

2342-2344 West Madison Street (House)
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

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Location: 2342-2344 West Madison Street
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Significance: 2342-2344 West Madison lies within the Russell National District, listed in 1980. The structure is consistent in size and scale to other residential structures within the neighborhood. Yet this Italianate structure is unique to the immediate area in terms of its layout.

Description: 2342-2344 West Madison is a single story Italianate apartment house, featuring framed construction. The structure is unique in that here we have in plan a structure originally designed as a four-plex. This structure was mirrored by a second located within the vacant lot adjacent to the structure. Originally designed without a great deal of ornament, few details remain on the facade and the elaborately decorative cornice. Also missing are the front door assemblies and judging by the rear assemblies still remaining, they must have been simply bracketed with hood and single door. The original roof, standing seam metal, has now been topped with an asphalt fiberglass shingle. The roof features no overhang along its gutter side and a minimal 11" overhang along the gable end in the rear. The original wood lap siding with 4" exposure and 3" corner boards at the outside corners is still visible. The door and windows have prominent bracketed moldings and tall proportions reminiscent of the style. The windows are one over one. Alterations consist of the addition of entry porches upon the front and are of concrete block construction.

History: It was found through a search of the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records that the original recorded owners of the tract of land were James and Margaret Hagen in 1870. The Hagens later sold to Henry and Caroline Theirman in 1873. Although the exact date of construction for the structure is unknown, due to the lack of building construction records, it probably dates from Circa 1883. 2342 West Madison Street was first occupied by Victor Wilson, a local police officer who later became a carpenter and travel agent. In 1909, 2344 West Madison Street was first occupied by W. H. Gayden a messenger and A. L. Collier a motorman for a local company, based on information gathered from city directories.

Source: Caron's Directory of the City of Louisville. Louisville: Caron Directory Company, 1843-1943.

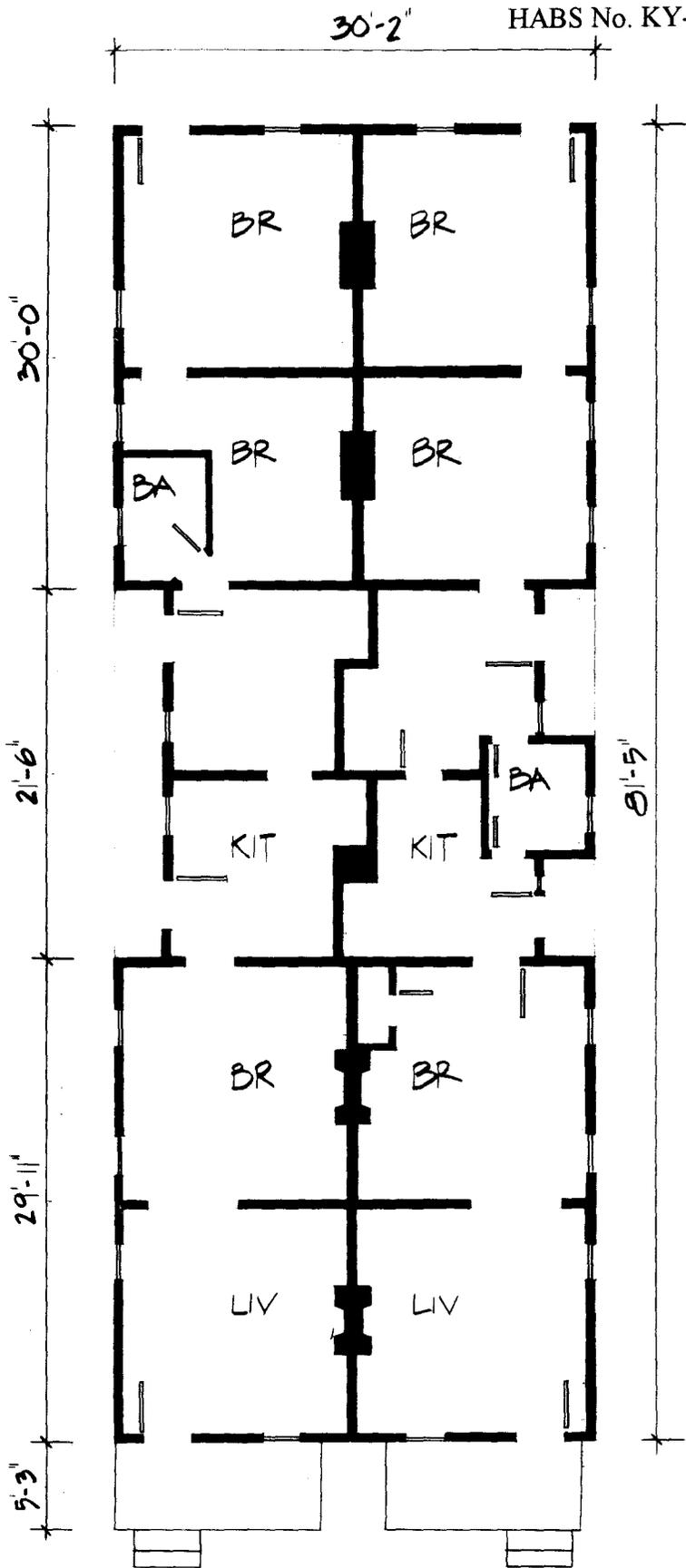
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