

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 GREEN, JOSEPH HOUSE

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 531 McIntosh Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town Orange Park N/A vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Clay code 019 zip code 32073

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.)

Joseph P. Pettit, DSHPO 6-11-98
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 H. Beall _____
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
7-15-98

Green, Joseph House
Name of Property

Clay Co., FL
County and State

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	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	total

Name of related multiple property listings

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

Historic Architectural Resources of Orange Park, Florida

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

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)

OTHER: frame vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

BLACK ETHNIC HERITAGE

Period of Significance

1893-1948

Significant Dates

1893

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Green, Joseph-builder

Primary location of additional data:

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

Name of Repository

Green, Joseph House
Name of Property

Clay Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

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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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organization Bureau of Historic Preservation date June 1998

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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 St. James AME Church - Betty Demmons, trustee

street & number P.O. Box 2226 telephone (904)272-5084

city or town Orange Park state FL zip code 32067-2226

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Section number 7 Page 1 **JOSEPH GREEN HOUSE, ORANGE PARK,
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

SUMMARY

The Joseph Green House is located at 531 McIntosh Avenue, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida. The c.1893, two-story frame vernacular house encloses 1,250 square feet, and has a modified rectangular footprint. Brick piers support walls of horizontal board exterior, a cross gable roof surfaced with metal and rolled roofing. A brick chimney pierces the roof, and 1/1, double-hung, wooden sashes fill the windows. The house is built with a front gable block on the west half, and a cross gable block on the east half.

SETTING

The Town of Orange Park is located fifteen miles southwest of downtown Jacksonville along the west bank of the St. Johns River. The house is located six blocks from the river on McIntosh Avenue between Plainfield Avenue and U.S. Highway 17, known locally as Park Avenue. East/west Kingsley Avenue and north/south U.S. Highway 17 serve as primary corridors through Orange Park. McIntosh Avenue, an important secondary street, runs parallel to and one block north of Kingsley Avenue, and intersects with U.S. Highway 17 two-and-one-half blocks to the east of the house. Vegetation consists of oak trees and small shrubs. To the south are commercial storage facilities along Kingsley Avenue, and two churches. Residences are to the east and west. The house stands one-half block west of the historic Teresa Miller School in the core of Orange Park's historic African-American community. Few additional historic buildings remain in the neighborhood, and it is the oldest of those buildings.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Exterior

The main (south) facade fronts onto McIntosh Avenue, with a prominent two-story tiered porch projecting from the west gable block. Five broad concrete steps with brick cheeks rise to the wooden porch. Three square brick piers rise to knee height and support pairs of square posts that support the second-story balcony. The balcony had three pairs of square posts supported by square wooden piers which are joined by a baluster railing. The paired posts support a metal hip roof over the porch. The steps and main door are to the east side of the porch, but are centered

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within the elevation. A pair of windows are to the west of the door. A second-story door and single window are directly above those on the first story. To the east of the porch is the cross gable east block of the house which is set back several feet from the south wall of the west block. A single window and door is at the first story, and a second story window is directly above first story one.

The west elevation has a full-height square bay with paired windows one both stories, and is protected by a shed roof (Photo #2). Single, narrow sash windows are one the bay's sides. Single windows, on the first and second stories are within the elevation to the north of the bay.

The rear (north) elevation has the gable end and shed roof extension to the west, and the cross gable block to the east. (Photo #3). One window is within the extension. Two, five-panel doors are within the first story, and three windows are within the second story. A brick chimney pierces the roof within the east cross gable.

The east elevation has a single window in each story, and has a gable end.

Interior

Floors are wood with walls and ceiling of lath and plaster. Original doors and hardware remain. Ceilings rise eight feet, and door and window openings are finished with unadorned wooden boards. The first story consists of a central hall with staircase, living and dining rooms, kitchen, and bathroom.

The entrance opens into a central hallway where a straight stair extends along the east wall (Photo #4). Living rooms are west of the hall, and a one room kitchen is within a cross gable block to the east. The stair is anchored by a massive, elaborate turned newel post. The balustrade with its molded handrail remains although some balusters have been replaced and others are missing. A paneled wood door at the end of the hallway opens to the back yard.

The living room opens to the west of the entrance. The bay with windows is within the living room. The dining room lies to the north, and may also be accessed from the hallway. A bathroom lies north of the dining room in the one-story shed extension. At the end of the hallway to the east is the kitchen which occupies the east half of the first floor.

The second floor room arrangement mirrors the arrangement of rooms on the first floor, and contains a central hall and three bedrooms (Photos #6&7). Closets separate the bedrooms on the west, and the western bay is

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within the bedroom to the southwest. Two large turned newel posts support a railing around the stairwell.

ALTERATIONS

A shed addition was built in 1935 on the northwest corner which provided a bathroom.

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SUMMARY

The Joseph Green House is nominated to the National Register under criteria A and C at the local level in the areas of Architecture and Black Ethnic Heritage. The house was completed c.1893, the oldest documented building associated with Orange Park's African-American community. It was built by Joseph N. Green, a carpenter who resided there into the 1920s, and contributed to the community's construction. His widow, Annie, modified the dwelling with the addition of a shed extension about 1935. The house is of frame vernacular construction, and is unusual for its use of cross-gable blocks to create a central hall arrangement. The design of the building is consistent with national and statewide trends in architecture. The building contributes to the Historic Architectural Resources of Orange Park Multiple Property Submission under the historic associated contexts of Founding and Early Settlement, Progressive Era, Florida Land Boom and Bust, and the Great Depression, World War II, and Aftermath, and the F.1 property type.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Born in 1861 on the eve of the Civil War, Joseph Green learned the art of house construction in his native state of Mississippi. About 1886, Green left Mississippi for Florida, settling in Orange Park. In November 1892, he acquired property along McIntosh Avenue, an area that had already emerged as an African-American community. About 1893, Green constructed the 531 McIntosh Avenue house as his residence. Over the following decades it is believed he helped build other buildings in Orange Park's African-American community, including a school, a club house of the Lodge #151 F & AM, the Duval Lodge #14 meeting hall, and a general store. Green advertised his trade in local newspapers, and in R.L. Polk's *Florida State Business Gazetteer*. By 1917, Orange Park's African-American settlement consisted of nearly fifteen buildings, including a church, school, dwellings, and Green's house. Green and his wife, Annie, had six children all of whom were born in Florida. Annie raised the children and washing laundry for other residents.

Joseph died in June 1928, and Annie died in 1952. The dwelling remained in the Green family until 1994, when it was acquired by St. James AME Church of Orange Park, which uses it as rental property.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The house is of frame vernacular construction, and its form is unusual in that with a central hall arrangement, the two sides of the house are created by distinct, cross gable structures. Green learned carpentry in Mississippi which links his traditional building methods with construction in late nineteenth century Florida. The house is the oldest historic building associated with Orange Park's African-American community. The house retains its architectural integrity to a high degree.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 3 block 6 section 2 Orange Park.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary encloses the property historically associated with the Joseph Green House.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC LIST

1. Joseph Green, 531 McIntosh Ave., Orange Park
2. Clay County, Florida
3. Sidney Johnston
4. 1996
5. Historic Property Associates, Inc., St. Augustine, Florida
6. Main (south) facade, facing north
7. Photo #1 of 7

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

6. Facade and west elevation, facing northeast
7. Photo #2 of 7

6. Rear (north) elevation, facing south
7. Photo #3 of 7

6. Interior central hall and staircase, facing north
7. Photo #4 of 7

6. Interior of living room, facing northwest
7. Photo #5 of 7

6. Interior of hall and second story balustrade, facing southeast
7. Photo #6 of 7

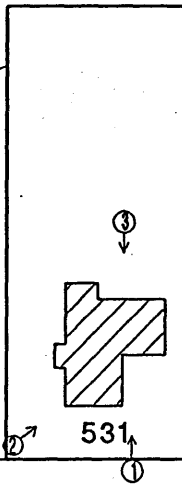
6. Interior of bedrooms, facing east
7. Photo #7 of 7

JOSEPH N. GREEN HOUSE SITE PLAN

BOUNDARY



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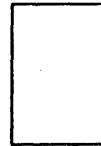
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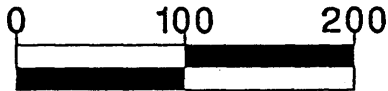
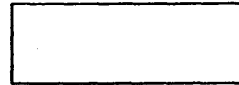
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JOSEPH N. GREEN
HOUSE FLOOR PLANS

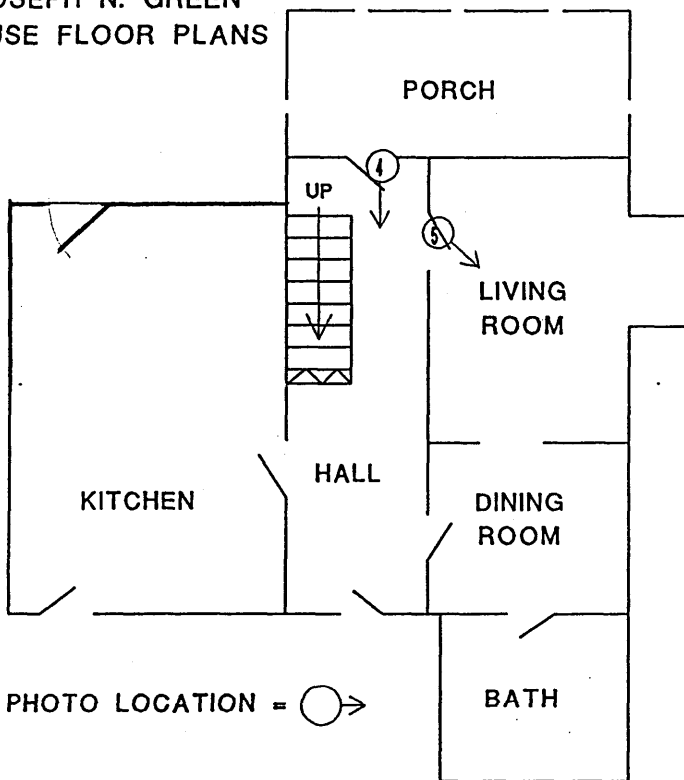
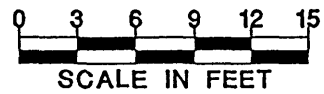
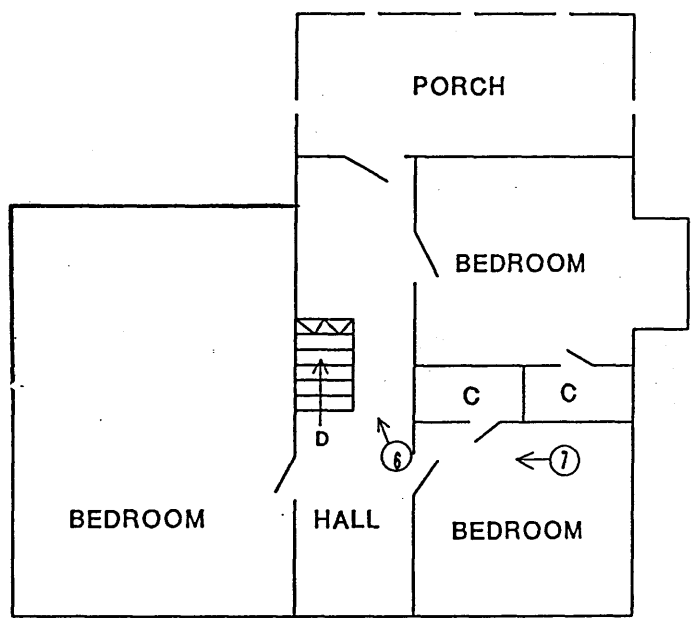


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