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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Palmer House

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER ~~Southwest corner of the intersection of Palmer Mill Road, and South Jefferson Street~~

CITY, TOWN

Monticello

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Florida 32344

CODE

12

COUNTY

Jefferson

CODE

065

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Dorothy Simpson

STREET & NUMBER 625 W. Palmer Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Monticello

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida 32344

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 90

CITY, TOWN

Monticello

STATE

Florida

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Jefferson County Survey

DATE 1975

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Palmer House is a 1 1/2 story frame Classic Revival house with three broad and very tall bays. The foundation consists of brick piers; the first story is wood frame with the cornerboards treated to resemble rudimentary pilasters. The gable roof has a boxed cornice and returns. The dormers of the east (entrance) facade are not original.<sup>1</sup> In each gable end is a single six over six double hung sash window. There are also six over six double hung sash windows on the first story elevations. Two brick chimneys break the ridge of the roof in-line with these first story windows. The interior plan is double pile, central hall.

On the entrance facade the central double door with glazed transom has unusual frame detailing of stepped lintel and central finial. The wood central entrance portico has three small bays, square (in section) posts and balustrade. Reflecting the posts on the facade of the house proper are simple pilasters. Both posts and pilasters have impostes. The cornice and frieze elements of the portico reflect those of the house itself but are abbreviated and probably indicate a later construction date for the portico. To the south and west of the house are service additions.

On the northwest corner of the Palmer House lot is a one room office now used as a shop. Its porches also appear to be of later construction and the building appears to have been moved closer to the house to permit road widening.<sup>2</sup> Otherwise it is essentially in its original location. The office is also frame, of one story, and has a pedimented gable on the Jefferson Street (east) facade.

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<sup>1</sup>"View of Monticello, Florida, 1885".

<sup>2</sup>Sanborn Maps of Monticello, 1890, 1895, 1903, 1909.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) medicine
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1867 circa \*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Palmer House is an excellent example of a frame three bay Classic Revival house with double pile, central hall plan. This type of simple, straight-forward construction was dominant in North Florida throughout the 19th century.

The basic plan of the house was simply treated. Each of the four first floor rooms contains a fireplace, centered in the interior wall and common to the adjacent room.

On the exterior the Palmer House is also a stereotype of building style and technique of the 19th century. The wood frame house on brick piers might have adaptations of fenestration, ceiling and window height and entry details which would alter its superficial appearance; however, the essential configuration remains. The archetype also had a double pile, central hall plan with symmetrical fenestration and chimney placement, some form of classical detailing, and a gable roof with light or ventilation access for the second floor (either dormers or gable-end windows). The Palmer House conforms in all of these elements. While its porch and dormers might represent later alterations, similar details existed on the house in the 19th century.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, a major outbuilding, a doctor's office, survives. However, the date of construction of the house and office cannot be documented due to undifferentiated Tax Rolls. The property has been owned by the Palmer family from its purchase by Thomas M. Palmer for \$500 in 1842,<sup>2</sup> until its sale in 1961.<sup>3</sup> The office was used by Dr. J. Dabney Palmer who resided in the house from the time of his marriage shortly after the Civil War until his death in 1909. Both the house and office may have been used by his parents, John M. and Margaret Palmer, the father having been the local druggist.

<sup>1</sup>"View of Monticello, Florida, 1885".

<sup>2</sup>Jefferson County, Florida, Deed Book F , located in the Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida, p. 142.

<sup>3</sup>Jefferson County, Florida, Official Record Book, Vol. I, located in the Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

\*The first known occupant of the present structure was Dr. J. Dabney Palmer who probably moved to the house at the time of his marriage shortly after the Civil War.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,7	22,4	540	560	3,3	8,2	3,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING						ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C								D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Lot 1 of the J. D. Palmer Addition to the Town of Monticello, Florida, and the same parcel as appears in deed book U, p. 608 with the exception of the right of way of State Road 57 (U.S. 19) said parcel of land being in the western 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 2 north, Range 5, east.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elizabeth B. Monroe, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Division of Archives, History and Records Management

DATE

3/17/78

STREET & NUMBER

Department of State, The Capitol

TELEPHONE

(904)487-2333

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

32304

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

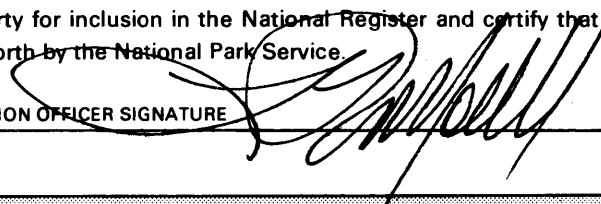
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



8/6/21

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

11.21.78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

JANIS H. BILMORE

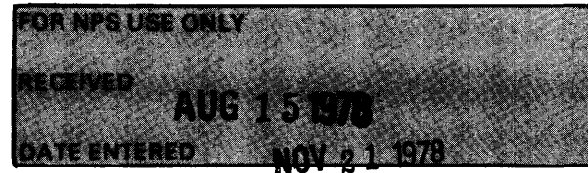
DATE

11/20/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Palmer House

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