

1908 MAGAZINE STREET (HOUSE)  
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Kentucky

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Location: 1908 Magazine Street  
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Significance: 1908 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 neighbors 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: 1908 Magazine Street is an example of a very simple 2-story shotgun Italianate influenced structure. The structure features masonry construction. Originally designed without a great deal of ornament, few significant details remain upon the facade. What has survived is a simply bracketed cornice. Missing are the front door, possibly featuring a simply bracketed hood and limestone stoop leading to the walkway in front. The roof features a standing seam metal roof, and could possibly be the original material. The roof features no overhang along its gutterside and a minimal 11" overhang along the gable end in front. Windows originally were 2 over 2 design with a vertical wood muntin dividing each sash.

There are extensive alterations to the structure. In the rear we have an additional floor added creating an extra room above what was the kitchen. In the front we have an additional vestibule added to the structure. This was constructed at the time the house was converted into the True Spirit Baptist Church. There are as well extensive alterations to the interior for the congregation.

History: It was found through a search of the Jefferson County Property Evaluation Administration records that the first recorded landowner was Henry R. Johanboeke, April 1887. And although the exact date of construction for this structure at 1908 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. The inhabitant was Jessie Wyatt. Jessie Wyatt was a Lieutenant with the City of Louisville Police Department, and occupied this structure for 2 years. And in 1887 this structure was occupied by R. S. Looney who was employed as a pattermaker.

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

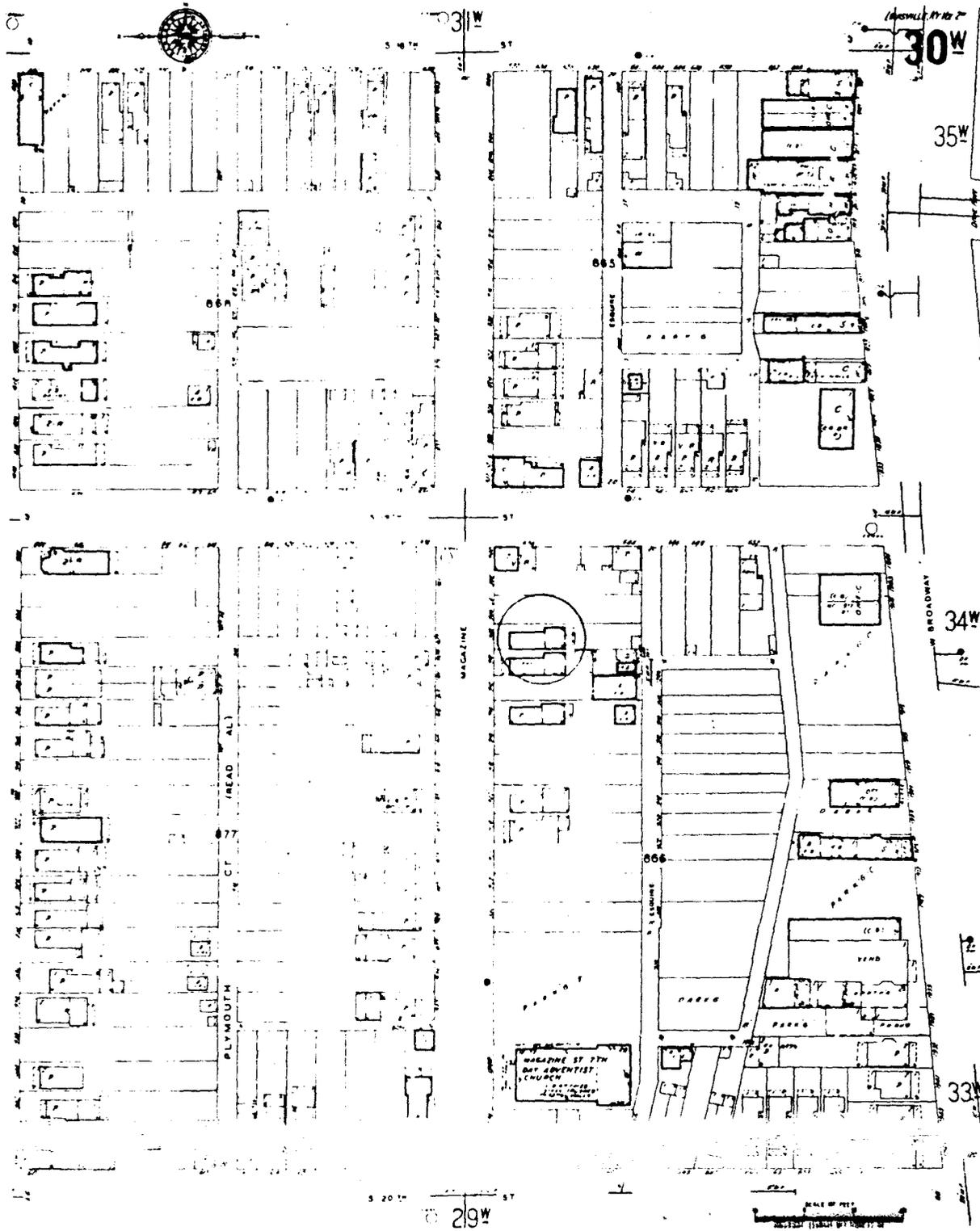
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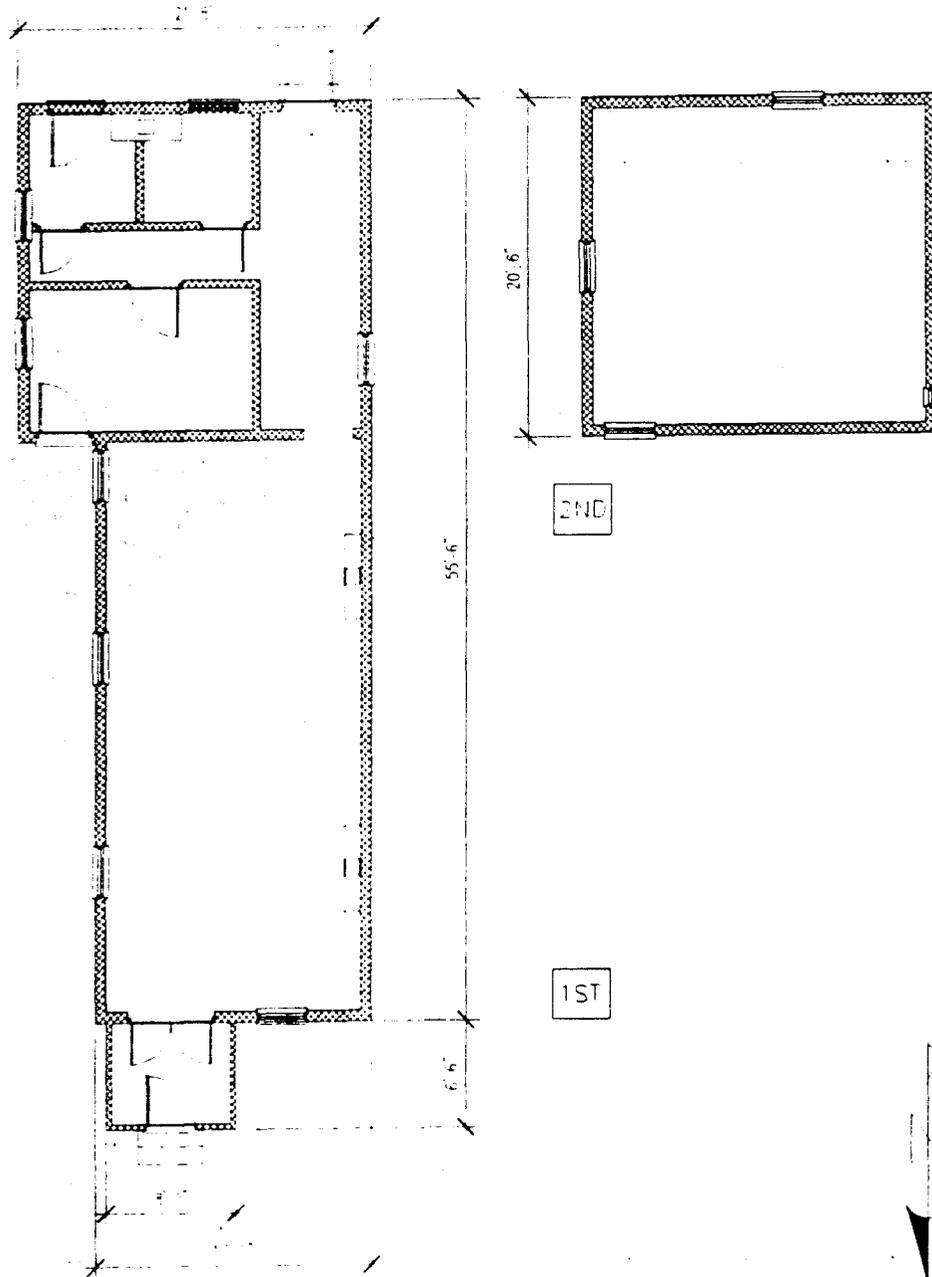
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