

1909 WEST MADISON STREET (HOUSE)
Russell Neighborhood
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

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Location: 1909 West Madison Street
Russell National Register District
Louisville, Jefferson County Kentucky

Significance: 1909 West Madison Street is significant within the context of the Russell National Register District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of shotgun houses that were built throughout this particular neighborhood (as well as throughout Louisville) during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Houses with this floor plan were routinely built for the common man as worker housing. A variety of architectural ornamentation reflecting popular Victorian era styles were often applied to shotgun houses. A simplified folk style was among the styles most commonly used in the Russell District.

Description: 1909 West Madison Street is a single-story simplified folk style house built with a shotgun floor plan (see attached floor plan). The structure consists of brick walls with a wood framed roof. It has a single bay facade arrangement with door to the east and two simple windows. Both are cased very simply with trim. The rolled roofing is front gabled which was typical for such narrow urban lots. The roof is flush with the sides of the house with a slight open-eave enclosed-rafter overhang to the front. The house has a small second floor over the back room, with a window to the rear. The construction date of the original house is c. 1890.

History: This structure was first occupied by W.A. Burba, a messenger by trade. In later years it was occupied by a series of laborers and tradesmen and their families.

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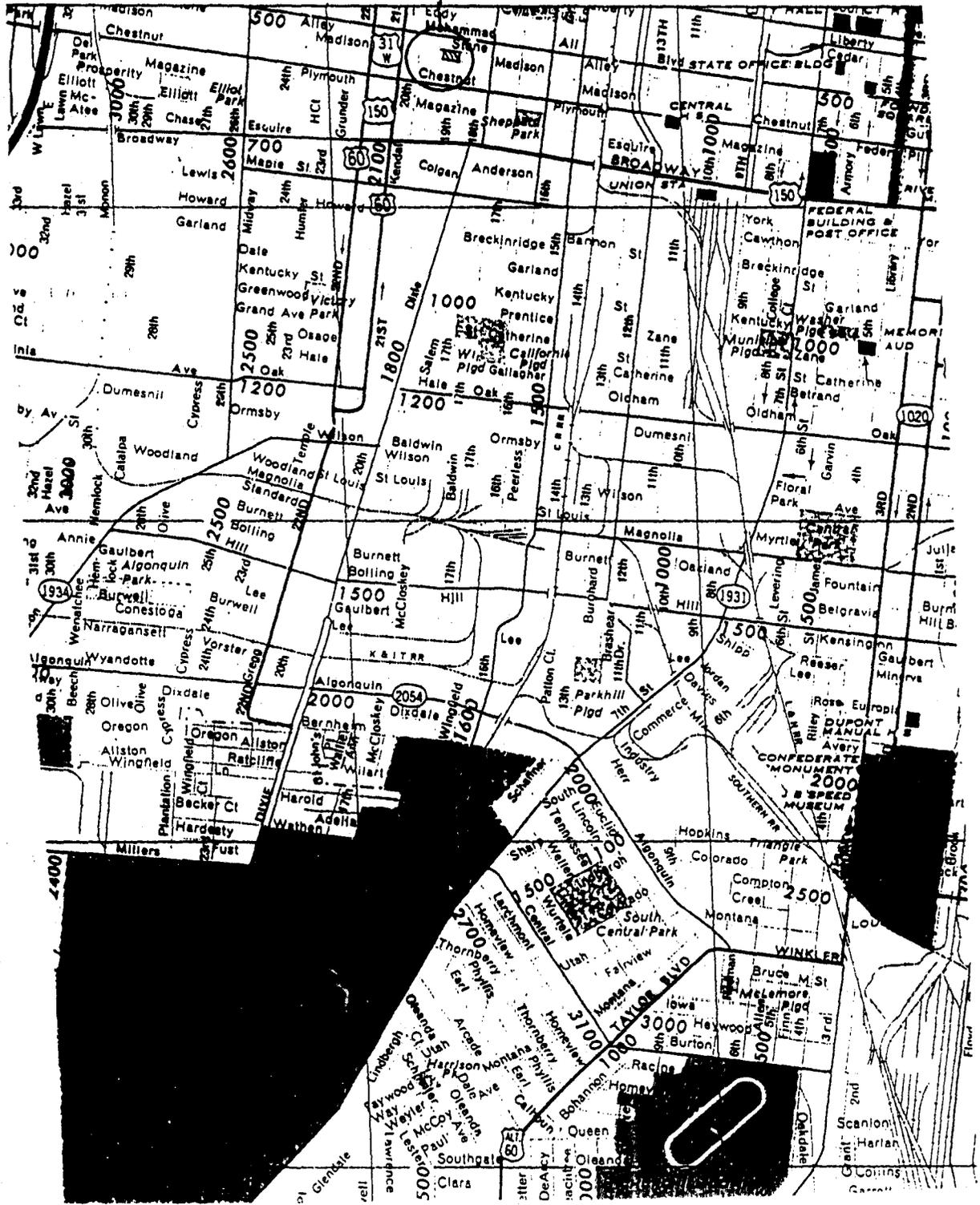
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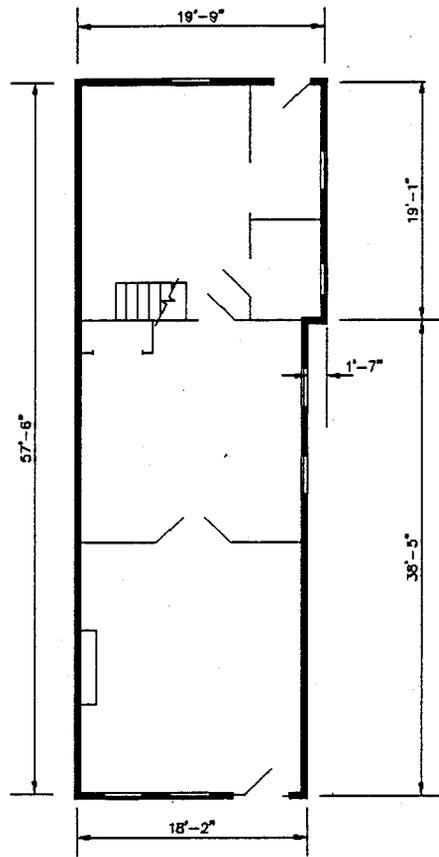
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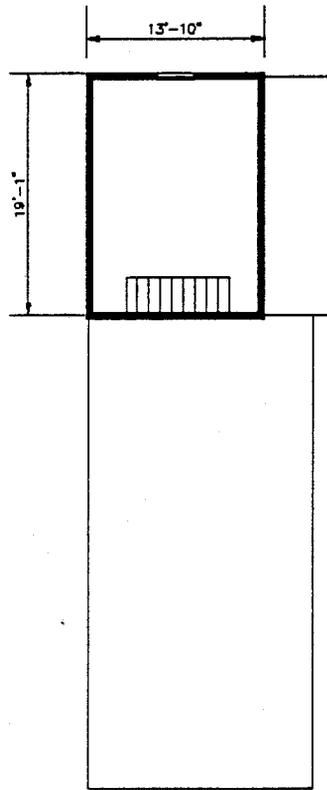
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