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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Stevens-Gilchrist House

other names/site number Norrie House

2. Location

street & number 235 Delmar Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town Sarasota N/A vicinity

state Florida code FL county Manatee code 81 zip code 34243

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Janet Snyder Matthews 6/26/2001
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 See continuation sheet.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain) _____

Edson R. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

8-17-01
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of Whitfield Estates

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

SECONDARY STRUCTURE/Garage Apartment

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

SECONDARY STRUCTURE/Garage Apartment

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE/Masonry Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stucco

walls Stucco

roof Asphalt Shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) 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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1926-1950

Significant Dates

1926

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Monk, Thomas A.

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less one acre

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1 7	3 4 4 7 4 0	3 0 3 1 9 6 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Imogene Arnt

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SUMMARY

The Stevens-Gilchrist House, at 235 Delmar Avenue, in Manatee County, is a two-story, stucco over frame residence with restrained Georgian style influence. The house has an L-shaped plan and rests on a continuous foundation. The house has a cross gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles. The Stevens-Gilchrist House contributes to the **Historic and Architectural Resources of Whitfield Estates**, Manatee, County, Florida, multiple property group under *property type F.1, Residential Buildings*. In addition to the residence, a contributing detached two-story former garage/servant's quarters building is also located on the property.

SETTING AND SITE

Del Mar Avenue, running east to west, is in the western section of Whitfield Estates, which is bisected by U.S. Highway 41, running north-south. Del Mar is only one block long with seven residential properties. The subject residence and its detached garage/guest quarters are on the north side of the street. Although a few other period houses are located in the vicinity, including one residence, the Prescott/Austin House, previously listed in the National Register in 1998 and dating from the same period of construction, is sited directly west of the subject property, no concentration of historic buildings exists to justify a historic district nomination. One other single family 1920s residence, the Souder House, located on the next street north, Greenwood, has recently been proposed for listing.

A number of both historic and non-historic residential buildings nearby were demolished c.1995 by the Sarasota/Bradenton Airport Authority as part of a noise abatement program. Three c.1985 houses are located on the south side of Delmar Avenue and the majority of the remaining housing stock in the general vicinity was constructed post World War II, mainly during the 1960s-1980s (photo 19). The site on which the house sits is approximately 6/10 of an acre encompassing the E1/2 of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7 & 8 of Block 6 of Whitfield Estates. The property, however, did not include Lot 8, on the east, until 1970. A concrete driveway runs south to north on the east side of the house on the eastern half of Lot 7. The house is on a raised site protected by a brick retaining wall along Delmar Avenue (photos 2-4).

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The main facade of the Stevens-Gilchrist House faces south (photos 1-4). A cross-gable roof, surfaced in asphalt shingle, covers the entire building which rests on a continuous concrete foundation. Brick steps ascend from the driveway on the east to a slightly raised terrace with terra cotta surfacing on the ground level. Both the steps and terrace are bordered in red brick (photos 4 & 6). The primary facade is asymmetrical with the main entrance placed off center on the east. Although the entrance door is not original to the house, a detailed door

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surround, with engaged fluted pilasters and a four-light transom above, remains. Two sets of paired French doors, with fixed transoms above, to the west (right) of the entrance, open onto the tiled terrace (photos 1-4). Windows on the second level of this elevation are randomly placed original wood 6/1 double hung sash, placed independently, as are the majority of the windows of the entire house. The existing window shutters flanking the windows on the north and east elevations are not original to the house (photos 1-6).

A secondary entrance is at the rear of the east elevation (photos 3, 5 & 6). Windows, most placed independently, pierce the wall of this elevation in an extremely irregular pattern. (photos 3, 5 & 6). A single set of paired windows appear on the first level of this elevation. Three 2/1 double hung sash windows are placed independently in a stepped pattern along this wall. These narrower windows provide light for the interior stairwell. Two sets of paired six-light wood casement windows appear on the east and north elevation at the second level of a projecting rear L wing at the northeast corner of the house (photos 3 & 5-7).

The north (rear) elevation is distinguished by an L wing on the east that has a third entrance door and a pair of French doors with a fixed transom above, flanked by partial height six-light wood casement windows on the west end of the main block. A small brick terrace with semi-circular brick steps provides access to the doors from the rear yard. All except one window on the north elevation or rear of the L wing of this elevation, a wood 1/1 replacement unit, are original wood 6/1 double hung sash units (photos 6 & 7). On the first level of the west elevation at the northwest corner are original multi-light wood casement windows with transom lights above. A second matching group of windows pierces the wall at the second level. A stucco over brick chimney, flanked by 6/1 wood double hung sash windows on the first floor, is also on the exterior of this wall (photo 8).

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior floor plan has not been altered. The first floor consists of an entrance foyer, living room, dining room, sun room, breakfast room, kitchen, a half bath, and an inside service or utility room. The second floor has three original bedrooms, a former study, a former sleeping porch or second floor sun room, and three baths. There is an unfinished attic.

The main entrance door opens into a essentially square entrance foyer (photos 10 & 11). A seating bench is recessed into the rear (north) wall of the hall. A pair of original wall sconces with frosted glass globes above a circular band of crystal prisms appear on the back wall of the seating area (photo 10). To the right of the hall is a stairwell leading to the second floor. The stairwell is separated from the foyer by a wall with a cutout arched niche that allows light from windows on the opposite side of the stairwell into the foyer (photo 11).

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To the left (west) of the entrance hall is a rectangular-shaped living room. Notable features in the room include an original elaborate carved wood fireplace mantle and crown molding (photos 12-14). Two double-width doorways, separated by an expanse of wall space, pierce the north wall of the room. Both doorways have fixed wood panel transoms (photo 14). The westernmost doorway accesses the sun room, and the easternmost doorway accesses the dining room which retains its original crown molding and wall sconces matching those found in the entrance hall (photos 16 & 17).

A breakfast room on the north is reached from the rear of the dining room. This room contains original built-in cabinetry with glass display doors above counter and storage space (photo 18). To the right (east) of the breakfast room is the kitchen which has been remodeled over time. A utility room is to the rear of the kitchen. A short hall, accessed at the rear of the entrance foyer, provides a more direct access to the kitchen as well as to the single first floor bath.

An interior stair, with a small landing at midpoint, provides access to the second floor where there are three bedrooms, a former study, a former sleeping porch or second floor sun room, and three baths. All of bedrooms and the former office accessed from a linear hall, running east to west. After ascending the stairs, the first room accessed from the hall is a former study or library on the right. This room contains original wood bookshelves and cabinetry. The upstairs sun room or former sleeping porch is accessed from the rear of this room. The smallest of the original three bedrooms is reached from the left of the hall. A bathroom is reached from this room on the west. The bathroom is located between this smaller bedroom and the master bedroom which can also be accessed from a door near the end of the hallway on the left (south). The master bedroom has a fireplace with an original wood mantle similar to that in the living room. At near center on the right of the second floor hallway, is another bedroom with a bath. All of the baths in the house have been updated without any change in floor plan. Several bedrooms retain their original ceiling light fixtures.

Garage/Servant's Quarters

A two-story stucco over frame garage/guest house is located to the rear (north) of the main residential building (photo 8). The side-facing gable roof is surfaced with asphalt shingles. The first floor originally provided space for two automobiles, but the two original auto bays were altered with the installation of paired French doors within the bay openings. The original openings remain clearly distinguishable. The majority of the building's original wood 6/1 double hung sash windows have been replaced with 6/1 single hung sash aluminum units. At the same time, the wood frame shed roof that extends over the first floor entrance doors was added. These alterations took place in 1996 when the first floor was converted to residential space.

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Alterations

Alterations to the main residential building are limited to replacement of original wood shutters and a single window replacement on the rear facade on the exterior, and bath and kitchen remodeling on the interior. The former garage/servant's quarters has been altered with the installation of replacement windows, although some match the original 6/1 window configuration but are metal; the enclosure of the two original auto bays; and the addition of the shed roof on the main facade at the first level.

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SUMMARY PARAGRAPH

The Stevens-Gilchrist House is significant at the local level under criterion A in the area of Community Planning and Development. The house was built in 1926 as part of the Whitfield Estates Subdivision residential development near the city of Sarasota. It retains all of its original simple decorative details and the floor plan remains unaltered. The house contributes to the **Historic and Architectural Resources of Whitfield Estates Subdivision**, Manatee County, Florida, multiple property group under historic context I, Development of Whitfield Estates, 1925-1926. The house is an example of *Property Type F.1, Residential Buildings*. The house was erected by Thomas A. Monk, who was one of the primary builders in the subdivision and was very active in the Sarasota/Manatee area from the time of his arrival in 1924.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

During the height of Whitfield's development in the mid 1920s, a number of prominent local architects and builders are known to have designed and built residences in the Whitfield Estates development, planned and promoted as one of the most exclusive in the state. On April 20, 1925, builder Thomas A. Monk, then living in Bradenton, conditionally purchased from Whitfield Estates, Inc., 20 lots at \$1,000 each on which he was committed to construct houses for resale. All were to be restricted to a minimum cost of \$7,500 and to be sold upon completion.¹

Thomas A. Monk came to the Sarasota area from Montgomery, Alabama, in October of 1924. He built a great many of the large structures in Montgomery and gave up one of the largest contracting businesses, the T.A. Monk Co., in that city. He was considered a "leading contractor" in Montgomery when he came to Sarasota to begin the building program in Whitfield Estates.² Monk had previously been associated with Louis Broughton Whitfield, one of the principals of the original Whitfield Estates development company, the Delaplane-Price Company. The subdivision was named for Whitfield. Monk is credited with the construction of the approximately \$275,000 L.B. Whitfield home in Alabama, said to be the finest residence in Alabama during the 1920s.³

Upon Monk's move to the Sarasota area, he brought his company's entire work force with him, including 160 men, ten foremen, and his own draftsmen. Dave Ellison was Monk's general superintendent in charge of construction. Monk also shipped 15 to 25 carloads of equipment to Sarasota, with more to follow. He

¹ Abstract of Title, in possession of current owners Mr. and Mrs. William Couch, Miscellaneous Record No. 104, Page 192, of the Public Records of Manatee County.

² Bradenton Herald, October 30, 1924.

³ Bradenton Herald, October 6, 1924.

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immediately set up a novelty works and made plans to have a steam sawmill so that there would be no delay in getting woodwork for his Whitfield Estates construction projects.

When the first announcement of the plans for the development of Whitfield Estates was made by the Delaplane-Price Development Company in October of 1924, Monk was given the contract for all of the company's building operations and construction work.⁴ The first planned building construction activity in the subdivision was for 40 houses, costing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each, all to be built by Monk.⁵ One newspaper reported that the minimum cost of any one house with lot would be \$12,500.⁶ All of the houses were to be of the "Spanish" type and of hollow clay tile and stucco construction.⁷ Period newspaper articles reference Monk's construction activities in Whitfield Estates, but seldom referred to any architect having designed the homes he built other than Chicago and Sarasota architect Clare Hosmer. He has been documented as the architect for four homes constructed in 1925 by Monk on Lantana Avenue in Whitfield Estates. It is known that Monk employed his own draftsmen, although they were unnamed, and their qualifications are not known. It is possible that he oversaw the design of the homes and execution of the plans.

The foundations for Monk's first four houses were laid by October 15, 1924, and the foundations for six more were to be completed within a few days.⁸ His first house was completed by the end of October. By then, Monk had eight or ten others being rushed to completion.⁹ By March, nearly 20 homes were completed and seven Spanish style houses had been sold. By the end of May, Monk had at least two more homes near completion.¹⁰

Following Thomas Monk's arrival in Sarasota in late 1924, during the Florida Boom, he not only became the principal contractor in Whitfield Estates but also one of the region's most active and foremost builders. In May of 1925, Monk was given the contract to construct two new elementary schools, designed by Sarasota and Chicago architect Clare Hosmer, within the city of Sarasota, Northside Elementary (Bay Haven, NR 1984) and South Side Elementary (NR 1984).¹¹ Monk also constructed Biltmore (Manatee) High School, the Montgomery Ward Store, and the Monk Building, all in Bradenton, Florida. The Monk Building was originally owned by J.W. Stevens, the original owner of the subject residence, and his mother. Monk completely remodeled the former Stevens commercial building and renamed it for himself. Several residential buildings constructed by Monk in Whitfield Estates buildings are listed in the National Register. These include the Prescott/Austin House on Delmar Avenue

⁴ The Evening Herald, October 6, 1924, and October 8, 1924.

⁵ The Evening Herald, October 8, 1924.

⁶ Sarasota County Times, October 15, 1924.

⁷ Bradenton Herald, October 30, 1924.

⁸ Sarasota County Times, October 15, 1924.

⁹ Bradenton Herald, October 30, 1924.

¹⁰ In the Land of Manatee, March 19, 1925, and This Week in Sarasota, May 28, 1925.

¹¹ Ibid.

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(NR, 1998), and all four of the houses within the Whitfield Estates Lantana Avenue Historic District on Lantana Avenue (NR 1997). Thomas A. Monk died on August 18, 1953 in Bradenton, Florida. He was survived by a wife, Mamie. His only child, a daughter, Dorothy M. Guilford predeceased him.¹²

The Stevens-Gilchrist House and associated garage apartment were completed sometime between July of 1925 and August of 1926. On August 17, 1926, T.A. Monk transferred ownership of the property to J.W. Stevens.¹³ Public records indicate that Stevens was the Postmaster of the Tallevast, Florida, Post Office (established 1919), just north of Whitfield Estates. The 1930 R.L. Polk Sarasota City Directory, the only one in which Whitfield residents were ever listed, recorded that by that time Stevens was a turpentine dealer. It does appear from various property conveyances that J.W. Stevens was married at least twice. His first wife's name was Essie and he was later married to woman listed as Anna. The property purchased by Stevens from Monk included only Lot 7 of Block 6 of Whitfield Estates. On August 30, 1926, Stevens also purchased Lot 6 from Roswell and Sarah King.¹⁴ Stevens immediately transferred the west half of lot 6 to Monk, possibly indicating some form of an agreement for trade took place.¹⁵

In 1934, Whitfield Properties, Inc., assumed a controlling interest in the Whitfield Estates Subdivision, purchasing the mortgage on Lot 7 of Block 6 from Thomas A. Monk. A new deed for the property was executed and recorded transferring the property from Whitfield Properties, Inc., to J.W. Stevens and his wife, Anna Stevens, on December 5, 1934.¹⁶ Public records indicate that the Stevens executed a mortgage for \$5,825.53 upon the sale at that time.¹⁷

On December 31, 1938, J.W. Stevens and his wife, Anna, conveyed the property to Dr. Charles A. Gilchrist and his wife, Margaret Louise Bannister Gilchrist.¹⁸ Mr. Gilchrist was a physician who had been born in Milford, Delaware. He graduated from medical school from Lafayette University after which he purchased a medical practice in Hoboken, New Jersey. He maintained and expanded his practice in that city for the next 25 years. He later moved to Toronto, Canada before coming to the Sarasota/Manatee area in 1938 and purchasing the property. A factor in his moving to Florida with his wife was that his son, C. Douglas Gilchrist, was already living in Whitfield Estates in a home on Shepard Avenue (no longer extant) and was employed as a real estate salesman

¹² Probate File of Thomas A. Monk, Manatee County Probate records.

¹³ Deed Book 113, Page 597, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

¹⁴ Deed Book 119, Page 104, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

¹⁵ Deed Book 113, Page 592, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

¹⁶ Deed Book 145, Page 91, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

¹⁷ Mortgage Book 85, Page 281, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

¹⁸ Deed Book 159, Page 381, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

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with Roger Flory Realty,¹⁹ a leading real estate firm in Sarasota for many years. Dr. Gilchrist's wife, Anna Gilchrist, was born in Brampton, Ontario and was trained as a nurse.²⁰ Mrs. Gilchrist died in the Whitfield home after a lingering illness in 1945.²¹

In 1950, Dr. Gilchrist deeded the property to his daughter, Dorothy Margaret Gilchrist Norrie.²² Dorothy Gilchrist Norrie was born in Hoboken, New Jersey. She later married Ernest Howson Norrie. Mrs. Norrie, her husband, and two sons began living with Dr. and Mrs. Gilchrist in the house shortly after Dr. Gilchrist purchased the property. Mr. Norrie was a native of Toronto and a graduate of St. Andrews College. He was an outstanding rower who won numerous awards in Canada and the United States. He served in the Canadian Army during World War I. He and his wife first came to the area in 1926 when they purchased a ten-acre farm in Elwood Park, south of Whitfield Estates and north of Bradenton, Florida. On the farm, they grew celery, tomatoes and other crops. A few years later, the family returned to Toronto several times in the summer during which time Ernest Norrie and his son, Donald, worked at the Toronto Shipbuilding Co. which built mine sweepers for the Navy. When they returned to Florida permanently before the end of the war, father and his son went to work in Tampa building freighters for the war. Following the war, the elder Norrie went to work for Manatee County Schools where he eventually held a position overseeing many men in the maintenance department and continued working there for a number of years.²³ Mr. Norrie and his wife, two sons, daughter, and father-in-law lived in the house together until the sons and daughter were married. In 1958, they began construction of a new house on Snead Island. Mr. and Mrs. Norrie and Dr. Gilchrist moved there in 1959. Dr. Gilchrist died in 1961.

¹⁹ Sarasota Herald, December 14, 1934.

²⁰ Norrie, John. Personal Communication with Mikki Hartig on January 6, 1999 on Snead Island, Manatee County, Florida, and Norrie, Donald, telephone communication with Mikki Hartig between Snead Island, Manatee County, Florida, and _____, California.

²¹ Sarasota Herald-Tribune, June 18, 1945.

²² Deed Book 274, Page 403, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

²³ Norrie, Donald. Personal Data Sheet on his father, Ernest Howson Norrie, prepared May 17, 1994, copy in possession of Mikki Hartig, Sarasota, Florida, and John Norrie, Snead Island, Florida.

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Although the property was transferred from Norrie to a new owner (Prowse) in 1959,²⁴ and Prowse sold the property to again another owner, interestingly, a few years later, ownership reverted back to Mrs. Norrie's son, John A. Norrie, and his wife, Judith K. Norrie. Mr. Norrie had grown up in his grandparents' and parents' home and brought the house back under the ownership of the same family and its descendants after purchasing it in 1969. John and Judith Norrie also purchased Lot 8 to the east in 1970 which expanded the size of the property. Public records indicate that Lot 8 was first sold by Whitfield Estates, Inc. to Mrs. Sadie Mohl on February 4, 1927 and that Mohl owned the vacant lot until 1955 at which time it was sold to intermediate owners before being purchased by the Norries.²⁵ The Norries continued to own the house and property until 1972.²⁶

²⁴ Deed Book 403, Page 511, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

²⁵ Deed Book 116, Page 480, Deed Book 338, Page 210, Deed Book 417, Page 148, Deed Book 466, Page 733, all in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

²⁶ Deed Book 401, Page 42, of the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

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Abstract of Title in possession of Mr. and Mrs. William Couch, former owners of the Prescott/Austin House, Delmar Avenue, Whitfield Estates, Sarasota, Florida.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Boundary Description

E 1/2 of Lot 6, and all of Lot 7, Block 6, Whitfield Estates as recorded in the Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property consists of the entire site historically associated with the subject residential building.

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PHOTO INVENTORY

1. Stevens-Gilchrist House
2. 235 Delmar Avenue, Sarasota (Manatee County), Florida
3. Mikki Hartig
4. January, 1998
5. Historical and Architectural Research Services
6. Main facade and east elevation, camera facing northwest
7. 1 of 19

Items 1-5 are the same for photographs 1-19

6. Main facade, camera facing northeast
7. 2 of 19

6. Primary facade and east elevation with guest/servant's quarters to the rear, camera facing northwest
7. 3 of 19

6. Primary facade and terrace detail
7. 4 of 19

6. East elevation, camera facing west
7. 5 of 19

6. East elevation and partial north elevation
7. 6 of 19

6. North elevation
7. 7 of 19

6. West elevation, camera facing southeast
7. 8 of 19

6. Primary elevation of (former) garage/servant's quarters, camera facing north
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- 6. Entrance hall niche detail and wall sconces, camera facing north
- 7. 10 of 19

- 6. Entrance hall view toward stairs, camera facing east
- 7. 11 of 19

- 6. Living room, camera facing west
- 7. 12 of 19

- 6. Living room fireplace detail, camera facing west
- 7. 13 of 19

- 6. Living room view with double door openings on right, camera facing northwest
- 7. 14 of 19

- 6. Sun room, camera facing northwest
- 7. 15 of 19

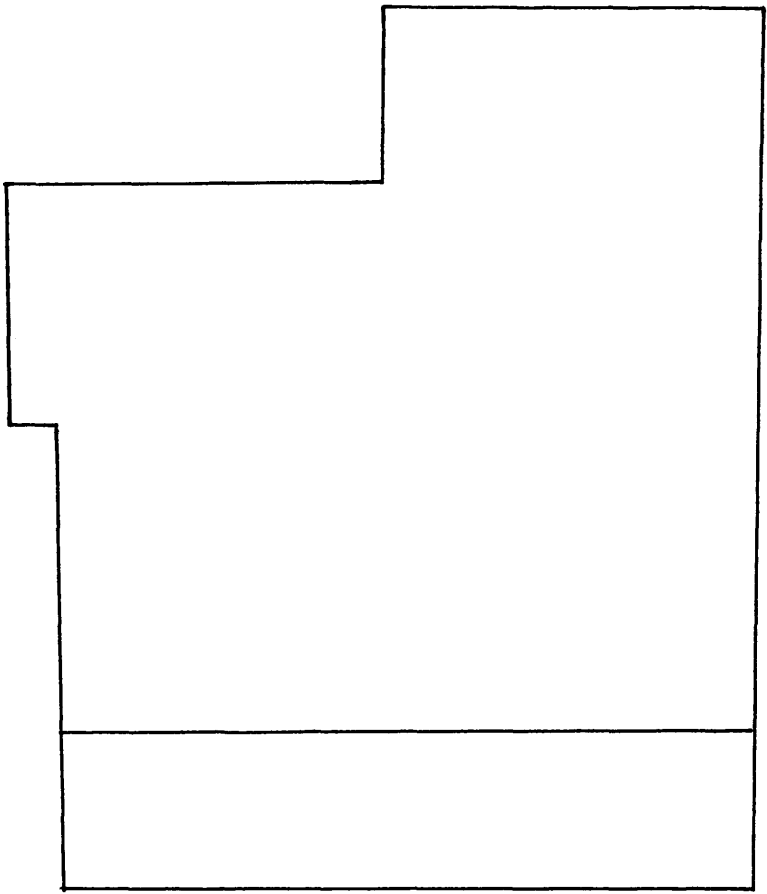
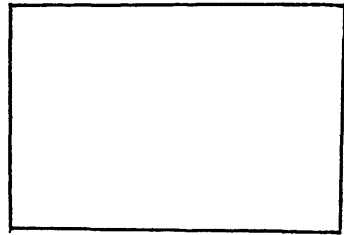
- 6. Dining room, with breakfast room in background, camera facing north
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- 6. Dining room wall sconce, camera facing east
- 7. 17 of 19

- 6. Breakfast room cabinet detail, camera facing north
- 7. 18 of 19

- 6. One of three c. 1980s homes on opposite (south) side of Delmar Avenue, camera facing southwest
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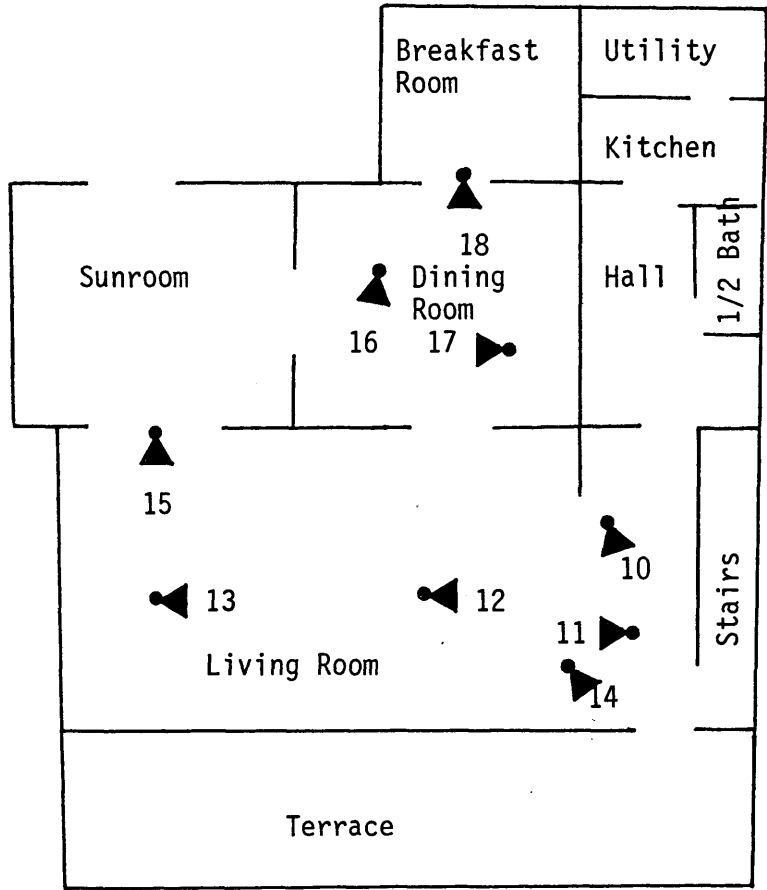
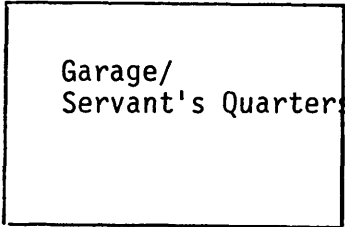


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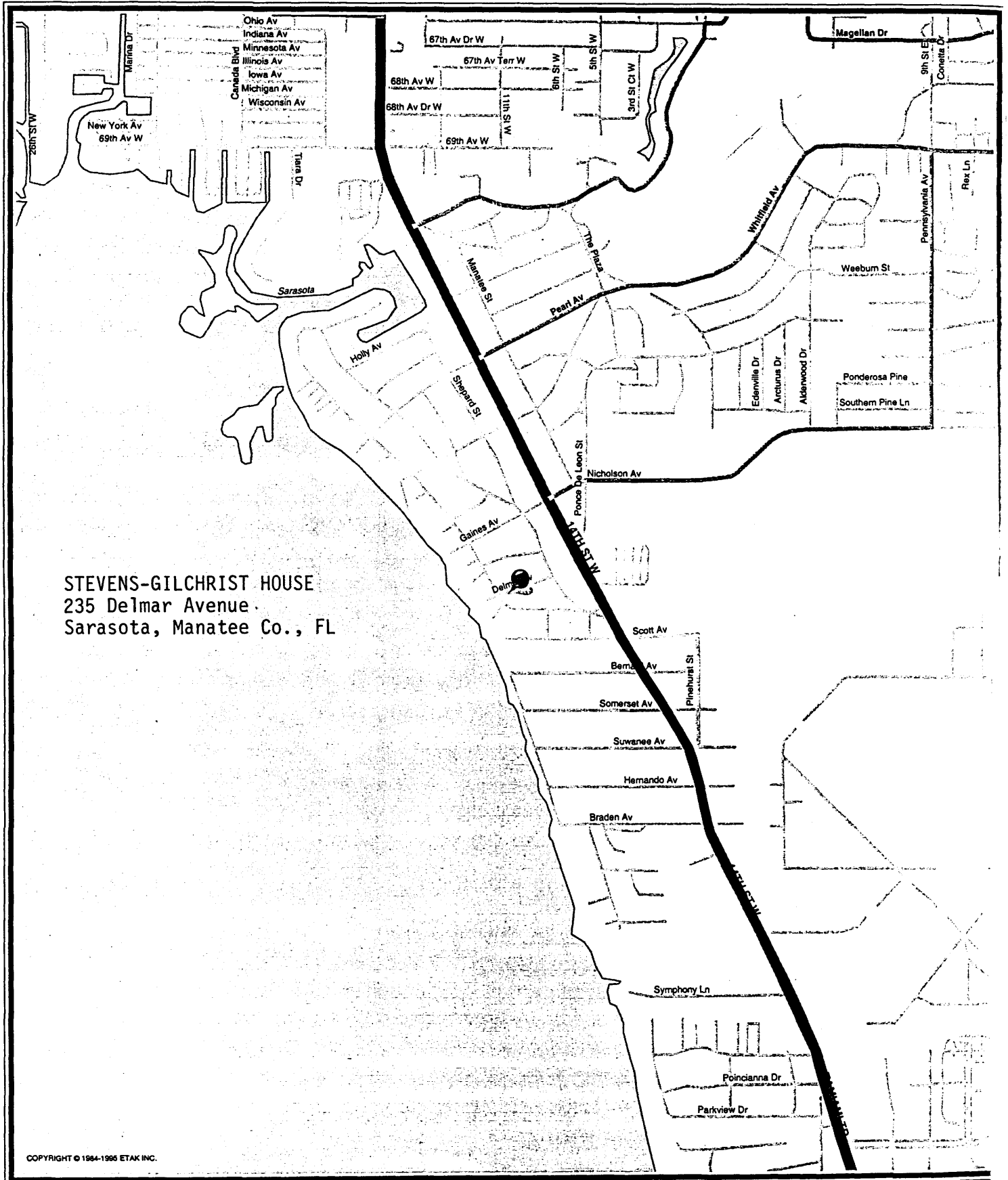


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Current Map



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