

1214 EAST TWELFTH AVENUE (House)
Ybor City
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Location: 1214 East Twelfth 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 residential housing within the larger context of the cigar manufacturing company town.

Description: This rectangular, one-story Bungalow has a wood frame structural system and rests on concrete piers covered with stucco panels. The front gabled roof has wide eaves supported by scalloped outriggers and is surfaced with composition shingles. The exterior is sheathed in wood novelty siding. The separate front gable roof porch is supported at each end by battered concrete columns with decorative reliefs that rest on brick piers with a sawtooth brick course. Metal supports with scrollwork have been added to the two center piers that flank the concrete stairs with scrolled brick side walls. Fenestration consists of wood double-hung sash windows with one-over-one and four-over-one light configurations. Exterior ornamentation includes cornerboards, gable vents, wood door and window surrounds, and scalloped rafter tails. The center entrance on the south has a transom and sidelights (now enclosed) and leads to a hallway with a bedroom on either side. The living room is to the north of the entry hallway, with a bedroom on the east and a bathroom on the west. The kitchen is to the north of the living room and a fourth bedroom is east of the kitchen. A rear addition contains the dining room and the bathroom.

History: Ybor City was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid-1920s. This residence was built ca. 1931 in the Randall's Addition Subdivision. The house is located on the south side of East 14th Avenue, between North 10th Street and North 12th Street, within the larger area of Ybor City that contained residences, factories, and commercial buildings. City Directory research revealed that the history of this house was different from most extant buildings within Ybor City. From 1931 until 1960, only two separate families were housed here: that of Manuel Garcia until 1936 or later (city directory information was not available from 1937-1939), and Abelardo Fernandez after that until 1960. Both men were grocers, and not connected with the cigar industry, as most residents of the neighborhood were.

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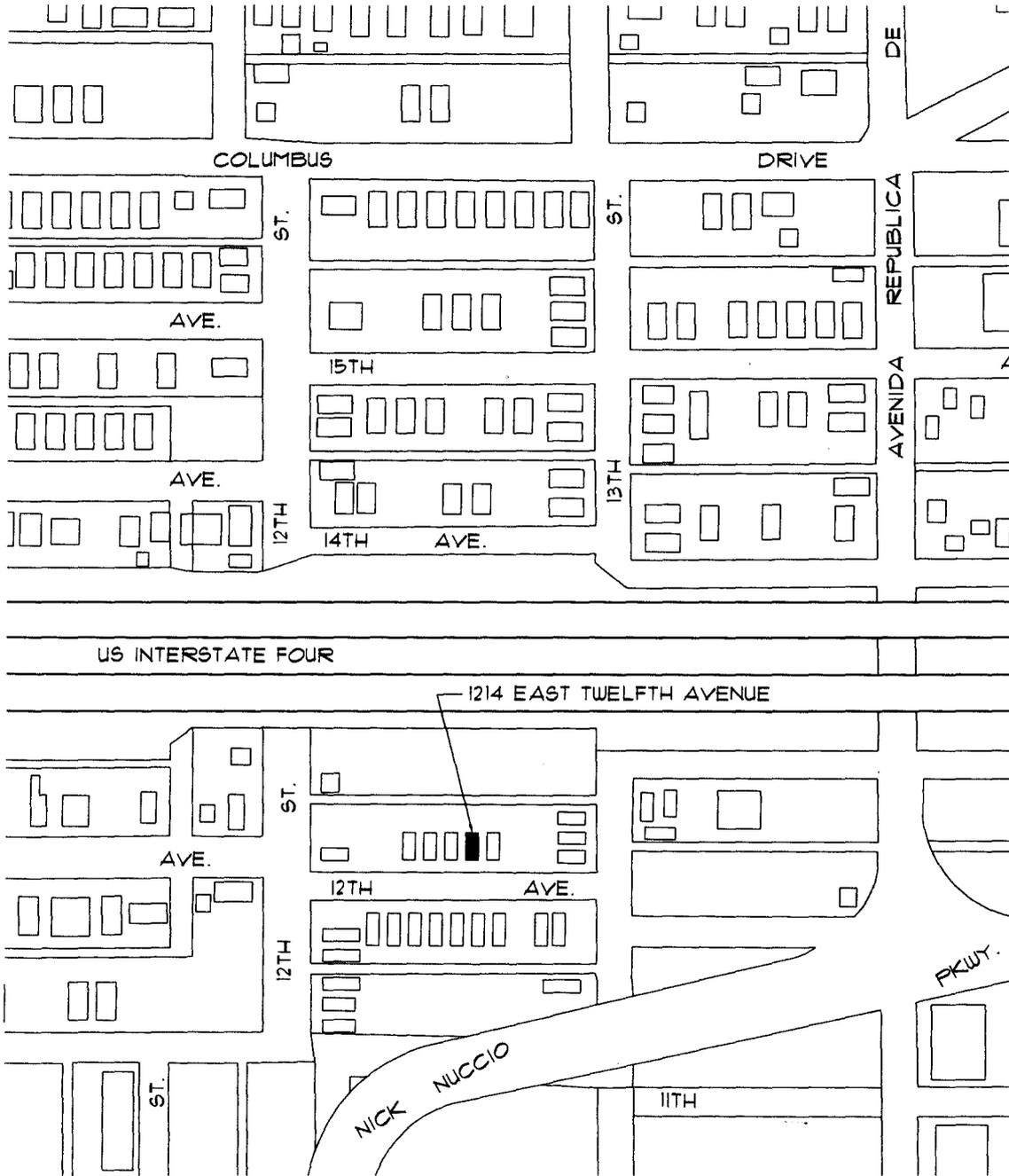
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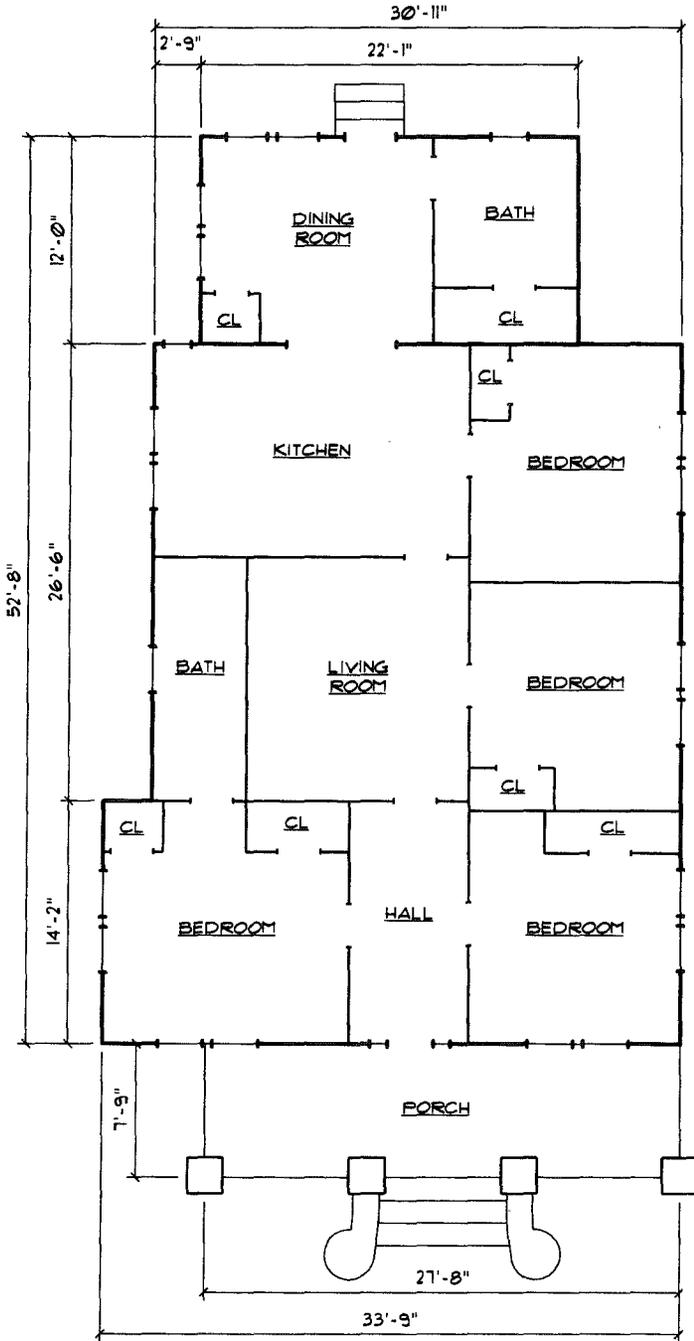
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