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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 The Porches other names/site number N/A /8V0 771

2. Location

street & number 176 South Beach Street N/A not for publication city, town Ormond Beach N/A vicinity state Florida code 012 county Volusia code 127 zip code 32074

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [x] private, [ ] public-local, [ ] public-State, [ ] public-Federal. Category of Property: [x] building(s), [ ] district, [ ] site, [ ] structure, [ ] object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects, Total 1. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0.

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Winter Residences of Ormond Beach, 1878-1925

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [x] 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 [x] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: [Signature] Date: 8-20-88 State or Federal agency and bureau: State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. [ ] See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official: [Signature] Date: State or Federal agency and bureau:

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: [x] 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:). Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: 10/6/88

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Unstyled

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick/ Pierswalls Wood/ Drop Siding

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roof Asphalt/ Shinglesother Wood/ Veranda; Wood/ MillworkBrick/ Chimney

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Porches is a 2-1/2 story, gable front, wood frame vernacular house. It has an L-shaped plan and is actually an unusual variation of a gable front and wing dwelling. The gable front house derives from the Greek Revival movement, which made itself felt in American architecture from about 1830 until the end of the century. The use of the gabled facade was a simple means of echoing the pedimented facade of the Greek temple. Simple moldings were added to such structures to give the semblance of a "true" pediment over and integrated porch fitted with wooden columns, which were sufficient to give an otherwise plain, wood frame house its "classical" appearance.

The Porches overlooks the west bank of the Halifax River. Its L-plan actually results from two front gable structures being "shoved" together to form one unit. There is no formal facade, the east elevation being divided into four bays. The larger section of the house is one room wide and two deep, while the north ell is a single room on both stories. The main exterior siding is drop siding, and the structure rests on brick piers, the interstices between which have been filled by a wood lattice. The ridges of the two gable roofs are, of course, parallel and rise to the same height. They are joined at the eaves. The two-story veranda has a hip roof and embraces three elevations of the house but, surprisingly is not attached to the north ell. Instead it stops just short of the "main" entrance on the north side of east-west unit of the house. This entryway is covered by a small bracketed hood.

The main windows of the residence are 2/2 light double hung sashes. These are unusually tall and are capped with plain cornices. The gables of the house have been fitted with modern, vertical-sliding aluminum window. The two-story veranda is supported by chamfered wooden posts and features a plain balustrade on both stories. The frieze areas, however, are occupied by elaborate bands and lacy brackets and drops. An exterior brick chimney is found on the south elevation of the house. Its tall stack rises above the ridge of the gable roof and features a corbelled cap.

**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)

Architecture

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

1883-1925

Significant Dates

1883

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

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

The Porches is significant as one of the few "winter residences" in Ormond Beach to survive from the nineteenth century. Although constructed approximately three years after the incorporation of the Town of Ormond, the house is still associated with the founders of the community from New Britain, Connecticut. The building was erected by William A. Barker, the proprietor of a local general store. After Barker died, the property remained in the possession of his widow until her death in 1936. The house is architecturally significant as an unusual adaptation of the gable front house type and for the size and wealth of detail on the two-story verandas that embrace three elevation of the structure.

The Porches fulfills criteria A and C for listing in the National Register. It is associated with the founding and early development of Ormond Beach and was occupied by a citizen of New Britain, Connecticut. It also demonstrates an innovative adaptation of a common nineteenth century house type by joining two small gable front structures to form a single, more substantial building. The house is further enhanced by its large verandas.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Abstract of Title, Block 2, Melrose Subdivision, Ormond Beach, Florida; Dictionary of American Biography; Who's Who in America, Chicago: Marquis Publishing Co., 1962
2. Alice Strickland, Ormond-on-the-Halifax, a Centennial History of Ormond Beach, Florida (Ormond Beach, 1980).

N/A  See continuation sheet

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one

### UTM References

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1	7	4	9	4	7	6	0	3	2	3	8	9	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

N/A  See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

North 100 feet of the east 268 feet of Block 2, a Resub of Block 1 in Melrose Subdivision.

N/A  See continuation sheet

### Boundary Justification

The boundary line defines the legal description of the property on which the building stands.

N/A  See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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