

2506 FIFTEENTH STREET (HOUSE)
Ybor City
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Tampa
Hillsborough County
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Location: 2506 North Fifteenth Street, 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 cigar factory worker housing within the larger context of the cigar manufacturing company town. This Bungalow residence is representative of the larger collection of worker housing in Ybor City.

Description: This rectangular, one-story Bungalow has a balloon wood frame structural system and rests on poured concrete and brick piers. The gabled roof is surfaced with 5-V crimp sheet metal, and the exterior is sheathed in drop siding. An integral, full-width porch is featured on the east façade. The porch is supported by cast concrete Ionic columns that rest on stuccoed piers and has a poured concrete landing. Most of the fenestration has been removed. However, a few metal single-hung sash windows with two-over-two light configurations remain. Exterior ornamentation includes cornerboards, vents, exposed rafter tails, and scalloped wood shingles in the front gable eave. The interior of the house has been completely remodeled.

History: Ybor City was platted in the 1890s and was completely built out by the mid-1920s. This residence was built ca. 1921 in the Cuscaden and Wells Subdivision. The house is located on the west side of North Fifteenth Street, three lots north of East Fourteenth Avenue, within the larger area of Ybor City that contained residences, factories, and commercial buildings. This house first appears in the Tampa City Directory of 1921, and it was occupied by Francisco Fernandez and his wife Rosa. Mr. Fernandez was employed as a drayman. According to the 1931 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, this house was located in a row of similar houses facing North Fifteenth Street.

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