

2008 NORTH LAMAR AVENUE (HOUSE)
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Location: 2008 North Lamar 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 Tampa from the turn-of-the-century through the 1920s.

Description: This Frame Vernacular building has a complex form consisting of a two-and-one-half-story square block surrounded by a one-story massing on the east and south sides. The one-story portion is the original massing of the house and was constructed ca. 1903. It is topped by a cross-gable roof. The two-and-one-half-story mass was a ca. 1912 addition and is topped by a pyramidal roof with a gabled dormer on the both the front and rear slopes. The roof is covered with 5-V crimp metal. The wood frame structural system is clad in wood drop siding and rests on a brick pier foundation. A full-width, hipped roof porch with Tuscan wood columns is located on the front façade. This porch has wood flooring and knee wall clad in drop siding. An inset porch is located on the rear façade between a protruding gable roof laundry room extension and a hipped roof sleeping porch. Fenestration consists of wood double-hung sash windows with three-over-one light configurations, wood casement windows with three-over-one configurations, wood fixed windows with three-over-one configurations, and a wood fixed stained glass window with thirteen panes. The windows are found individually, paired, and ribbon. The building is ornamented by exposed rafter tails, wood surrounds on all the doors and windows, vents in the gable ends, and classical porch columns. Historic alterations to this building include several additions, greatly increasing the size of the building. Non-historic alterations include the removal of several exterior doors, removal of an original chimney, and modifications to the porches. The building was moved to its current location from 506 East Ross Avenue in 2003 and completely renovated at that time.

The interior of the first story of the house has a mostly open floor plan. The kitchen and dining room are separated by an extension of the cabinets creating a bar. The dining room and living room are separated only by the staircase that splits the floor plan. There is a separated bedroom and sleeping porch on the first floor as well. The second story plan is similar to an American Foursquare. There are three roughly equal size bedrooms with the staircase and hallway occupying the remaining space. Within the hallway space on the second floor is a spiral staircase that leads to a partially finished half-story above. The interior of the house was completely renovated in 2003. The bathrooms, kitchen, plaster, doors, and hardware were all replaced at that time. It is likely some walls were also removed on the first floor between the kitchen and dining room.

History: 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. The building does not appear in City Directory records until 1912, although Sanborn Maps show the building present as early as 1903. The first resident listed in 1912 was Alfred Venentes, a cigar maker. In the years following 1912, ownership of the house changed frequently, with many cigar makers occupying it in the earlier years of the 1910s, and then more professionals such as jewelers and insurance agents from the 1920s on. In 2003, the building was moved from 506 East Ross Avenue to its current location on Lamar Avenue, at which time it was completely renovated.

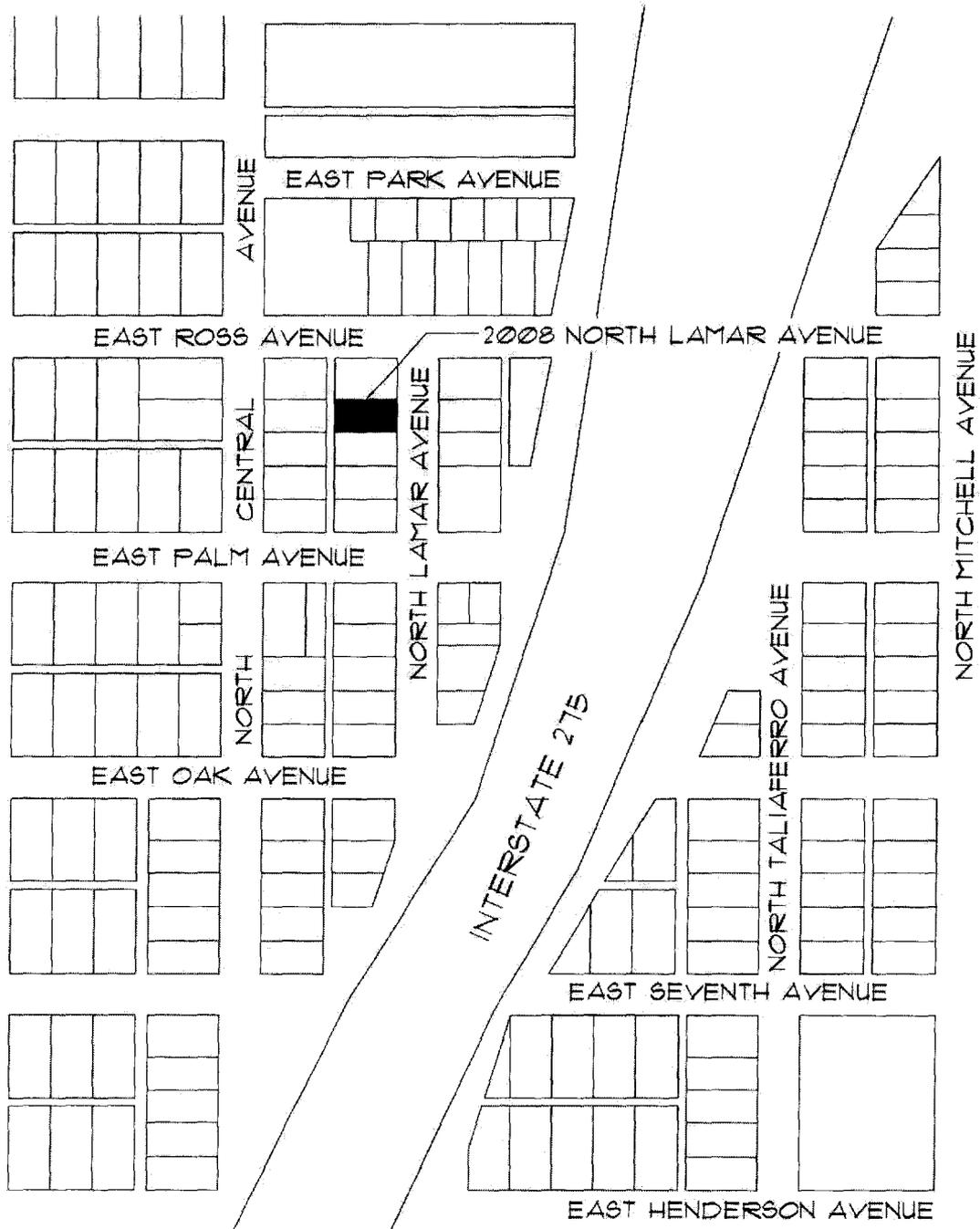
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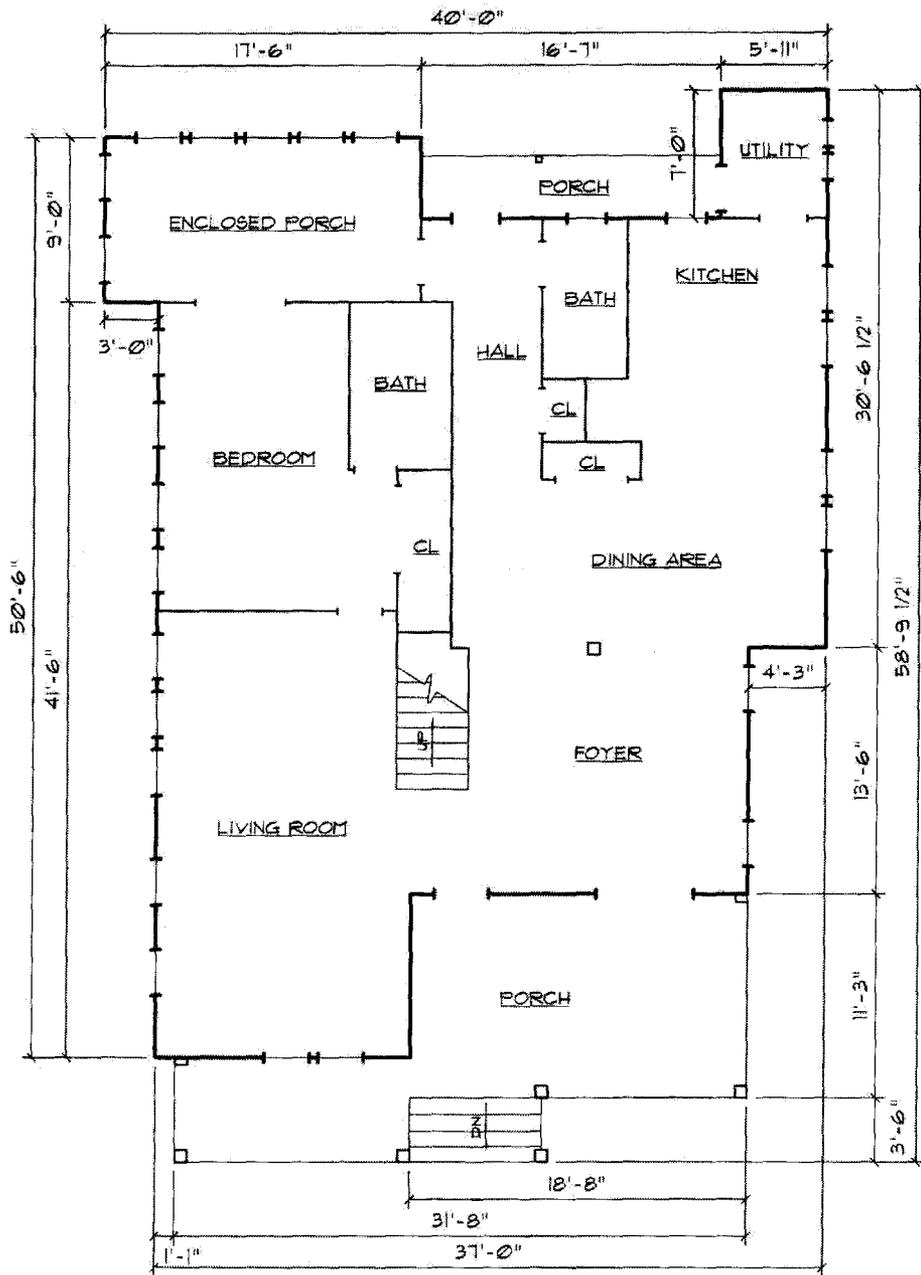
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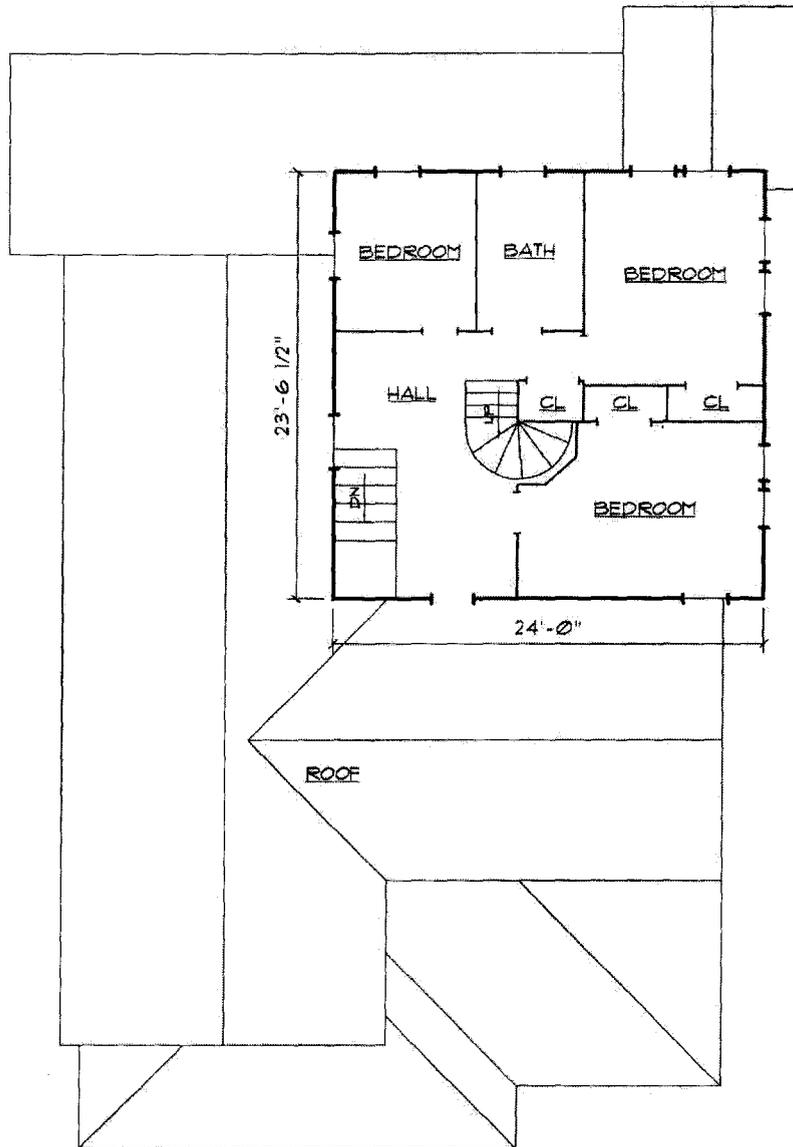
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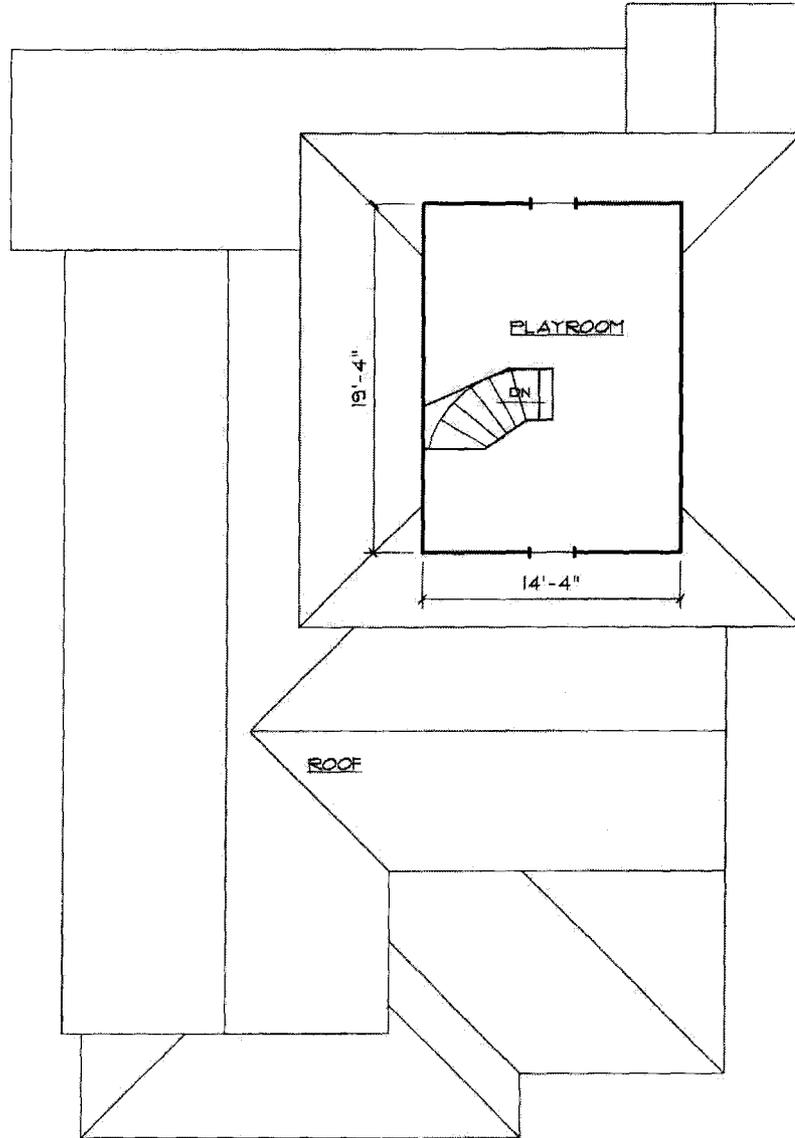
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