

1905 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE (Apartment Building)  
Tampa Heights  
Tampa  
Hillsborough County  
Florida

HABS No. FL-582

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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**Location:** 1905 North Central 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 the City from the turn-of-the-century through the 1920s.

**Description:** Constructed c. 1922, this irregular plan, two-story Frame Vernacular, former private residence has a wood frame structural system and rests on brick piers. The building displays elements of both the Queen Anne and Craftsman styles. The side gable roof is surfaced with composite shingles and the exterior is sheathed in weatherboard. A front gable is located on the east façade of the building. A front gable projection is also present on the west façade that features decorative shingles. These decorative shingles are continued at the gable ends of the west façade front gable roof. The building has sustained multiple additions on the east and west facades, including a shed roof projection on the east façade that is clad with vertical wood board. The once full-width attached porch has been partially enclosed on the west façade first floor and took place sometime after the 1950s. Prior to this enclosure, c. 1950, a second story projection was added on the west façade directly over the porch, covering the entire area of the full-width porch. This façade has been altered in order to accommodate interior space, as it was converted to a rental property. It appears that modern drop siding has been incorporated on the west façade with part clad in stucco, where there would have been weatherboard. The stuccoed projection is rounded and included in the c. 1950s additions. The porch is supported by brick columns and a simple shed roof overhang is present over concrete steps. Historic turned wood supports with brackets and spindlework were previously located on the building porch. An attached wood supports is still present at the corner of the porch on the west façade closest to the corner of the south façade. Fenestration consists of one-over-one and two-over-two double hung sash windows. All windows are modern metal replacements. Exterior ornamentation includes cornerboards, dentils, and gable vents. A second entrance is present from the second floor on the south façade and incorporates a shed roof projection on wood supports. A wooden exterior staircase extends from this entrance. A third means of egress is present on the east façade at the vertical board clad addition.

In recent years, the interior of the building has been altered to accommodate rental space. Though the interior has been remodeled some significant historic features remain. Included are historic door casings with decorative bulls-eye molding and baseboards. Some baseboards feature a turned wood decorative element that is located in the corners of rooms. Historic fireplaces feature exposed brick and have no mantel-piece or surround. Despite these features, the historic appearance and layout of this building's interior are no longer discernible and very little historic physical integrity has been retained.

**History:** This residence was built c. 1922 in the Sparkman's Subdivision of Tampa Heights, an area due north of the central business district of Tampa. 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. These houses ranged in size from small one-story cottages to large eclectic-style villas. The building at 1905 North Central Avenue is located on the east side of North Central Avenue between Oak and Palm Avenues. The building appears in the 1925 city directory of Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida and was resided in by Moses Smith, who appears to have owned a ladies' furnishings business. He lived in the building until 1929, when Thomas Cook moved in. His profession is not referenced in the city directory. In 1930, Leo Smith, a department manager at O Falk's Department Store, lived in the building. In 1935, the property was occupied by LaFlise Chaney, an electrician by profession. The building was occupied by John Schwan, a seaman, from 1936 to 1937. From 1938 to 1939, the building was occupied by Jose Garcia, a carpenter for the Tampa Ship Building Company. From 1940 to 1942 the building was the home of Mrs. Frances Rocha, a widow. Carlos Sanchez occupied the building in 1943, but soon after in 1944, the building would be occupied by E.E. Roark and Callie D. Roark. Callie D. is mentioned as working at Orchid Woodmere Beauty shop in the 1944 Tampa city directory. The family would live in the building until 1952, when it was occupied by Walter C. and Jesse T. Hand. Walter's profession is not referenced in the city directory, but Jesse T. worked as a laborer at Star Fruit Groves. The property became an apartment dwelling in 1953. John Harden, a painter at Florida Displace Service, is cited in the city directory as occupying apartment two. According to the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser, the building was purchased by Pete A. Morisseau from Carmen Guarino in 1983, but returned to Carmon Guarino's possession in 1988. Guarino finally sold the building to Wide Spread, Inc. in 1999. It was then purchased by Kenneth Husuliak in 2000, who continued to use it as a rental property. The building is now vacant and is currently owned by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

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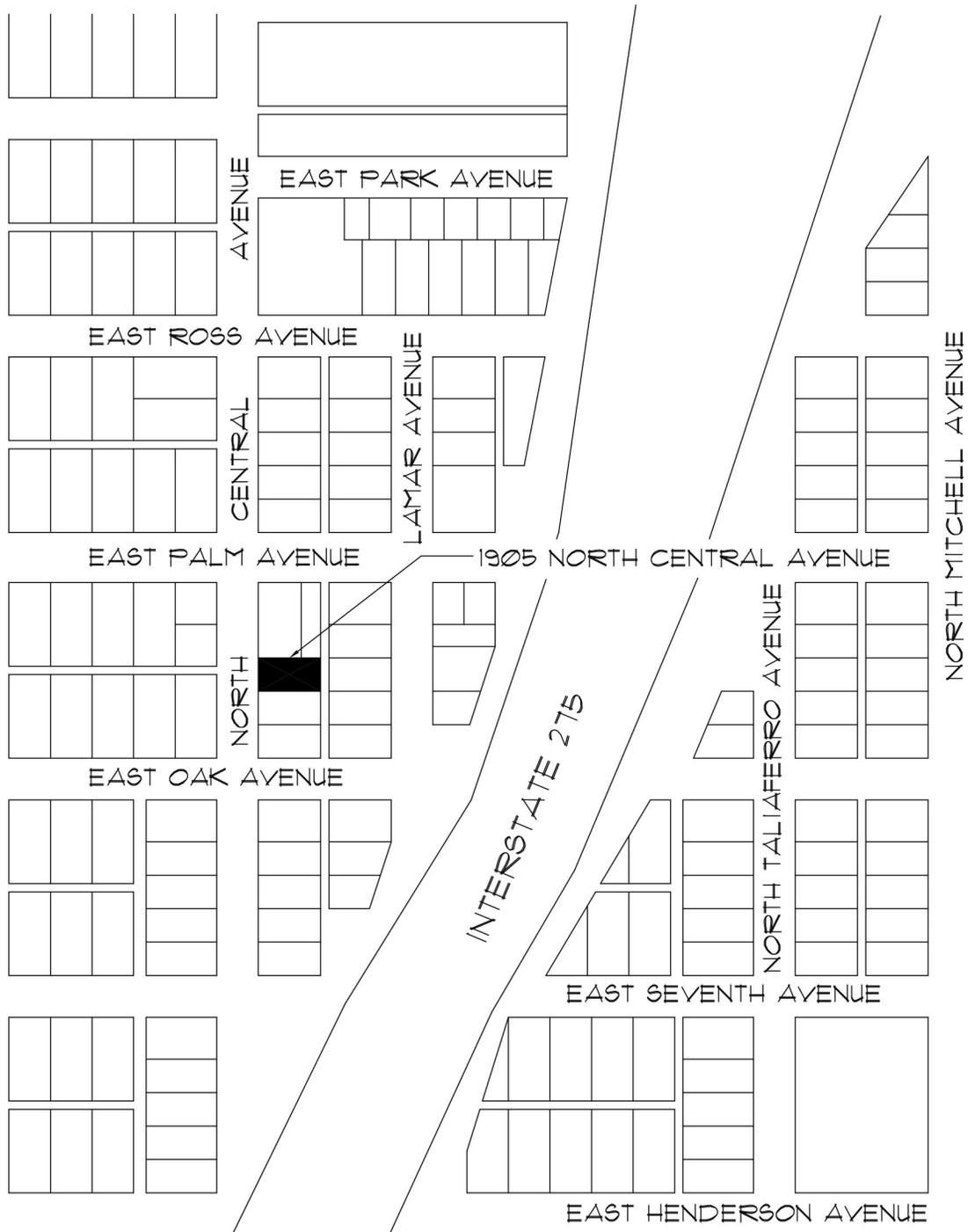
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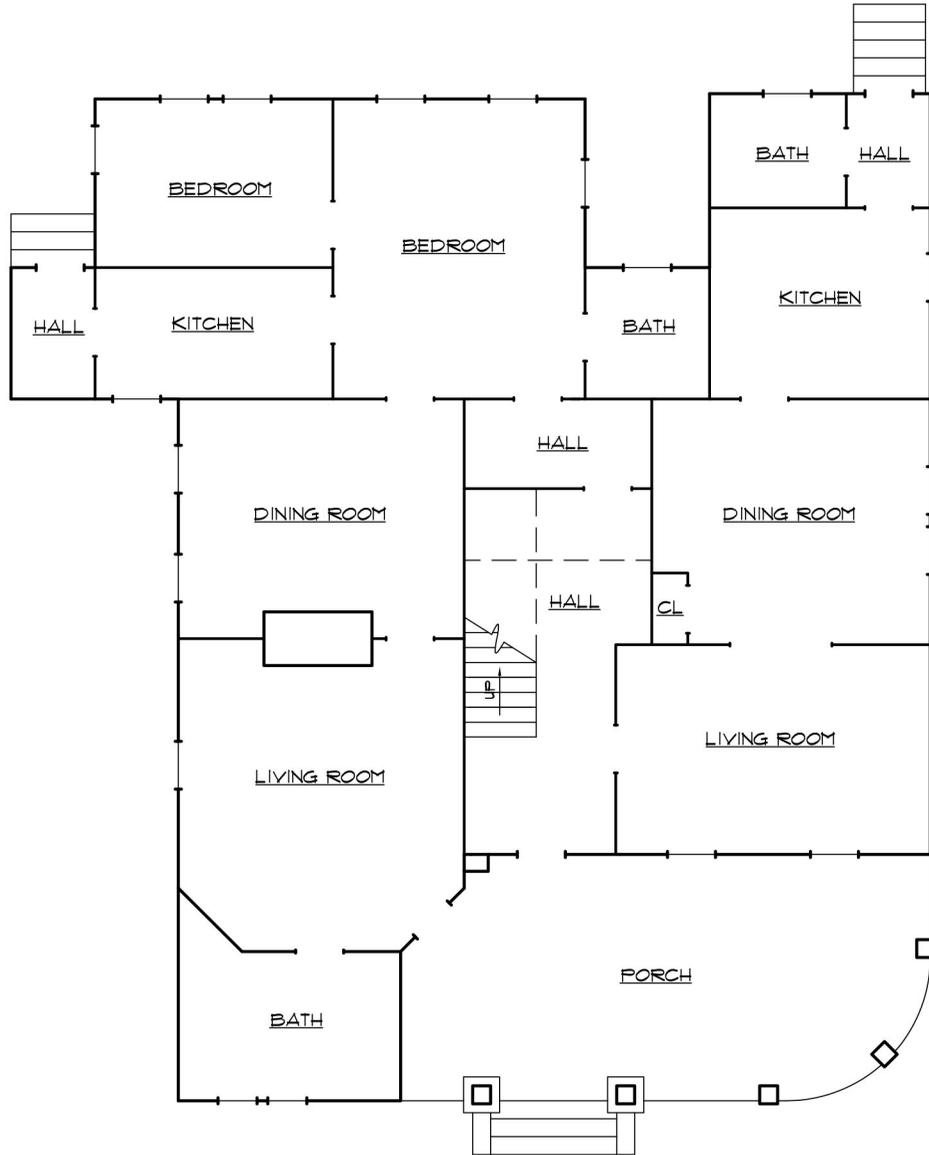
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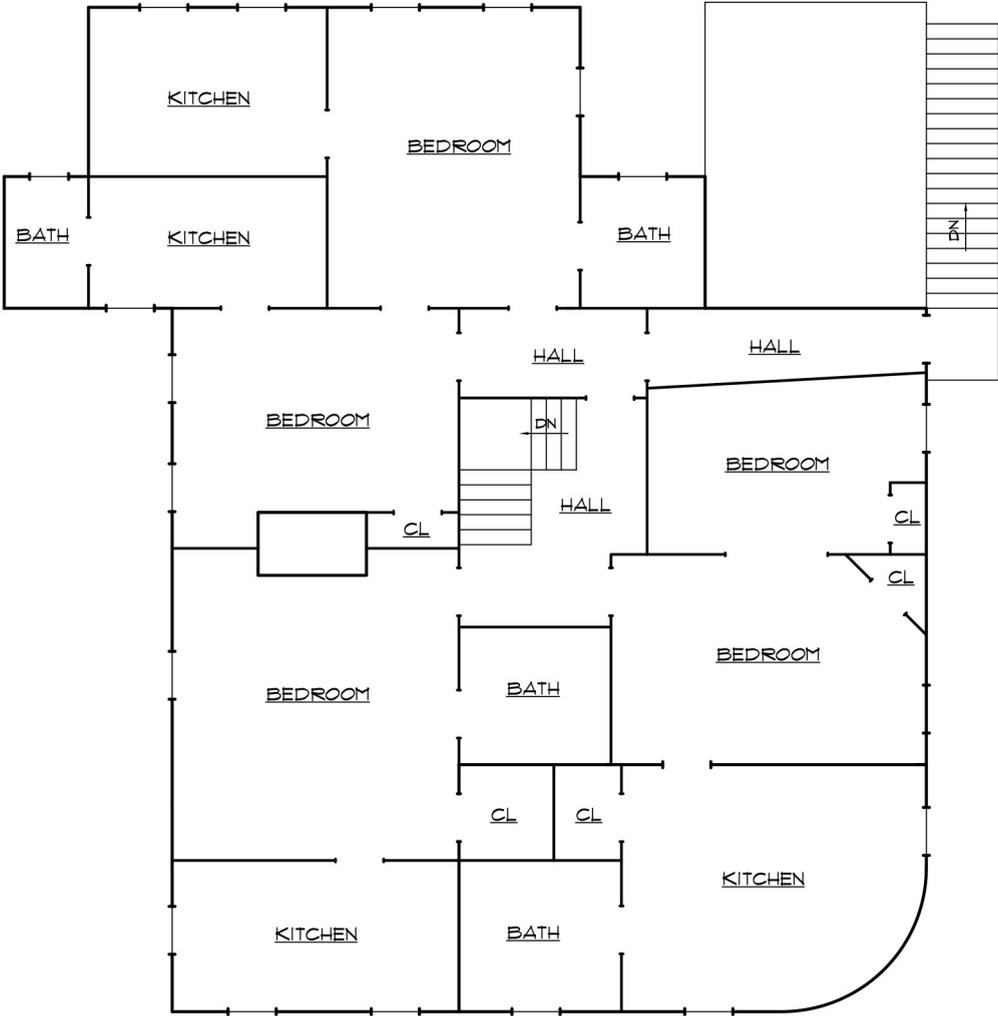
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