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Ybor City  
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Tampa  
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**Location:** 1009½ East Fourteenth Avenue, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

**Significance:** This building's architectural and historical significance is derived from its contribution to the Ybor City National Register Historic Landmark District. Ybor City is a section of Tampa founded and built by Vicente M. Ybor and Ignacio Haya as a cigar-manufacturing center and town. This company town was planned by Gavino Gutierrez to include cigar factories, workers housing, public spaces, and commercial buildings. This district is significant for its importance to Tampa's architectural heritage, as it contains many of the City's best remaining examples of late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century domestic, religious, commercial, and industrial buildings. This house represents cigar factory worker housing within the larger context of the cigar manufacturing company town.

**Description:** Built ca. 1924, this rectangular, one-story Frame Vernacular residence is sited close to the sidewalk. It has a wood frame structural system that rests on a brick pier foundation. The front-gabled roof is surfaced with 5-V crimp sheet metal and the exterior is clad in weatherboard siding, except for the wall within the full-width integral front porch which is clad in vinyl siding. The porch has one bay, a poured concrete landing, and a concrete block foundation. The original supports have been replaced with modern metal ones. The front entrance is on the north facade, while concrete steps and stoop lead to a rear entrance on the south facade. All original doors and windows have been replaced. Fenestration consists of metal single-hung sash replacement windows with two-over-two light configurations. Exterior ornamentation is limited to attic vents in the gable ends, cornerboards, and wood window and door surrounds.

**History:** Ybor City was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid-1920s. This residence was built ca. 1924 in the Randall's Addition to Ybor City Subdivision. It is located on the south side of East Fourteenth Avenue, four lots east of North Tenth Street, within the larger area of Ybor City that contained residences, factories, and commercial buildings. The house is situated on the same parcel as 1900 East Fourteenth Street. The house first appears in the Tampa City Directories in 1924, which lists the building as the El Cuso Cigar Factory owned by C.M. Rivero. City Directory research revealed that Cypriano Montesino Rivero had lived in the Ybor City area since at least 1912. Throughout these years he is associated with the cigar industry in the area, being employed as both cigar maker and cigar manufacturer. During this time he lived in numerous houses in the area, never settling long in one location. The first mention of the El Cuso Cigar Factory in the Tampa City Directory appears in 1921 at 1021 Twelfth Avenue, and C.M. Rivero was the proprietor. The 1921 Tampa City Directory also lists 1021 Twelfth Avenue as the residence of C.M. Rivero. It appears that C.M. Rivero manufactured cigars on a small scale, perhaps selling them from his own residence. The 1925 City Directory lists Juan Montalvo, a cigar maker, and his wife Rosario living in the house at 1009½ East Fourteenth Avenue. According to the 1931 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, the Arango y Arango

Cigar Factory was located a few parcels away on the corner of East Fourteenth Avenue and North Twelfth Street.

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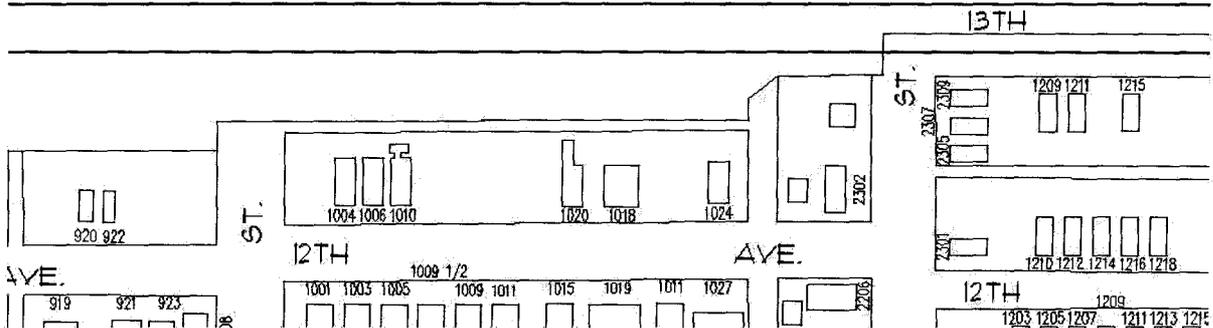
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**Historian:**

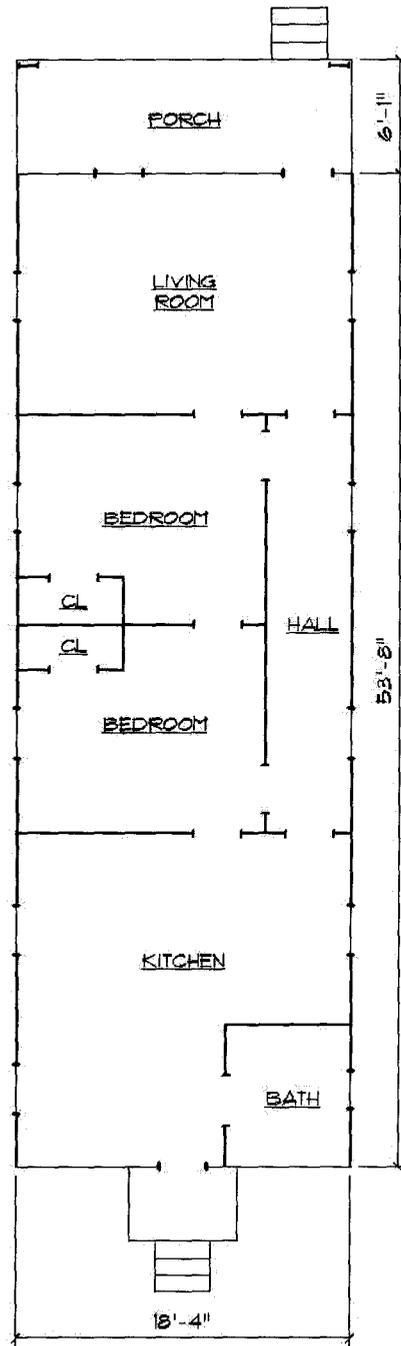
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