

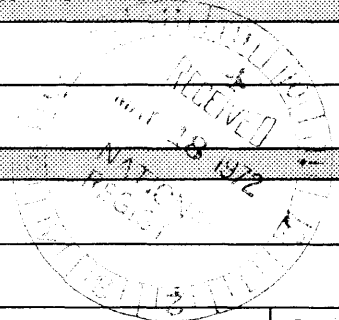
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Avero House (Site of Minorcan Chapel)**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**39 St. George Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**St. Augustine**

STATE <b>Florida</b>	CODE <b>12</b>	COUNTY: <b>St. Johns</b>	CODE <b>109</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <b>Vacant awaiting Development</b>			

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Greek Archdiocese of North and South America**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**10 East 79th Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**New York**

STATE: <b>Florida</b>	STATE: <b>New York</b>	CODE <b>10021</b>	CODE <b>36</b>
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**St. Johns County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Corner King and Cordova Streets**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**St. Augustine**

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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**HABS**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1961**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**National Park Service, Department of The Interior**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE: <b>D.C.</b>	CODE <b>53</b>
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7. DESCRIPTION

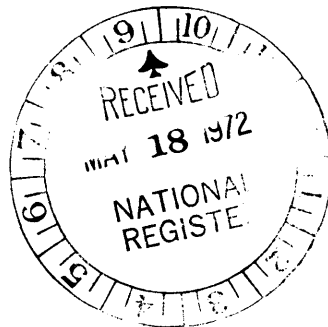
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Avero House is a two-story rectangular block with an open loggia on the southeast. The walls are of coquina shellstone laid in roughly horizontal courses in lime mortar. They are plastered inside and out. There is one coquina masonry chimney with two flues. Ground floor openings are restorations, with closure by simple wooden shutters or plank doors. The second floor windows are 12 light, double hinge, and appear to be survivals from the first quarter of the 19th century. The hip roof is covered with cement-asbestos simulated wood shakes. The ground floor interior floor plan consists of a large front room, a smaller rear room and a loggia. The second floor is an apartment consisting of a stair hall, five rooms and a bath. The stair is a straight run from the open loggia below to a semi-enclosed stair hall above. The first floor covering is a modern concrete slab, the second floor is wood.

Although apparently built ca. 1712, the first detailed information on its general shape does not appear until a map of 1762 shows it to have a U-shaped floor plan. An appraisal in 1763 states that the main portion (on St. George Street) was two-stories high with a flat roof and the L-shaped wing extending to the east was one-story with at least a portion of it shingled. This same general plan extends through a detailed map of 1788, an inventory of 1790 and more detailed appraisal of 1816. Present evidence indicates that the one-storyed east wing was demolished around 1900.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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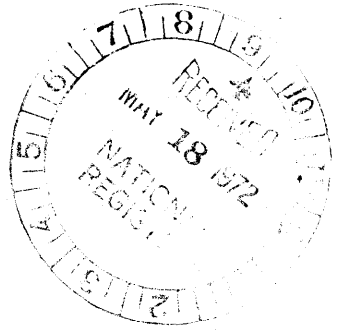
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The building is one of 30 remaining houses within the historic district that pre-date 1821. Although the above ground portions have been modified extensively (particularly the ground floor street facade), the wealth of documentary evidence would make restoration extremely feasible. Architecturally it is a fine example of the St. Augustine plan as defined by Manucy and would make a valuable addition to the restoration program.

The British Governor Tonyn allowed the house to be used for a period as a "private oratory for the use of the Catholic Minorcans...." This apparently was the first semi-permanent place of worship that the survivors of Turnbull's New Smyrna colony had since migrating to St. Augustine.



**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

see attached sheet

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .08

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Robert H. Steinbach, Director of Research

ORGANIZATION: Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board DATE: 2-4-72

STREET AND NUMBER: 46 St. George Street, P. O. Box 1987

CITY OR TOWN: St. Augustine STATE: Florida CODE: 12

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: *Robert Williams*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: May 10, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert M. Utley*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/13/72

ATTEST:

*William M. Bennett*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Bibliography

Arana, Eugenia B. and Doris C. Wiles. "The Site of the Minorcan Chapel," El Escribano, No. 49 (October, 1949), 1-15. This article makes extensive use of primary material drawing heavily on Spanish collections (including Papeles de Cuba, East Florida Papers and Museo Naval Madrid); it is too extensive to reproduce here.

Arnade, Charles W. "The Architecture of Spanish St. Augustine," The Americas XVIII, No. 2 (October, 1961), 161-167.

Manucy, Albert C. Houses of St. Augustine, 1565-1821. St. Augustine: St. Augustine Historical Society, 1962.



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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:

**St. Augustine Quadrangle**

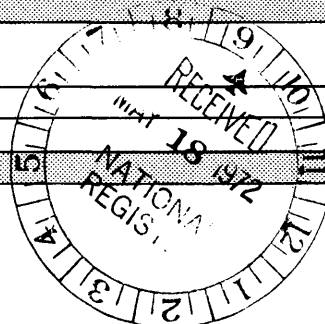
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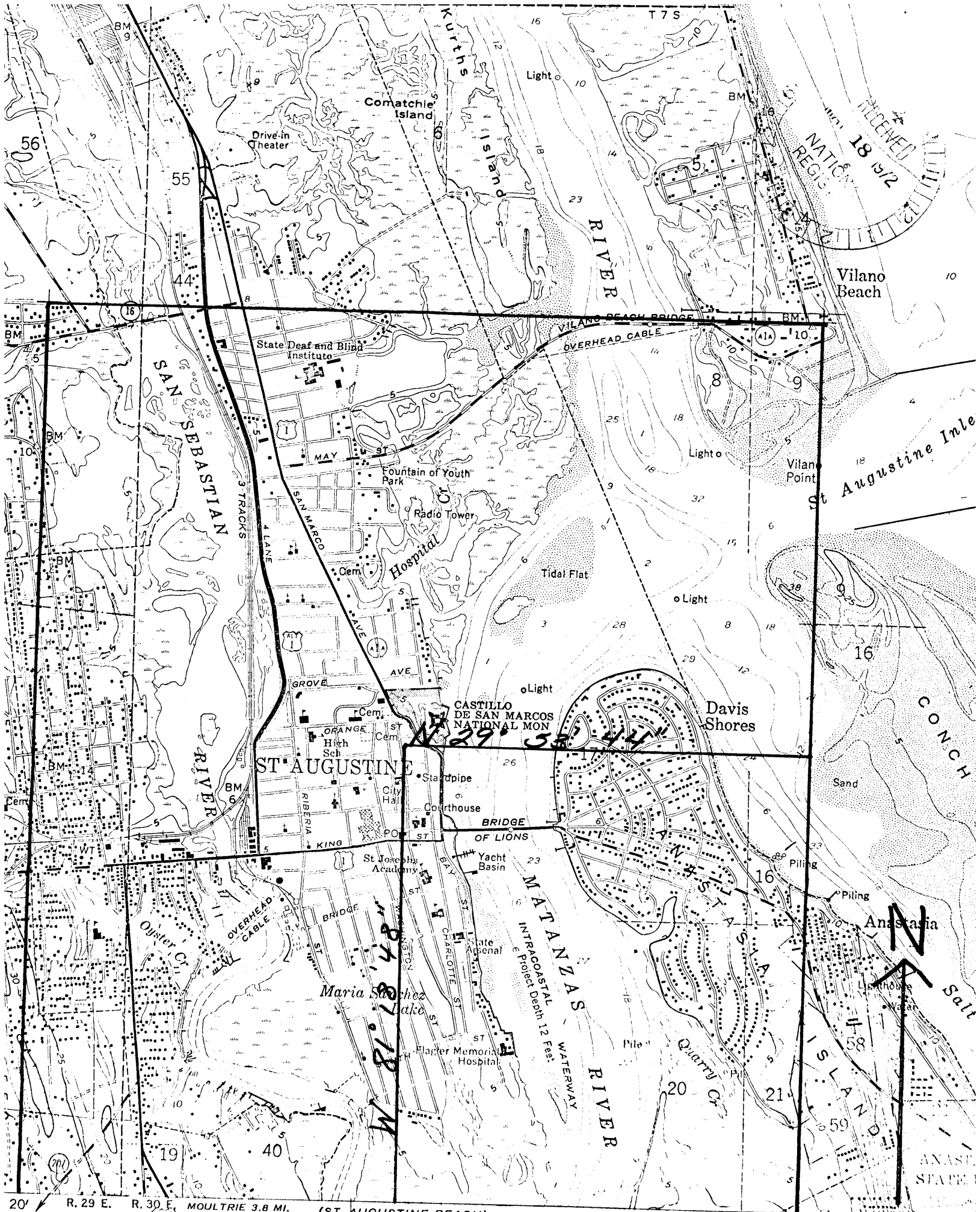
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**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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