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**Location:** 2210 North Thirty-First Street, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

**Significance:** This building's architectural significance is derived from its "I-Type" house construction. The house is significant to the architectural history of Tampa, Florida as a rare surviving example of a Frame Vernacular "I-Type" house. Although the house dates from the turn-of-the-century, it represents the survival of an eighteenth century mid-Atlantic coastal housing type, which became popular throughout the Southeast during the nineteenth century. This house demonstrates the diffusion of this important housing type to Central Florida and shows its adaptability to a semitropical climate.

**Description:** Built ca.1910, this two-story Frame Vernacular "I-Type" house is sited on the southwest corner of North Thirty-First Street and East Twelfth Avenue in a residential neighborhood east of Ybor City in Tampa, Florida. The building has a wood balloon frame structural system clad in drop siding, and it is raised above grade on cast concrete foundation piers. The main part of the house has a rectangular plan one room deep and two rooms wide. The building has a steeply-pitched side-gabled roof covered in 5-V crimp sheet metal. The rear (west) façade has a one-story kitchen wing attached to the main block at its south end. The rectangular kitchen wing has a gabled roof whose ridge runs perpendicular to the main house's roof ridge. The kitchen wing has shed-roofed extensions to the north and south. The front (east) façade has a two-story wood porch of three bays, which extends across most of the facade. The porch has four turned wood posts of similar design on each floor and an engaged half post on both floors at each end of the porch. The porch's second floor has a wooden deck and railing of slat balusters with a simple hand rail and foot rail. The porch has been altered by the addition of a continuous concrete block foundation wall capped by a poured-in-place concrete slab floor. Two poured-in-place concrete steps in the center bay provide access to the porch. The first floor of the front facade has two doors in the middle bay and a window centered in each end bay. The wood doors have four panels and plain architraves. The windows consist of wood double-hung sash types, and metal single-hung sash types with two-over-two lights. The wood window surrounds are constructed with plain architraves and sills. The second floor of the front facade has a door to the porch in the center bay and a window in each end bay. The south gable end of the house has two symmetrically spaced windows on each floor. The north gable end of the house has one window on each floor. A small rectangular, wood louvered ventilator is located in both gable ends. The house is currently vacant and in a state of disrepair. The main part of the house leans to the south.

**History:** This residence was built ca.1910 on Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2 of Shorts Addition, which was platted in 1889. This area was located outside the limits of Ybor City, and was rather rural in nature. Because it was not incorporated, this area did not

appear in the Sanborn maps until 1915 or in the city directory until 1923. According to the 1915 Sanborn map for the City of Tampa, a one-story outbuilding was located to the west of the property. The Sanborn map also shows the surrounding area historically consisted of large lots with few houses. The streets were between 50 and 60 feet wide, and some of the blocks were divided by 10 foot wide alleys. Throughout its early years, the home housed many different families. The city directory for 1923 states that C.M. Davis, a foreman for the Gulf Fertilizer Company, resided in the house with his wife Carrie. In 1925, Sylvestre Torgiente and his wife Rosalia, along with Joseph and Vincenzo Torgiente lived in the home. Joseph and Vincenzo were employed as cigar makers. The house stood vacant in 1927. However, Sylvester Fox, a boat mechanic, and his wife Sallie lived in the residence in 1929. In 1933, Henry C. and Rosalie Rumohr resided in the home. John W. and Mabel Landers lived in the house in 1935. John Landers was employed as a delivery driver. Joseph Freeman, a carpenter, and his wife Ola resided in the home in 1939.

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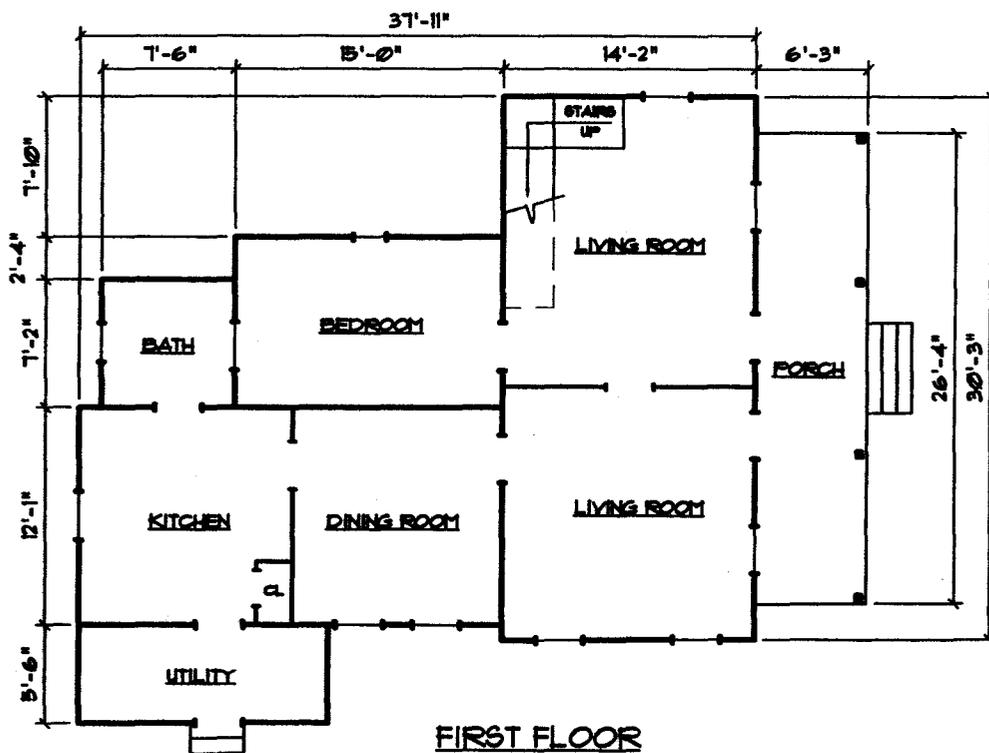
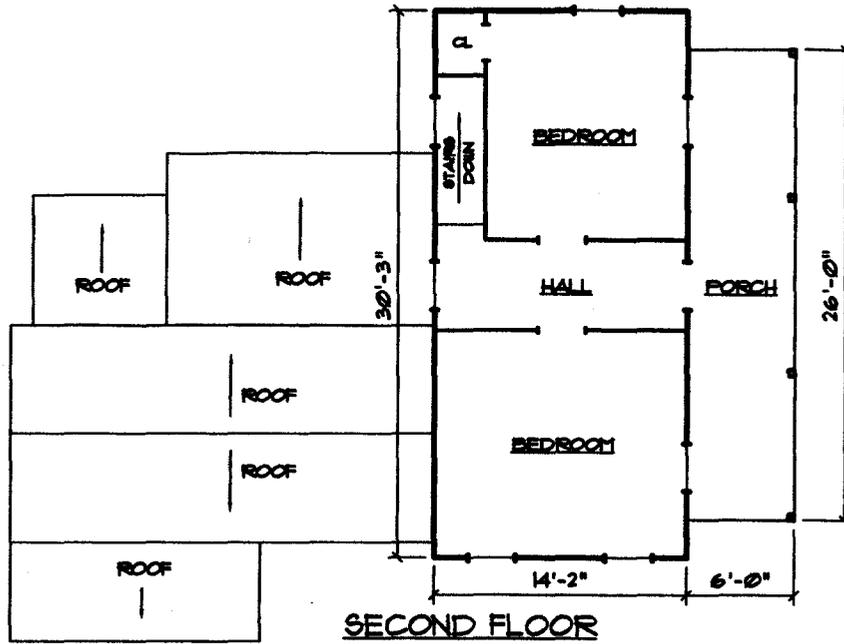
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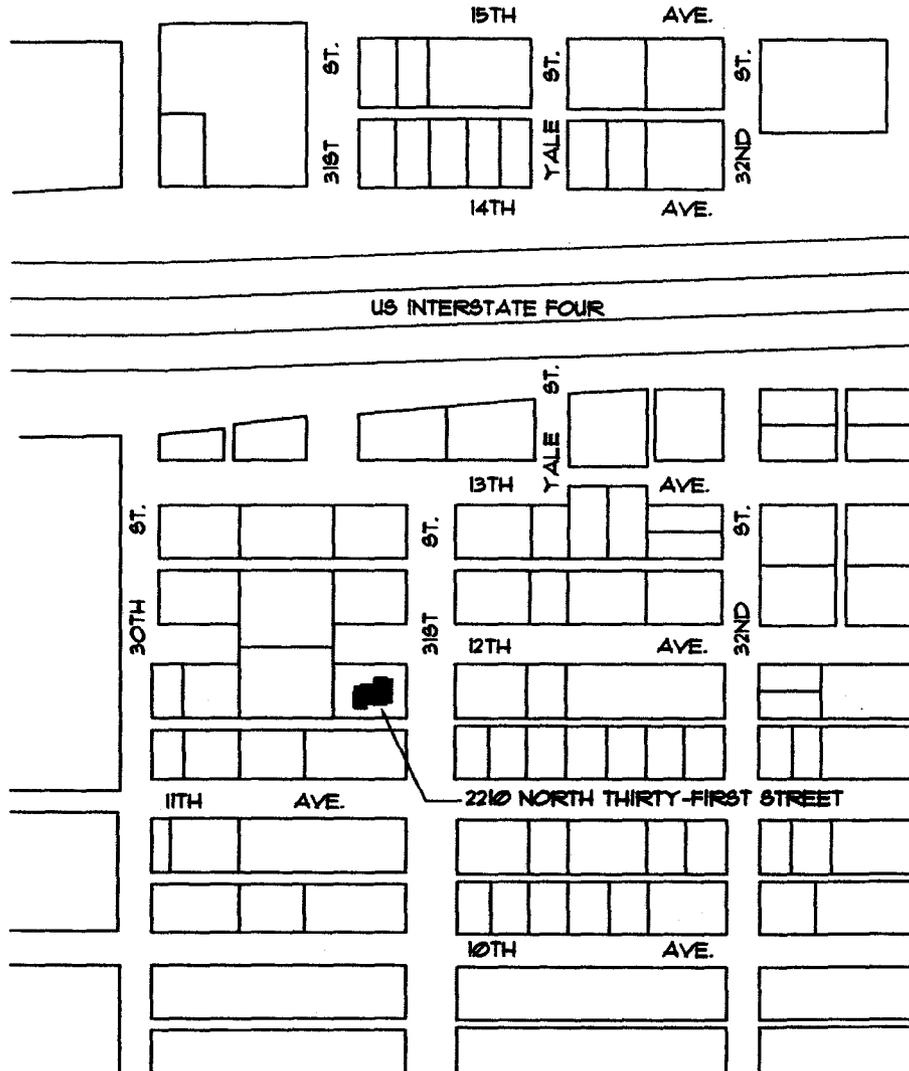
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Michael Kenneally, Janus Research, December 23, 2004



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