

322 South Fifteenth Street (House)
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
322 SOUTH FIFTEENTH STREET (House)

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Location: 322 South Fifteenth Street
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Significance: 322 So. Fifteenth Street lies within the Russell National District which was listed in 1980. This structure is contributing to the neighborhood in that it is consistent in size and scale to other residential structures within the neighborhood. Currently it stands alone as the only remaining structure of many that existed in this block along Fifteenth Street.

Description: This structure is a small two-bay, shotgun house, featuring framed construction. Originally designed without a great deal of ornament, few significant details remain on the facades. The front door possibly featured a simple hood on top with probably a limestone stoop leading to the walkway in front. Both details are now missing. The original roof, standing seam metal, has been replaced with a asphalt fiberglass shingle. The roof features no overhang along its gutter side and a minimal 11" overhang along the gable end in front. The original wood lap siding is 4" exposure with thin (1 1/2") corner boards at the outside corners. 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. The rear most portion of the house is of concrete block construction and appears to be of later construction. This enlargement of the rear of the house created a rear side porch which is consistent with typical enlargements of this prototype.

History: Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records indicate the date of this structure is 1889. A search of city directory listings, however, revealed that the structure probably date back to 1880-81. Mr. Conrad Steger was a local trader and later a dairyman who apparently built the house. Elizabeth Findley was the original owner of the large track of land. In approximately 1834-35 the large track of land was subdivided into two lots 78 and 79 in what then was known as Scott's Addition to Louisville. Richard Price is listed as the owner of these two lots as of April 6, 1835. The lot was subsequently sold to Patrick Joyes in February of 1859, and then to Patrick Keenan in December of 1859, prior to being sold to Mr. Steger, September 4, 1863.

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

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