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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 road 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 of 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

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Significant Dates

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The Theodore Hausmann Estate, 4800 16th Street, is located just west of the city limits of Vero Beach, Florida. The property consists of approximately ten acres. Contributing elements include the main house, garage and servants' quarters, pool, bath house, pump house, and a five-acre orange grove. The 3,000 square foot, frame, vernacular house has a U-shaped plan, textured stucco exterior walls, and intersecting hip roof with asphalt shingles. The house rests on a brick foundation. A noncontributing guest house and storage buildings are also on the property. The property retains its historic architectural integrity to a high degree.

SETTING

The Hausmann Estate is located in the Indian River Farms Company Subdivision, and is set back on the lot at a forty-five degree angle, approximately 280 feet from 16th Street (photo 1). State Road 60, the primary east/west road into Vero Beach is located four blocks to the north. A variety of shrubs, flowering plants, oak, palm, citrus, and pine trees are located around the The northern half of the lot is planted with orange trees house. lined in neat rows (photo 2). Adjoining the property on the west is an undeveloped tract of land with a few orange trees, indicating that it was once a cultivated grove (photo 3). A relatively new subdivision with modern homes is located on the south side of 16th Street. To the east is a non-contributing house, which lies on a lot that originally formed the northeast corner of the property, but was subdivided by the present owners and given to a family member in the 1980s (photo 4).

DESCRIPTION - MAIN HOUSE, EXTERIOR

The main facade of the Hausmann House faces to the southeast. The projecting center section of this facade consists of an enclosed porch with a central entrance (Photo 5). Three arched fanlights with decorative tracery work are evenly spaced across the facade of the porch; an additional fanlight is located at each end of the porch. A band of multi-light, casement windows runs below the fanlights. The deep eaves of the house feature decorative brackets (Photo 6). Latticed vents are located just below the eaves.

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The projecting northeast and southwest wings at the rear of the house flank a concrete patio (Photo 7). In the center of the rear elevation is a battered, exterior chimney, flanked by paired French doors (Photo 8). An identical chimney is located on the rear wall of the northeast wing of the house, flanked by paired, twelve-light casement windows (Photo 7). A canted doorway at the south corner of the patio leads into a small hallway.

The northeast elevation has French doors and casement windows. A television room and screen porch, which were added to the house in 1955, extend from the north corner of this elevation (Photo 9). A small carport is located on the southwest elevation. This elevation also has an exterior chimney of the same design as the chimneys on the northwest elevation (Photo 10).

DESCRIPTION - MAIN HOUSE, INTERIOR

The interior of the house contains the porch, living room, library, dining room, kitchen, television room, and four bedrooms. All of the interior spaces retain their historic configuration and contain their original woodwork. Arched French doors divide the public areas of the house, while paneled wood doors in rectangular frames lead to the bedrooms and baths. For the most part, the doors and windows retain their original ceramic and brass hardware. The walls are covered with textured plaster and several original lighting fixtures hang from the ceilings. Crown and floor moldings trim the junctions between the walls, ceilings, and pine floors.

The front entrance leads into an enclosed, 650 square foot, porch (Photo 11). An arched doorway leads from the porch into a large, 24 by 40 foot, living room. A fireplace, trimmed with marble, is located on the northwest wall of this room (Photo 12). The fireplace has a classically-inspired wood mantle.

Arched French doors at the west corner of the living room lead into an unusual oblique hall which provides access to the library, dining room, guest bedroom, and patio (Photo 13). The guest bedroom contains a walk-in closet and bathroom. The dining room is accessed through a pair of arched French doors and

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CITRUS GROVE

The contributing, five-acre citrus grove is north and east of the residence (Photo 2). The grove was developed in the 1920s. Although many trees have had to be replaced over the years as part of the maintenance of the grove, it maintains its historic north/south planting arrangement.

NON-CONTRIBUTING ELEMENTS

RESIDENCE

A one-story, poured concrete fall-out shelter was built to the northeast of the main residence in the early 1960s. In the early 1970s it was enlarged and remodeled for residential use (Photo 21). It has a hip roof, brick chimney, and awning windows.

STORAGE BUILDING

This one-story, frame building was built ca. 1950, and is located approximately 400 feet north of the main residence (Photo 22). It is covered with asbestos shingles and has a gable roof, a louvered vent in the gable end, corner boards, and fixed windows.

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features a fireplace with a wood mantle and terra cotta trim. A small pantry connects the dining room with the kitchen and breakfast nook (Photo 14).

Arched French doors lead from the living room to a straight hall, providing access to the rooms of the northeast section of the house (Photo 15). The hall leads to three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a television room, and a porch. The master bedroom has a fireplace and French doors that open onto the patio.

DESCRIPTION - SWIMMING POOL AND BATH HOUSE

An elevated, concrete swimming pool and stucco bathhouse, built in the early 1930s, are located approximately seventy-five feet north of the house. The bath house is accessed by a concrete stairway flanked by hedges (Photo 16). It consists of a rectangular dressing room/bathroom on each side of a central breezeway. The hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The pool measures approximately 50' x 35' and is trimmed with ceramic tile (Photo 17). Poured concrete footers, walls, and buttresses support the above-ground structure (Photo 18).

DESCRIPTION - GARAGE/SERVANTS' QUARTERS

A two-story, frame, garage/servants' quarters building lies directly west of the pool and northwest of the residence (Photo 19). It has a hip roof, wood drop siding, 6/6- and 4/4-light double-hung sash windows, and an entrance at the northeast corner of the building. A flat deck was added to the front of the garage in the early 1970s.

DESCRIPTION - PUMP HOUSE

A small, frame, pump house is located northwest of the residence (Photo 20). Built about 1930, it has a gable roof with exposed rafter ends, wood drop siding and corner boards, and a plank door.

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The Theodore Hausmann Estate, 4800 16th Street, Vero Beach, Florida, meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level in the area of community planning and development, and architecture. The property has important associations with the patterns of settlement that shaped the physical appearance of the Vero Beach area during the early twentieth century. It was constructed in 1922, just as Vero Beach was entering its most significant period of historic development, as a winter home for New York residents Theodore and Blanche Hausmann. The Hausmanns, like many of Vero's early residents, were attracted to the area by its climate and potential for citrus cultivation, and they developed an orange grove on the land surrounding the house.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Located near the middle of Florida's east coast, settlement of the area that became Vero Beach did not occur until the late nineteenth century. The event that sparked the first intensive period of development in Vero was the 1893 construction of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC). Ultimately extending from Jacksonville, where it connected with lines originating in the states of the Northeast, to Key West, the FEC brought thousands of settlers to the area during the ensuing four decades. Agriculture, especially citrus production, and tourism were the primary industries.

The prospect of establishing a comfortable winter residence in the midst of a citrus grove in Florida was an important aspect of the state's tourist industry during late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Beginning in the 1870s, communities in the northern part of the state began promoting the ideal of owning "a home among the groves" in promotional literature aimed at attracting permanent and seasonal residents. It became fashionable among the wealthy to tour Florida by steamer, rail, or foot in search of suitable land to establish groves and construct grand winter residences. The Great Freeze, which destroyed most groves throughout the state north of Titusville during the winter of 1894-95, forced citrus growers to seek a more suitable climate farther south. At the same time, the expansion of the state's railroad systems opened new areas for development and sparked a rush for prime real estate along the coastlines of the southern peninsula. The combination of those

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events sparked the first intensive development of the area that became Vero Beach. Located along the route of the FEC and, later, the Dixie Highway, the city was a natural stopping point for people traveling between Miami and Jacksonville. It also had the advantage, after the successful completion of the Indian River Farm Company's drainage project, of possessing thousands of acres of relatively cheap land ideally suited to citrus cultivation. The rise of the citrus industry in the Vero area was tied to a major reclamation project undertaken by the Indian River Farms Company. The company was incorporated in 1912 by a group of investors from the Midwest who acquired approximately 48,000 acres of wetlands west of Vero with the intention of opening them for settlement and agricultural production. The project required an elaborate system of canals, dikes, laterals, and spillways. Dredging and excavation began in 1913, and the construction of the original system was substantially completed by 1917. That project, along with others undertaken in St. Lucie County at the time, were major factors in the expansion of the local citrus industry. The total production of oranges in the county in 1910 amounted to only 40,000 boxes from 36,000 bearing trees. A large percentage was produced near Ft. Pierce, where the industry was already well established. During the 1910s, as the reclamation projects opened new land to cultivation, production increased dramatically. By 1920, the number of bearing trees had increased nearly five-fold to 190,000 and 148,000 boxes of fruit were shipped from the county.

After a hiatus in development caused by the United States' entry into World War I, the Indian River Farms Company was reorganized in 1919 as the Indian River Farms Drainage District. While much of the reclaimed land was purchased by large-scale citrus developers and other agricultural interests, a significant portion of the area immediately surrounding the Vero Beach city limits was reserved for sale to investors seeking to establish small groves. To spur residential development, the company extended several of Vero's existing roads to its lands west of the city and began an intensive advertising campaign in the Midwestern and Northeastern states to attract investors. At the conclusion of World War I, Vero Beach was a relatively small settlement of some 700 residents. In June 1919, the Town of Vero was incorporated with A. W. Young, an official of the Indian River Farms Company, elected as the first mayor. The town limits

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at that time encompassed approximately one square mile and there were only four miles of paved roads.

The pace of development quickened with the onset of the Great Florida Land Boom in the early 1920s. By 1923, the population of the town had risen to 1,500 and was half again that number during the winter season. In 1925, Vero was reincorporated as the City of Vero Beach, and Indian River County was created from a portion of St. Lucie County with Vero Beach serving as the county seat. A solid commercial district expanded along Twentieth Street, Fourteenth Avenue, and Dixie Highway. То house the substantial number of winter tourists, several large hotels were constructed near the commercial area and a "tent city" and auto camp, which catered to the increasing number of middle class automobile travelers who were either unwilling or unable to pay for a hotel room, were located along the highway. Residential development kept pace with the commercial expansion. About seventy new subdivisions were carved out of previously undeveloped land during the boom, and the city limits were expanded to four square miles. Evidence of the importance of the land boom to Vero Beach's development was documented during a 1990 survey, which found that over 60 percent of the city's extant historic buildings date from the 1920s.

The Florida land boom crashed near the end of 1926, throwing the Florida economy into a depression three years in advance of the rest of the nation. Building in Vero Beach slowed dramatically in the years immediately following the bust, as fewer and fewer tourists entered the area. Further damage to the local economy was caused by a Mediterranean fruit fly infestation of the citrus groves in 1927. Development in the area remained stagnant during the first half of the 1930s. Federally assisted projects, most notably the construction of the Indian River County Courthouse, and a limited resumption of tourism prompted renewed development after 1935. It was not until after World War II, however, that Vero Beach fully recovered from the effects of the Great Depression.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The Theodore Hausmann Estate is a product of major trends that fostered the development of the Vero Beach area during the

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1920s. It is one of the oldest and most intact examples of a grove estate in the Vero Beach vicinity.

A number of early Vero Beach residents chose to erect homes in the city and commute to their grove properties. The Hausmanns, however, constructed their home in 1922 on their grove lot outside the incorporated limits. The property lies within the Indian River Farms Company subdivision, which was opened for development in 1915. In 1917, a forty acre tract in the subdivision was acquired by C.C. Bristow, a winter resident from Illinois and prominent Vero Beach citrus developer. Bristow planted groves on the property and in the early 1920s, subdivided it for sale in smaller parcels. In May 1921, Theodore Hausmann, a New York City businessman who had spent the winter in Vero Beach with his wife, Blanche, purchased a fifteen acre grove lot from Bristow.

While there were other such estates developed during the period, none has maintained the degree of architectural and site integrity to the degree seen in the Hausmann property. In most cases where a historic grove house is standing the surrounding grove has been removed and the property subdivided for residential development.

The Hausmanns spent most of their time at the house during the six years following its construction, often throwing lavish parties and entertaining guests. The grove was a source of income, but Theodore retained his business interests, making frequent trips to major cities of the Northeast and Midwest.

In November 1925, the Hausmanns secured a \$15,000 mortgage against the property from the Fort Pierce Bank and Trust Company, ostensibly to further develop their winter estate. After paying the original mortgage off, an additional \$16,200 was borrowed from the same bank in March 1927. Immediately after the second mortgage was secured, the Hausmanns deeded the property, complete with all the furnishings in the house, to local resident I. A. Paige who assumed the mortgage obligation. Paige, in turn, rented the property to R.B. and Anna Roberts and sold them a onehalf interest in the furniture and other articles left behind by the Hausmanns. Local lore suggests that the house was used as a nightclub during the period that it was rented by the Roberts. Whatever the case, in March 1928, Paige defaulted on the mortgage

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and the Fort Pierce Bank and Trust Company foreclosed on the property.

In February 1931, T. Chittenden Hill and his wife, Marion, of Boston acquired the property. Hill, a native of Vermont, received his education as a physician at the University of Vermont. He practiced surgery in New Hampshire, and then moved to Boston about 1903. He practiced proctology in Boston until his retirement about 1925.

Hill and his wife, first visited Vero Beach about 1930, and the following year added the Vero Beach residence to their collection of retreats. They owned other homes in Manchester, New Hampshire; Pawtucket, Rhode Island; and Gloucester, Massachusetts. It is believed, that the Hills constructed the swimming pool on the property some time in the early 1930s. Lacking the sophisticated filtration systems available today, the pool was filled by an artesian well and was emptied regularly to supply clean water. The discarded water was used to irrigate the surrounding citrus grove. The Hills enjoyed their Indian River County retreat only a few years. Dr. Hill died in April 1936, and his wife sold the Vero Beach property several months later to Helen Knapp Pollock, owner of a Vero Beach real estate company.

Helen Pollock maintained the property as her residence until 1946, when she sold it to Gerard Tameling, Jr.,a Wall Street investment broker. Tameling's interest in investing in Vero Beach may have been influenced by his knowledge of the sugar industry, which boomed in Indian River County beginning in the early 1930s. Tameling also developed a realty concern in Vero Beach named Snow and Tameling Real Estate Company. In 1953, Tameling sold the property to Richard and Isabelle Beuttell of New York City. Isabelle Beuttell continues to own and reside at the house.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Hausmann House is a good example of a vernacular residence of the 1920s. It encompasses a variety of design elements without representing any particular style. It was built as a winter home for wealthy northerners. Thus, it exhibits excellent craftsmanship and attention to detail, especially in

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the arched French doors, paneled cypress doors, textured plaster, marble chimney breasts, and heart of pine flooring.

The orange grove and swimming pool and pool house are also significant features associated with the development of the estate during the historic period. The citrus grove was developed in the early 1920s and retains its original boundary and row arrangement. The swimming pool is significant as one of the earliest pools of its type in Indian River County. Raised high above the surrounding grade, it features a formal entrance loggia that incorporates changing rooms.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

INDIAN RIVER FARMS CO SUB PBS 2}25 S 751.03 FT of W 290 FT OF E 15 A OF TR 1; also known as Parcel # 04333900001015000003.0 in records of Indian River County Property Appraiser.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary, shown as a solid dark line on the accompanying site plan, encompasses all the property historically associated with the Hausmann Estate except a parcel at the southeast corner. In the 1980s this parcel was subdivided from the original property. It is excluded from the boundary because a noncontributing residence has been constructed on this lot and it no longer contributes to the historic character of the property.

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1. Theodore Hausmann Estate, 4800 16th Street 2. Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida 3. Stephen Olausen and Sidney Johnston 4. September 1995 5. Historic Property Associates, P.O. Box 1002, St. Augustine, Florida 6. Distant view of Hausmann House, main (southeast) facade; view looking north 7. Photo 1 of 22 Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs. 6. View of historic orange grove, view looking southeast 7. Photo 2 of 22 6. View of property to west of Hausmann Estate, view looking northwest 7. Photo 3 of 22 6. House to the southeast of Hausmann Estate, view looking north 7. Photo 4 of 22 6. Main (southeast) facade of Hausmann House, view looking northwest 7. Photo 5 of 22 6. Detail, eaves of Hausmann House, view looking northeast 7. Photo 6 of 22 6. Detail of patio area, rear (northwest) elevation of Hausmann House; view looking southwest 7. Photo 7 of 22 6. Rear (northwest) elevation of Hausmann House, view looking southeast 7. Photo 8 of 22 6. Northeast elevation of Hausmann House, view looking west 7. Photo 9 of 22 6. Southwest elevation of Hausmann House, view looking north 7. Photo 10 of 22

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6. Porch interior, Hausmann House, view looking east 7. Photo 11 of 22 6. Interior detail, living room, view looking northwest 7. Photo 12 of 22 6. Interior detail, hallway between dining room and living room; view looking east 7. Photo 13 of 22 6. Interior detail, kitchen; view looking northwest 7. Photo 14 of 22 6. Interior detail, hallway at east end of house; view looking west 7. Photo 15 of 22 6. Southwest elevation of bath house, view looking northeast 7. Photo 16 of 22 6. Pool and bath house, view looking southwest 7. Photo 17 of 22 6. Detail, pool walls, view looking west 7. Photo 18 of 22 6. Garage/servants' quarters, north elevation of right, east elevation of left; view looking southwest 7. Photo 19 of 22 6. Pump house, view looking east 7. Photo 20 of 22 6. Non-contributing residence, view looking east 7. Photo 21 of 22 6. Non-contributing storage building, view looking east 7. Photo 22 of 22







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