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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name N/A
other names/site number Redondo Beach Original Townsite Historic District

2. Location North Gertruda Avenue, Carnelian Street, North Guadalupe Avenue and
street & number Diamond Street N/A not for publication
city, town Redondo Beach N/A vicinity
state California code ca county Los Angeles code 037 zip code 90277

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>49</u>	<u>19</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		_____	Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kathryn Gualtieri Signature of certifying official 5/23/88 Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Alan S. Ryan Signature of the Keeper 6-30-88 Date of Action

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single DwellingMultiple Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single DwellingMultiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/CraftsmanMission/SpanishNeo-Classical Revival/Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls ClapboardStuccoroof Asphalt

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This Original Townsite Historic District is composed of one- and two-story buildings, most are sided with redwood clapboard. The predominant styles are Craftsman and Colonial Revival. There are neo-classical row houses, Craftsman bungalows and Mission Style architecture found here. These houses are typical Southern California styles. There are single-family homes, multi-family buildings, and many original garages and sheds. Integrity throughout the district is moderately high.

When this area was settled, all of the residents had a view of the Pacific Ocean, which is five blocks to the west. At the southern edge of the district is Redondo Union High School, which is the oldest campus in the area. Unfortunately, most of the early school buildings have been razed. The Sweetzer House (a National Register house) is at the northern end of this district. A small hill rises to the east and most lots have a moderate change in grade. The properties on the east side of the street all have retaining walls averaging two feet. All of the setbacks are about twenty feet with the front yard area mainly lawn, shrubs, and flowers. The parkway trees are oleander and magnolia, some of the magnolia trees were cut down and new ones planted.

The buildings are redwood clapboard sided; most are painted pastel colors and white, and three are stained brown. Six houses have asbestos shingles covering the clapboard. Two houses had the asbestos shingle removed and the redwood siding is in excellent shape. The roofs are gable or hipped and covered with asphalt shingle. Originally, they were all wooden shingle roofs. The windows are double hung sash with fixed panes in some of the bay and front windows. A single wall house has windows that open in with either a side or top latch. The structural system is balloon frame for the most part and the foundations are concrete or brick. There are many chimneys, but few fireplaces. The chimneys were constructed to vent the wood burning stoves. There is a significant number of original garages and sheds built within fifteen years of the construction of the houses. The concrete block garages were built in the early fifties, they are one- and two-car, with flat roofs. The lots on North Guadalupe Avenue and North Gertruda Avenue all have a frontage of forty feet, but vary in depth from 79 to 150 feet. The lots on the east side are much shallower than those on the west side of the block. The houses are generally in very good repair, with house and yard kept in nice condition; one notable exception being the house at 305

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Exploration/Settlement
Architecture

1906-1925

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Significance:

The lovely seaside community of Redondo Beach, which is the oldest beach community in this area, is being developed at an alarming rate and few examples of buildings from the early settlement have survived. This district was settled at a rapid rate, most houses were built within an eight year period, from 1906 to 1914. The proximity to the Pacific Electric rail lines and downtown Redondo Beach made this a very convenient area to live in. These were, and are, the homes of the typical Redondo Beach resident. This district remains the largest concentration of intact buildings left in Redondo Beach. It was recognized as eligible for National Register listing in the city's architectural inventory.

Redondo Beach became a town in 1887. There was nothing here at that time except a pier and a railway. The main source of income was the shipping industry; ships brought lumber and grain to the pier, which was then sent to Los Angeles by rail. San Pedro was vying for our shipping trade and ultimately won as the "Port of Los Angeles". This rather effectively delayed the growth of Redondo Beach. However, by 1892, when Redondo Beach incorporated, a beautiful big hotel had been built and some houses had been constructed.

In 1906, Henry Huntington bought the Redondo narrow gauge rail line. This started a land boom and, by 1907, many new homes were being built. This district represents the largest concentration of structures dating from that period of development. And as this district was bordered by the now removed rail lines, settlement was rapid. Redondo Beach was now a popular tourist town, with a Pavillion, large indoor plunge, and amusement area. The new railway brought people to the seashore from all over Los Angeles County, some to spend the day, some to spend their entire lives here.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 3.36 acres

UTM References

A

1	1	3	7	1	8	3	0	3	7	4	5	9	5	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

1	1	3	7	1	9	0	0	3	7	4	5	7	9	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

1	1	3	7	1	7	4	0	3	7	4	5	8	9	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Verbal Boundary Description

300 block North Gertruda Ave., 505-507-509-511 North Guadalupe Avenue, 512-610-612-614 Carnelian Street and 625 Diamond Street. See enclosed map.

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Boundary Justification

Boundaries coincide with the largest concentration of historically significant structures.

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11. Form Prepared By

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North Gertruda Avenue which has been vacant and neglected for over twelve years. The non-contributing buildings include three circa 1910 houses: 319 (rear) North Gertruda Avenue, 326 North Gertruda Avenue, and 625 Diamond Street. 319 (rear) is a very small wood frame house that has been stucco coated. The other two houses had the clapboard siding removed and replaced with vertical grooved plywood and both have porches which have been recently altered. The non-contributing newer buildings are at 312, 321 (rear), and 323 North Gertruda Avenue. The house at 312 was built in 1980 on the lot which had the garage to 314 North Gertruda Avenue. This two-story building has the same setback and siting as other houses on the block and has enough wood siding to blend in. The four unit apartment building at 323 North Gertruda Avenue has the same setback and scale as the rest of the block, however, the flat roof and stucco exterior doesn't blend with the area at all. 321 (rear) is a two-story stucco apartment with the living quarters upstairs and three garages below.

In the early 1900's, this area was five blocks from downtown Redondo Beach, close enough to all the activity, yet far enough away to be a neighborhood. Now there is no downtown Redondo Beach. Redevelopment destroyed all of the original downtown area and replaced it with apartments and condominiums. However, the Redondo Pier is still standing seven blocks from this area and is a major tourist draw to our city.

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1. 303 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1907/08
Contributing

This is a Colonial Revival house built in a rectangular plan. The roof is a slightly flared hip style with a front-facing gable over a large angled bay window. The center window is fixed and the side windows are double-hung sash. Wide wood molding surrounds the window and door. An inset porch covers half the front area and is supported by large square columns. A pergola is on the southeast side of the house. The clapboard siding is covered by asbestos shingles.

Wylie M. Browning, an insurance man, real estate man, and a Justice of the Peace, had this house constructed. He lived here through 1917. He appears in Who's Who in California, page 600, 1928, 1929.

2. 305 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1911
Contributing

This Craftsman has a one and one-half story square plan with a cross-gabled roof and a front-facing shed dormer on the upper story. Square pillars and triangular brackets support the front porch, which is inset under the front gable. The porch is partially enclosed with the pillars resting on a clapboard wall. Triangular brackets support the overhanging eaves, and the rafters are exposed. A square bay window as well as a brick chimney is located on the south side of the building. This house has been vacant for 12 years and is in need of repair, however, no vandalism has occurred.

The house was built for George W. Reed (Jennie K.), a street superintendent in Redondo Beach. They lived here through 1927.

The house was built for \$2000.00 by/for G. W. Reed.

2. a. Garage Construction Date: Est. 1920
Contributing

There is a small garage sided with corrugated metal, with a metal, gabled roof occupying the southwest side of the lot. The two metal garage doors swing open.

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3. 307 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1907
Contributing

This Colonial Revival house is built in a rectangular plan with a medium hipped roof. A front-facing gable covers a porch which has been enclosed with clapboard siding and multi-paned glass windows. A newer shed dormer projects along the north side of the roof. The slightly flared roof shows an Oriental influence, the eaves are boxed. There are two bay windows, one on the north and one on the south side, with sash and transom windows. The porch has a double 4-light glass door completing the porch enclosure. The clapboard siding has been covered with aluminum.

A permit for a sun parlor was taken out in 1921.

4. 309 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1907
Contributing

A Colonial Revival style house with a bell-cast, hipped roof and a front-facing, pedimented gable which extends over the left front, capping the square bay window. The roof is supported by pairs of scalloped rafters, the cornice is boxed. The walls are narrow clapboard and are topped with a frieze and moldings. The front porch is enclosed with fixed windows.

4. a. Garage Construction Date: 1939
Non-contributing

There is a gable-roofed, one-car garage on the northwest corner of the lot. The building is sheathed in clapboard siding.

5. 311 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1913
Contributing

This two-story Craftsman is built in the "airplane" style, square in plan. The top story is covered with wood shingles and the bottom story is clapboard. The windows are symmetrical with the center window fixed and the side windows double-hung sash. The wooden door with a six-light glass panel is in the center of the covered porch. Sea shells have been affixed to the window frames, door frames, and fence of this house.

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George Hibbard had this house built in 1913 for \$1500.00. He was the proprietor of a furniture store in Redondo Beach. In 1925, Franklin Blausey (Magdalena), district superintendent of Southern California Edison Company, lived here.

5. a. Greenhouse Construction Date: 1948
Non-contributing

There is an old glass greenhouse in the backyard; the bottom is concrete block and the rest of the structure is wood frame enclosed with glass set into wooden frames.

5. b. Garage Construction Date: 1913
Contributing

There is an original single-car garage on the south side of the lot. The roof is a front-facing gable with asbestos shingles. The siding is clapboard and matches the house. The double doors open out.

6. 313 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1914
Contributing

This is a square Craftsman Bungalow with an Oriental tilt to the gabled roof. The porch extends across the front of the house, is partially enclosed, and supported by four elephantine square columns sitting on concrete piers.

Two double-hung sash windows flank the door, which is wood, and has a six-light glass window on the top part. The house is sided with redwood clapboard.

A building permit for an addition was taken out in 1925.

Henry Myers (Mary E.) was the earliest known residents in 1917. He was an engineer.

6. a. Garage Construction Date: 1914
Contributing

There is a matching one-car, original garage in the back yard; the roof is a front-facing gable, a window is on either side of the building. The garage

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doors are of vertical wood with hinges on either side, opening out. There is a large waterfall and pond, spanned by a concrete and rock bridge, on the northeast area of the back yard.

7. 315 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1913
Contributing

This neo-classical/craftsman is a square plan building capped by a hipped roof with a small vented dormer. The front porch is partially enclosed and supported by four tapered columns. The northeast side of the porch has been enclosed with clapboard siding and windows.

In 1917, Charles and Hattie Hazlewood resided here. He was an employee of Pacific Electric.

7. a. Garage Construction Date: 1936
Non-contributing

There is a circa 1936 two-car garage on the southwest side of the yard. A medium pitch front-facing gable roof caps the double, sliding garage doors. The building is sheathed in clapboard.

7. b. Out building Construction Date: Unknown
Non-contributing

A small rectangular storage shed with a gable roof and clapboard siding is in the northwest corner of the lot.

8. 317 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1922
Contributing

(Front house) This Craftsman bungalow is square in shape with a side gabled, wood shingle roof.

Large, triangular brackets are supporting the roof. A large front gable is centered over the front porch. The porch roof is supported by two elephantine columns resting on a flat concrete base. The front door is centered with a symmetrical set of three windows on either side. The windows have decorative eight-light panels on the top pane. The siding is narrow redwood clapboard.

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Kenneth E. Boggs and his spouse, Louise A., lived here in 1925. He was a meatcutter for the Sweetzer Market in Redondo Beach.

9. 317-1/2 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1922
Contributing

(Rear house) There is a one-story, single-car garage with an attached two-story house behind the garage. The house follows the same general style of the front house. It has a combination gable and shed roof and is sheathed with narrow clapboard siding.

Robert and Grace Burns lived here in 1926; he was a plumber.

Also listed as living here is Henry and Ruth Snook. Henry was a cabinet maker for Pacific Electric.

10. 319 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1911
Contributing

(Front house) This two-story Craftsman/Colonial Revival is a large square house consisting of four apartments.

A side facing gable caps the front porch and a front facing gable caps the second floor. Decorative triangular brackets support the eaves. The front porch occupies two thirds of the front of the house and is supported by two round columns on a solid clapboard wall. The windows are symmetrical, double-hung sash. The house is sheathed in wide clapboard. The use in multi-family: four one-bedroom apartments.

Samuel Humer pulled a building permit in the amount of \$2,000.00.

In 1912 the following tenants were living here:

- J. Agner, a blacksmith at Star Blacksmith Shop.
- C. J. Cheek, an employee for Standard Oil.
- S. T. Humer, motorman for Pacific Electric, probable owner of 319.
- Sidney Jones, an employee of Pacific Electric.
- Samuel L. Neyhart, an employee of Pacific Electric.
- H. Smith, a conductor for Pacific Electric.

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11. 319 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1911
Non-contributing

(Rear house) This rectangular-shaped, one-story house located on the south-central portion of the lot has been covered with stucco. The windows are double-hung sash in wooden frames. The roof is a low hipped style with asphalt shingles.

12. 321 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1910
Contributing

This Neo-classical house is a square plan with a high pitched hipped roof with projecting eaves and rafters. The roof extends over a recessed porch and is supported by two square columns. There is a gabled dormer centered in the front of the roof. The front porch area has been faced with aluminum siding and flagstone rock, the rock also has been used to create a flower bed across the front of the building.

V. O. Roberts, the owner of a grocery store in the old plunge building, lived here in 1912. In 1916, Louis Molnar, Mayor of Redondo Beach from 1916-1918, lived at this address.

13. 321-1/2 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1972
Non-contributing

A newer stucco garage apartment is in the back (west) side of the property. This is a two-story building with a hipped roof. The single apartment is on the top floor, and three one-car garages are on the bottom floor. This residence and garage was built in 1972.

14. 323 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1967
Non-contributing

A four-unit, stucco apartment replaced the original 1908 bungalow in 1967. This is a two-story rectangular building with a flat roof and a square, boxy exterior. A two-car garage is attached to the main building. The setback and scale of these buildings go well with the neighborhood, however, the style and materials used do not.

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14. a. Garage Construction Date: 1967
Non-contributing

There is a four-car, detached, one-story garage across the back (west) of the lot.

15. 325 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1912
Contributing

(Front house) This large two-story Craftsman is situated in the front of the lot. The square plan is sided with wide redwood clapboard. There is a small overhang between the first and second floor. Large decorative brackets are under the main gable and the porch gable. The house is very symmetrical, matching double windows are on either side, both floors. The front porch is inset with a small gable roof over the concrete stairs. The three doors leading to the three apartments open off the porch. The back of the building was remodeled in 1977 in the same materials and style as the rest of the building. There are three apartments in this building, two one-bedroom apartments downstairs and a two bedroom upstairs. This building was constructed for \$2,500.00.

In 1917, early residents included:

Frank Sorenson, a brakeman, and his wife Meriam.
Hiram and Lucy Searles (owners). Hiram was a carpenter.

In 1925, Mrs. Lina E. Wise (widow Beauregard) rented furnished rooms from this address.

16. 325 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1906
Contributing

(Rear house) This board and batten house is built in a "T"-shaped plan. The roof is hipped with asphalt roll roofing over wood shingles. The windows are a combination of multi-paned fixed and casement windows that open in. The door is wood with a combination of wood panels and rectangular glass panels.

The house sits on wooden blocks and is one of the few original single-wall "Beach" houses left in Redondo Beach. Nothing has been changed in this house in years. It is currently used for storage and will be restored as part of a Masters Thesis in Historical Preservation.

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17. 327 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1906
Contributing

This Colonial Revival has a slightly bell-cast hipped roof which partially covers an enclosed porch. Two decorative square columns are supporting the porch. The house is sided with narrow clapboard. A bay window is on the south side of the house, the center window is fixed with decorative pane glass on top. The two side windows are double-hung sash.

In 1912, E. L. Stanley, an owner of a confection stand on the Midway, lived here.

17. a. Garage Construction Date: 1952
Non-contributing

There is a three-car garage in the back following the same plan and materials as the house. The roof is side gabled, the siding is wide clapboard and the three doors are wood and pull up to open.

18. 329 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1908
Contributing

This square, one-story house has a hipped roof with a front-facing gable to the south of the main facade. The partially enclosed porch is supported by a round pillar. The siding flares out toward the bottom giving a skirt effect. The clapboard siding has been covered with asbestos shingles. This house is a duplex with two one-bedroom apartments on either side.

In 1912, John H. Foote, an employee of Pacific Light and Power Company, lived here.

18. a. Garage Construction Date: 1920
Contributing

There is a three-car board and batten garage in the back, facing Carnelian Street. It has a shed roof and doors that pull up to open.

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19. 51~~2~~ Carnelian Street Construction Date: 1907
Contributing

This small house is a beach bungalow with a Colonial Revival influence. The roof is hipped with eaves overhanging and rafters exposed. The siding has been covered with asbestos shingles. This is a small house on a very small lot.

This house on Carnelian appears on the Sanborn Map (May 1908) as the back house of 329 North Gertruda Avenue. The lot has been split and this house has a Carnelian Street address.

20. 302 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1907/08
Non-contributing

This one-story structure is neo-classical in plan, built in a rectangular shape. The gable roof faces the front of the house. A raised concrete front porch is surrounded by wooden railings and the hipped porch roof is supported by 4" x 4" pillars. In 1986, a major remodel took place and the walls were raised 3 feet, changing the height of the house. The original exterior siding and windows have been retained, and the remodel has maintained the character of the original house. There is an aluminum windows on the south side of the house and one in the front gable.

C. E. Deckman, a conductor for Pacific Electric railroad lived here in 1912. In 1925, Chester Meek, a partner in Jefferis and Meek Ford/Lincoln Agency (located at 412-422 Diamond Street), lived here with his wife, Mildred.

20. a. Garage Construction Date: 1950
Non-contributing

A rectangular, block wall, one-car garage is on the southeast corner of the lot. The roof is flat and there is a deck on the top. A permit was taken out in 1950 for a 22' x 22' garage.

21. 304 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1911
Contributing

This one-story, square plan house is a California bungalow. it has a medium gabled roof with triangular brackets supporting the front gable. The porch

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extends across the front of the house and has been enclosed with clapboard siding and windows. A bay window with decorative pane glass is on the north side, as is a brick chimney.

Dr. Ernest G. Butt and his wife, Olive May, had this house built for \$2,000.00 and lived here through 1917. He was a physician and surgeon and practiced in Redondo Beach until his death.

21. a. Garage Construction Date: 1911
Contributing

An original one-car garage and attached shed is on the northeast corner of the lot. It has a shed roof and is wood framed with board and batten siding. The garage doors are wooden, have large metal hinges, and open out.

22. 306 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1921
Contributing

This California bungalow is built in a square plan; the gabled roof is side facing. There is a smaller gable over the porch which is supported by elephantine columns on concrete piers. The exterior walls are covered with narrow clapboard. Three narrow sash windows are grouped on either side of the doorway. Each window is mullioned with two long rectangles and two small squares at both top and bottom. A brick chimney is located on the south side of the house.

John J. Carr (Lilath) had the house built and lived here through 1936. He was employed by Standard Oil Company.

23. 308 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1911
Contributing

A Craftsman style house of one and one-half stories built in a square plan with a front double gabled roof. The roof has projecting eaves, which are supported by triangular brackets, and exposed rafters with cut out designs at the ends. The small lower gable which covers the entrance is decorated by wooden shingles and highlighted by a wide frieze. The door is flanked on either side by large sixteen-light fixed windows. A small bay window is constructed on the south side of the building. The siding is clapboard and shingle.

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J. F. Lurch, a proprietor of a general merchandise store in Redondo Beach, lived here from 1912 through 1927.

The house was built for \$1,500.00. A building permit was taken out by G. W. Reed and Ella Lurch.

23. a. Garage Construction Date: 1923
 Contributing

A small one-car stucco garage with a shed roof and double doors is on the southeast corner of the lot.

24. 310 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1911
 Contributing

(Front house) This house is a square plan Craftsman Bungalow with a high gabled roof. A smaller gable covers the porch which is supported by decorative triangular brackets. A bay window is on the south side of the house. The house is sided with clapboard which was covered with asphalt shingles in the 1940's.

G. W. Reynard (Lucy) lived here in 1917. He was employed by Pacific Electric.

25. 310-1/2 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1915
 Non-Contributing Major alterations ca. 1940

(Rear house) This is a rectangular, two-story building with a single-car garage on the bottom floor. The style is similar to the front house. The roof is gabled with a very shallow overhang and exposed rafters. A porch on the front is completely enclosed with four six-light windows. This house is covered with asbestos shingle siding over clapboard.

Richard M. and Elizabeth Tyrell, a proprietor of Redondo Bicycle shop, lived here in 1917.

The house was built for \$800.00, a building permit was taken out by W. H. Mountford.

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26. 312 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1980
Non-contributing

A modern, two-story house constructed of stucco and redwood. The upper floor is sided with clapboard. There is a second floor porch supported by wood columns with a double-car garage underneath. The original structure on this lot was a garage. The extensive use of redwood and the setback of this house blends in with the neighborhood.

27. 314 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1917-1925
Contributing

This square plan California Bungalow has a low hipped roof with a front-facing gable extending along the roof line. The raised entrance is sheltered by a small gable roof which is supported by two square columns. The porch and stairs are brick, as is a chimney on the south side of the house. Brick planters span the front of the house.

A building permit for a cellar was taken out in 1952.

In 1925/26, George W. Reynard, a painter for Pacific Electric, lived here with his wife, Lucy E. (In 1917, the Reynards were living at 310 North Gertruda in the front house.)

28. 316 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1907
Contributing

This Colonial Revival is built in a "L"-shaped plan with a gabled wing in the front. The roof is hipped, with rafters and eaves exposed. The siding is narrow clapboard with a band at floor level. Used brick has been added to the front wing covering the lower third of the wall and the foundation. There is a large angled bay window in the front with a fixed pane window in the center and double hung sash on either side.

28. a. Garage Construction Date: 1953
Non-contributing

A small block wall, single-car garage with a flat roof is on the southeast corner of the lot. A building permit was taken out in 1953 for this garage.

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29. 318 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1907
Contributing

This neo-classical row house is square in shape. The roof is wood shingle, hipped, with a boxed cornice and frieze. There is a small hipped dormer with diamond pane glass centered in the front roof. This house is an exact copy of 320, the exception that this house has an enclosed porch. The siding is narrow redwood.

Two lumber surveyors, H. L. and F. C. Hossler, lived here in 1912 with F. C.'s wife, Mary. In 1936, John Jenkins, a clerk in "The Moonstone" gambling parlor in Redondo Beach, lived here.

29. a. Garage Construction Date: 1953
Non-contributing

A two-car garage constructed of concrete blocks is on the southeast corner of the lot. The garage has a flat roof and was built in 1953.

30. 320 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: Circa 1907
Contributing

This neo-classical row house is the same as 318 North Gertruda Avenue, however, this house has an open front porch. The porch roof is supported by square decorated columns. The siding is narrow redwood and there is a wooden band circling the house at floor level.

John M. Smith, a car repairman, lived here in 1912.

30. a. Garage Construction Date: 1952
Non-contributing

There is a two-story garage constructed of concrete block and vertical wood siding on the southeast corner of the lot. It was built in 1952 and remodeled in 1987.

31. 322 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1922
Contributing

A low pitched, front gable roof caps this California bungalow. There is a smaller gable over the enclosed front porch. The front door is wooden panel

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and flanked by decorative glass panels on either side. Three windows are set in the front of the house with the same glass pattern found in the door lights. The siding is narrow redwood with end boards.

In 1925/26, John R. Dent, a carpenter, lived here with his wife Sallie. They lived here through 1952.

31. a. Garage Construction Date: 1924
Contributing

The garage is a two-car garage with sliding, double doors. The roof is flat; the siding is narrow clapboard with end boards. A building permit was taken out for a two-car garage in 1924.

32. 324 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1910
Contributing

A two-story Craftsman house sits in the middle of the lot. The roof is high pitched with offset gables. Wide clapboard siding with endboards sheaths the structure. The porch has been enclosed.

The upstairs windows are casement and open out. A one-car garage is underneath the house and was added in 1936.

The house was built for Fred and Hannah Shinn who lived here through 1917. He was a photographer and later a bookkeeper for Southern California Edison Company.

32. a. Garage Construction Date: 1910
Contributing

A very small, one-car garage, with no driveway access, sits on the southeast corner of the lot. The siding is board and batten; the roof is a front-facing gable. Two doors open out, each door has a six-light panel on the top fourth of each door.

33. 326 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1910
Non-contributing

A square California bungalow with a hipped roof sits on the middle of the lot. The roof is hipped with a front gable over the open front porch. This

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House has been altered by the removal of the clapboard siding and installation of vertical wood siding. The front northwest corner of the house has an enclosed front porch with louvered windows.

Charles A. Newcomb, a motorman for Pacific Electric lived here in 1912.

33. a. Garage Construction Date: 1979
Non-contributing

A two-car, flat roof stucco garage was constructed on the southeast corner of the lot in 1979.

34. 328 North Gertruda Avenue Construction Date: 1910
Contributing

A one and a half story, side-gabled Craftsman occupies the center of the lot. The roof has no overhang, but has a plain boxed cornice with a frieze and fascia. The roof is a high pitched, side-facing gable, with a shed dormer centered and a west facing gable over the partially enclosed front porch. The house is sided with wide clapboard siding which appears to have been added.

In 1912, George G. Hibbard, owner of Hibbard Hardware and Furniture Company, lived here. Max and Cecile Venable, owners of Redondo Motor Company, located at 315 Diamond, lived here in 1917.

34. a. Garage Construction Date: Est. 1910
Contributing

A three-car garage with gable and shed roof sits on the northeast corner of the lot with access from Carnelian Street. The structure is sided with clapboard siding.

35. Please note: There is no Building #35.

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36. 610 Carnelian Street Construction Date: 1910
Contributing

This is a small, one-story wood frame house, in an "L"-shape, sitting on a small lot. The roof is medium pitched with an Oriental tilt at the edge. The rafters and eaves are exposed in a wide overhang. There is a gable over both wings of the house with a small gable over the front porch. Two square posts support the porch roof with a railing on each side. The window in front is fixed with decorative panes in the top.

36. a. Garage Construction Date: 1910
Contributing

An original clapboard garage for two cars is between 610 and 612 Carnelian Street and each house shares the driveway and uses part of the garage. The garage faces north and has a shed roof.

37. 612 Carnelian Street Construction Date: 1922
Contributing

This squarely-shaped house has a high pitched hipped roof with a large overhang. A small vented dormer follows the style of the roof. The porch is partially enclosed with clapboard and supported by square columns. The porch stairs and side are wood. This house shares a garage and driveway with 610 Carnelian Street.

38. 614 Carnelian Street Construction Date: 1922
Contributing

This is a single-story, clapboard sided house, rectangular in shape. The roof is a low double gable facing the front with two gables facing the east side. The house occupies the southwest corner of Carnelian Street and North Guadalupe Avenue. The front door faces Carnelian. The porch has a low gable roof supported by elephantine columns resting on substantial concrete bases. There is a pergola on the east side of the house.

38. a. Garage Construction Date: 1922
Contributing

An original one-car garage is located on the back southwest corner of the lot. The garage and attached shed are clapboard sided with a shed roof.

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39. 511 North Guadalupe Avenue Construction Date: 1921
Contributing

This single-story, Spanish colonial house has a flat composition roof with a crenellated parapet. The stucco walls have small vents near the parapet. The front of the house has a narrow decorative roof of red tile, with a small gable in the center. The door is directly under the centered gable and a wide, low cement base leads to the front door. Two low columns are on either side of the porch.

39. a. Garage Construction Date: 1921
Contributing

A detached, original, stucco garage with the same style roof and doors sits at the southeast corner of the lot.

40. 509 North Guadalupe Avenue Construction Date: 1907
Contributing

A medium hipped roof with an off-set gable over the partially enclosed porch caps this neo-classical house. The recessed porch has a wooden base with three stairs, a door with a large glass window in the center of the porch, and another door on the north side. Two round, tapered columns support the south side of the porch, the north side is enclosed with a large multi-paned window. The north side of the house has a slightly rounded bay with three double-hung sash windows.

41. 507 North Guadalupe Avenue Construction Date: 1922
Contributing

A California bungalow rectangular house with narrow clapboard siding occupies the center of the lot. The low composition roof is gabled and has a wooden slat vent and exposed rafters and eaves. A smaller gable covers the open front porch. Square columns support the porch and fan-shaped stickwork adorns the porch gable. The south side of the house has a chimney that has been covered with clapboard and has a modern aluminum stack.

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41. a. Garage
Contributing Construction Date: 1922

The garage, located on the back of the lot, is built in the same style as the house with clapboard siding and a gable roof.

42. 505 North Guadalupe Avenue
Contributing Construction Date: 1907

This one-story wood clapboard house has a composition medium hip roof. A gable roof covers the front porch. The gable fascia and exposed rafter ends have cut out designs. The house has three bay treatments. The front bay is rounded and has two double-hung windows with shutters and a plain molding. The front porch has wrought iron porch supports and rails, a wooden front and screen door.

43. 505-1/2 North Guadalupe Avenue
Contributing Construction Date: 1907

There is a small, one-bedroom "L"-shaped house on the southwest corner of the lot. A low pitch gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the walls are board and batten. Part of the building appears to be a single wall structure, but this has not been determined.

44. 625 Diamond Street
Non-contributing Construction Date: Circa 1912

This is a single-story house with a medium gable roof. The original siding was removed and replaced with sheets of vertical wood siding and, during a restoration attempt, the porch roof fell off. The original garage was detached, now the replacement garage is attached to the east side of the house. So, although this house is an older building, it has been significantly altered. However, the original windows, frames, size, and shape of the house has not changed, so it is compatible with the neighborhood. The garage was built in 1971, and the siding of the house was replaced at the same time.

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The Original Townsite Historic District is located adjacent to the old rail lines. The early settlers on this block included Doctor Butt, one of the first doctors in Redondo Beach. He lived at 304 North Gertruda Avenue and maintained a practice in town his entire life. A real estate developer and Justice of the Peace by the name of Wylie Browning also lived here. He eventually appeared in Who's Who in California. This district had Red Car workers, a superintendent of streets, proprietors of confectionary stores, furniture stores, bicycle shops, and automobile agencies. And, with two rooming houses in the district, there was housing available for transient workers and tourists.

By 1925, the area was almost completely built up and Redondo Beach's period of boom development was coming to an end.

Over the years, changes have occurred, but, fortunately, there has been little alteration affecting the facade of the houses. As you walk down the street, you can feel the age of the block and sense the history that has gone on here. The best thing about this district is the sense of "neighborhood" we have. We have all ages here and everyone speaks to their neighbors and watches out for their safety. We now have doctors in the district, proprietors of their own businesses, plumbers, city employees, in short, a fair sampling of the people living in our city in the late 1980's.

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303 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, CA

Looking west at east facade, Building #1

Photo #2

305 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking west at east facade, Building #2

Photo #3

307 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, CA

Looking west at NE facade, Building #3

Photo #4

309 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking west at east facade, Building #4

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311 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking west at east facade, Building #5

Photo #6

313 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking west at east facade, Building #6

Photo #7

Looking NW at garage and fishpond, Building #6A
313 North Gertruda

Photo #8

317 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, CA

Looking west at east facade, Building #8

Photo #9

319 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking west at SE and east facade, Building #10

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319-321-323 North Gertruda Avenue
Redondo Beach Original Townsite Historic District

Looking NW, Buildings #10, 12, and 14

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321 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking west at east facade, Building #12

Photo #12

323 and 325 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, CA

Looking southwest, Buildings #14 and 15

Photo #13

325 North Gertruda Avenue (rear)
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking west at east facade, Building #16

Photo #14

327 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking west at SE and east facade, Building #17

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Looking west at east facade, Building #18

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512 Carnelian Street
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Looking south at north facade, Building #19
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Looking west at east side, Building #19
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302 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking north at SW and west facade, Building #20

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306, 304, and 302 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking north at west facade, Buildings #22, 21, and 20

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Looking east, Building #21

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Looking east, Building #22

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308 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east, Building #23

Photo #23

310 (front) North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east, Building #24

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310 (rear) North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east, Building #25

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Looking east, Building #26

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314 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east at west facade, Building #27

Photo #27

316 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east at west facade, Building #28

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318 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east, Building #29

Photo #29

320-318-316 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking south, Building #30, 29, and 28

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320 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east at west facade, Building #30

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Looking east, Buildings #30, 29, and 28

Photo #32

322 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking east at west facade, Buildin

Photo #33

324 North Gertruda Avenue
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking east at west facade, Building #32

Photo #34

326-324-322 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east, Buildings #33, 32, and 31

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326 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east at west facade, Building #33

Photo #36

328 North Gertruda Avenue
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Looking east at west facade, Building #34

Photo #37

610 Carnelian Street
Original Townsite Historic District
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Looking south at north facade, Building #36

Photo #38

612 Carnelian Street
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Looking south at north facade, Building #37

Photo #39

612-610 Carnelian Street
Original Townsite Historic District

Looking south, Buildings #37, 36

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614 Carnelian Street
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Looking south at north facade, Building #38

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511 North Guadalupe Avenue
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Looking west at east and SE facade, Building #39

Photo #42

509 North Guadalupe Avenue
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Looking west at east facade, Building #40

Photo #43

505 North Guadalupe Avenue
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Looking west at east facade, Building #42

Photo #44

505 1/2 North Guadalupe Avenue (rear)
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Looking west at east and NE facade, Building #43

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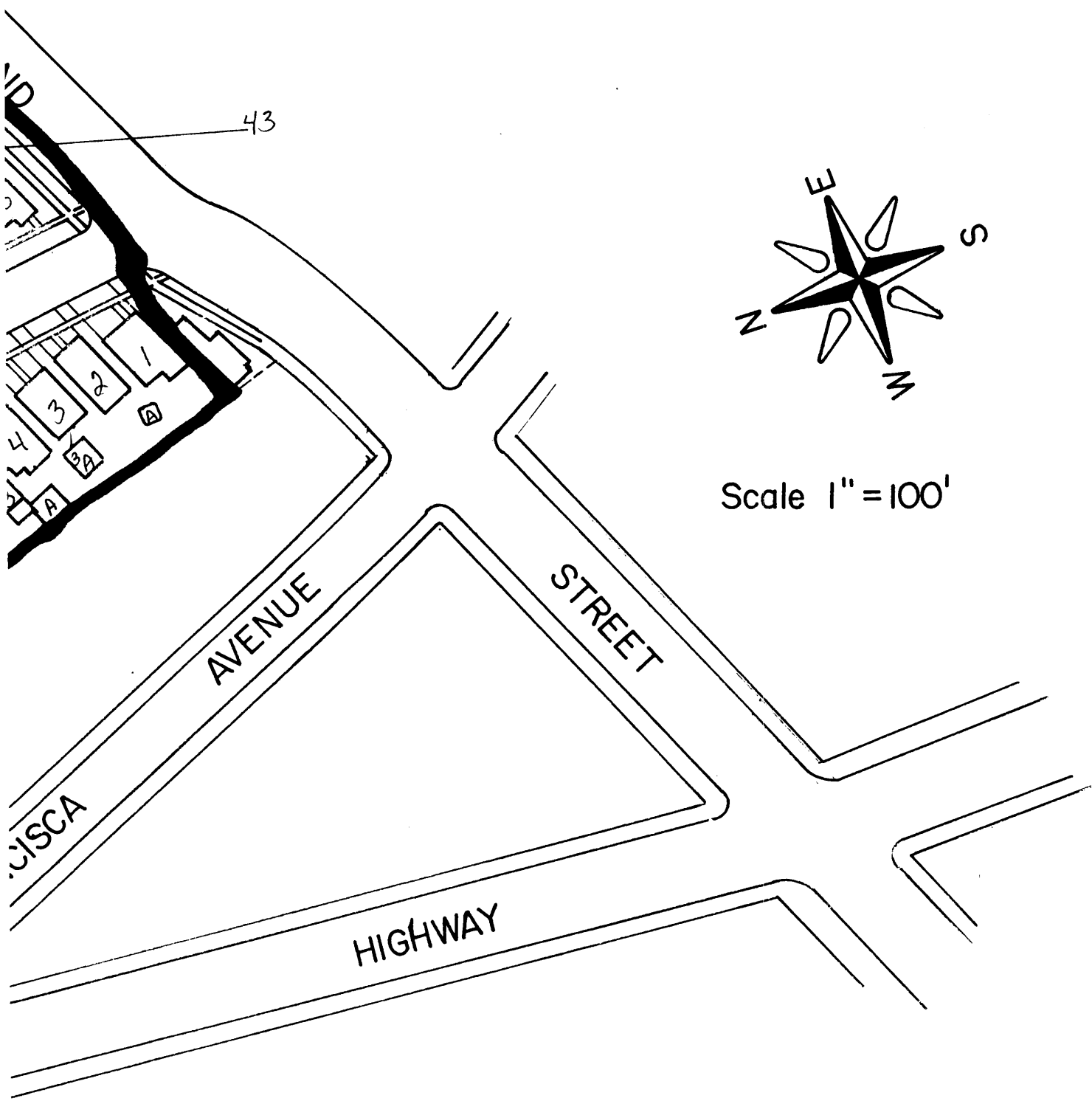
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625 Diamond Street
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Looking NE at south facade and west side, Building #44

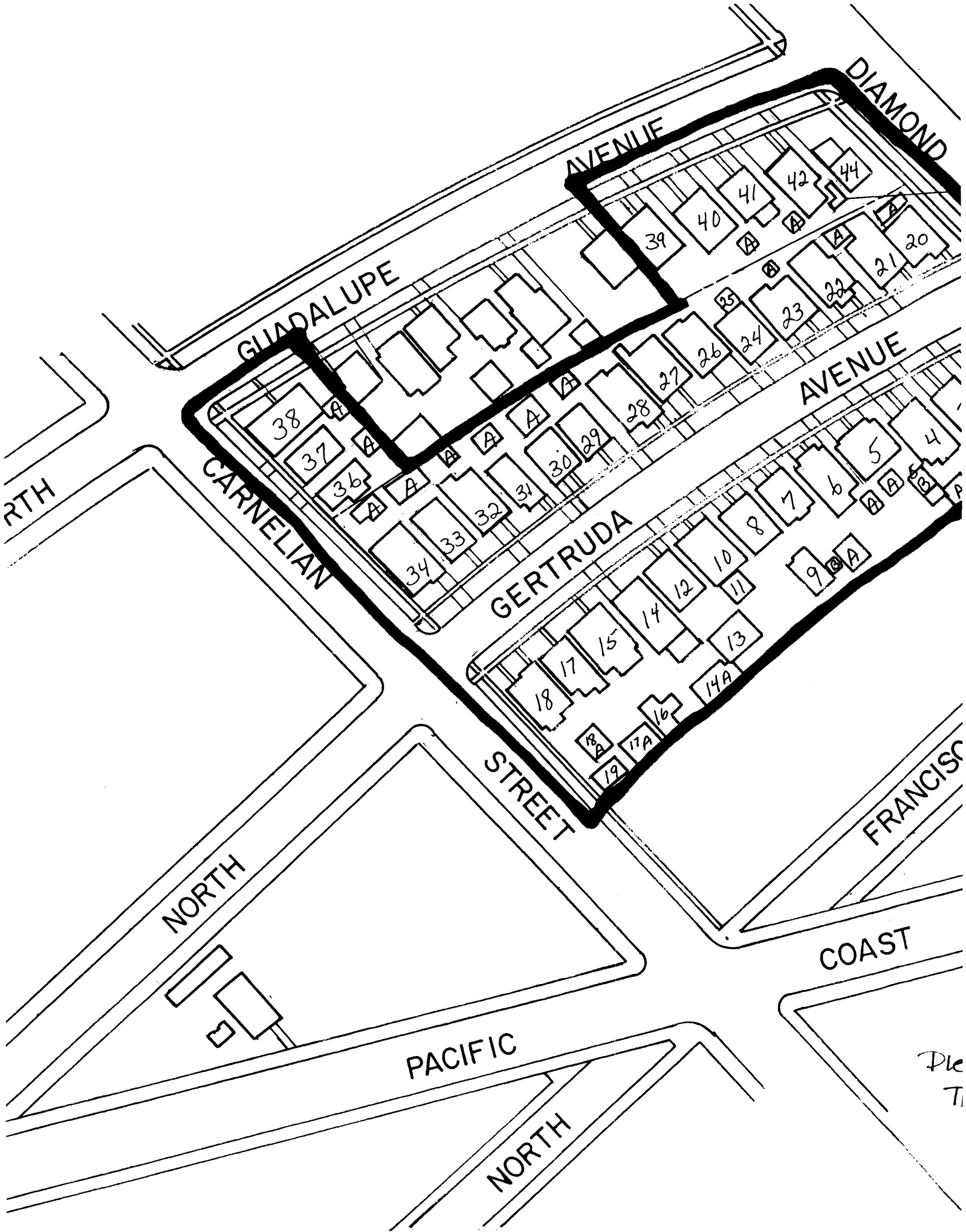
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