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Location: 2012-2014 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

USGS New Orleans West, Louisiana Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
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Significance: The dwelling located at 2012-2014 Louisiana Avenue is a contributing element to the Uptown New Orleans Historic District, a 750 block area listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 for its state architectural significance for the period ca. 1820 to 1935. The single-story, double shotgun dwelling was constructed ca. 1925 as residential rental property. The dwelling is an example of the most common residential building type in the Uptown district. Forty-eight per cent of the district's 10,716 buildings adopt a shotgun form. The Rouselle House is representative of the residential, double shotgun buildings constructed during the final phase of the district's development.

Description: The Rouselle House is a single-story, two-bay, frame dwelling utilizing a design and plan characteristic of the double shotgun form. The building is supported by brick piers and terminates in a gable roof with a gable front orientated toward Louisiana Avenue. The roof is sheathed with metal tab shingles and incorporates a recessed gable-end screen. The exterior wall plans of the building are clad in weatherboard; narrower weatherboards are found on the building front. The front of the building is spanned by an open porch supported by brick piers incorporating paired posts with simplified bases and capitals. The posts support an intersecting hipped and gable roof clad in metal tab shingles. The asymmetrical massing of the porch roof suggests the Bungalow style. The entrances to each unit are identical and include multi-light doors flanked by multi-light sidelights and topped by a tri-partite multi-light transom. Windows are confined to the sides of the building and are six-light-over-six-light, wooden sash enframed by simple board surrounds.

The interior plan of the structure accommodates two identical units. The building is evenly divided by an interior bearing wall corresponding to the roof ridge. Each unit extends the six-bay depth of the structure. The interior plan includes a series of sequential, interconnecting rooms. The interior finishes of the building have been modified to include fiberboard panelling applied to original plaster walls and carpeting over original narrow board oak floors.

History: City records document that water and sewerage lines to the building, described as a double cottage, were connected in 1925. These connections suggest a probable construction date. Mrs. Effie T. Durald, of 2023 Iberville, originally owned the structure. Mrs. Durald maintained both units as a rental property. Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, widow of William Hughes, occupied 2012 Louisiana Avenue from 1938 to 1949. In 1952-1953, 2012 Louisiana Avenue was recorded as vacant.

The Rouselle family acquired the property ca. 1940. The family occupied the unit located at 2014 Louisiana Avenue and rented the 2012 unit. By 1947, William Rouselle was

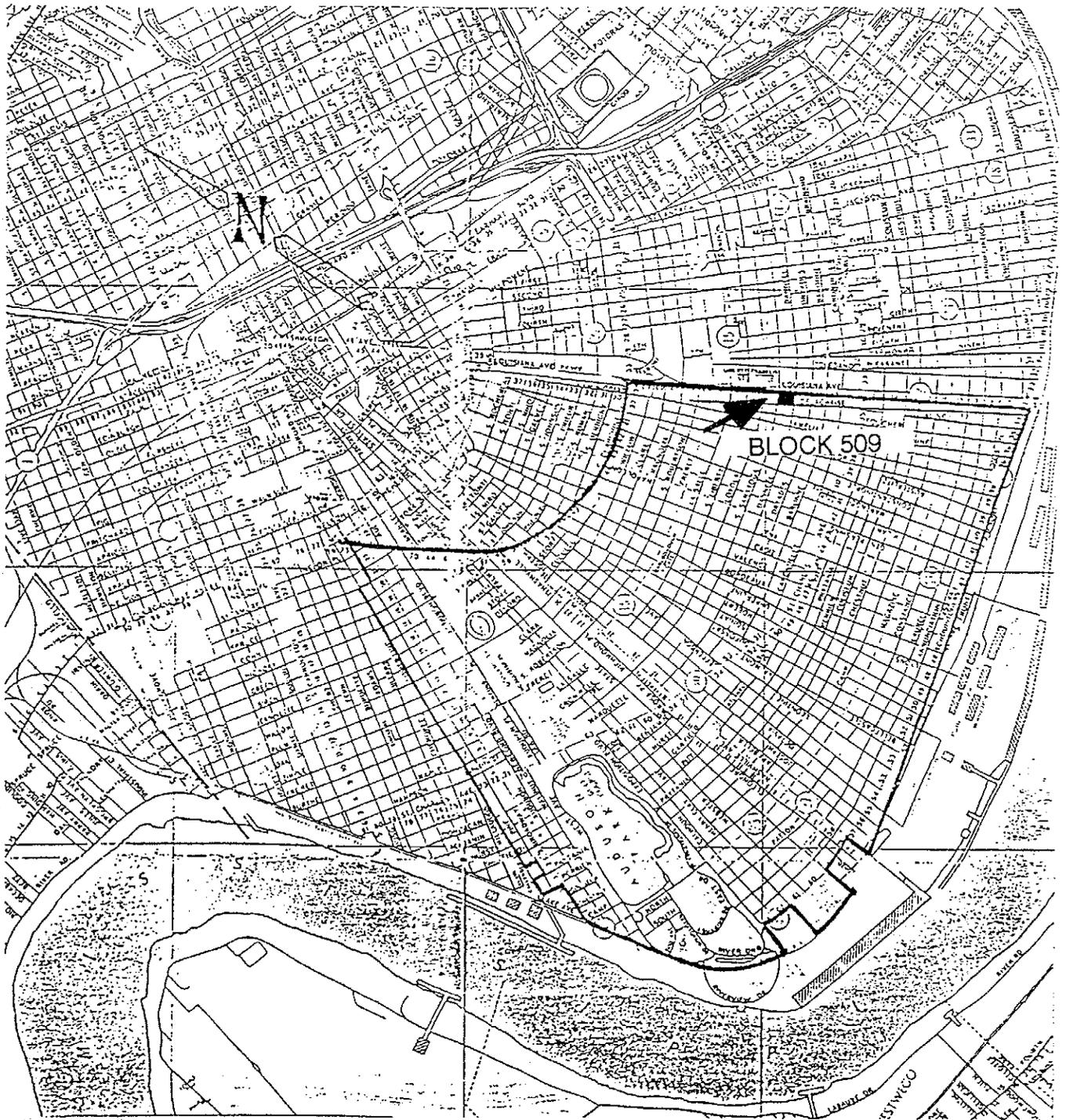
employed as a foreman at Flintkote, an industrial complex in the Bywater area of New Orleans. His wife, Edmonia N. Rouselle, was a teacher at McDonough School on 36 Jackson Avenue in the Uptown area. Zada Rouselle, William's widowed mother, also resided at 2014 Louisiana Avenue. After the death of her husband and mother-in-law, Edmonia Rouselle continued to live in the house. Mrs. Rouselle retained ownership of the property until 1991.

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Sources: New Orleans City Directories, 1925-1990. Louisiana Collection, Howard-Tilton Library, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sewerage and Water Board, House Connection Records. Louisiana Division, New Orleans Public Library, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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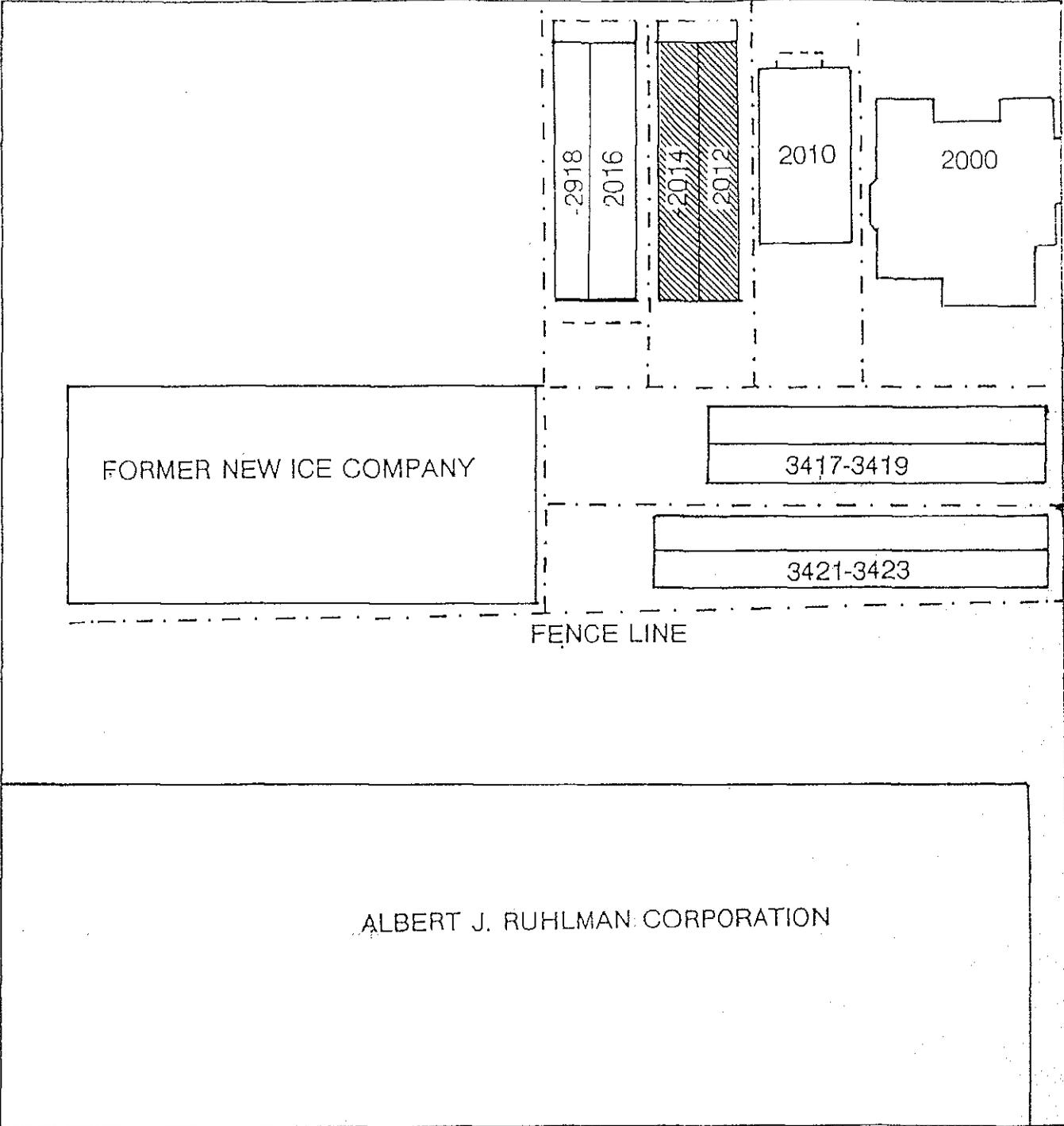
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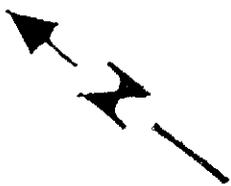
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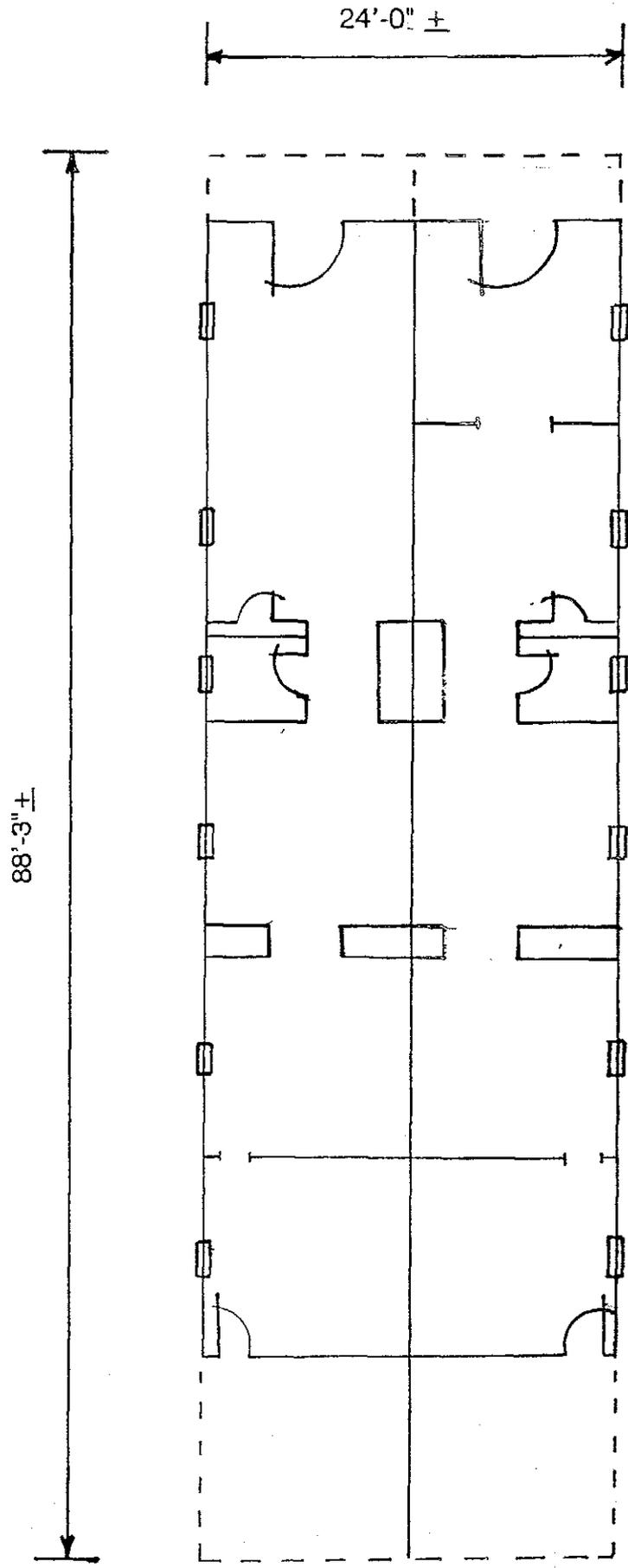
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