

Antone Prola House
River Street Historic District
148 N. River Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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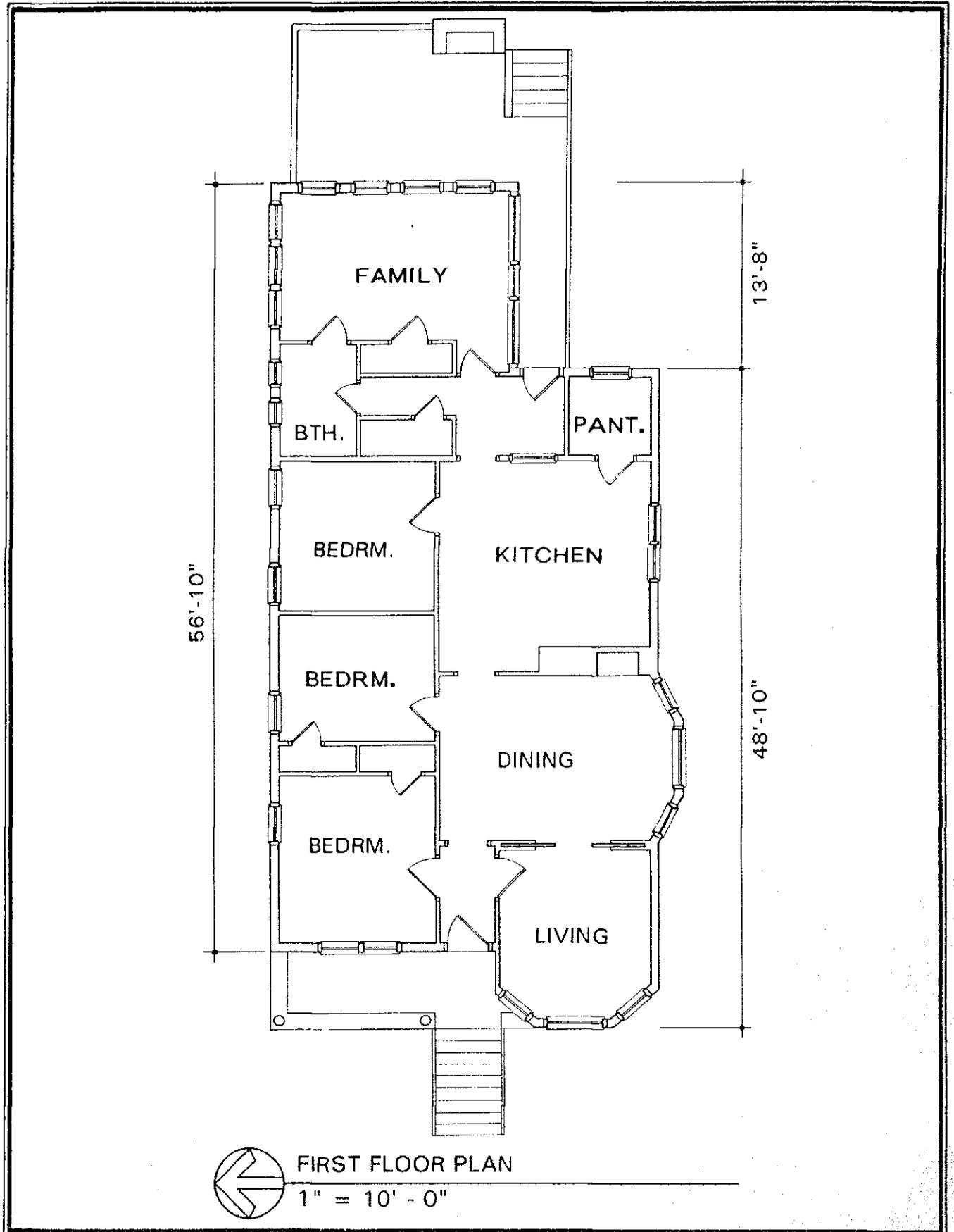
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location:** 148 North River Street, River Street Historic District
San Jose, Santa Clara County, California
UTM Coordinates: 10-597640-4132460
- Significance:** The Antone Prola 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 century and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description:** The Antone Prola House is a single story wood framed cottage with a hipped roof which features three (3) three-sided canted bay windows, one of which sits on the southern half of the front elevation and the other two on each half of the side elevation. An inset half porch extends along the northern portion of the front facade. The house is sided in three-lap siding and roofed with composition shingle. The colonial-revival structure also contains "retardare" Queen Anne influences, most notably in the slanted bay windows. As such, it is representative of many such residences in California at the turn of the century but is the sole representative of the type in the River Street Historic District.
- In plan the centrally located front door leads into a short hall from which doors open into the living room on the south side (adjacent to the dining and kitchen areas) and a bedroom on the north side (adjacent to two other bedrooms). Utility rooms are located in the flat-roofed addition to the rear.
- History:** The house was constructed around 1910 and was owned and occupied by Antone Prola, an Italian-born laborer and millman, from 1913 to 1925. The Prolas originally occupied the house at 247 West St. John Street (then known as San Augustine Street). From 1917 to 1920, this address did not appear in the city directories, but reappeared with the Prolas in residence in 1923. Antone's widow Margaret continued to own and live in the house through 1930. The house was subsequently rented out as one or two units to several tenants.
- Sources:** California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by
Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories
San Jose Block Book of 1924
- Historian:** Hardlines: Design & Delineation
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1" = 10' - 0"