

Felix Savio House  
River Street Historic District  
44 N. River Street  
San Jose  
Santa Clara County  
California

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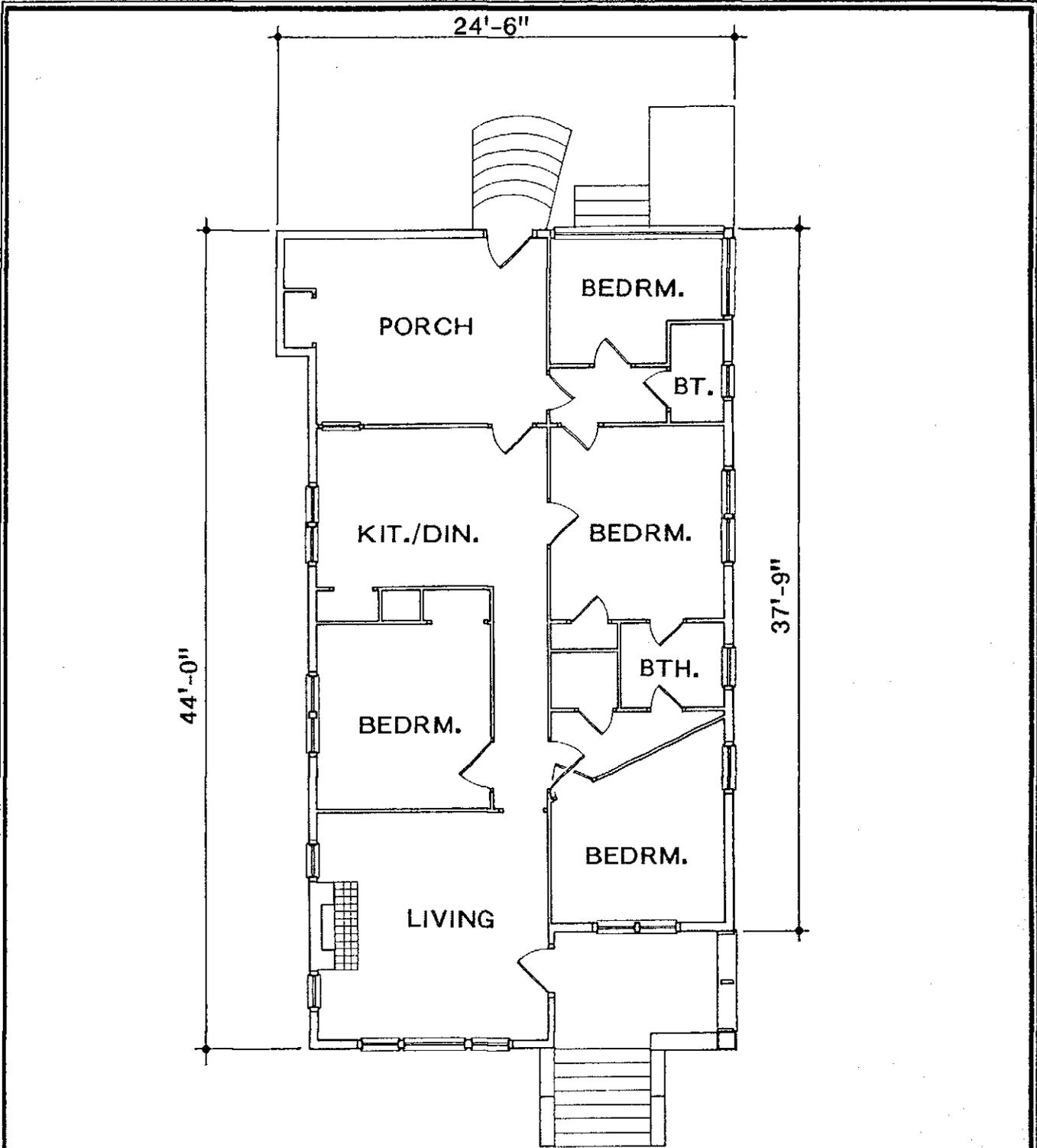
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location: 44 North River Street, River Street Historic District  
San Jose, Santa Clara County, California  
UTM Coordinates: 10-597730-4132270
- Significance: The Felix Savio House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description: The Felix Savio House is a one story wood framed cottage with a pyramidal hipped roof. The house is clad in three-lap bevel siding with composition shingle on the roof. The house contains a cutaway porch on the southwest corner that is supported by one squared pier with a simple capital. This house, like others on this end (southern) of River Street, combines elements of the Craftsman bungalow with neo-classical details (frieze molding). The original plan of the house consisted of the "public" rooms on the north side (living room, dining room, and kitchen) with the "private" rooms on the south (bedrooms and bathrooms.) Currently, the dining room has been converted into another bedroom and an additional partition wall has been added on the south side to provide access to the bathroom from the new bedroom. The living room contains a brick fireplace against the north wall with a tiled hearth. The living room also contains small square windows set high on the north wall, flanking the fireplace.
- History: The house was constructed around 1910. It was built by and for Felix Savio, a carpenter and home builder who lived in the district for nearly fifty years and who built many of the homes in the area. The property was owned by both Felix Savio and his wife Gertrude (as listed on a 1924 block map). The house is illustrative of Savio's skills as a carpenter and of his aspirations to build for himself a home that was fashionable and "up-to-date" in 1910. Felix and his wife Gertrude owned and lived in this house until 1941. In 1942, the house was occupied by Joseph Cisi, a laundry worker, and his wife Violanda up through the 1950s.
- Sources: California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.  
San Jose City Directories.  
San Jose Block Map, 1924.
- Historian: Hardlines: Design & Delineation  
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1" = 10' - 0"