

506 EAST PALM AVENUE (House)
Tampa Heights
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Hillsborough County
Florida

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Location: 506 East Palm Avenue, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

Significance: This building's architectural and historical significance is derived from its contribution to the Tampa Heights National Register Historic District. 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 and religious buildings. The Tampa Heights neighborhood also has local historical significance based on its association with the rapid growth of Tampa from the turn-of-the-century through the 1920s.

Description: This one-story Frame Vernacular residence has a wood frame structural system and rests on brick piers. The front gable roof is surfaced with corrugated metal panels, and the exterior is sheathed in wood siding with wood cornerboards. A separate shallow hipped roof front porch is located on the main (south) elevation supported by three battered wood columns, set on brick piers. Concrete steps with brick side walls lead to the wood porch deck and an off-center main entry door. Fenestration consists of wood double-hung windows with one-over-one configuration set singly and in pairs. Exterior ornamentation includes rafter tails and wood window surrounds. A narrow brick chimney is located on the east side of the building. There is also a small shed roof addition used for storage roughly centered on the back (north) side of the house.

History: Tampa Heights was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid 1920s. The population of this area was largely Euro-American, middle-class business and professional people. Single-family suburban residences were the most common building type in the neighborhood. The building first appears in City Directory records in 1922. That year it was occupied by Elizabeth Norris, whose profession was not listed. Following Norris' occupation of the house, which ended 1928, the home changed residents many times through 1960. The home was also listed as vacant from time to time. Between 1928 and 1960, the occupations of some of the residents included an automotive mechanic, a cigar maker, telephone operator, delivery driver, machine operator, and painter.

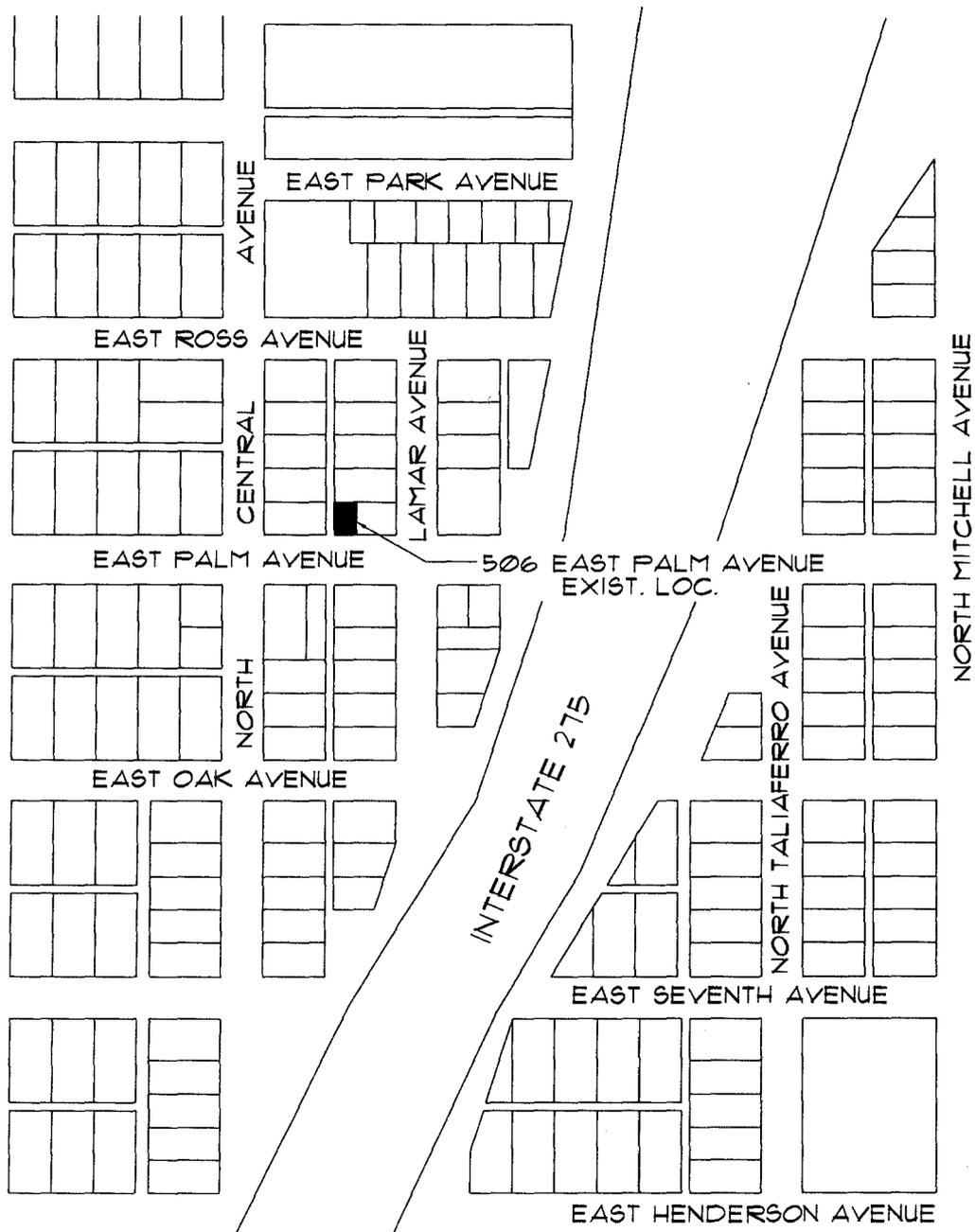
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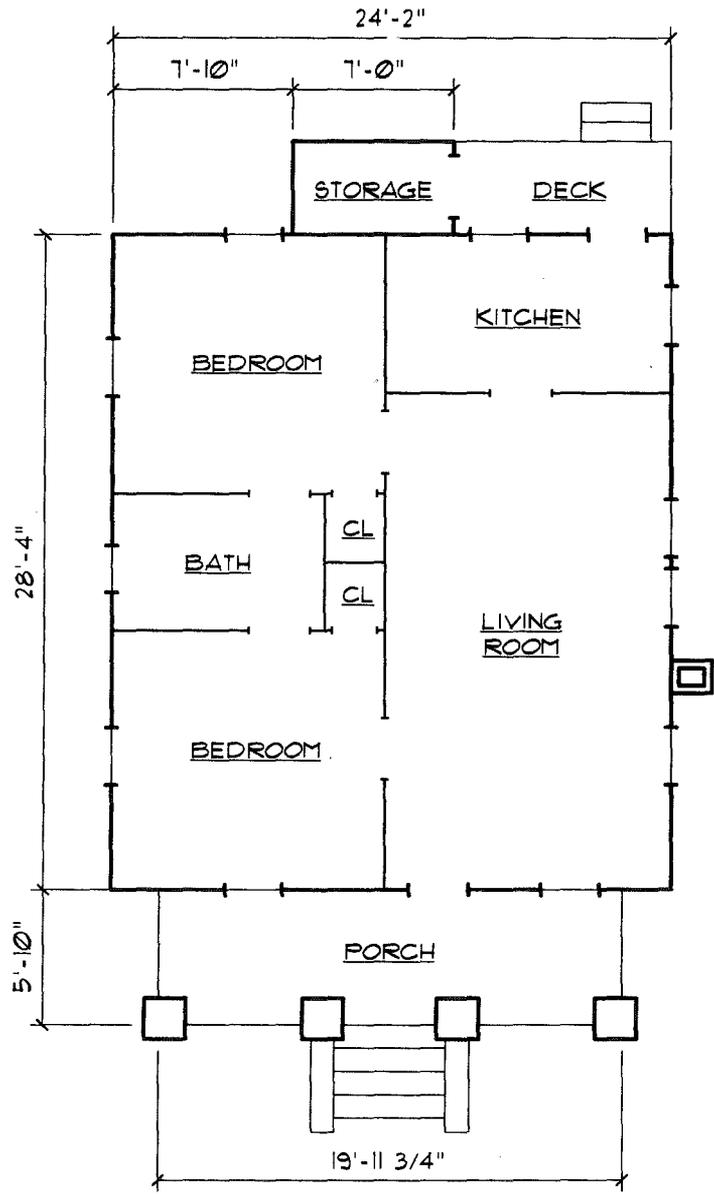
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Historians:

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