

135 BRECKENRIDGE STREET REAR (HOUSE)
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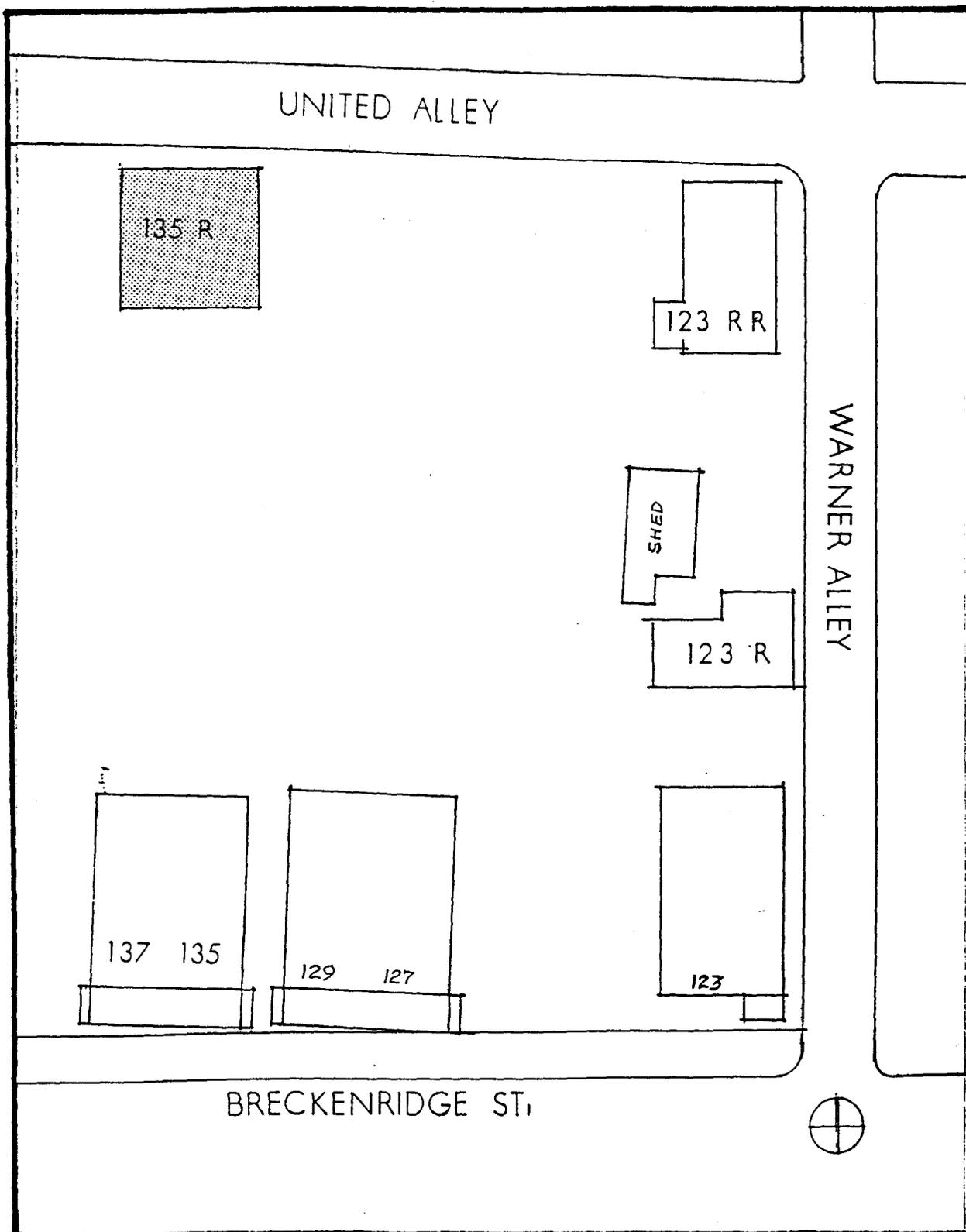
Significance: Located within the federal Gettysburg Battlefield Historic District and within a block of the borough's Historic District boundary, this dwelling (which contributes to the streetscape) is an example of a low-cost, vernacular one-story dwelling built during Gettysburg's Historic Context Period, Between the Wars: 1919-1940, in a 154 year-old "blue-collar" neighborhood.

Description: This one-story, front-gabled, frame dwelling fronts on the south side of United Alley approximately 120 feet west of its intersection with Warner Alley, and about 140 feet north of Breckenridge Street. Nearly a square structure, the floor plan is divided into four equal-sized rooms, and a small shed-roofed bathroom addition attached at its southwest corner. Interior access is gained through a front door located in the northwest room and a rear door situated in the southeast room. Currently no access is provided between the two rear (south) rooms. The current exterior siding is a mineral-coated asphalt in sheets that simulate brick. Fenestration is mostly six-over-six, double hung sash windows.

History: On 30 June 1922 Philip Hoffman sold to Roy A. Pittenturf a 90-by-141.5 foot lot on the north side of Breckenridge Street, located about ninety feet west of Warner Alley; who on 20 May 1924 sold its eastern thirty-foot section to Lawrence Monroe for \$175. By comparing deed, tax and building permit records, and Sanborne Fire Insurance Maps, we can identify the construction date of the subject dwelling and a two-story duplex (See HABS No. PA-5633) fronting on the street as the summer and fall of 1924. Though during the dwelling's fifty-seven-year history (1925-1992), we suspect it primarily served as a rental unit, we speculate that it may have initially served as an outbuilding for the residents (tenants) of #135-137 Breckenridge, as a shop-store/residence or may have had some social function.

Source: A History of the Scattered Sites Rehabilitation Project Area in the Second Block of Breckenridge Street, Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

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