

EL PROGRESSO DE YBOR GROCERY
Ybor City
2506 North Twelfth Street
Tampa
Hillsborough County
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Location: 2506 North Twelfth Street, Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

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Significance: This building's architectural and historical significance is derived from its contribution to the Ybor City National 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 former grocery is associated with the warehouse located next door at 1021-1025 East Fourteenth Avenue (HABS No. FL-551). This building was constructed to serve as a grocery store on the first floor with apartments located on the second floor. It represents a once common commercial structure, but is now an increasingly rare historic resource found in Ybor City.

Description: Constructed ca. 1908, this rectangular, two-story Frame Vernacular former grocery store has a wood frame structural system and rests on a poured concrete slab foundation. The hip roof is surfaced with 5-V crimp sheet metal, and the exterior is currently clad in a stucco veneer scored to look like brick. However, a field inspection revealed that the original novelty siding is still intact underneath the stucco veneer. A second story wrap around balcony is featured on the east and north sides and shelters the sidewalk below. This balcony is covered by a shed roof, and is supported by metal supports that rest on the poured concrete landing. Fenestration consists of metal single-hung sash windows with four-over-four light configurations, metal awning windows with three panes, and fixed single pane windows. Exterior ornamentation includes wood window surrounds, exposed rafter tails, a vented gable dormer, and corner entrance. There is a historic, integral-roofed wood frame addition attached to the south side, and an enclosed staircase attached to the west side. The interior of the first is an open floor plan with a large full-length historic shelving unit. The upstairs apartment has been renovated, although retains its original layout, doors, and woodwork.

History: According to Sanborn Insurance Maps, historically the address for this building was 2410 Twelfth Street. Tampa City Directory research revealed that this building was constructed circa 1908, and was originally owned by C.A. Arnold. In 1910, the Tampa City Directory lists two addresses for this building: 2410 Twelfth Street and 2410 ½ Twelfth Street, presumably indicating a division for the first and second floors. In 1910, J.E. Oglesby is listed for 2410 Twelfth Street, while P.G. Hager is listed for 2410 ½ Twelfth Street. In 1916, the Tampa City Directory lists Garcia & Rosas for this building. According to Sanborn Insurance Maps, there was a large addition appended to the south side of the building sometime between 1915 and 1931. On October 16, 2006 a personal interview was conducted with Ms. Frances Andrade

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Menke: the granddaughter of Eugenio Lera. According to historic deeds she has in her possession, her grandfather acquired the building in 1921. Her mother was born in the upstairs apartment in 1923. Mr. Lera operated his store, El Progreso de Ybor Grocery downstairs. The family lived in the upstairs apartment until Mr. Lera built several houses across the street (these are no longer extant due to the Interstate). Her aunt lived in the upstairs apartment until the 1960s. Ms. Menke recalled that the building was expanded at some time, but did not recall a specific date. Ms. Menke's grandfather also built the building next door at 1021-1025 East Fourteenth Avenue (HABS No. FL-551) as a warehouse for his grocery. She also recalls that this building was expanded but does not remember a date when the addition took place.

Mr. Lera died in 1960 and the building was left to Frank and Laura Andrade. Laura was Eugenio's daughter and Frances' mother. Frank managed the building but rented out the entire structure. At that time, the grocery store on the first floor ceased to be operated by the family. The building continued to be passed down through the family, until it was recently sold to the current owners.

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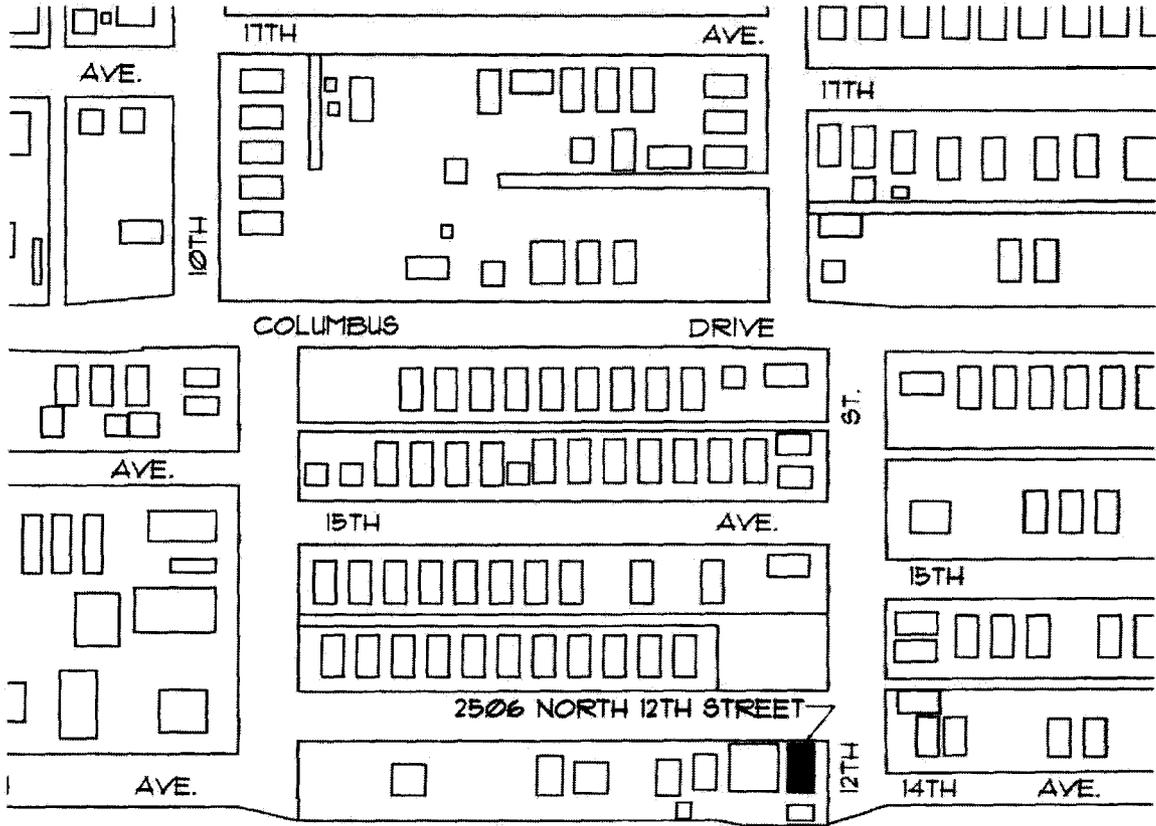
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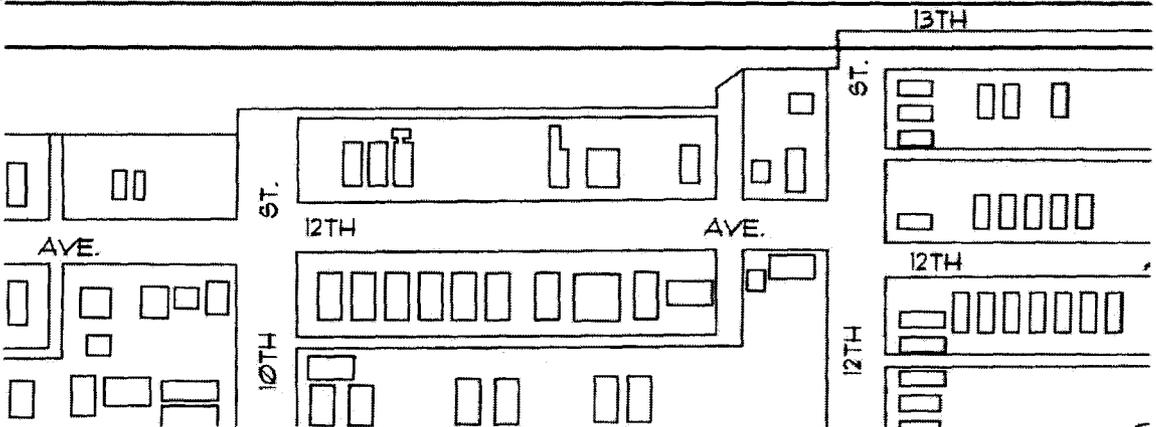
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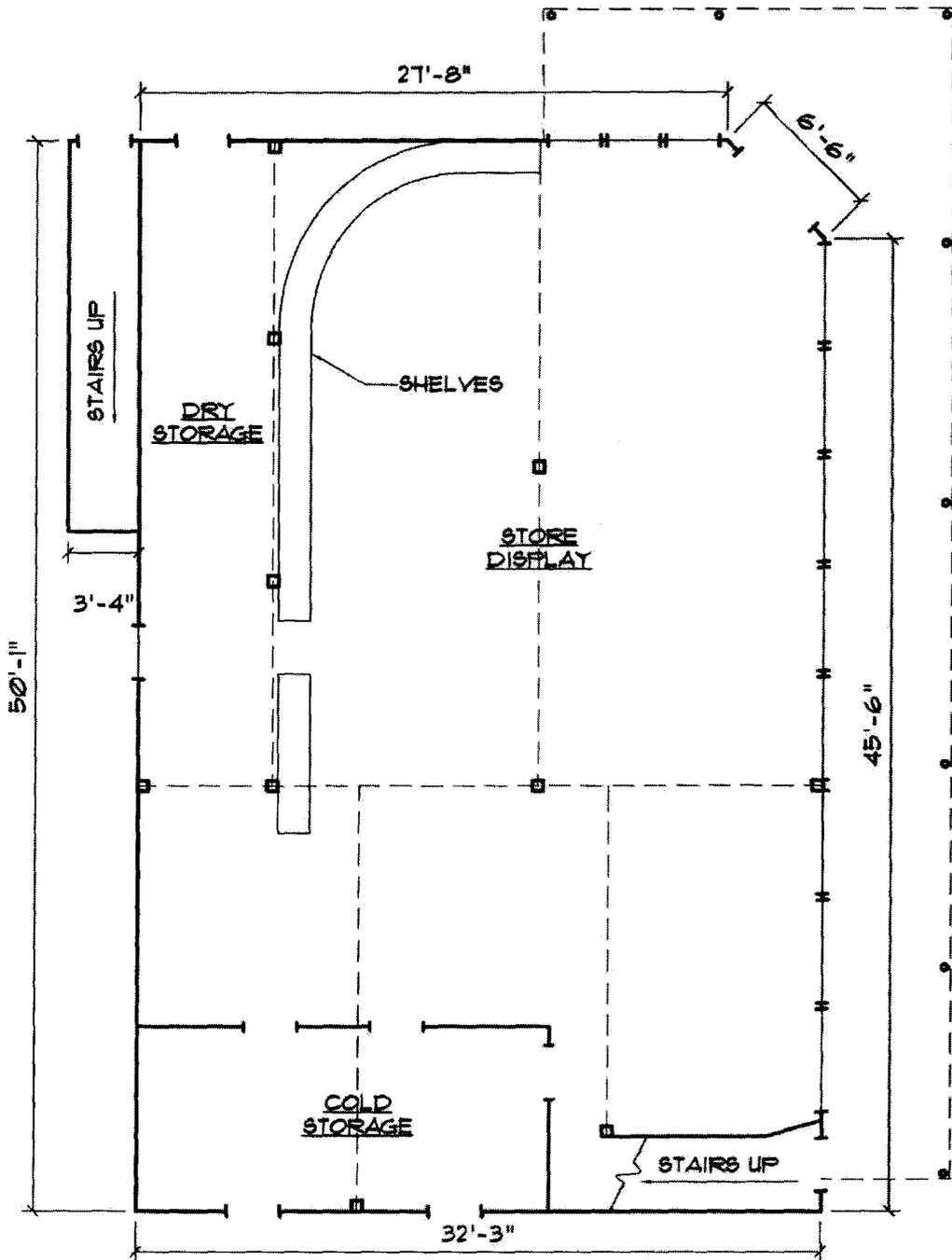
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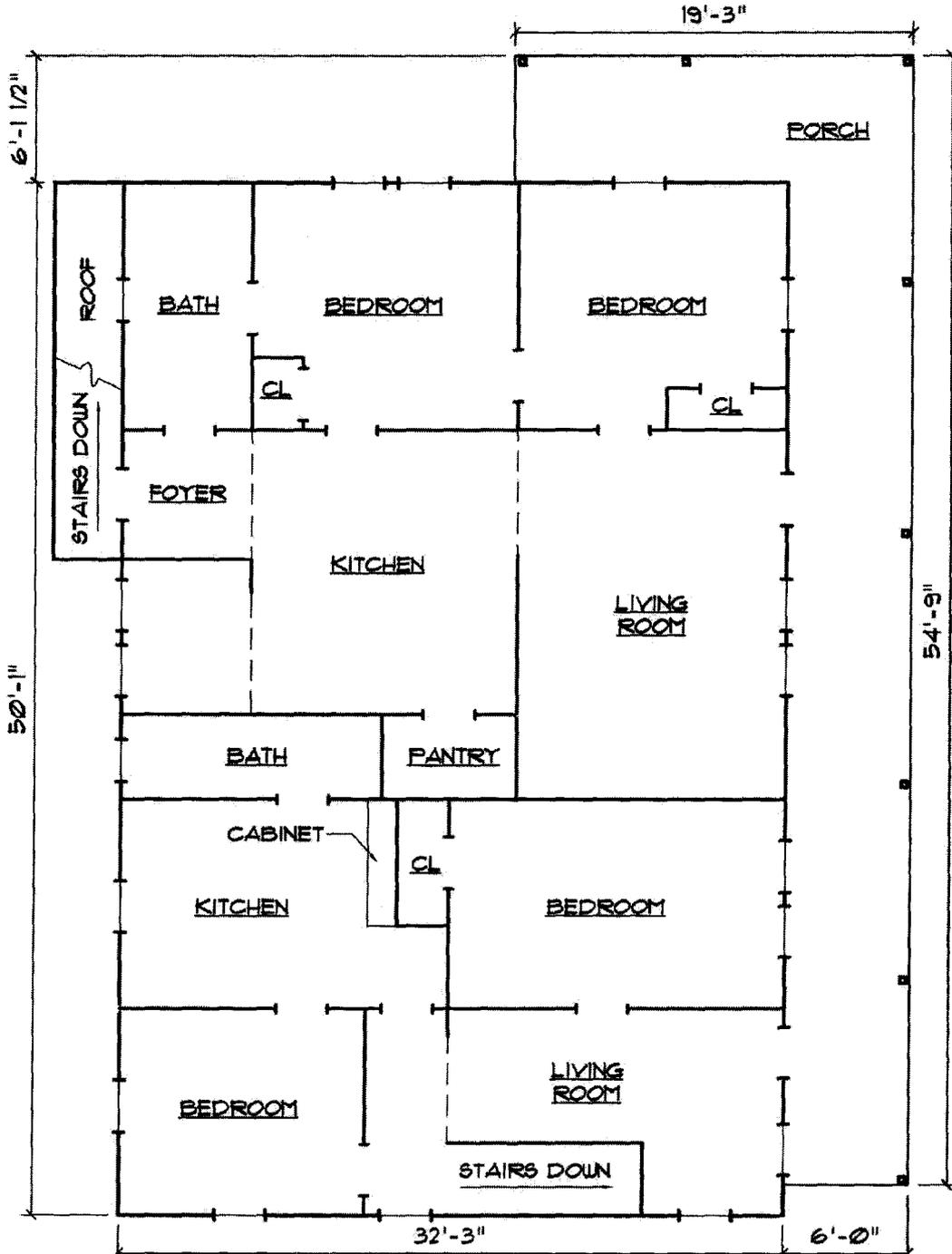
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