19 East 12th Street

Figure 1: *19 East 12th Street from Northeast*

Due to time constraints and inability to gain access, this house was not documented on the interior, which is a shame because it appears to be an interesting 3-bay variant of the Northern Kentucky Townhouse, having either larger than ordinary rooms or perhaps a lateral side passage. It was a side gable, 2-1/2 story house with a bracketed front cornice. The original brick exterior had been covered with a stone veneer on the first floor and stucco on the second, and first floor windows had been replaced. The house most recently served as a duplex, apparently up and down stairs, and may even have been under separate ownership, considering the varying treatment of the two stories. Stylistically, the house was restrained, with neoclassic detailing of the bracketed cornice and the original 6/6 windows of the second floor. It has a frame ell to the back, and had an ell as early as the 1877 map.

The building existed in 1877, when it appears in the City Atlas (Figure 2). By the time of the 1886 Sanborn Insurance map, it is coded as masonry, labeled as a store, and the map also indicates there were no openings on the west façade (Figure 3). Later insurance maps identify it as a dwelling. The Covington City Directories for 1890 and 1892 associate Henry Klintwort, a safe maker, John H. Duhme, and Engineer, and Margaret Duhme with this address.[1]

[1] Ancestry.com. *Covington, Kentucky Directories, 1890, 1892* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000.

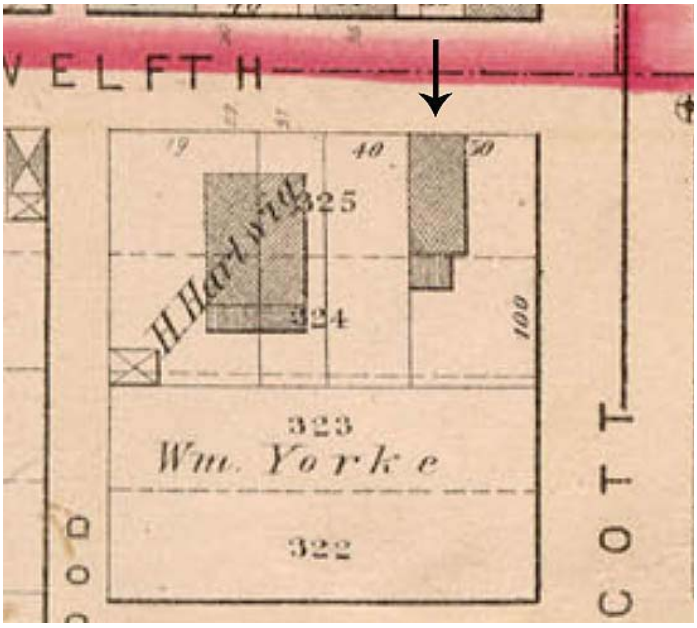

Figure 2: *19 East 12th Street as it appears in the 1877 Hopkins' City Atlas of Covington, Kentucky (indicated by the arrow).*

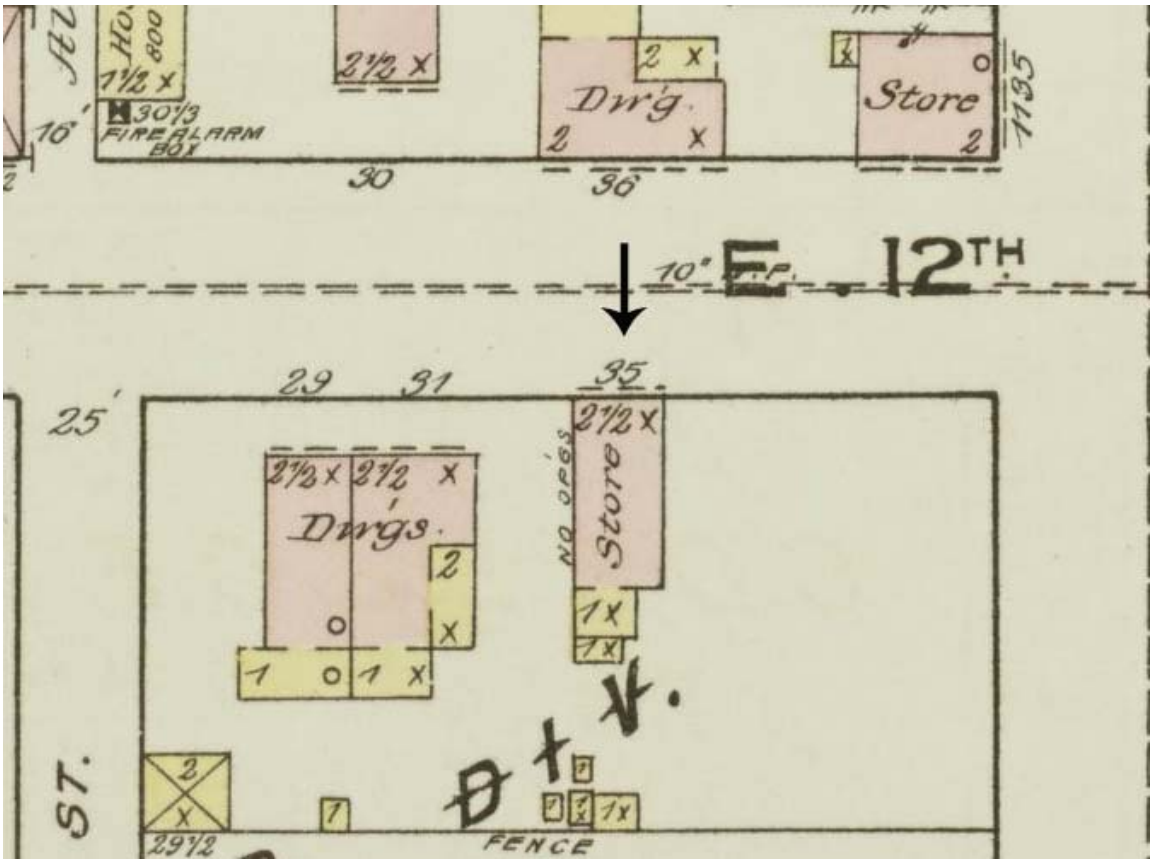

Figure 3: *Sanborn Insurance map of Covington for 1886. 19 East 12th Street is indicated by the arrow at what was then # 35.*

Figure 4: *19 East 12th Street from Northwest*

Figure 5: *19 East 12th Street from Southeast*

Figure 6: *19 East 12th Street from South*

Figure 7: *19 East 12th Street from South*

Figure 8: *19 East 12th Street from East*