

1911 MAGAZINE STREET (HOUSE)  
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Location: 1911 Magazine Street  
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Significance: 1911 Magazine Street is significant within the context of the Russell National District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of shotgun houses that were built throughout this particular neighborhood during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This house and its neighbor to the east are quite similar in facade arrangements 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 in this historic district.

Description: 1911 Magazine Street is an example of a very simple one-story shotgun wood clad Italianate influenced structure, featuring framed construction atop a brick foundation. It was originally designed without a great deal of ornament. It is a framed structure with existing wood lathe siding at a 4" exposure, and has a three bay facade arrangement with a door to the east. The door and two windows have modest bracketed crowns and tall proportions. The windows are 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 roll roofing material. The roof features no overhangs on either side of the structure.

There are extensive additions to the structure in the rear and the front. To the front an enclosed entry porch with a block foundation has been added. In the rear what may have been an additional apartment has been added at a later date proven by an examination of studs used in the original and addition.

History: It was found through a search of the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records that the first recorded landowner was Charles Wolf, June 1880, and although the exact date of construction for this structure at 1911 Magazine is unknown due to the lack of building construction records, a search of the city directory listing revealed that the structure dates to 1883. This was during a very large period of expansion and

growth for the city. At this time it was occupied by Nicholas Lawrence, employed as a driver; followed by Lorenz Wilkinson a brakeman for the Louisville and Nashville railroad who took possession in 1887. Interestingly to note, a large portion of the structures within the Russell district were actually occupied by employees of the L & N Railroad.

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

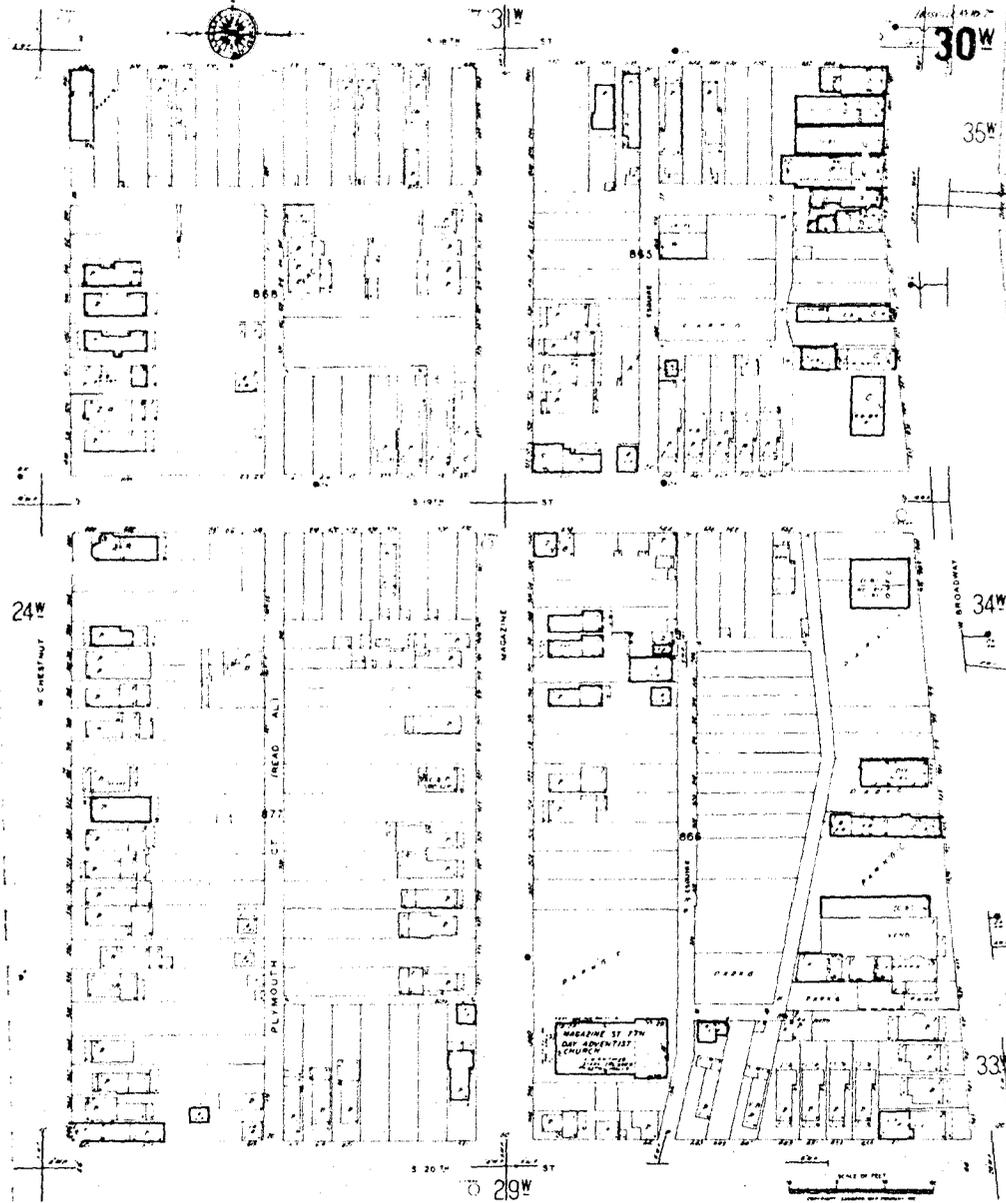
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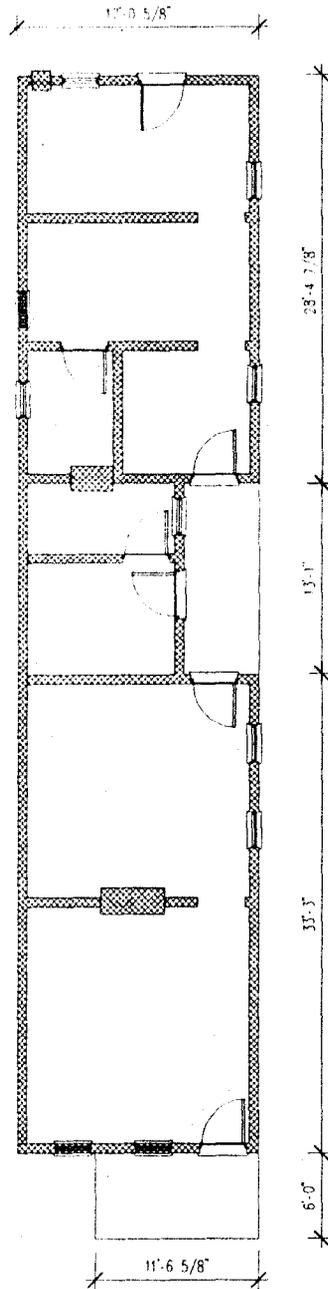
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