

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Punta Gorda Atlantic Coast Line Depot
other names/site number 8CH00330

2. Location

street & number 1009 Taylor Road N/A not for publication
city, town Punta Gorda N/A vicinity
state Florida code FL county Charlotte code FL015 zip code 33950

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.
Suzanne P. Walker (deputy) 10/17/90
Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer Date
Florida Dept. of State - Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____
Amy Federman 10/20/90

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/RAIL-RELATED :train depot

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVAL/mediterranean
revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls TERRA COTTA

STUCCO

roof TERRA COTTA

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Punta Gorda Depot is significant at the local level under Criterion A for its association with the railroad industry in Punta Gorda and under Criterion C as an excellent, and rare example of the Mediterranean Revival style in Punta Gorda. The Depot contributes to the Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group under Associated Historic Context: Exploration, Settlement and Early Development of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930, and Associated Property Type: Buildings of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930. The one story structure is an excellent example of the subtype, Industrial Architecture.

The railroad's arrival in Punta Gorda in 1886 greatly predated the linkage of Fort Myers in 1912 and Naples in 1928 to the system. The commercial fishing industry, the lively trade sector, and the grand hotel business of Punta Gorda are attributed to the railroad. The Punta Gorda Depot was the third depot constructed in the town and reflects the continuous growth of the city through the Florida Land Boom period of the 1920s.

The architecture of the depot is significant. The building is unaltered and retains the details and character of the Mediterranean Revival style that have become the trademark for the Florida Boom period. The Depot is an excellent example of the style as presented on a public transportation building.

CONCLUSION

The Punta Gorda Depot played a significant role in the success of both the fishing and railroad industries in Punta Gorda from 1913 to 1939. Without this facility, fish catches could not be shipped to northern markets. It is the only tangible link to the railroad industry left in Punta Gorda with the exception of actual railroad tracks and beds.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1928-1930

Significant Dates

1928

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

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DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Punta Gorda Atlantic Coast Line Depot, located at 1009 Taylor Road, in Punta Gorda, constructed in 1928, contributes to the Punta Gorda Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Type, Buildings of Punta Gorda, 1884-1930. The one story structure is an excellent example of the subtype, Industrial Architecture.

The 1928 Punta Gorda Depot, located at 1009 Taylor Street, is an excellent example of the Mediterranean Revival style of architecture as employed on a commercial building. Oriented on a longitudinal axis parallel to the tracks, the building is the only structure on the site.

The north elevation of the depot is the most elaborately designed facade with two wide arches supported by brick piers. A curvilinear parapet is separated from the open arcaded entry by a shed awning clad in clay barrel tile.

The east elevation, which was trackside, features a two story tower which has a hipped roof clad in clay barrel tile. Windows are currently boarded up. A shed awning of clay barrel tile, supported by heavy wood brackets, shades the interior of the dock.

The south elevation is open on three sides, to support the function of the loading dock.

The west elevation is the streetside facade, which is not elaborately detailed.

Most of the structure's function was dedicated to freight handling. The passenger portion, located in the northern end of the building, is separated from the freight area by a firewall. A chimney and fireplace provided warmth for the waiting room during the winter.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please See Cover Nomination: Venice Multiple Property Group

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) 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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Bureau of Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately two acres

UTM References

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel 146, M & B, Map sheet 408.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary follows the legal boundary description that is historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Punta Gorda Atlantic Coast Line Depot .

1. Atlantic Coastline Depot
2. Punta Gorda, Florida
3. John McCarthy
4. 7-4-88
5. Historic Preservation Consultants, Inc.
6. North elevation, camera facing southwest
7. #1

Numbers 1-5 are the same for all the photographs.

6. North elevation, camera facing southeast
7. #2

6. West elevation, camera facing east
7. #3

6. South elevation, camera facing northeast
7. #4

6. South elevation, camera facing north
7. #5

ATLANTIC COAST LINE DEPOT
1009 Taylor Street , Punta Gorda, Florida

SITE PLAN

1< = photograph number and direction

