

1021-1025 EAST FOURTEENTH AVENUE (WAREHOUSE)  
Ybor City  
Hillsborough County  
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**Location:** 1021-1025 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 warehouse is associated with the former El Progreso de Ybor Grocery located next door at 2506 North Twelfth Street (HABS No. FL-549). This warehouse was constructed to serve as storage for the early grocery store and represents an increasingly rare historic resource found in Ybor City.

**Description:** This rectangular, one-story Masonry Vernacular warehouse has a masonry structural system and rests on a poured concrete slab foundation. The eastern portion of the building consists of the original warehouse and has a brick structural system and is capped by a front gabled roof surfaced with asphalt shingles. The front gabled roof is obscured behind the stepped parapet. The western portion of the building is a later addition and features a concrete block structural system with a flat roof surfaced with built-up materials. The original eastern portion of the building exhibits an American brick bond, while the western portion exhibits stretcher bond. Currently the front façade fenestration is boarded over, however, the original metal sash hopper windows with a three pane configuration are present on the side elevations. The original metal canopy that sheltered the entire length of the front façade has been removed. Exterior ornamentation includes decorative brick and tile work in the parapet, scuppers, and the remaining cast iron brackets that held the original metal canopy. The interior of the original portion of the warehouse exhibits an open plan, while the addition has been partitioned into various storage areas with an office towards the front of the building.

**History:** Ybor City was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid-1920s. A local informant interview was conducted on October 16, 2006, with Ms. Frances Andrade Menke, who is the granddaughter of Eugenio Lera, who owned the El Progreso de Ybor Grocery, located next door at 2506 North Twelfth Street (HABS No. FL-549). According to Ms. Menke, her grandfather built this warehouse for his grocery. City Directory and Sanborn Insurance Map research revealed that the original portion of the warehouse was constructed ca. 1938. This is the first year that the Tampa City Directory lists this address as a grocery warehouse. According to Sanborn Insurance Maps, from at least 1915 to 1931, two individual

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single-story dwellings with 1021 and 1025 Fourteenth Avenue addresses were located on the lot where the current 1021-1025 East Fourteenth Avenue warehouse is now located. The Tampa City Directories for 1936 and 1937 list the address of 1025 Fourteenth Avenue as being vacant. When 1025 Fourteenth Avenue is first listed as a grocery warehouse in 1938, it is assumed that the previous dwelling on the lot had been demolished and the original portion of the warehouse had been constructed. When the grocery warehouse is listed in the Tampa City Directory in 1938, the building located next to it at 1021 Fourteenth Avenue remained a single-story private dwelling, and was owned by the widow Agrispina Labredo. According to the Tampa City Directories, Ms. Labredo had lived at this address since at least 1936. The 1947 Tampa City Directory has no listing for the address at 1021 Fourteenth Avenue, and it is assumed that it was around this time that the house was demolished, and the addition to the warehouse was appended to the original portion. Ms. Menke recalled that the warehouse was expanded but does not remember a date when the addition was appended to the building. The 1951 Sanborn Insurance Map depicts the current configuration of 1021-1025 East Fourteenth Avenue. In 1961, 1021-1025 East Fourteenth Avenue was owned by Tampa Food Distributors & Importers.

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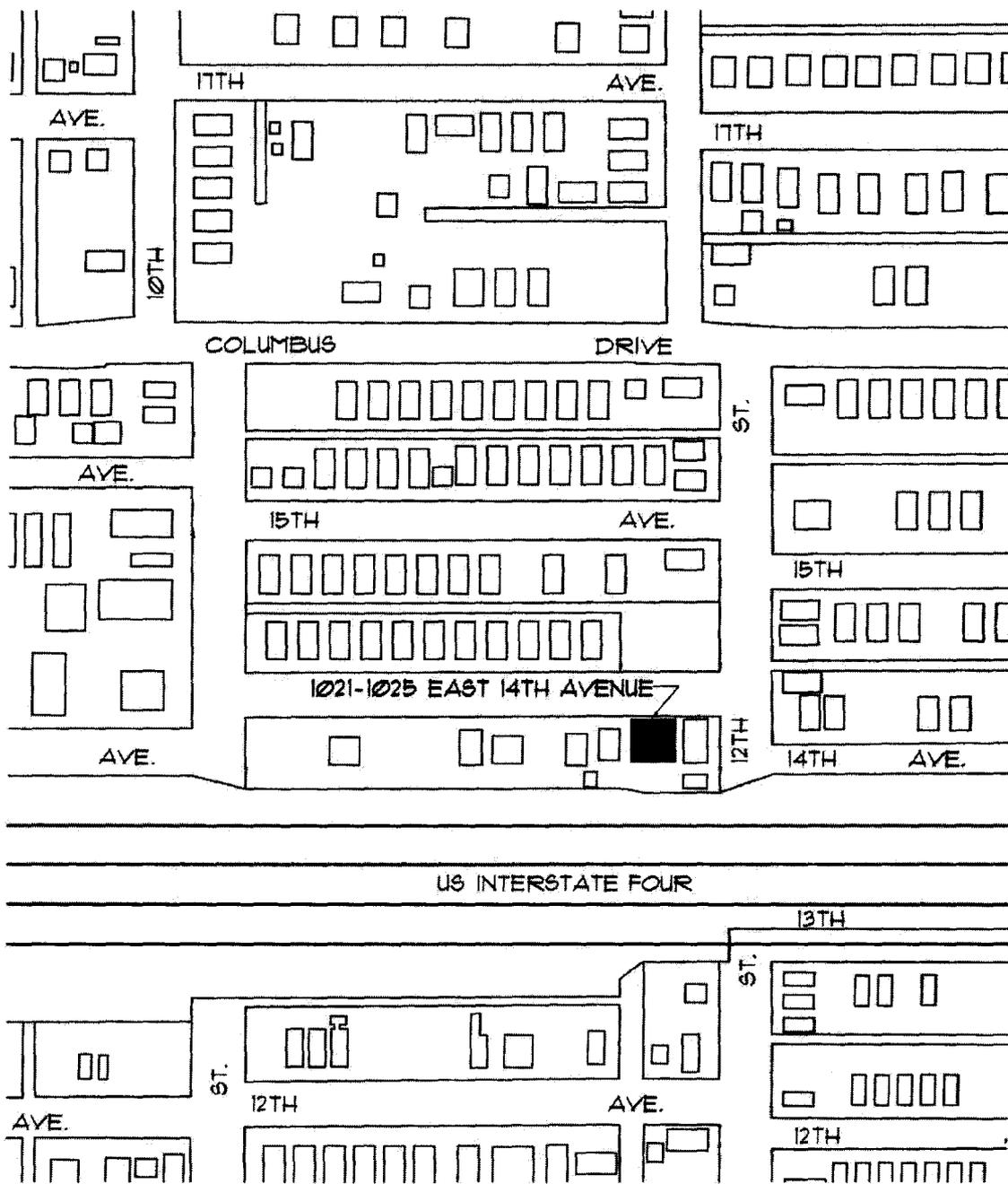
**Historian:**

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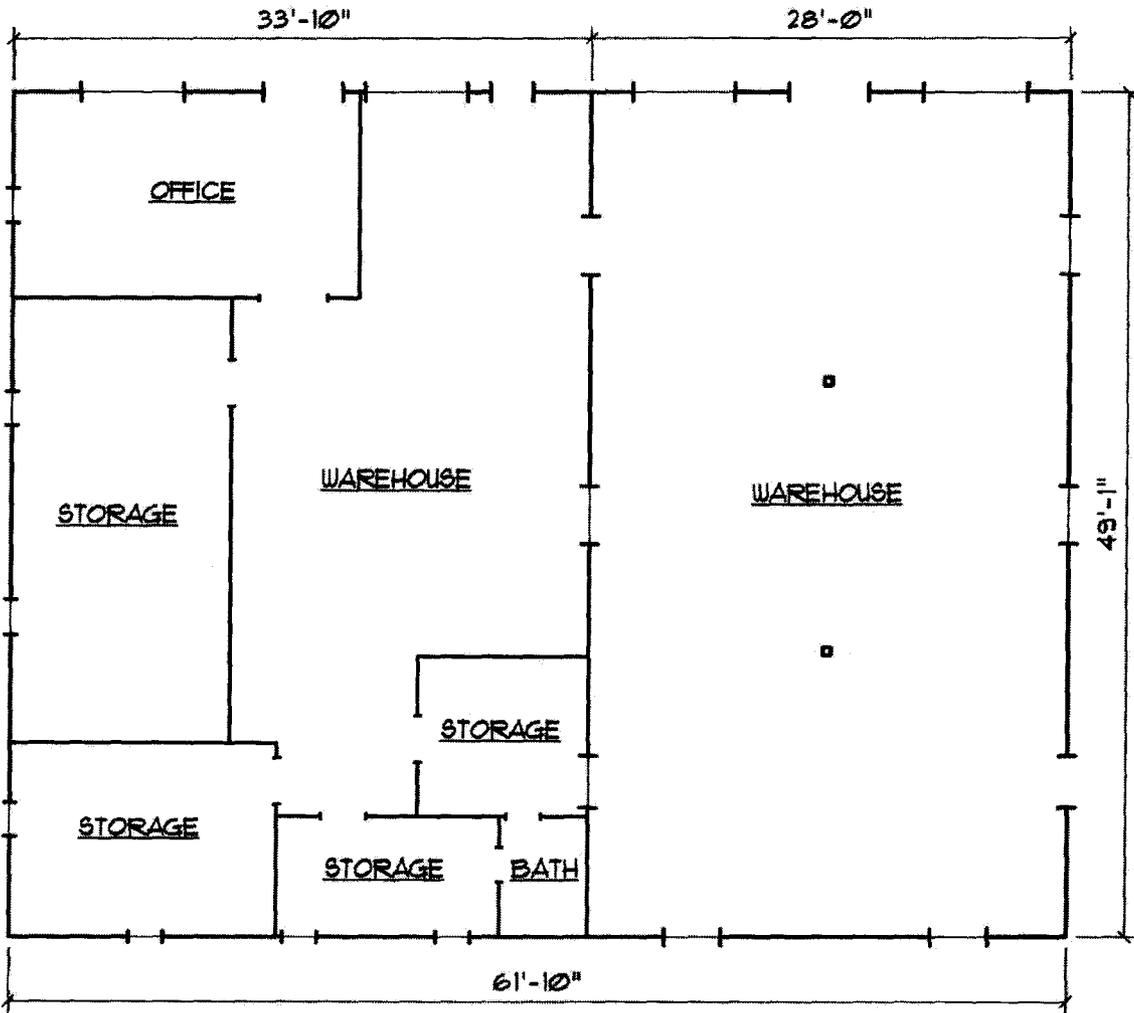
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<b>LOCATION MAP</b>		<b>NOT TO SCALE</b>
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<b>FLOOR PLAN SKETCH</b>		SCALE 3/32"=1'-0"
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