

645 South Eighteenth Street (House)
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

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- Location: 645 South Eighteenth Street
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Significance: 645 South Eighteenth Street is significant within the context of the Russell National District which was listed in 1980. This structure is similar in size and scale to the other houses in the neighborhood although differing somewhat from the shotgun typology in its plan arrangement.
- Description: 645 South Eighteenth Street is a framed dwelling that has suffered many additions and alterations. Initially constructed as a stick style period house, a front facing gable features a half timbering effect. Based on English Medieval Precedents (Gothic Revival, Queen Anne, Tudor). The original roof has now been replaced with asphalt shingles. The entry door is recessed on the north portion of the front facade with a combination of three windows to the south. The original porch construction was altered by the use of concrete block porch columns and the addition of vinyl siding and modified porch roof framing. The original siding appears to be 5" exposure wood lap siding and the trim around the extant windows is of simple flat moldings with plinth-blocs at the bases.
- History: Through the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records it was discovered that the original recorded owners of the large tract of land were Thomas and Rebecca Ryan in 1888. Although the exact date of construction for this building is unknown because construction records are not existing, it probably dates from Circa 1890. Although a search of the city directory listing, reveals that the structure probably dates back to 1890. The first to occupy the structure was Michael Ryan, a machinist who apparently built the house. In 1891 another member of the Ryan family T. M. Ryan who was a local travel agent, occupied the property. In 1892 it was acquired from the Ryan family by Rebecca and Joseph Frentz.
- Source: Caron's Directory of the City of Louisville. Louisville: Caron Directory Company, 1843-1943.
- Sanborn Insurance Maps. Sanborn Map Company: Pelham, New York, 1892-1961.

Jefferson County Clerk, Deed Records, 1870-1994.

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