

1004 EAST TWELFTH AVENUE (House)
Ybor City
Tampa
Hillsborough County
Florida

HABS No. FL-579

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 1004 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.

Description: This rectangular, one-story bungalow has a wood frame structural system and rests on concrete piers with lattice infill. The gable roof is surfaced with 5-V crimp metal roofing and the exterior is sheathed in wood siding with wood cornerboards. The porch is supported by square fluted concrete columns atop brick piers. The original wood windows have been replaced, and current fenestration consists of metal single-hung-sash windows with one-over-one light configurations. Exterior ornamentation includes triangular vents in the front and rear gable face, exposed rafter tails, wood window and door surrounds, and wood cornerboards. The main portion of the house is accessed by a central front door which leads to a living room that extends to create a dining room space. Two bedrooms are located on the east side with the bathroom in-between. A third bedroom is located off the living area on the southwest side of the house and the kitchen is off the dining area, also on the west side. As the interior has been renovated, little historic fabric remains inside the house. This house also features two rear apartment additions on the north side of the house, each of which contains a bedroom, small bathroom, and small kitchen space. The first apartment is accessed by a door on the west side and the second apartment is access by a door on the north side of the house.

History: Ybor City was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid-1920s. This residence was built ca. 1926 in the Randall's Addition Subdivision. The house is located on the north side of East Twelfth Avenue, between North Tenth Street and North Twelfth Street, within the larger area of Ybor City that contained residences, factories, and commercial buildings. City Directory research revealed that unlike many homes in the area, this residence did not have a high degree of turnover among its occupants. Its first residents were Antonio "Tony" Accurso and his wife, Gaetana "Katie" Accurso. Tony managed the F. Accurso & Sons grocery store and meat market with his father, Francisco, and his brothers Jas and John. Katie worked as a clerk at the Blue Ribbon Hotel. The Accursos occupied the home from 1926 until 1955. Tony's son, Frank, a salesman at Spicola Hardware, and his wife, Elizabeth, a public school teacher, then lived in the house from 1955 until 1956. When the Accursos left, Yello Cardoso and his wife, Dolores, lived there from 1956 until 1983. Yello and Dolores were both employed at the *Corral & Wodiska* cigar factory, where Yello was a cigar maker and Dolores was a machine operator. In 1983, John Suarez and his wife Debra purchased the home and lived there until

1995, when it was sold to James Austin and his wife Michelle. Esther Peretiemo purchased the home in 2006, in turn selling it to Matthew D. Frisco later that same year. In 2008, the house was acquired by Taylor, Bean, and Whitaker Mortgage Corporation, before being purchased by Danalis Properties, LLC in 2010. The Florida Department of Transportation acquired the house in 2011.

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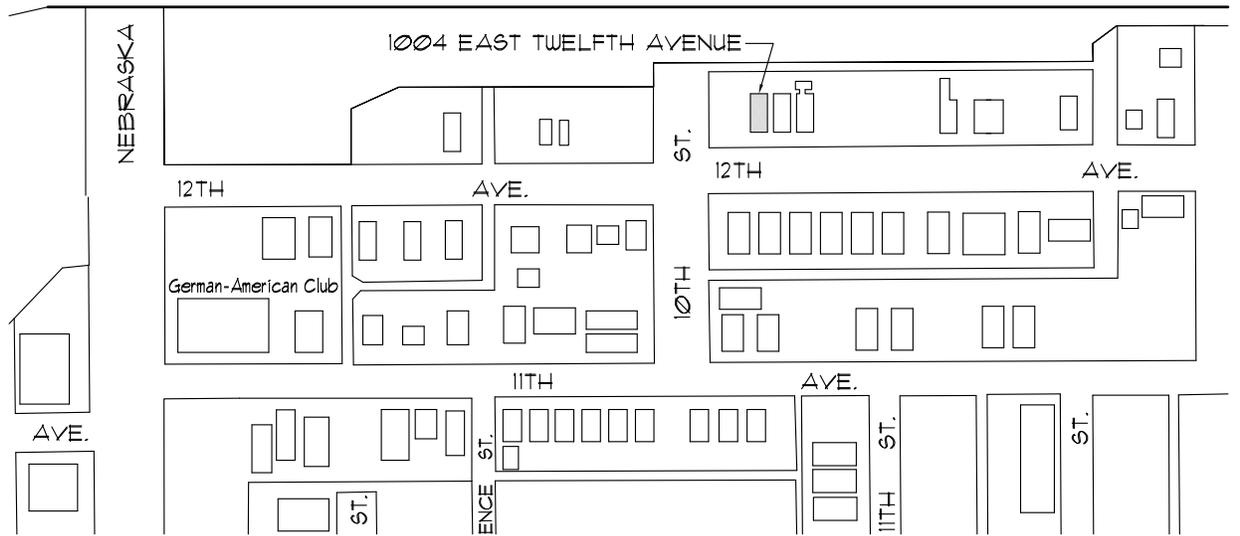
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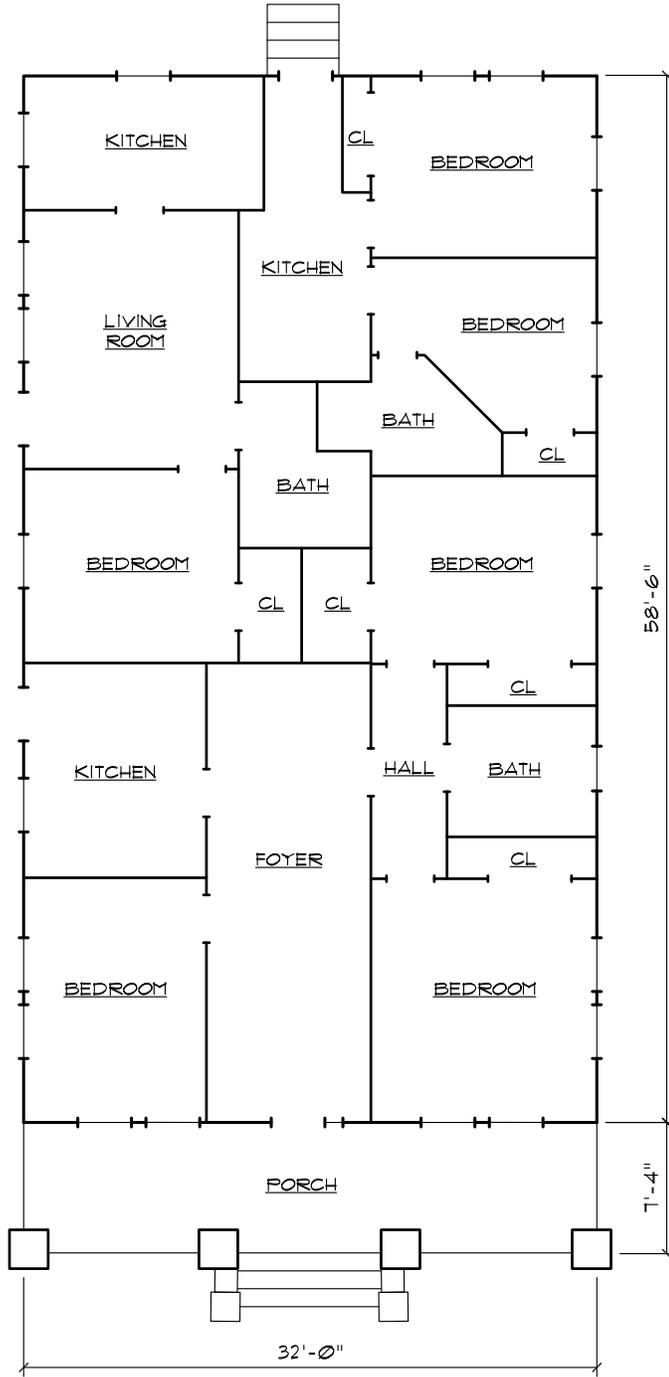
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FLOOR PLAN SKETCH

SCALE 3/32" = 1'-0"

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