

626 South Nineteenth Street (House)
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

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Location: 626 South Nineteenth Street
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Significance: 626 South Nineteenth Street is significant within the context of the Russell National District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of 3-bay shotgun houses that were built throughout this particular neighborhood during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This house and its neighbors are quite similar in facade arrangement and basic floor plans indicating a series of this type of house in this specific portion of the neighborhood. A variety of architectural period styles were utilized to distinguish individual houses. The Italianate was a frequently used style within this Historic District.

Description: 626 South Nineteenth Street is an example of a very simple one-story wood clad low Italianate influenced structure, featuring framed construction on top a brick foundation. This structure was originally designed without a great deal of ornament. By way of an investigation the structure was found to be a framed structure with existing wood lathe siding at a 4" exposure. It has a 3-bay facade arrangement with a door to the south. The door and two windows have modest bracketed crowns and tall proportions. The windows originally were 2 over 2 design with a vertical wood muntin dividing each sash. Window casings are of simple flat 1 x 4 design. Missing are the original door, transom light, brackets and possible limestone stoop. The original roof standing seam metal has now been topped with an asphalt shingle material. The roof features no overhangs on either side of the structure.

There are extensive additions to the rear of the structure. These additions include a second story space above what was and still is the kitchen space. There has also been the addition of a bathroom within the space and sheltered porch also to the rear.

History: It was found through a search of the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records that the first recorded landowner was Isint Amminius 1879. A search of the Louisville City Directory indicates that two years later Isint Amminius had completed the structure. This was during a large period of expansion and growth for the city of Louisville. Through a further search it was found that Isint Amminius was a cobbler working within a family run business the Isint Brothers Shoe Store. Two years later the property was sold to W. Sheppard, August 1884 and occupied by Thomas Overly, a clerk with the A. J. Ross Company.

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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