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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 88002810

Date Listed: 12/20/88

Adams, Captain House

Baldwin

AL

Property Name

County

State

Creole and Gulf Coast Cottages in Baldwin County

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Henry Schlager
Signature of the Keeper

12/20/88
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

The two outbuildings on the property are discussed in the text as important rare survivors, and therefore the count of contributing buildings should be a total of three, the main house and these two outbuildings.

Discussed and concurred in by Alabama SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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CREOLE AND GULF COAST COTTAGES IN BALDWIN COUNTY

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Owner: Donald L. Stone NATIONAL REGISTER
907 Captain O'Neal Drive
Daphne, Al. 36536

Historic Name: Captain Adams House

Common Name: Stone House

Location: 907 Captain O'Neal Drive, Daphne

Verbal Boundary Description:

Begin at a point on the west side of Captain O'Neal Drive 305 feet north of Deer Avenue. Thence proceed west 980 feet to the shore of Mobile Bay, thence proceed north 205 feet following the meanderings of said shoreline to a point, thence east 980 feet to a point, thence south 203 feet to the point of beginning.

Acreage: 4.6

UTM: 16/412/360/3384/380

Date of Construction: 1850

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance

Criterion C-Architecture:

The Captain Adams-Stone House is significant as the finest high style Gulf Coast Cottage in Baldwin County. Its central hall plan and raised brick piers are classic features of the Gulf Coast style while the shouldered architrave trim, jibbed windows and entablature represent strong Greek Revival influences. It is also significant for its two outbuildings, rare survivals in Baldwin County.

Integrity:

Exterior integrity is excellent. The present owners have screened the SW corner of the front porch, added a low, one story shed roof greenhouse with casement windows to the south side of the house, glassed in the north side of the back porch and converted the ground floor into living space with the french doors between the piers. All of these changes took place in 1976.

Interior integrity is good. The ground floor has been converted into living space with brick floors and french doors between the piers. Exposed floor joists from the first floor comprise the ceiling. A modern wooden staircase runs up to the first floor, entering the main hall from under the main staircase. First floor integrity is good. Crown molding has been added throughout and the walls have been sheetrocked. The south rear room has been subdivided for use as a bath. Original floors and mantels are present throughout. The upstairs rooms have been carpeted and the stairwell enclosed with glass and 6/6 sash for quiet.

Description:

The Captain Adams-Stone House occupies a magnificent location on the steep bluffs overlooking Mobile Bay. The house and outbuildings may be reached by a long shell drive off Captain O'Neal Avenue in Daphne. The rear portions of the lot are left in a natural state. The house itself is a 5x5 bay, raised (29 courses) Gulf Coast Cottage with Greek Revival elements. A recessed balustraded porch covers the full facade and is supported by boxed columns with capitals and simple entablature. An engaged pilaster is present at either end of the facade. The porch is approached by a central stair with square newels. The south two bays of the porch are screened. The entrance consists of a four panel door with shouldered architrave, sidelights and transom. This is flanked by 6/6 jibbed windows. Three pedimented dormers rise from the west roof, each flanked by a pilaster with entablature above. The roof consists of wood shakes. There are two chimneys, one on the north end and one interior toward the south end. Both are brick with corbeled caps. 6/6 windows are present in the half story. A recessed back porch covers the entire rear elevation. This balustraded porch has boxed columns with capitals and simple entablature. The eaves overhang somewhat here. There are two rear entrances and the north side has been glassed in by the present owners.

Two dependencies to the rear are contemporary with the house. These are set one behind the other facing north with their wood shake gable roofs perpendicular to the main house. Each is a one story clapboarded building resting on brick piers with a massive central chimney. Each has a recessed front porch covering its facade with square posts and plank railings. Two front doors and two 6/6 windows define each facade. Each interior plan is a simple two rooms with back to back fireplaces.

The ground floor of the Captain Adams-Stone House was originally open until converted into living space in 1976. It consists of open space with a bar, kitchen counters and interior piers defining space. There are two fireplaces and bars on the windows, all original to the house.

The first floor is a central hall plan with rooms to either side. The balustraded stairway runs up the north side of the hall. Interior decoration is minimal with simple window and door mouldings. First floor mantels are of simple stone design.

The upstairs consists of a suite of four bedrooms with garrated ceilings, all sheetrocked with carpeted floors. The stairwell has been enclosed with glass and 6/6 sash.

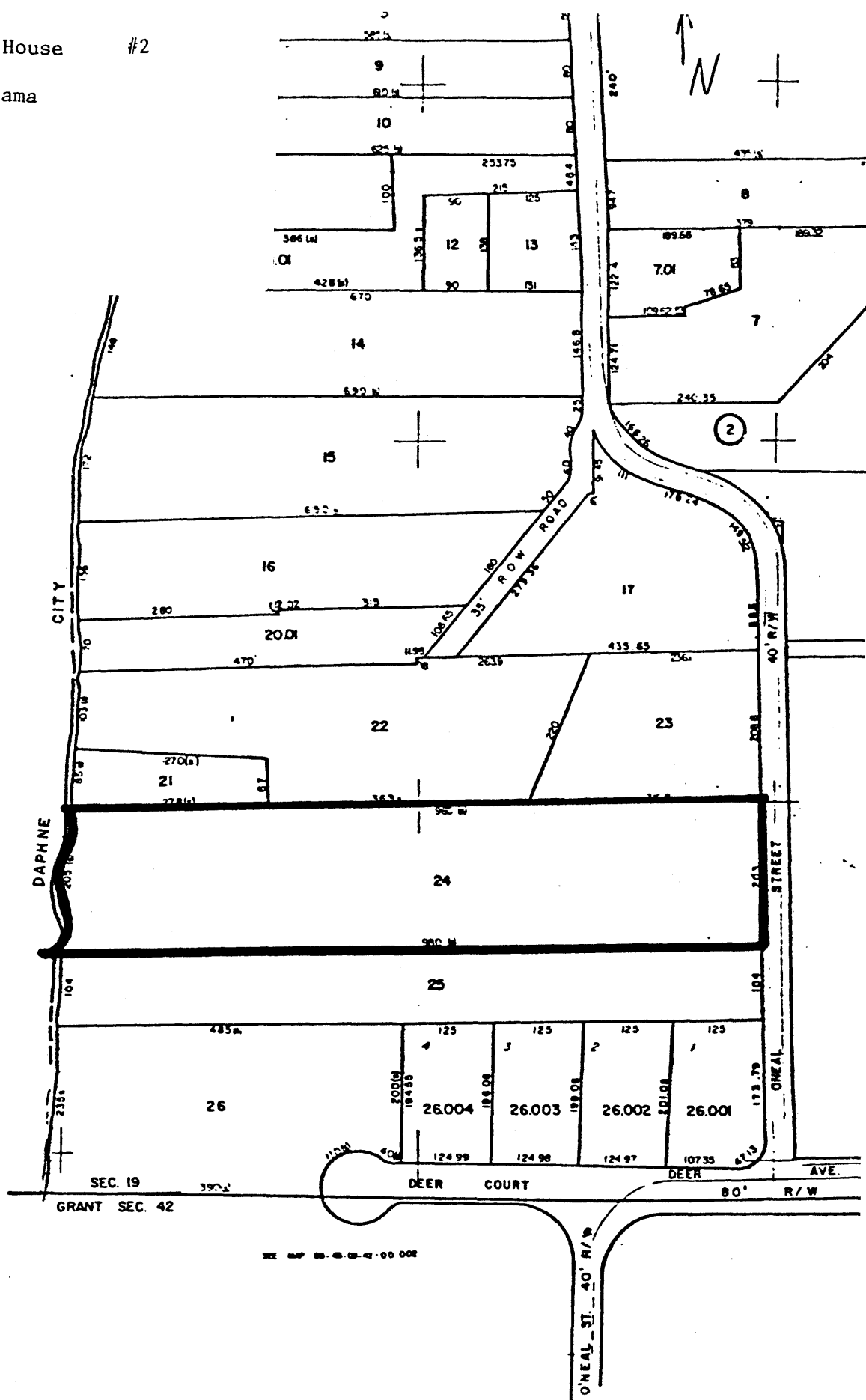
Historical Summary:

In 1849 Captain James J. Adams purchased a tract of land on the Eastern Shore and shortly afterward constructed a raised cottage as a summer home. Adams was a steamboat captain, one of his commands being the Cahawba of 145 tons. Adams entertained Millard Fillmore at his home in 1850, when the ex-president toured the bay area by boat. Adams died shortly thereafter in 1855. Thereafter the house passed through a succession of property owners. The Stone's acquired the house in 1971.

Captain Adams-Stone House
 Daphne
 Baldwin County, Alabama
 Scale 1"=200'

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