

1817 West Madison Street (House)
Russell Neighborhood - Jay's Cafeteria Project
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Location: 1817 West Madison Street
(483 West Madison Street: address prior to 1882)
Russell National Register District
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Significance: 1817 West Madison Street 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: 1817 West Madison Street is a simple, Italianate style house with a camelback shotgun floor plan. It is one-story in the front, two-stories in the rear, and is of wood frame construction. The lapped wood siding that originally covered the exterior has been recovered in aluminum siding. The main entrance into the house is asymmetrically placed and is balanced by paired, double hung windows. Both the windows and the front door are characterized by their long, narrow openings that are capped by simple, decorative hoods. Windows on the two-story portion (sited to the rear) follow this same general pattern. A gabled, asphalt shingle roof tops the structure and most likely replaced the original standing seam metal roof. To the rear of the building is a two-story addition. It was integrated into the construction of a one-story room that was in place by 1905 and may be an early addition. A single story enclosed porch addition currently spans the primary one-story facade and appears to have been added after 1961. The original front door, as well as the side door through which access is gained to the kitchen, was originally Victorian in design and has been replaced with a new, non-original hollow core door with a diamond-shaped window pane. Many of the building's original windows have been replaced.

History: Although the exact date of construction for this building is unknown because building construction records are not extant, it was probably built circa 1866. This structure was occupied as early as 1867 by Patrick Walsh, a tailor. Walsh resided at this address up to 1879. Lucy Walsh, widow of Patrick, lived in the house by herself for several years after her husband's death. Other family members lived in the house in subsequent years. By 1916, all members of the Walsh family had moved out and this residence was occupied by a series of laborers.

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

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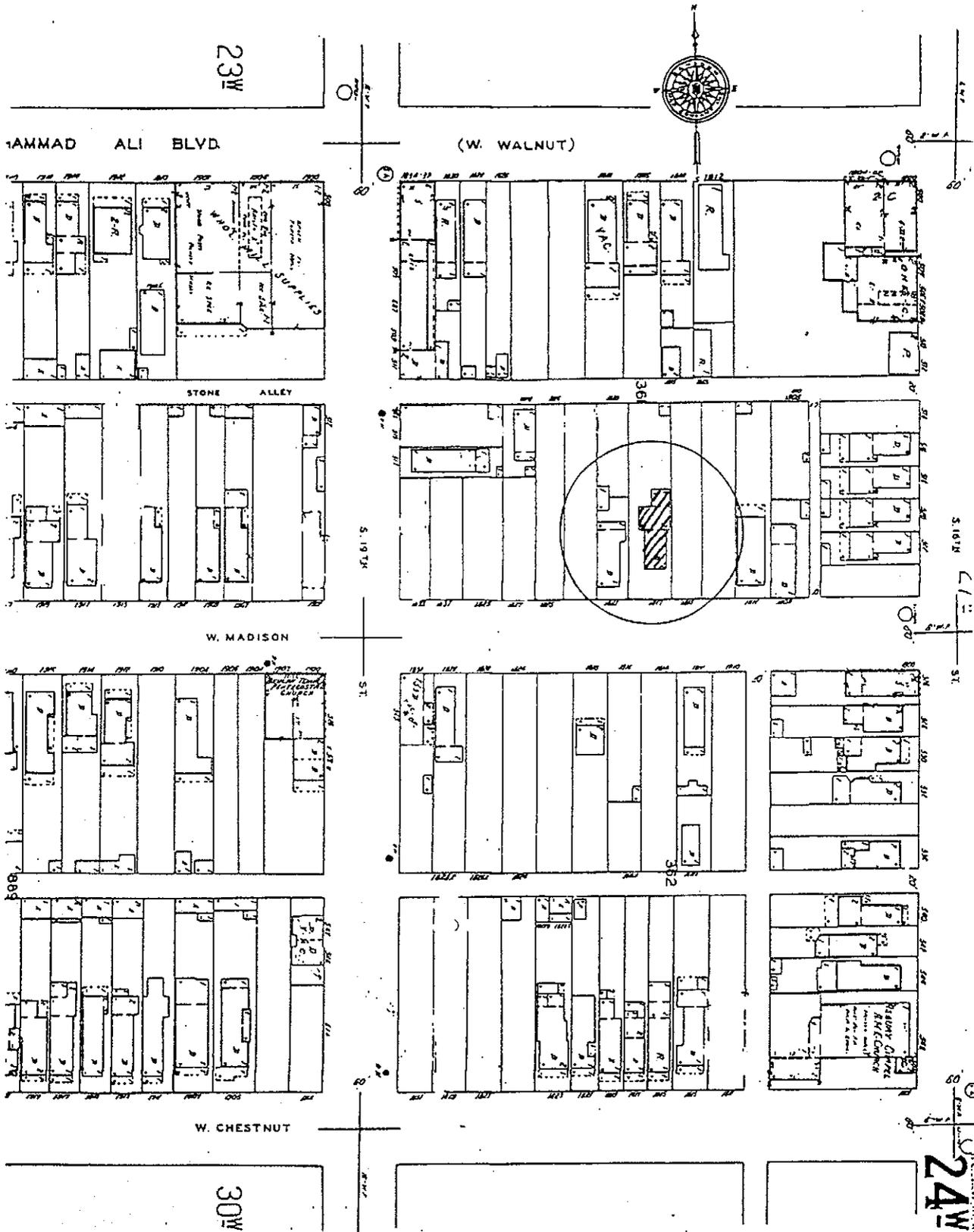
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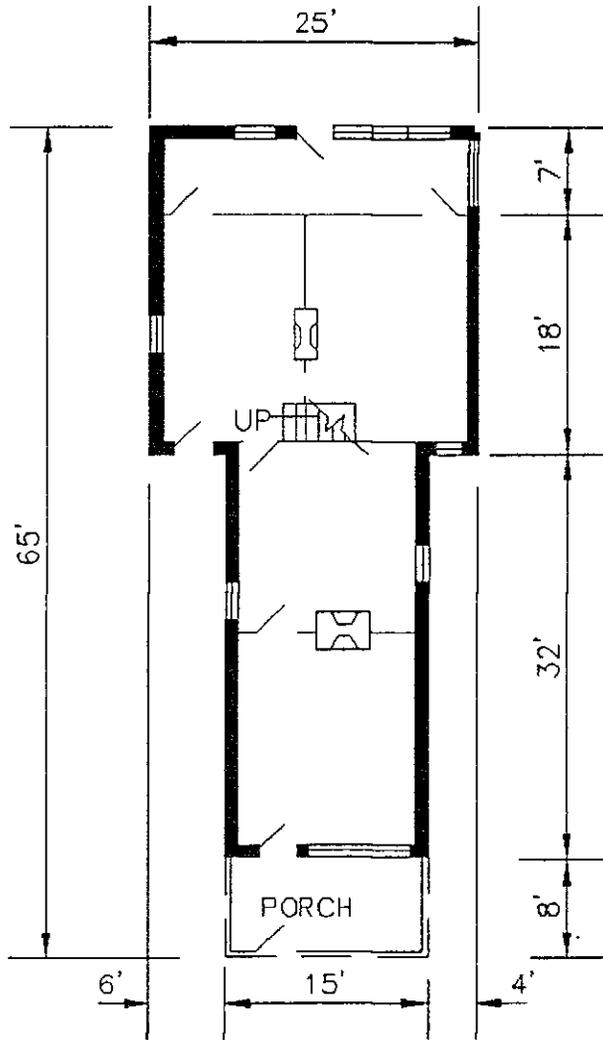
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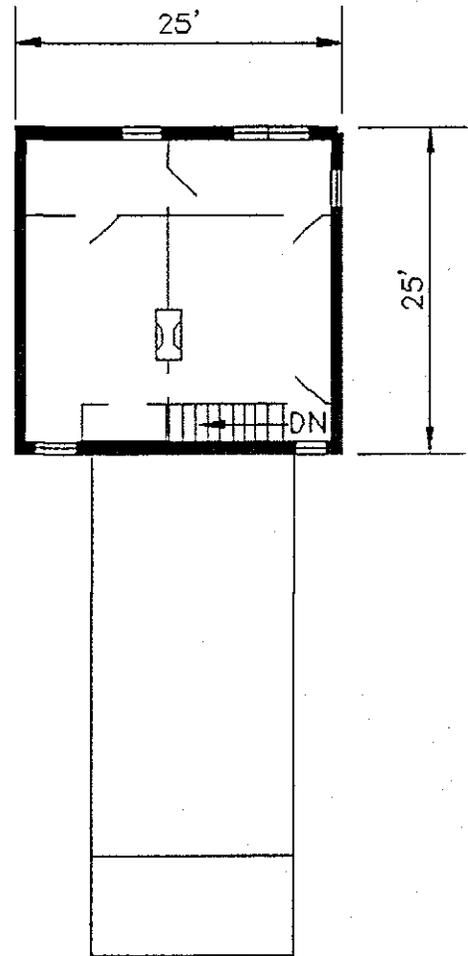
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