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3421-3423 Danneel Street
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Location: 3421-3423 Danneel Street, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana

USGS New Orleans West, Louisiana Quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
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Significance: The Ferrera Tenement House II, located at 3421-3423 Danneel Street, 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, four-plex dwelling was constructed ca. 1923. The dwelling is an example of a utilitarian multiple-family dwelling.

Description: The Ferrera Tenement House II is a symmetrical, single-story, frame dwelling supported by brick piers and terminating in a gable roof sheathed in seal tab shingles. The design of the building adopts a gable-front orientation facing Danneel Street. The front gable-end of the roof is extended creating a pedimented porch roof. The roof rafters also are extended. The front gable-end includes a six-light window enframed by simple board surrounds.

The exterior walls of the building are clad in 6" clapboard; building corners are accented by simple cornerboards. Window units are six-light-over-six-light wooden sash set in simple board frames. Doors are five panel wood units. Door and window units are similar in design to those installed in the adjoining building (3417-3419 Danneel Street).

Open concrete stoops are located on both sides of the structure. Stoops are defined by simple pipe railings.

The building is divided into four dwelling units. The interior design of each unit utilizes a plan of four interconnecting rooms. Interior finishes include original plaster walls and narrow board flooring. Modifications to the units include the installation of fiber board panelling and carpeting.

History: Mrs. Rose P. Ferrera, the builder of 3417-3419 Danneel, also built 3421-3423 Danneel. The City of New Orleans connected water and sewerage lines to both structures in 1923. The Sanborn Insurance Map of 1937 identifies the buildings as "colored tenements." In 1933, Herman Tross and his family purchased and occupied 3421 Danneel Street. The remainder of the building was rented.

Herman Tross, a longshoreman, and his wife Nathalie, a sweeper in a cotton mill, resided at 3421 Danneel into the second half of the twentieth century. Herman Tross died after 1956; Nathalie Tross maintained the residence until at least 1969. A succession of tenants occupied the remainder of the building through the Tross ownership. Elgin Grossley, 4793 Pauline Drive, owned the property in 1991.

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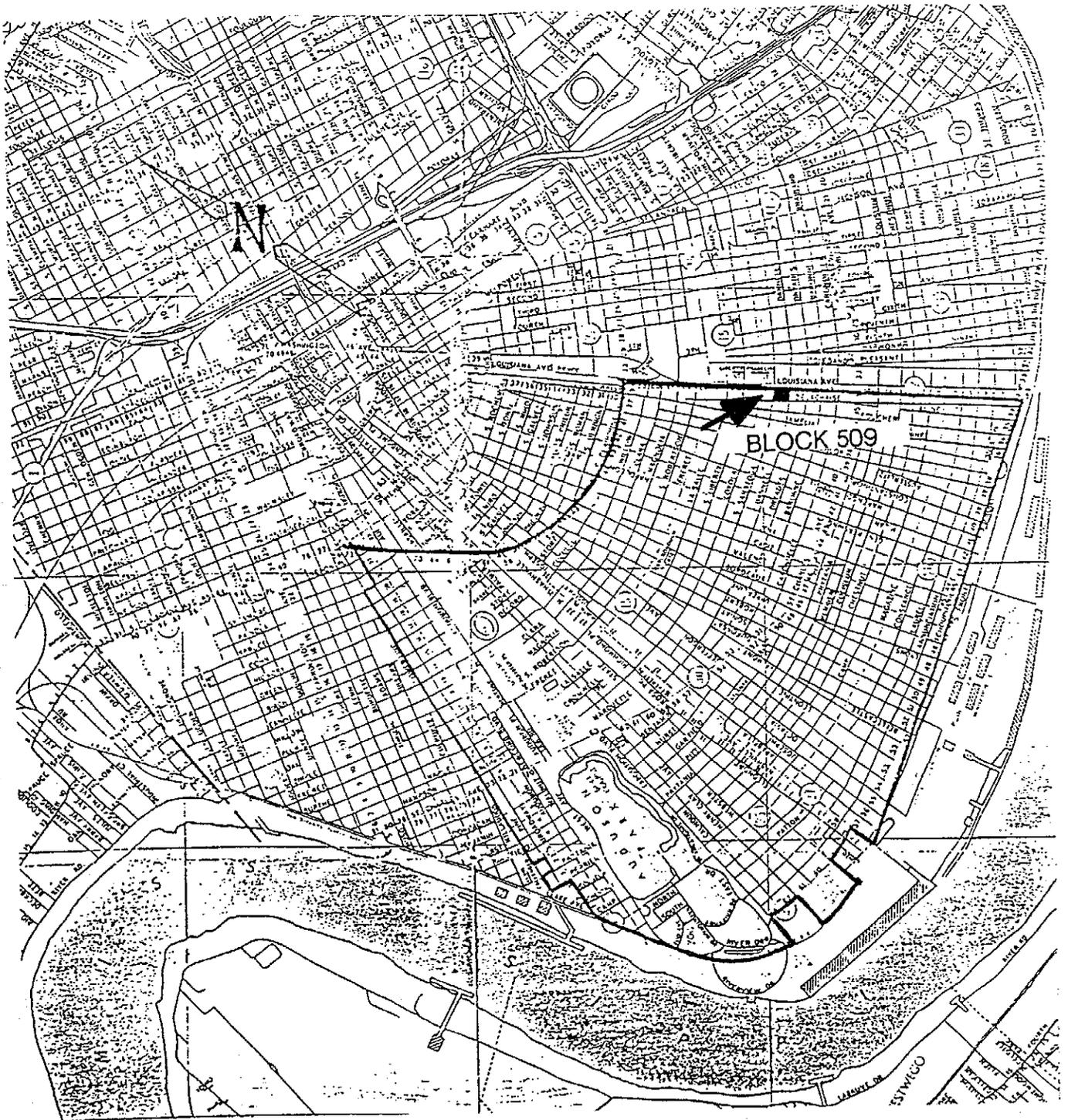
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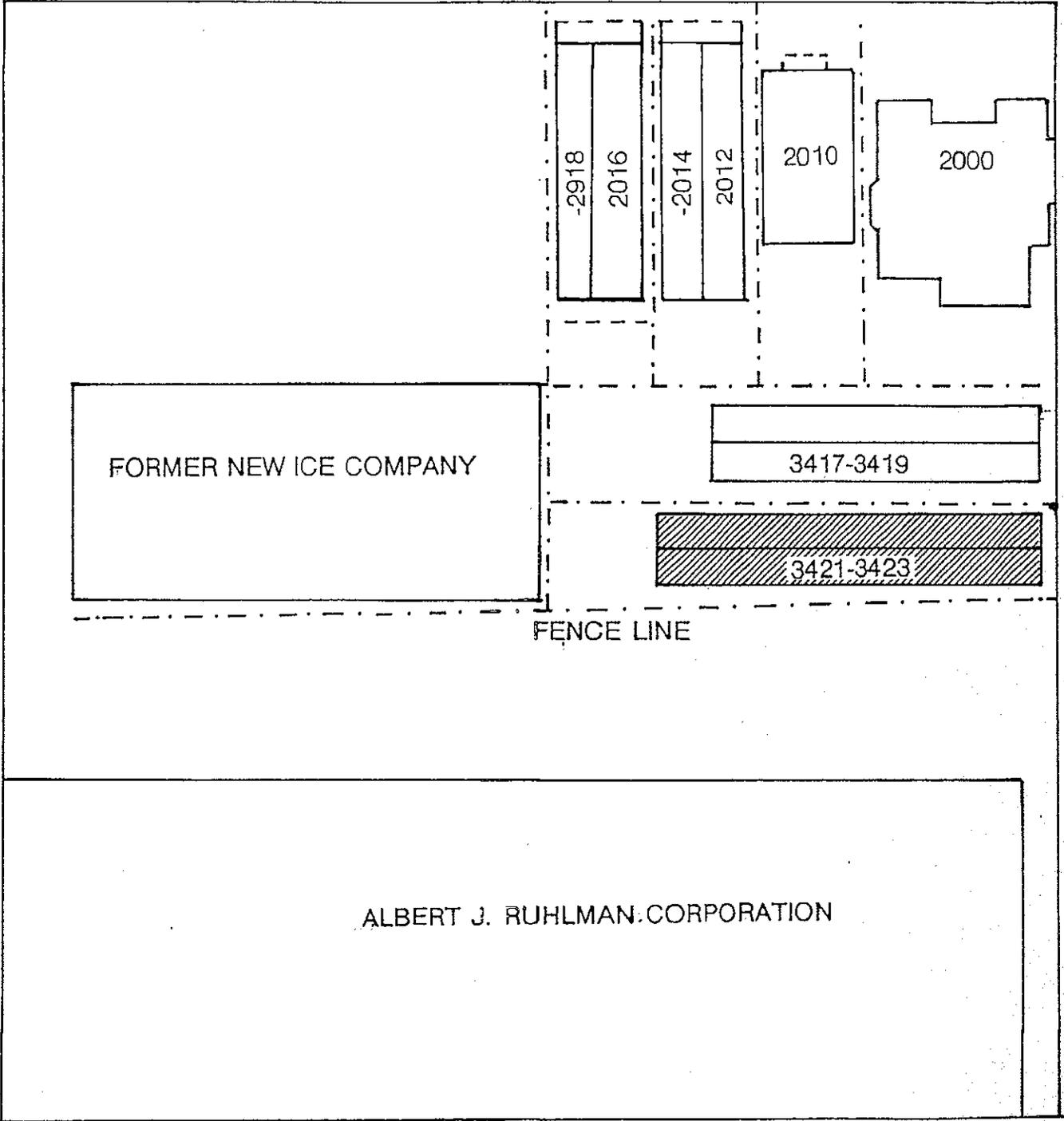
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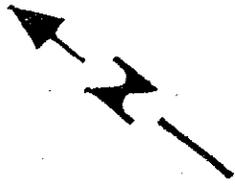
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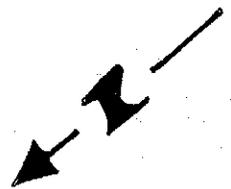
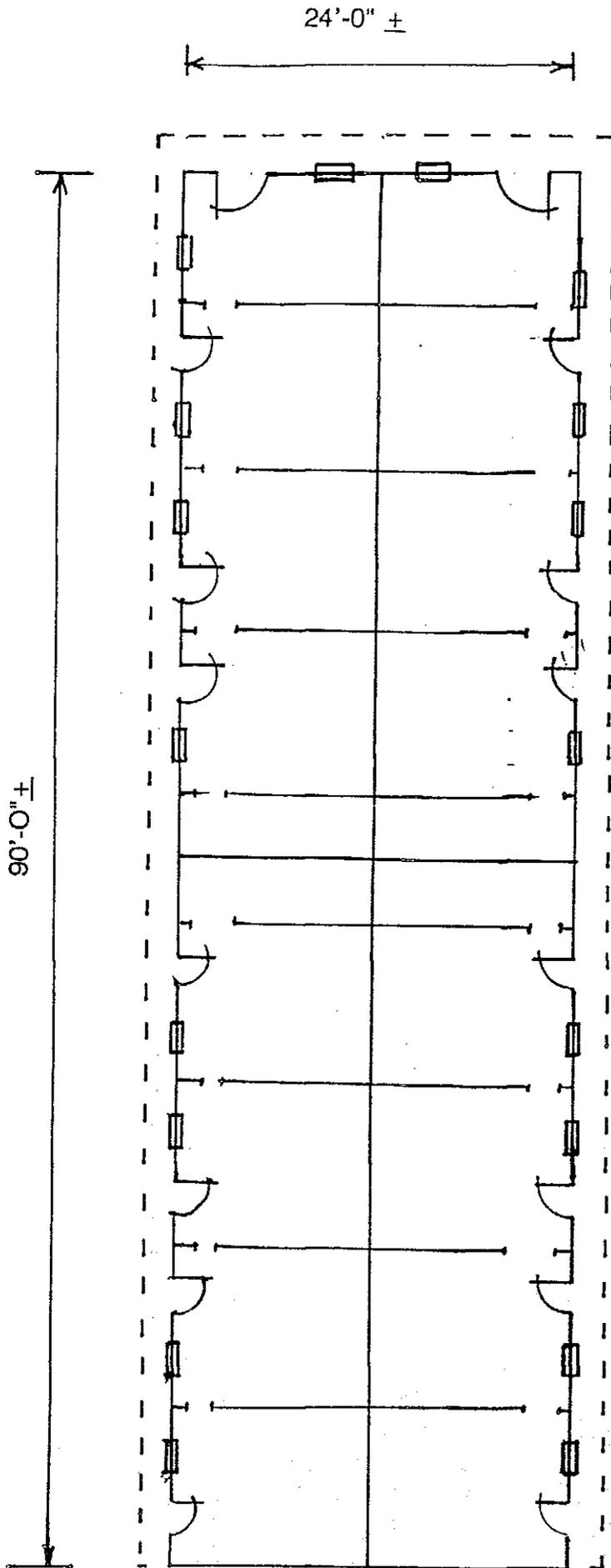
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