

## Neighborhood—Astoria

When Long Island City officially became part of Queens, New York City in 1908, it brought with it the neighborhood of Astoria. Increasingly accessible with plenty of opportunities for work, new family residences are being built here.



### RUDOLPH VALENTINO

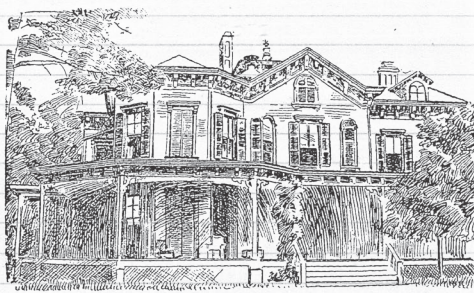
**HEART-THROB:** Beloved actor and sex symbol, divorced twice, had affairs.

**FIGHTER:** Challenged a reporter to a boxing match over what he wrote; won.

**TRAGEDY:** Dies age 31, in the middle of the decade. Mass mourning ensues.

### Notes

A neighborhood where RUSTIC manor houses mix with apartment buildings. Visitors find Astoria's rolling hills, parks and waterfront view of Manhattan ENCHANTING.



Gardens aren't the only thing GROWING around here: new, affordable apartments are bringing in new people, because there's plenty of NEW JOBS just waiting to be filled.

Not everything is as RESTFUL as the local sanitarium, however. Long the site of ghost stories, reports that the area is HAUNTED are finally being taken seriously.

**OLD FAMILIES:** The wealthy and aristocratic once lived here; most have moved to less populous neighborhoods, but some remain.

**TO COURT:** Remodeled after the 1904 fire, the courthouse serves all of Queens; many famous crimes are tried here.

**COMPANY TOWN:** Many new industrial jobs are available here, particularly at the Steinway Piano and Ford plants.

**AMUSING:** Two amusement parks at nearby North Beach offer rides, shooting galleries, and dance halls.

**EASILY REACHED:** The Astoria Ferry and the Queensboro bridge, and the 60th st tunnel all provide access to the busy neighborhood.

**ON FILM:** A major center of the film industry, responsible for a quarter of all silent films; investing in "talkies".

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