

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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 131 West Davis Boulevard
other names/site number N/A /8Hi 3694

2. Location

street & number 131 West Davis Boulevard
city, town Tampa
state Florida code FL county Hillsborough code 057 zip code 33606

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands
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 of certifying official: [Signature]
Date: 11/22/89
State Historic Preservation Officer

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:
[X] 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:)
Signature of the Keeper: Amy Federman
Date of Action: 1/8/90

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mediterranean Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Hollow Clay TileStuccoroof Terra Cottaother Concrete: LoggiaHollow Tile: Tower

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

Period of Significance

1925-1932

Significant Dates

1925
1928

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Adams, Franklin O. (architect)
Frost Construction Company (Builder)

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

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The house at 131 West Davis Boulevard is a two-story, rambling structure constructed of stuccoed hollow tile resting on a concrete foundation. It occupies two lots in the Bay Circle section of the Davis Islands Subdivision and, like nearby 100 West Davis Boulevard, was originally designed as two residences in 1925 but was enlarged to become a much larger single house in 1928. The picturesquely massed structure has a main (west) facade composed of a receding two-bay, central block flanked by advancing rectangular pavilions. A three-story tower stands at the southwest corner of the facade. The tower and pavilions have pyramidal roofs surfaced with clay tile. The narrow overhang on the parapet of the central block and the shed roof of the shallow loggia at the front of the house are also covered in clay barrel tile. The "loggia" or porch is positioned off center, extending from the southwest corner of the north pavilion to the northwest corner of the three-story tower.

While the fenestration of the house is not exactly symmetrical, it is regular. All of the windows, except for six on the rear elevation, are wood casements with eight lights in each leaf. They are paired, or in groupings of three or four, some having fixed center sashes.

The exterior ornament of the house is restrained but attractive in execution. The north pavilion features a frieze of small oculus windows framed with concrete borders that rest on a corbeled belt course. Twisted columns with composite capitals support the shed roof of the loggia, and the tower has shouldered arch windows in its third story and a small wrought iron grille over the window in the second story.

The two houses that were combined to create 131 West Davis Boulevard were medium size by the standards of the Davis Island development. The new structure has a long connecting passageway on the first floor, six bedrooms and four baths. The bedrooms include two master suites on the second floor. The tower houses a card room on the first floor, a bath on the second, and a sitting room/sleeping porch on the third. Few major changes have been made to the interior of the house since 1928, except for the installation of a modern kitchen and the replacement of some bathroom fixtures.

Contributing to the site are two original garages (photographs could not be obtained), constructed of the same materials as the main house. When the houses were joined, only one garage was necessary, and the south one was converted to a boiler room and storage area.

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Photographs

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 4. 1989
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 6. West Facade (Detail), Looking Northeast
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 4. 1989
 5. Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board
 6. West Facade and North Elevation (Detail), Looking Southeast
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 6. Rear (East) Elevation, Looking West
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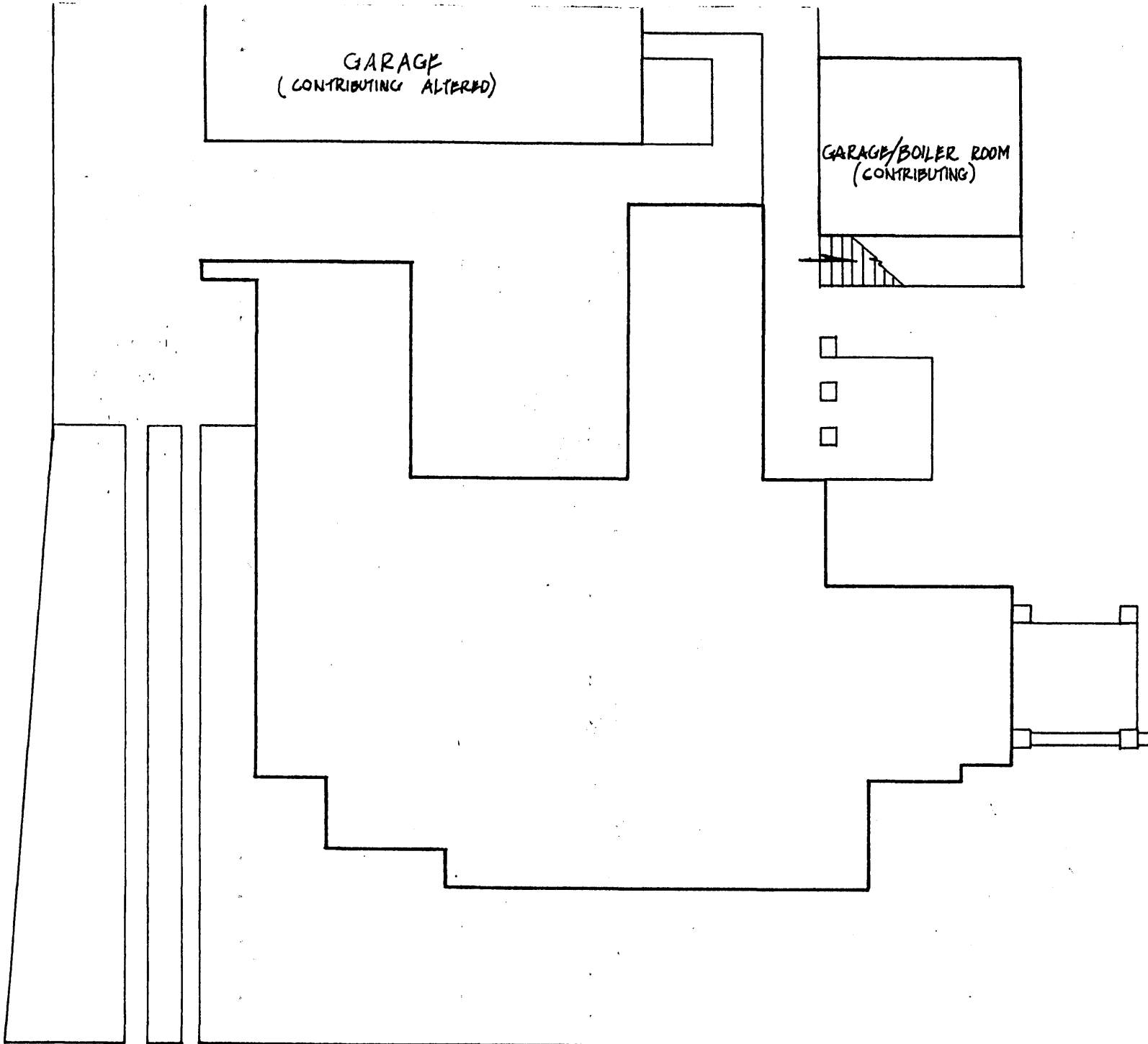
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Statement of Significance

The house at 131 West Davis Boulevard is significant as a good example of a picturesque Mediterranean Revival style residence within the context of the development of the Davis Islands Subdivision. Even though the structure was originally intended to be two residences, it displays the "organic unity" of the Mediterranean Revival type of dwelling, which was often an accretion of architectural elements that developed over a long period of time.

In September, 1925, as the Davis Islands development appeared to be reaching a peak of building activity, Tampa architect Franklin O. Adams and the Wishart Construction Company secured permits for building residences at 129 and 131 West Davis Boulevard for structures valued at \$8,000 each. When the Florida real estate boom collapsed in the fall of 1926 the houses were unsold and remained without buyers for two more years. With the decline of the building boom in late 1926, the Davis Islands development company was reorganized by Stone & Webster which took over management of all unsold properties. The two houses were purchased in November, 1928 by Thomas J. Hanlon, a senior member of the Stone & Webster firm, who hired Franklin O. Adams to redesign the residences as a single structure. The Frost Construction Company was given the task of carrying out the new project. The reconstruction was complete by May, 1929.

Hanlon lived in the house only until 1931, when he sold it to Dr. Revel Ely, the owner of a small private hospital in Tampa. The house changed hands several times until 1946, when it was purchased by Ralph Polk, a pioneer in the citrus canning industry. Polk and his family lived in the house until 1965, after which the property again changed owners several times, being purchased by its present tenants in 1983.



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131 W. DAVIS BOULEVARD
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