

647 SOUTH EIGHTEENTH STREET (HOUSE)  
Louisville  
Jefferson County  
Kentucky

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Location: 647 South Eighteenth Street  
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Significance: 647 South Eighteenth 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 structures within the neighborhood. However, this is the last remaining residential structure on the block of this type, and therefore unique to the immediate area.

Description: 647 South Eighteenth Street could best be described as a National Style influenced, 2-story structure. The structure features light framed construction atop a brick foundation. This method of light framed construction can best be attributed to the expansion of the railroad network (1850-1890). No longer were people reliant upon local material and new modes of construction were employed. The old methods were being abandoned for these wooden structures constructed with light balloon and/or braced framing covered with wood lap siding. Very few details remain upon the facade. Missing are the original front door and what may have been a simple limestone stoop. The existing roof is standing seam metal. This may have been the original roofing material. The roof features no overhang along the front, back and/or sides. The exterior reveals a wood lap siding with 4" exposure and thin 1 1/2" corner boards at the outside corners. The windows are a 2 over 2 design with a vertical wood muntin dividing each sash. Window casings are of simple flat 1 x 4 design.

Alterations to the structure consist of an addition to the rear.

History: It was found through a search of the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records that the first recorded landowner was James Anderson. James Anderson was at the time a large landowner in what is now considered the Russell district. The property was subdivided and sold to Rebecca Frentz, May 1892, and sold the same month and year to a Thomas Ryan. The first recorded tenant was Luke Manion 1889. He was employed as a laster with Theodore Cimiotte and Company. Two years later Luke Manion got into the coffee business and in 1894 developed the Manion Brothers Coffee Company located on site until 1899.

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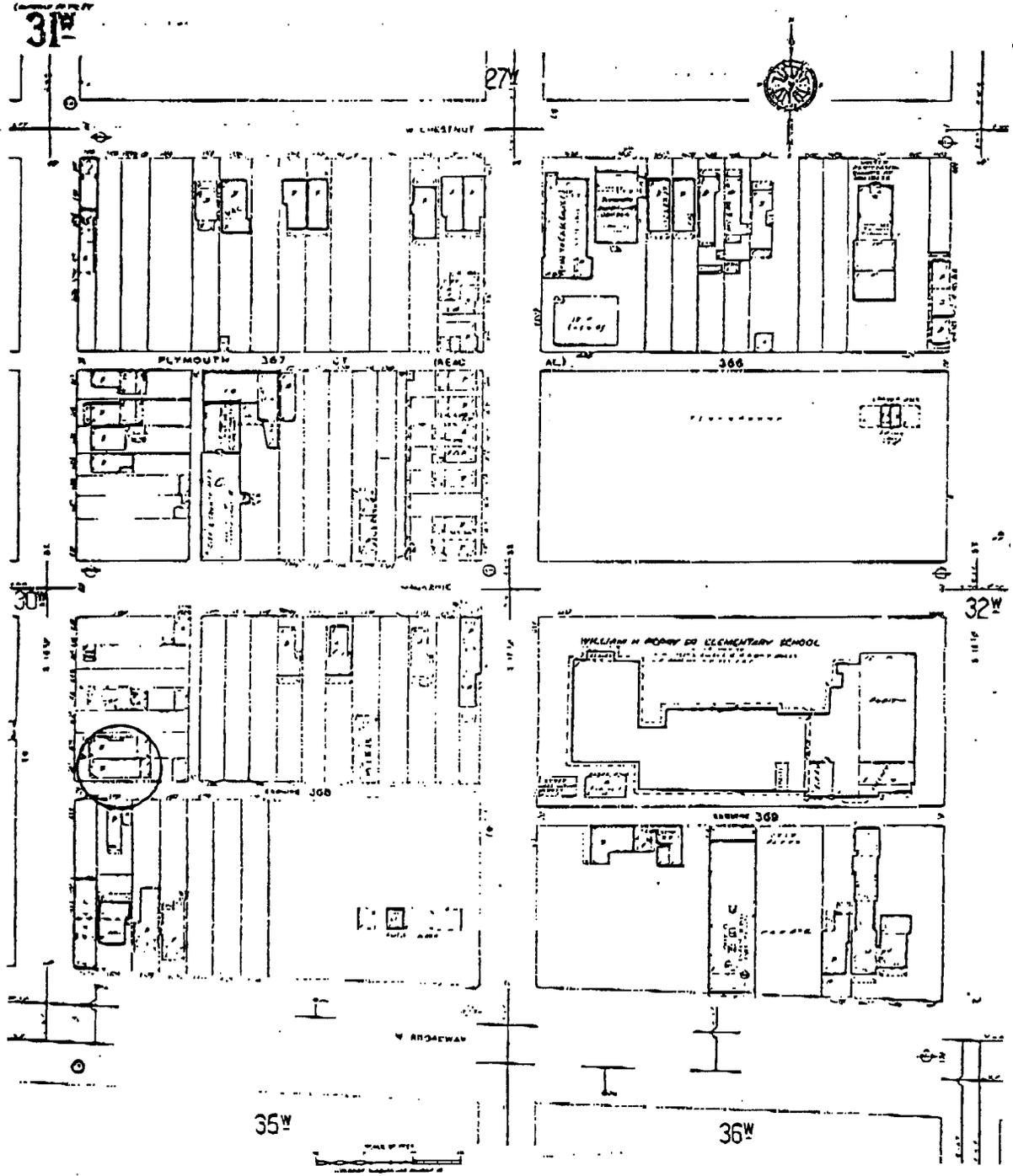
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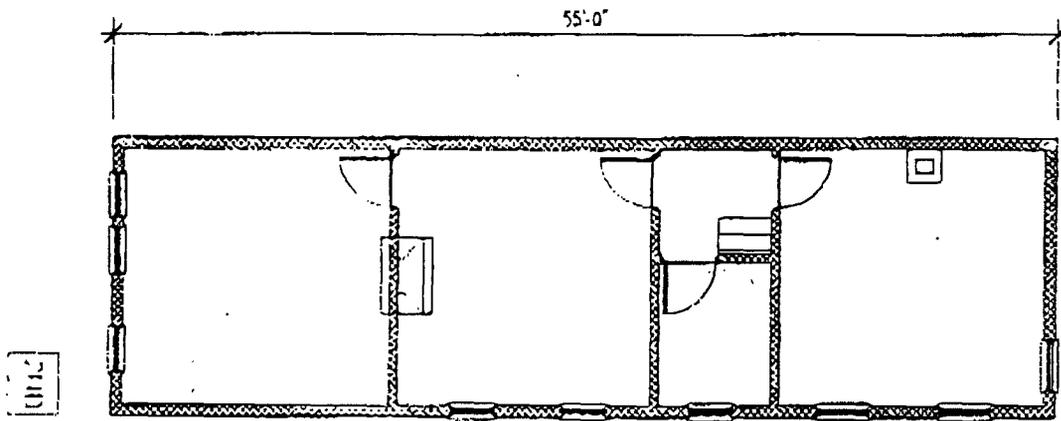
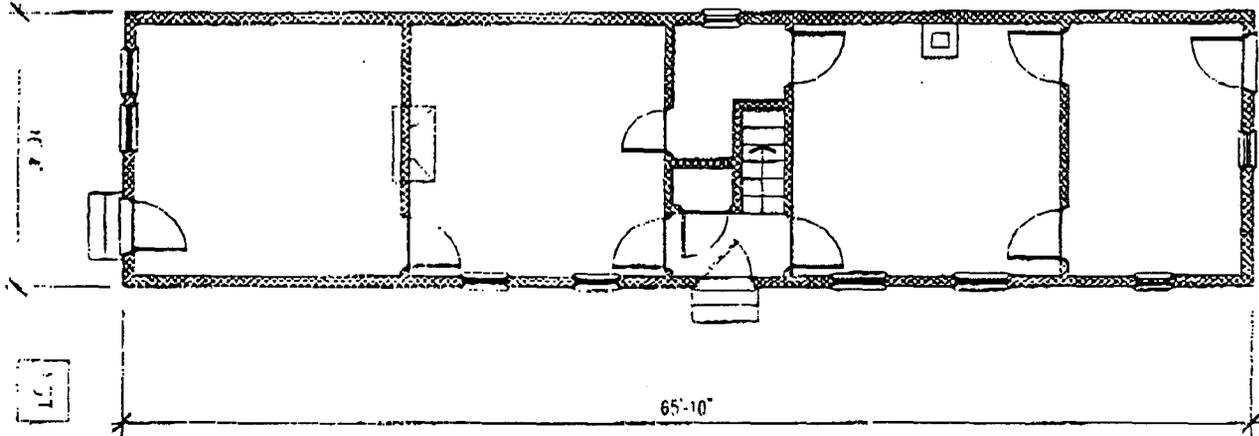
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