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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. House  
other names/site number n/a

2. Location

street & number 2125 Palmetto Street n/a  not for publication  
city, town Middleburg n/a  vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Clay code 019 zip code 32068

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Buildings of Middleburg, Florida

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.

[Signature] Date 1/18/90  
Signature of certifying official  
Florida State Historic Preservation Officer

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. Mark J. Baker Entered in the National Register 9 March 1990  
 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:)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper
- \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Frame Vernacular

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Wood: Drop Siding

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roof Metal: tinother n/a

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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**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)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

n/a  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown/Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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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 Less than 1 acre

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

All that property contained in parcel number 21358 in Township 5 South, Range 24 East, Section 12.37, S $\frac{1}{2}$  in the community of Middleburg, Clay County, Florida.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the original property purchased by George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. from Simeon E. Kinnan in April 1889. The lot has retained the original configuration historically associated with the house.

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**SUMMARY**

The George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. House is located at 2125 Palmetto Street, Middleburg, Florida. It is a two-story, Frame Vernacular building, with an L-shaped floor plan. It has a steeply-pitched, side gabled roof. The symmetrical main facade is dominated by a two-story, hip roofed porch with chamfered post supports and a balustrade. There are a rear gabled, one-story ell, and a two-story shed roofed addition on the rear elevation.

**PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:**

The George R. Frisbee, Jr. House was built on the east side of Palmetto Street on a parcel of land purchased by Frisbee in April, 1889. At the time of its construction in 1890, Middleburg had a population of about 700. Most of the community's residences were scattered along Main, Palmetto, and Wharf Streets. None of the roads was paved. The Frisbee lot was originally encircled with a white picket fence, and contained a one-story gable roofed carriage house in addition to the main structure.

The present setting differs little from the original. Most of the trees and shrubs that originally dotted the lot have been replaced. Lots on either side and to the rear of the house have been filled with modern residential structures. The original carriage house was razed and replaced with a garage in 1949 (photo 7). A second gable roofed outbuilding was added to the rear of the lot in 1983 (photo 8). The pickets in the original fence have been replaced with metal wire.

The George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. House is a two-story, frame vernacular building. The house has an L-shaped plan that consists of a two-story, rectangular block with a rear one-story ell on the southeast corner. The steeply-pitched, gabled roofs are covered with pressed metal shingles. The main roof is oriented north-south, and features open eaves exposing the rafter ends. A decorative, corbelled brick, interior chimney is offset on the north side of the roof. The exterior wall fabric is drop siding. The building has a wood balloon frame structural system on a brick pier foundation.

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The main facade (west elevation) is dominated by a three-bay, two-story porch (photo 1). The porch has a hipped roof over a second story balcony, and is supported by chamfered wood columns. A square baluster balustrade runs between the supports on both stories. The first floor of the porch is accessed through the central bay. The fenestration of the main facade of the house is symmetrical. Single double-hung sash windows with 2/2 lights flank centrally placed doors on both stories. The entrance on the first story is crowned by a two light transom. The facade is framed by corner posts.

The north side of the building features an open, side gable end with a round arch, louvered attic vent and three evenly spaced, single double-hung sash windows with 2/2 lights on each floor (photo 2). A corner post divides the main block of the house from a rear, two-story shed roof addition. The south elevation of the house is similar to the north elevation, except that there are only two windows on the second story (photo 3). A corner post divides the main block of the house from a rear, one-story, gabled ell. The ell has two sets of paired double-hung sash windows with 2/2 lights (photo 4).

The main block of the Frisbee House has undergone few alterations. The windows on the main facade were originally flanked by shutters. A two-story, shed roofed addition was added in the 1890s, soon after the building was constructed.

The interior of the house has retained a remarkable amount of its original vernacular features. All of the interior doors are original to the house (photo 5), as is the main staircase with a hand-hewn newel post (photo 6). Although several of the interior rooms have been paneled, others, including the living room, still exhibit the original drop siding interior wall fabric.

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The George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. House has significance under Criterion C as an excellent example of late nineteenth century vernacular building trends. The house meets the criteria established in the associated property type for Wood Frame Buildings of Middleburg, 1835-1915 (See Cover, Section F). The Frisbee House was constructed in 1890, at the height of Middleburg's development as an important port on the St. Johns River system, and is one of the few extant buildings dating from that significant period of the community's history. It is associated with the Steamboat Era (1865-1915) of Middleburg's development (See Cover, Section E).

**Historic Significance:**

George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. was born in Middleburg in 1868, the son of George Randolph Frisbee, Sr., who was among the earliest settlers of Middleburg. The younger Frisbee was first employed at T.J. Dillaberry Dry Goods, and in the late 1880s he established a grocery store on the corner of Main and Palmetto Streets. He purchased the property for his house from Simeon E. Kinnan on April 20, 1889, and the building was constructed in 1890. On February 9, 1896, Frisbee married the former Amy Pillsbury, a local schoolteacher. The house has been altered little since its construction, and is still owned by members of the Frisbee family.

**Architectural Significance**

The Frisbee House is an excellent example of frame vernacular architecture because it embodies the materials, scale, and design of vernacular styles which were nationally popular during the late nineteenth century. The Frisbee House features a steeply-pitched, side gable roof with exposed rafter ends and a two story, hip roofed porch with chamfered post supports and a balustrade. It has a symmetrical facade consisting of a central entrance with transom light and 2/2 double hung sash windows. The house rests on brick piers. The kitchen is located in a typical, rear, one-story, gable roofed ell. Interior features which

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make the Frisbee House a fine representative of the Frame Vernacular style are the central hall flanked by two rooms, walls finished with drop siding, and original floors, woodwork, and hardware.



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Photographs

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**INVENTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. George Randolph Frisbee, Jr. House, 2125 Palmetto Street
2. Middleburg, Clay County, Florida
3. Candy Devore
4. July 1989
5. Historic Property Associates
6. View of W (main) facade, facing E
7. 1 of 8

**Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs.**

6. View of main facade, N elevation, and part of non-contributing 1949 garage, facing SE
7. 2 of 8
  
6. View of main facade and S elevation, facing NE
7. 3 of 8
  
6. View of E (rear) elevation, facing W
7. 4 of 8
  
6. Interior, first floor, original front door and transom
7. 5 of 8
  
6. Interior, detail of newel post
7. 6 of 8
  
6. Non-contributing outbuilding, garage built 1949
7. 7 of 8
  
6. Non-contributing outbuilding, hothouse built 1983
7. 8 of 8