

505 South 20th Street (House)
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Jefferson County
Kentucky

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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Location: 505 South 20th Street (House)
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Significance: 505 South 20th Street lies within the Russell National District that was listed in 1980. This Italianate structure is consistent in size and scale to other residential structures within the area. There were a variety of architectural period styles utilized to distinguish individual houses. The Italianate was a frequently used style in this historic district.

Description: 505 South 20th Street is an example of a very simple one-story wood clad Italianate influenced structure, featuring framed construction. Originally designed with very little detail, the front door features a simple bracketed hood and single door. The original roof standing seam metal has been replaced with an asphalt fiberglass shingle. The roof features no overhangs on either side. Below the aluminum siding is the original wood lap siding is 4" exposure with thin 2" corner boards at the outside corners. Windows were originally 2 over 2 design with a vertical wood muntin dividing each sash. Window casings are of simple flat 1 x 4 design. Significant alterations to this house have been made through additions constructed at the rear, consisting of a kitchen, bedroom, and bath.

History: A search of the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records indicate Helen M. Chenoweth was the original owner of the large track of land. In approximately 1866-67 the large track of land was subdivided into lots, lot #129 or in what was then known as Barber's Southwestern Addition to the City of Louisville this occurred during a period of expansion and growth for the City. Although the exact date of construction for this structure is unknown due to the lack of building construction records it probably dates Circa 1880. 505 South 20th Street was first occupied in 1883 by John W. Owen, a bookkeeper for a local company who later became a clerk. Interestingly to note John W. Owen occupied this address for 25 years from 1883 to 1908, before H.S. Eastin, a machinists hand, took possession based on information gathered from City Directories.

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

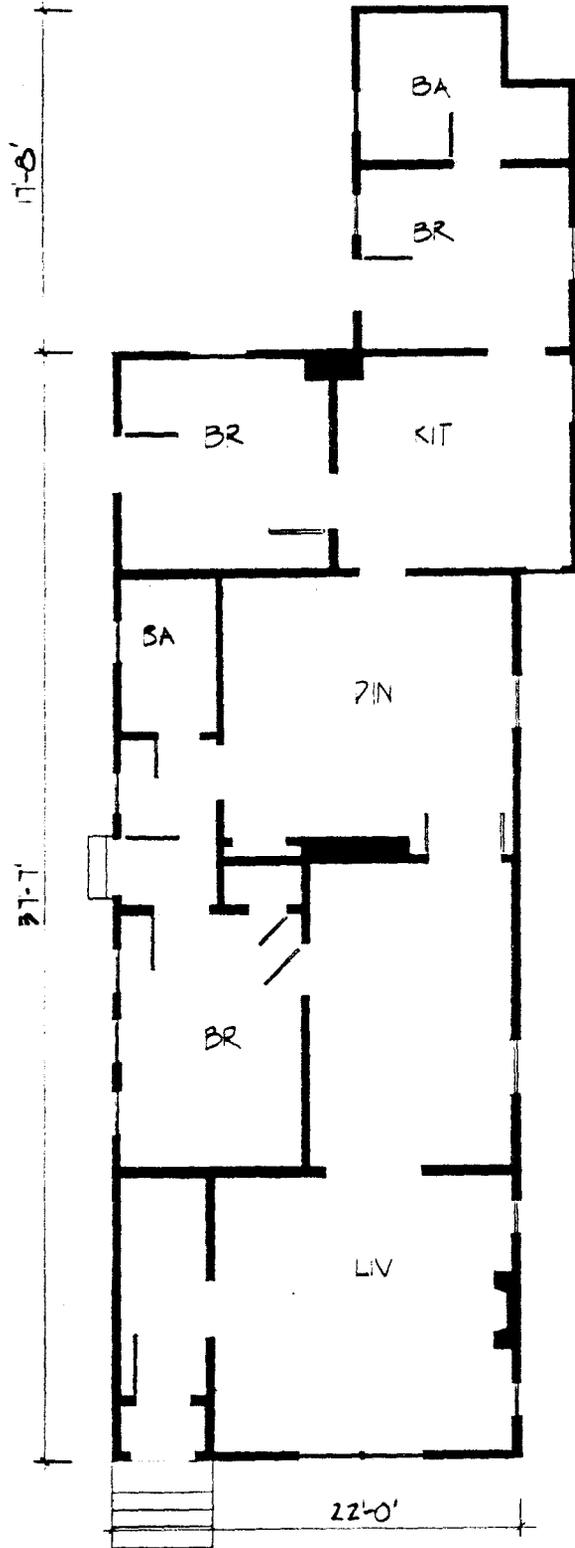
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Office of Housing and Urban Development

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