

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Palmer-Perkins House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

625 W. Palmer Mill Road

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Monticello

-- VICINITY OF

two

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Florida 32344

12

Jefferson

065

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Richard Simpson

STREET & NUMBER

625 W. Palmer Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Monticello

-- VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida 32344

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

U.S. 90

CITY, TOWN

Monticello

STATE

Florida

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Jefferson County Survey

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

CITY, TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Palmer-Perkins House is a 2-1/2 story Classic Revival structure with load-bearing brick foundation and first story walls and wood frame second story walls. The five bay entrance facade has a central two story portico. The house is double pile, central hall in plan with rooms en suite and interior end chimneys. Interior details include mantels with Greek Revival motifs.

The gable roof with shallow eaves has a boxed cornice. In each gable there are two windows between the chimneys. On the first and second stories the gable ends are four bays deep. All windows are six over six double hung sash with plain surrounds and exterior blinds and graduate in size from the largest on the first story to the smallest at the attic level. The windows of the first story have jack arches. The central bay of the main facade is larger to emphasize the doorway. This doorway consists of panelled wood doors with sidelights and glazed transom sash. The second story doorway, giving access to the porch, reflects that of the first floor; however, the transom is omitted.

The central two story pedimented portico provides a covered entry for the first story and a small porch on the second story. The first floor deck is raised on brick piers five steps above grade. The steps and deck are of wood and carry the square wood columns. There is a plain balustrade on the second story level.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1836

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Palmer-Perkins House along with Lyndhurst Plantation (N.R., Jefferson County) are the only extant examples in Florida of a construction technique which employed first story load-bearing brick walls and a wood framed second story.

Martin Palmer came to Jefferson County in the mid-1820s, established himself as a planter, and built for his family a large log house which was used until the present structure was completed about 1836.¹ In addition to his planting interests, Palmer also owned a store² and a tavern³ and served as County Commissioner and trustee of the Jefferson Academy.⁵ After his death in 1857, the property devolved on his son Thomas M. Palmer, a local physician, and was later bought by John H. Perkins.

Perkins was a prominent Monticello businessman from the 1880s until the 1920s. In 1889 he was elected vice president of the Monticello Board of Trade and began plans for the Perkins Block, a new brick and cast iron store. Local citizens encouraged him to include an opera house in his design to entertain visiting tourists staying across Washington Street at the St. Elmo Hotel. Public opinion favored an opera house not only for prospective vacationers, but also for the cultural benefit to the local community, and Perkins agreed to include it in his building. As the owner of one of the largest commercial enterprises in town as well as the opera house, Perkins was a community leader and his home a center for the cultural affairs of the town.

¹Jefferson County, Deed and Tax Records, Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

²Jerrell H. Shofner, History of Jefferson County, (Tallahassee: Sentry Press, 1976), p. 100.

³Ibid., p. 188.

⁴Ibid., p. 165.

⁵Ibid., p. 49.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jefferson County. Deed and Tax Records. Located at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES See Continuation Sheet for points E and F

A	1,7	22,41,00	3,38,24,2,0	B	1,7	22,42,1,0	3,38,24,2,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	1,7	22,42,1,0	3,38,23,8,0	D	1,7	22,42,3,0	3,38,23,8,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that certain piece described as the eastern 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 East enclosed within the following boundary: beginning at the northwest corner of that certain lot conveyed unto Mrs. Ollie Sheffield Anderson Lacy by Mary E. Williams, widow, August 12, 1946 at DDD 317 and run thence south along the western boundary of said land 600 feet thence west at right angles with said line 606 feet, run thence north 726 feet and to southern boundary of Walnut (continued)

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Elizabeth B. Monroe, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management

DATE

3/17/78

STREET & NUMBER

Department of State, The Capitol

TELEPHONE

(904)487-2333

CITY OR TOWN

Tallahassee

STATE

Florida 32304

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

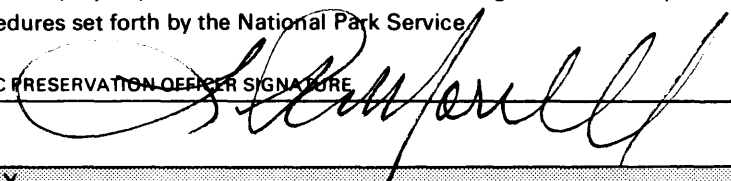
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE

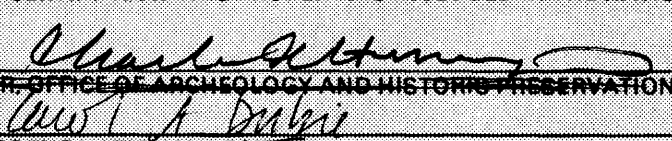
DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION



DATE

7-10-78

ATTEST:

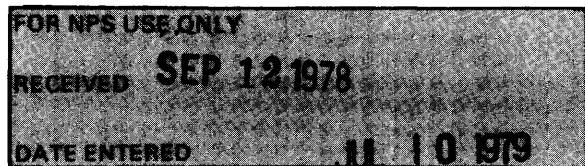
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ITEM NUMBER 9

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Jefferson County. Wills and Estate Papers. Located at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida.

Last Will and Testament of Thomas M. Palmer, Monticello, Florida, September 17, 1887. Recorded in Book "C", p. 164.

Last Will and Testament of Martin Palmer, Monticello, Florida, January 1, 1857. Recorded in book of "Wills and Letters Testamentary", Book "B", p. 82-84.

Palmer, Theresa Yaeger. The Palmer Physicians, ed. by Hugh Archer Palmer, n.p. 1966.

Shofner, Jerrell H. History of Jefferson County. Tallahassee Sentry Press, 1976 .

Simpson, R.C. History of Jefferson County, Florida. Monticello: Federal Emergency Relief Act, 1935.

Soldiers of Florida in the Seminole Indian, Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Live Oak, Florida: Democrat Book and Job Print, n.d., p. 77-79.

Item 9 Continued

Street 486 feet to the western boundary of Hickory Street, run thence south with the western boundary of Hickory Street 126 feet, run thence East 120 feet to the point of beginning, embracing what is known as the "Perkins Home," and comprising 10 acres, more or less.

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F 17/224100/3382160

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One outbuilding (garage) to the southwest of the house is not significant to this nomination.

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The Greek Revival style which appeared in America in the 1820's is an adaptation of ancient Greek architecture. Initially designs were modeled on the temple form. However, in Florida many liberties were taken with the proportions and details of Classical forms. Because Florida builders "watered down" the precise designs of pattern books, Florida Greek Revival buildings are in large measure vernacular.

This house is a fine example of vernacular composition constructed in North Florida in the early days of the American period. No documentary evidence has come to light to explain "why" this house and Lyndhurst were constructed in this manner. There is also no documentary evidence at this date to indicate that other buildings of this type were ever constructed in North Florida. The remaining houses of distinction of this era and style are frame (see Monticello Historic District (NR) and Wirick-Simmons House(NR)).

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Acreage is based on the present tax parcel whose verbal boundary description is used. Jefferson County Deed Book MMM, p. 27. The amount of acreage has been associated with the house since 1866 (Deed Book J, p. 320).

- 12. The photograph reflects the present condition of the property.