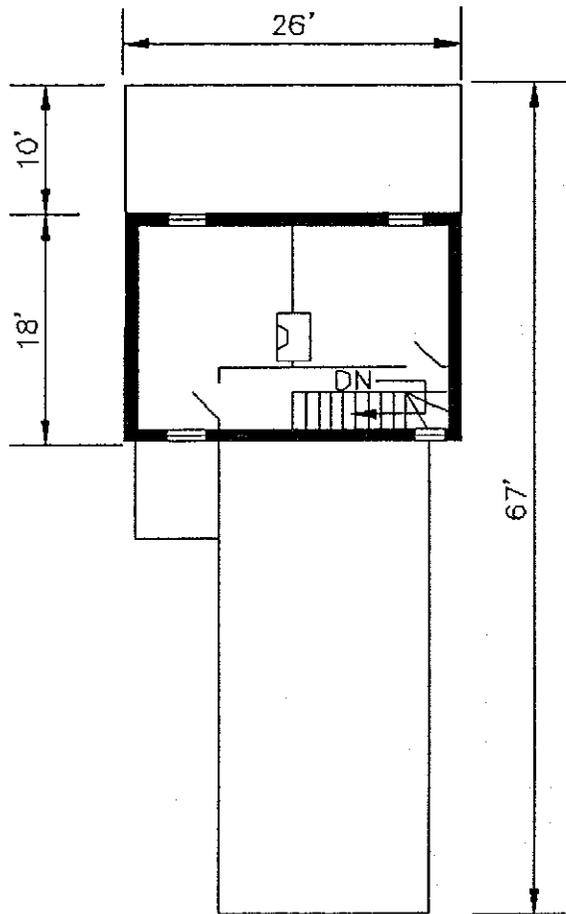
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