

1809 West Madison Street (House)
Russell Neighborhood - Jay's Cafeteria Project
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Location: 1809 West Madison Street
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Significance: 1809 West Madison Street is significant within the context of the Russell National Register District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of 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: 1809 West Madison Street is a single-story wood frame Italianate style house with a shotgun floor plan. It is simple in design. It has a single door to the west that is adorned with a projecting hood with dentils and brackets. The window to the east has been boarded making it difficult to tell its original arrangement. However, judging from its size and placement, it appears not to be original. The building is topped by a front facing gabled roof that is covered with rolled roofing material. The building's cornice is unadorned. A small one-story additional topped by a shed roof is located to the rear.

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 first occupied in 1868 by Conrad Edelman, a varnisher for the Peters and Webb Company. He resided here until 1890. It was owned by Edelman from 1867 (DB 134 x 271) until purchase by Charles Wolf (DB 526 x 632) in 1899.

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

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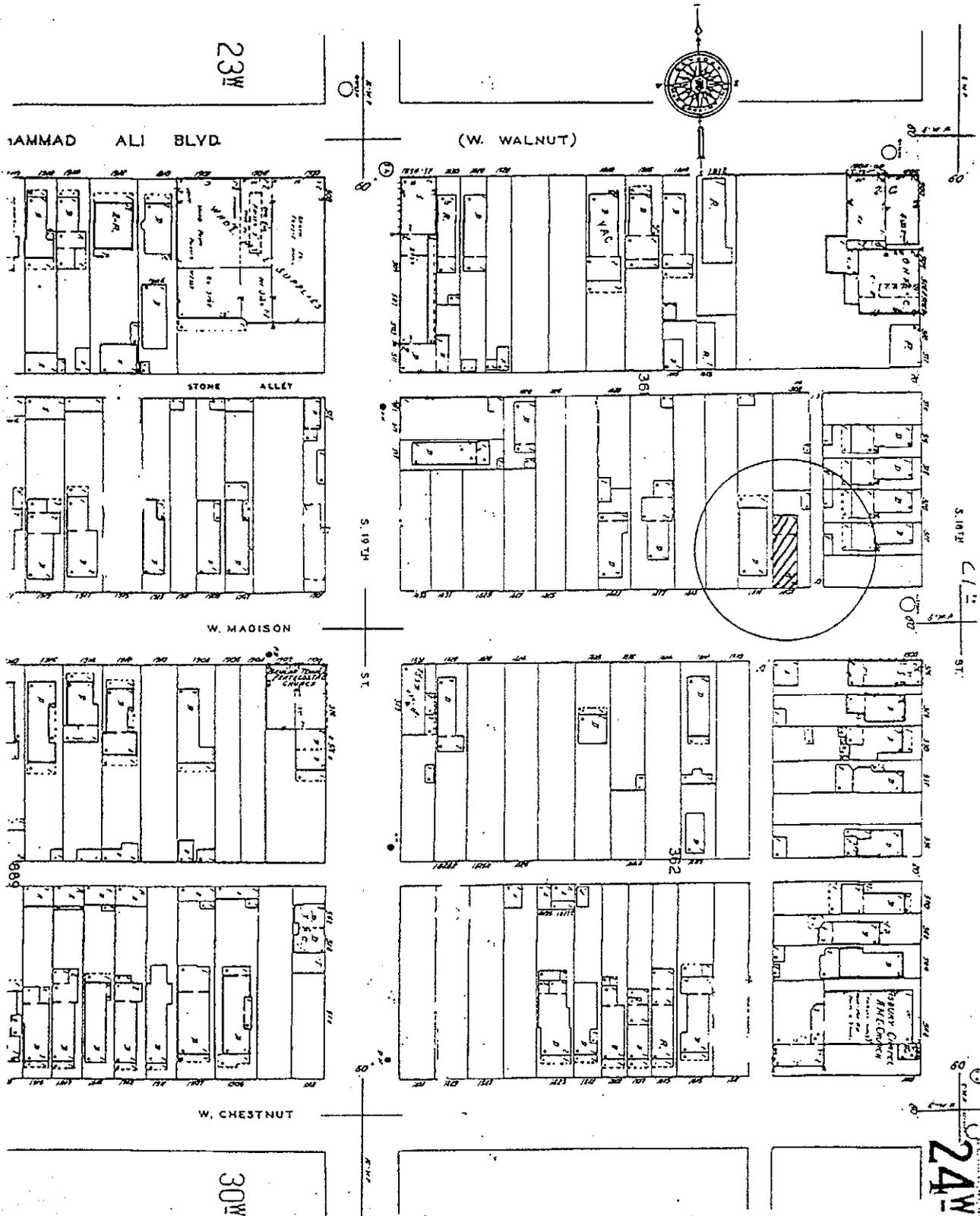
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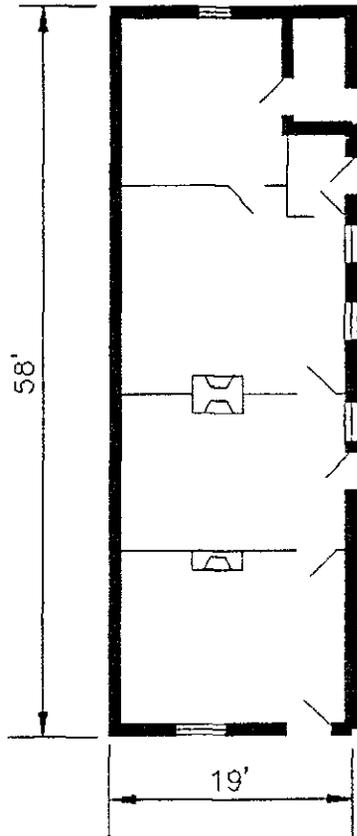
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